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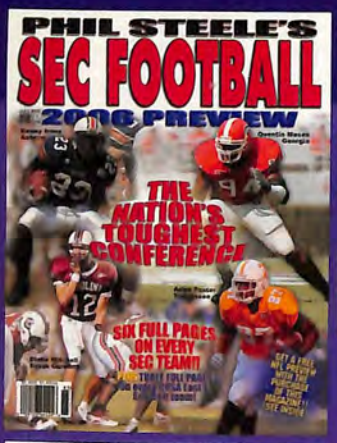

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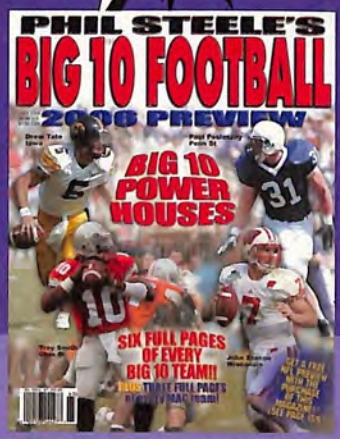

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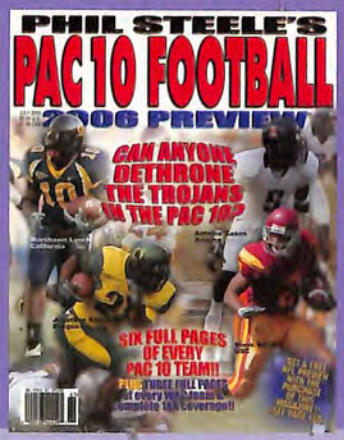
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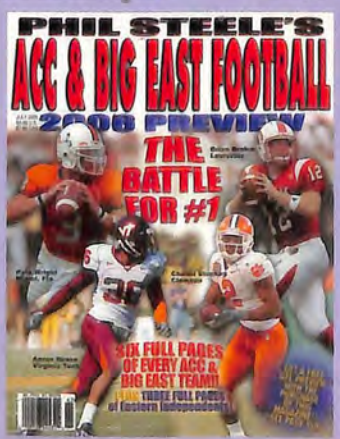

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THE MOST COMPLETE COLLEGE PREVIEW I KNOW YOU WILL AGREE!

Welcome to the 13th edition of my College Football Preview. In the back of the magazine I have the questionnaire form and each year I read through each one of the thousands that are sent back. I want to thank everyone who returned one and really would like to thank everyone for their very nice comments. Those comments keep me going during the long hours of "magazine season" from January through May. I keep adding features thanks, in part, to the questionnaires that YOU have filled out.

In 2004 I added the Power Poll and Top 119 ratings after reading the questionnaires. Also due to your requests I have added jersey numbers for players in the Projected Starting Lineups and have included each school's career passing, rushing and receiving leaders. Last year we listed opponent rankings in the last 5 years' results and this year we added each team's own rankings in the past 5 years.

Last year we also added the website www.philsteele.com. This year we have improved it tenfold and if there is any type of football information you would like to see updated during the year, let us know and we will try to have it up there! After I write the magazine in May there are always numerous players who get injured, suspended or quit over the summer. I will have a complete list of those players on line as well so you can update your magazine (I circle the players that are gone in mine).

There are some fine preseason magazines out there, like The Sporting News, Athlon, Lindy's, Sports Illustrated, Game Plan and ESPN . Magazines in this class usually use numerous writers from around the country to analyze each school or conference. As always, I have written EVERY single team preview myself. I do not know of any other magazine that has as MUCH information as my College Football Preview. Please check out the two full pages crammed with information on each team and see if you agree.

I am very pleased to report that we are the most accurate magazine over the past 8 years (see page 306) with ANOTHER #1 Most Accurate Title in 2006! This year I also published an individual Regional Magazine for the SEC, Big 12, Big 10, Pac 10 and the ACC/Big East conferences (see pg 26). The Regional Magazines have SIX FULL pages for each team in the conference and each will contain a "smaller" conference i.e. Pac 10 (WAC), Big 10 (MAC), etc. The Pac 10 also contains a FCS (IAA) guide which we have expanded again this year. Make sure to check out page 325 for details on how you can receive my Pro Football Preview Magazine ABSOLUTELY FREE!!

You will notice there is a lot of small type and abbreviations in the write-ups. This is done so I can put as much information in this magazine as possible. Refer to the glossary on page 3 if you need assistance with some of the abbreviations. We also have an index on page 3, so you can find your favorite team quickly. This year we tried to list as many newcomers on each page as space would permit. Some only have the Top 10 or 15 signees but most include the teams' entire recruiting class.

I would like to thank my dad, Hank, who passed away in 1989. He instilled in me a hard work ethic and a passion for football, which will always be my favorite sport. He is a true inspiration. Also I want to thank my mother, Mary, who has invested many hours and prayers into the business' success.

In closing, I hope you are as excited about this magazine as I am. I want the 2008 version to be even better. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how I can improve this magazine, please fill out the questionnaire on page 326. I will try to incorporate all of your good ideas into next year's magazine. You can order the 2008 version early, directly through our office or online at www.philsteele.com. The Preview will sell for $8.95 and if you order before March 1, 2008, I will pick up the cost of the shipping. Call us at 1-866-918-7711 to order today.

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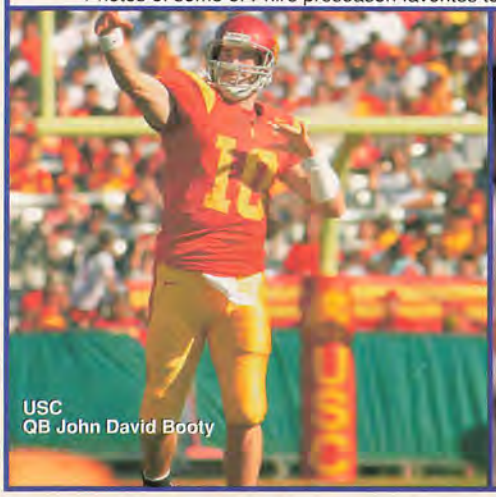

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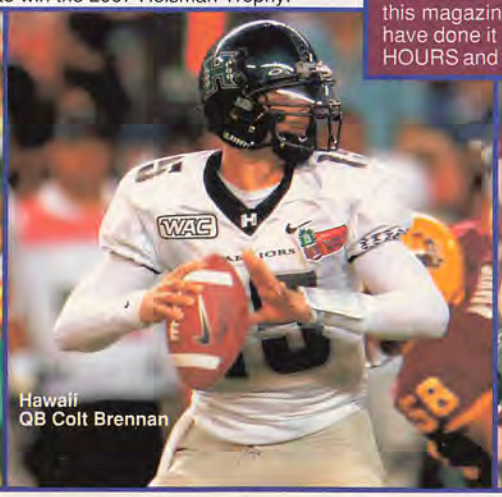

Hawaii
QB Colt Brennan

Arkansas
RB Darren McFadden

2007 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

For more Projected Bowl Matchups check out page 16.

BCS NATIONAL TITLE

Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans, LA
January 7, 2008
LSU vs USC

BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

2006 Florida 41 Ohio St 14

ROSE BOWL

Rose Bowl, Pasadena, CA
January 1, 2008
Texas vs Michigan

ROSE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 USC 32 Michigan 18
2005 Texas 41 USC 38
2004 Texas 38 Michigan 37
2003 USC 28 Michigan 14
2002 Oklahoma 34 Washington St 14
2001 Miami, Fl 37 Nebraska 14

ORANGE BOWL

Dolphin Stadium, Miami, FL
January 3, 2008
Florida St vs Penn St

ORANGE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Louisville 24 Wake Forest 13
2005 Penn St 26 Florida St 23 (3OT)
2004 USC 55 Oklahoma 19
2003 Miami, Fl 16 Florida St 14
2002 USC 38 Iowa 17
2001 Florida 56 Maryland 23

FIESTA BOWL

University of Phoenix Stadium
Glendale, AZ
January 2, 2008
Oklahoma vs Louisville

FIESTA BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Boise St 43 Oklahoma 42
2005 Ohio St 34 Notre Dame 20
2004 Utah 35 Pittsburgh 7
2003 Ohio St 35 Kansas St 28
2002 Ohio St 31 Miami, Fl 24
2001 Oregon 38 Colorado 16

SUGAR BOWL

Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans, LA
January 1, 2008
West Virginia vs Hawaii

SUGAR BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 LSU 41 Notre Dame 14
2005 West Virginia 38 Georgia 35
2004 Auburn 16 Virginia Tech 13
2003 LSU 21 Oklahoma 14
2002 Georgia 26 Florida St 13
2001 LSU 47 Illinois 34

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

Florida Citrus Bowl
Orlando FL
January 1, 2008
Ohio St vs Georgia

CAPITAL ONE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Wisconsin 17 Arkansas 14
2005 Wisconsin 24 Auburn 10
2004 Iowa 30 LSU 25
2003 Georgia 34 Purdue 27 (OT)
2002 Auburn 13 Penn St 9
2001 Tennessee 45 Michigan 17

GATOR BOWL

Jacksonville Municipal Stadium
Jacksonville, FL
January 1, 2008
Notre Dame vs Miami, Fl

GATOR BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 West Virginia 38 Georiga Tech 35
2005 Virginia Tech 35 Louisville 24
2004 Florida St 30 West Virginia 18
2003 Maryland 41 West Virginia 7
2002 NC State 28 Notre Dame 6
2001 Florida St 30 Virginia Tech 17

COTTON BOWL

Cotton Bowl
Dallas, TX
January 1, 2008
Missouri vs Alabama

COTTON BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Auburn 17 Nebraska 14
2005 Alabama 13 Texas Tech 10
2004 Tennessee 38 Texas A&M 7
2003 Mississippi 31 Oklahoma St 28
2002 Texas 35 LSU 20
2001 Oklahoma 10 Arkansas 3

OUTBACK BOWL

Raymond James Stadium
Tampa, FL
January 1, 2008
Iowa vs South Carolina

OUTBACK BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2006 Penn St 20 Tennessee 10
2005 Florida 31 Iowa 24
2004 Georgia 24 Wisconsin 21
2003 Iowa 37 Florida 17
2002 Michigan 38 Florida 30

INSIGHT BOWL

Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, AZ
December 31, 2007
Kansas St vs Illinois

INSIGHT BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Texas Tech 44 Minnesota 41
2005 Arizona St 45 Rutgers 40
2004 Oregon St 38 Notre Dame 21
2003 California 52 Virginia Tech 49
2002 Pittsburgh 38 Oregon St 13
2001 Syracuse 26 Kansas St 3

CHICK-FIL-A BOWL

Georgia Dome
Atlanta, GA
December 31, 2007
Virginia Tech vs Florida

FORMER PEACH BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Georgia 31 Virginia Tech 24
2005 LSU 40 Miami, Fl 3
2004 Miami, Fl 27 Florida 10
2003 Clemson 27 Tennessee 14
2002 Maryland 30 Tennessee 3
2001 North Carolina 16 Auburn 10

HOLIDAY BOWL

Qualcomm Stadium
San Diego, CA
December 27, 2007
Oregon vs Nebraska

HOLIDAY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 California 45 Texas A&M 10
2005 Oklahoma 17 Oregon 14
2004 Texas Tech 45 California 31
2003 Washington St 28 Texas 20
2002 Kansas St 34 Arizona St 27
2001 Texas 47 Washington 43

SUN BOWL

Sun Bowl Stadium
El Paso, TX
December 31, 2007
Oklahoma St vs UCLA

SUN BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Oregon St 39 Missouri 38
2005 UCLA 50 Northwestern 38
2004 Arizona St 27 Purdue 23
2003 Minnesota 31 Oregon 30
2002 Purdue 34 Washington 24
2001 Washington St 33 Purdue 27

LIBERTY BOWL

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
Memphis, TN
December 29, 2007
S Mississippi vs Tennessee

LIBERTY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 South Carolina 44 Houston 36
2005 Tulsa 31 Fresno St 24
2004 Louisville 44 Boise St 40
2003 Utah 17 S Mississippi 0
2002 TCU 17 Colorado St 3
2001 Louisville 28 BYU 10

ALAMO BOWL

Alamodome
San Antonio, TX
December 29, 2007
Purdue vs Texas A&M

ALAMO BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Texas 26 Iowa 24
2005 Nebraska 32 Michigan 28
2004 Ohio St 33 Oklahoma St 7
2003 Nebraska 17 Michigan St 3
2002 Wisconsin 31 Colorado 28
2001 Iowa 19 Texas Tech 16

MUSIC CITY BOWL

LP Field
Nashville, TN
December 31, 2007
Georgia Tech vs Vanderbilt

MUSIC CITY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Kentucky 28 Clemson 20
2005 Virginia 34 Minnesota 31
2004 Minnesota 20 Alabama 16
2003 Auburn 28 Wisconsin 14
2002 Minnesota 29 Arkansas 14
2001 Boston College 20 Georgia 16

MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL

Bank of America Stadium
Charlotte, NC
December 29, 2007
USF vs NC State

MEINEKE CARE CARE BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2006 Boston College 25 Navy 24
2005 NC State 14 USF 0
2004 Boston College 37 N Carolina 24
2003 Virginia 23 Pittsburgh 16
2002 Virginia 48 West Virginia 22

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Florida Citrus Bowl
Orlando, FL
December 28, 2007
Clemson vs Wisconsin

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2006 Maryland 24 Purdue 7
2005 Clemson 19 Colorado 10
2004 Georgia Tech 51 Syracuse 14
2003 NC State 56 Kansas 26
2002 Texas Tech 55 Clemson 15

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AA	All American	FG	Field Goal	JV	Junior Varsity	OOB	Out of Bounds	RS	Redshirt Frosh	TO	Timeout
AC	All Conference	FHG	Final home game	KD	Knockdown for an OL	OT	OffensiveTackle	RT	Right Tackle	TPG	Tackles Per Game
ACL	Anterior Cruciate Ligament	FL	Flanker	K/P	Kicker/Punter	OT	Overtime	RZ	Red Zone	TRANS	Transfer
AD	Athletic Director	FMBL	Fumble	KO	Kickoff	PBU	Passes Broken Up	S	Safety	TRUE	True Frosh
AG	Away Game	FR	Freshman/Fumble Rec	KR	Kick Return	PD	Passes Defended (pbu+int)	SB	Slotback	TTL	Total
B2B	Back to Back	FS	Free Safety	L	1L,2L,3L,4L (letters earned)	PEN	Penalty	SE	Split End	TY	This Year
BAN	Bandit	GS	Grayshirt	LB	Linebacker	POG	Player of the Game	SK	Sack/SKS-Sacks	UFA	Undrafted Free Agent
C	Center	GTD	Game Time Decision	LS	Long Snapper	POW	Player of the Week	SO	Sophomore	VHT	Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit)
CB	Cornerback	HB	Halfback/H-Back	LT	Left Tackle	POY	Player of the Year	SOD	Stopped on Downs	VL	Vertical Leap
CONV	Conversion	HC	Homecoming	LW	Last Week	PPG	Points Per Game	SPD	Speed	WR	Wide Receiver
DC	Draft Choice	HC	Head Coach	LY	Last Year	PQ	Partial Qualifier	SPG	Spring	XP	Extra Point
DC	Def Coordinator	HG	Home Game	MCL	Medial Collateral Ligament	PR	Punt Return	SR	Senior	XPNG	Extra Point No Good
DD	Double Digit	HM	Honorable Mention	Med RS	Medical Redshirt	PS#	Phil's ranking out of HS	SS	Strong Safety	YD	Yard/YDS-Yards
DE	Defensive End	HS	High School	MLB	Middle Linebacker	PSL	Projected Starting Lineup	SSN	Season	YPC	Yards per Carry/Catch
DL	Defensive Line/D-Line	HT	Highly Touted Athlete	MIP	Most Improved Player	PT	Playing time	ST	Special Teams	YPG	Yards per Game
DNL	Did Not Letter	ILB	Inside Linebacker	NB	Nickel Back	QB	Quarterback	st/st'r	starts/starters	YPP	Yards per Point/Punt
DNP	Did Not Play	INC	Incomplete	NG	Nose Guard	QBH	Quarterback hurries	SU	Straight Up	YPR	Yards per Return
DNQ	Did Not Qualify	INCL	Including	NL	No Line	RB	Running Back	TB	Tailback/Touchback	1H	1st Half, (2H) 2nd Half
DS	Deep Snapper	INEL	Ineligible	NOR	Not on roster	REC	Receiver/Reception(s)	TD	Touchdown	1Q	1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q)
DT	Defensive Tackle	INT	Interception	NT	Nose Tackle	RET	Return	TE	Tight End	2PT	2 point conversion
EZ	End Zone	IB	I-back (running back)	OC	Offensive Coordinator	RFR	Redshirt Frosh	TFL	Tackle For Loss	2PTNG	2 point conversion no good
FB	Fullback	JC	Junior College	OG	Offensive Guard	RG	Road Game(s)	TKL	Tackles	†	Neutral Site
FD	First Down	JR	Junior	OL	Offensive Line/O-Line	ROV	Rover	TOP	Time of Possession	'	Half
FF	Forced Fumble	JUCO	Junior College Transfer	OLB	Outside Linebacker	RS	Return Specialist	TO	Turnovers		

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 PRESEASON OFFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
QB	Brian Brohm, Louisville	John David Booty, USC	Colt Brennan, Hawaii	Pat White, West Virginia
RB	Darren McFadden, Arkansas	Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	Michael Hart, Michigan	Ray Rice, Rutgers
RB	Steve Slaton, West Virginia	Ryan Torain, Arizona St	Jamaal Charles, Texas	James Davis, Clemson
WR	Limas Sweed, Texas	DeSean Jackson, California	Mario Manningham, Michigan	Marcus Monk, Arkansas
WR	Adarius Bowman, Oklahoma St	Jarett Dillard, Rice	Mario Urrutia, Louisville	Keenan Burton, Kentucky
TE	John Carlson, Notre Dame	Chase Coffman, Missouri	Travis Beckum, Wisconsin	Martellus Bennett, Texas A&M
C	Adam Spieker, Missouri	John Sullivan, Notre Dame	Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas	Antoine Caldwell, Alabama
G	Will Arnold, LSU	Herman Johnson, LSU	Jeremy Perry, Oregon St	Andrew Bain, Miami, Fl
G	Jordan Grimes, Purdue	George Robinson, Oklahoma	Adam Kraus, Michigan	Chilo Rachal, USC
T	Sam Baker, USC	Jared Gaither, Maryland	Michael Oher, Mississippi	Kirk Barton, Ohio St
T	Jake Long, Michigan	Barry Richardson, Clemson	Andre Smith, Alabama	Alex Boone, Ohio St
K	Alexis Serna, Oregon St	Sam Swank, Wake Forest	Brandon Coutu, Georgia	Arthur Carmody, Louisville
KR	Travis Shelton, Temple	Darrell Blackman, NC State	Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	Marcus Thigpen, Indiana

PHIL'S TOP 65 QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brian Brohm	Louisville	Sr	6-4	226
2.	John David Booty	USC	Sr	6-3	210
3.	Colt Brennan	Hawaii	Sr	6-3	196
4.	André Woodson	Kentucky	Sr	6-5	230
5.	Chad Henne	Michigan	Sr	6-2	224
6.	Erik Ainge	Tennessee	Sr	6-6	220
7.	Chase Holbrook	New Mexico St	Jr	6-5	235
8.	Matt Ryan	Boston College	Sr	6-5	218
9.	Nate Longshore	California	Jr	6-5	233
10.	Graham Harrell	Texas Tech	Jr	6-3	197
11.	Chase Daniel	Missouri	Jr	6-0	225
12.	Bobby Reid	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-3	235
13.	Curtis Painter	Purdue	Jr	6-4	223
14.	Anthony Morelli	Penn St	Sr	6-4	232
15.	Paul Smith	Tulsa	Sr	6-2	193
16.	Pat White	West Virginia	Jr	6-2	185
17.	Sam Keller	Nebraska	Sr	6-4	230
18.	Drew Weatherford	Florida St	Jr	6-3	220
19.	Tim Tebow	Florida	So	6-3	234
20.	Kyle Wright	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-4	220
21.	Stephen McGee	Texas A&M	Jr	6-3	208
22.	Colt McCoy	Texas	So	6-3	205
23.	Dennis Dixon	Oregon	Sr	6-4	240
24.	Ben Olson	UCLA	Jr	6-5	227
25.	Brian Johnson	Utah	Jr	6-1	210
26.	Matthew Stafford	Georgia	So	6-3	237
27.	Rocky Hinds	UNLV	Jr	6-5	220
28.	Rudy Carpenter	Arizona St	Jr	6-2	199
29.	Mark Sanchez	USC	So	6-3	225
30.	Matt Flynn	LSU	Sr	6-3	228
31.	Dan Lefevour	C Michigan	So	6-3	226
32.	Tim Hiller	W Michigan	Jr	6-5	215
33.	Willie Tuitama	Arizona	Jr	6-3	218
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35.	Hunter Cantwell	Louisville	Jr	6-5	230
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39.	Jonathan Crompton	Tennessee	So	6-4	230
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50.	Martin Hankins	Memphis	Sr	6-2	205
51.	Xavier Lee	Florida St	Jr	6-4	236
52.	Chase Clement	Rice	Jr	6-1	190
53.	Justin Willis	SMU	So	6-1	210
54.	Adam Tafralis	San Jose St	Jr	6-2	215
55.	Brent Schaeffer	Mississippi	Sr	6-2	205
56.	Kevin O'Connell	San Diego St	Sr	6-6	225
57.	Tom Brandstater	Fresno St	Jr	6-5	220
58.	Shaun Carney	Air Force	Sr	5-10	190
59.	Casey Dick	Arkansas	Jr	6-2	207
60.	Kirby Freeman	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-3	215
61.	TC Ostrander	Stanford	Sr	6-3	215
62.	Riley Skinner	Wake Forest	So	6-1	200
63.	Jeremy Young	S Mississippi	Sr	6-3	218
64.	Jimmy Clausen	Notre Dame	Fr	6-3	207
65.	Caleb Hanie	Colorado St	Sr	6-2	236

PHIL'S TOP 67 RUNNING BACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Darren McFadden	Arkansas	Jr	6-2	205
2.	Steve Slaton	West Virginia	Jr	5-10	195
3.	Jonathan Stewart	Oregon	Jr	5-11	230
4.	Ryan Torain	Arizona St	Sr	6-1	213
5.	Michael Hart	Michigan	Sr	5-9	196
6.	Jamaal Charles	Texas	Jr	6-1	200
7.	Ray Rice	Rutgers	Jr	5-9	200
8.	James Davis	Clemson	Jr	5-11	205
9.	Felix Jones	Arkansas	Jr	6-0	200
10.	Chris Wells	Ohio St	So	6-1	225
11.	Branden Ore	Virginia Tech	Jr	5-11	202
12.	Javarris James	Miami, Fl	So	6-0	210
13.	CJ Spiller	Clemson	So	5-11	190
14.	Ian Johnson	Boise St	Jr	5-11	194
15.	Tashard Choice	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-1	205
16.	Tyrell Sutton	Northwestern	Jr	5-9	190
17.	PJ Hill	Wisconsin	So	5-11	222
18.	Albert Young	Iowa	Sr	5-10	209
19.	Mike Goodson	Texas A&M	So	6-0	192
20.	Andre Brown	NC State	Jr	6-0	232
21.	Allen Patrick	Oklahoma	Sr	6-0	191
22.	Yvenson Bernard	Oregon St	Sr	5-9	202
23.	Jorvorskie Lane	Texas A&M	Jr	6-0	274
24.	BenJarvis Green-Ellis	Mississippi	Sr	5-11	225
25.	LaMarcus Coker	Tennessee	So	5-11	195
26.	Kregg Lumpkin	Georgia	Sr	6-1	222
27.	Rafael Little	Kentucky	Sr	5-10	195
28.	Marlon Lucky	Nebraska	Jr	6-0	210
29.	Jamario Thomas	North Texas	Sr	5-11	210
30.	Dantrell Savage	Oklahoma St	So	5-9	195
31.	Emmanuel Moody	USC	So	6-1	195
32.	Justin Forsett	California	Sr	5-8	186
33.	Chauncey Washington	USC	Sr	6-1	220
34.	Matt Asiata	Utah	Jr	6-0	235
35.	CJ Gable	USC	So	6-1	190
36.	DeMarco Murray	Oklahoma	rFr	6-0	191
37.	Antone Smith	Florida St	Jr	5-9	188
38.	Ben Tate	Auburn	So	5-11	215
39.	Chris Markey	UCLA	Sr	5-11	204
40.	Javon Ringer	Michigan St	Jr	5-9	202
41.	Anthony Allen	Louisville	So	6-1	232
42.	Amir Pinnix	Minnesota	Sr	6-0	205
43.	Kalvin McRae	Ohio	Sr	5-11	208
44.	Kevin Smith	UCF	Jr	6-1	211
45.	Lance Ball	Maryland	Sr	5-9	223
46.	Damion Fletcher	S Mississippi	So	5-10	175
47.	Calvin Dawson	ULM	Sr	5-10	207
48.	Keon Lattimore	Maryland	Sr	5-11	223
49.	Rodney Ferguson	New Mexico	Sr	6-0	255
50.	Toney Baker	NC State	Jr	5-10	225
51.	Aaron Brown	TCU	Jr	6-1	196
52.	Kyle Bell	Colorado St	Sr	6-2	232
53.	Rashard Mendenhall	Illinois	Jr	5-11	210
54.	James Aldridge	Notre Dame	So	6-0	213
55.	Tony Temple	Missouri	Sr	5-9	200
56.	Thomas Brown	Georgia	Sr	5-8	200
57.	LV Whitworth	Boston College	Sr	5-11	216
58.	Keiland Williams	LSU	So	5-11	223
59.	Tyrell Fenroy	Louisiana-Lft	Jr	5-10	180
60.	Marcus Thomas	UTEP	Sr	6-1	215
61.	Matt Forte	Tulane	Sr	6-2	225
62.	Brandon Murphy	Miami, Oh	Sr	5-8	177
63.	Wynel Seldon	Wyoming	Jr	6-0	214
64.	Kory Sheets	Purdue	Jr	6-0	196
65.	Anthony Alridge	Houston	Sr	5-9	175
66.	Jalen Parmele	Toledo	Sr	6-0	222
67.	Cory Boyd	S Carolina	Sr	6-1	214

Oregon
RB Jonathan Stewart

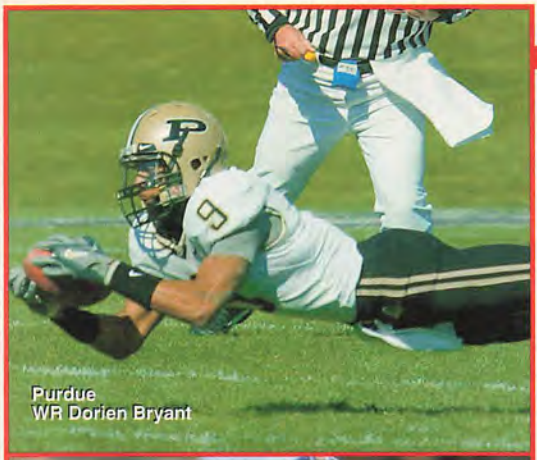
West Virginia
RB Steve Slaton

Louisville
QB Brian Brohm

Kentucky
QB André Woodson

Arkansas
RB Darren McFadden

Boston College
QB Matt Ryan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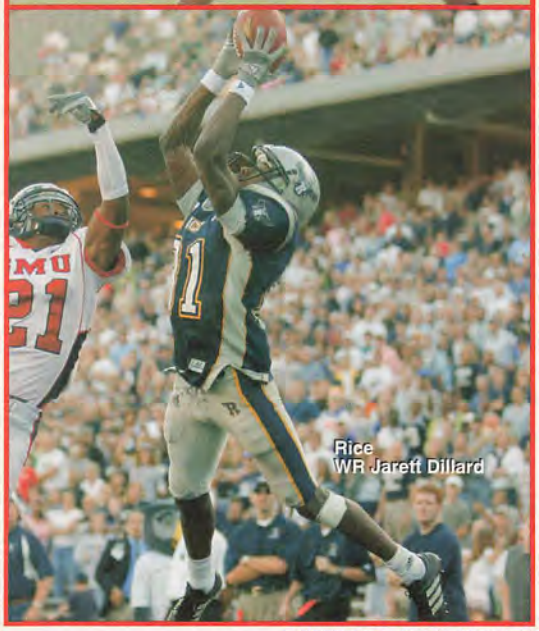
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WR Jarett Dillard

PHIL'S TOP 66 WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Limas Sweed	Texas	Sr	6-5	219
2.	Adarius Bowman	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-4	220
3.	DeSean Jackson	California	Jr	6-0	166
4.	Early Doucet	LSU	Sr	6-0	207
5.	Mario Manningham	Michigan	Jr	6-0	181
6.	Marcus Monk	Arkansas	Sr	6-6	220
7.	Mario Urrutia	Louisville	Jr	6-6	228
8.	Keenan Burton	Kentucky	Sr	6-2	205
9.	Andre Caldwell	Florida	Sr	6-0	198
10.	DJ Hall	Alabama	Sr	6-3	186
11.	James Hardy	Indiana	Jr	6-7	216
12.	Dorien Bryant	Purdue	Sr	5-10	175
13.	Earl Bennett	Vanderbilt	Jr	6-1	202
14.	Jaison Williams	Oregon	Jr	6-5	240
15.	Harry Douglas	Louisville	Sr	5-11	170
16.	Greg Carr	Florida St	Jr	6-6	212
17.	Lance Leggett	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-3	188
18.	Davone Bess	Hawaii	Jr	5-10	195
19.	Sammie Stroughter	Oregon St	Sr	6-0	183
20.	Darrius Heyward-Bey	Maryland	So	6-2	206
21.	Patrick Turner	USC	Jr	6-5	230
22.	Percy Harvin	Florida	So	5-11	181
23.	Malcolm Kelly	Oklahoma	Jr	6-4	217
24.	Jarett Dillard	Rice	Jr	5-11	180
25.	Maurice Purify	Nebraska	Sr	6-4	220
26.	Derrick Williams	Penn St	Jr	6-0	203
27.	Tony Burks	Miss St	Sr	6-4	217
28.	Todd Blythe	Iowa St	Sr	6-5	209
29.	Brian Robiskie	Ohio St	Jr	6-3	195
30.	Eddie Royal	Virginia Tech	Sr	5-10	181
31.	Ernie Wheelwright	Minnesota	Sr	6-5	215
32.	Oderick Turner	Pittsburgh	So	6-3	200
33.	Lavelle Hawkins	California	Sr	6-2	181
34.	Adrian Arrington	Michigan	Jr	6-3	190
35.	Billy Pittman	Texas	Sr	6-0	200
36.	Rudy Burgess	Arizona St	Sr	5-10	188
37.	Selwyn Lymon	Purdue	So	6-4	215
38.	David Richmond	San Jose St	Jr	6-4	200
39.	De'Cody Fagg	Florida St	Sr	6-3	218
40.	Derek Kinder	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-1	205
41.	Kenny McKinley	S Carolina	Jr	6-0	181
42.	Mohamed Massaquoi	Georgia	Jr	6-2	198
43.	Jason Rivers	Hawaii	Sr	6-2	192
44.	Michael Thomas	Arizona	Jr	5-8	173
45.	Cameron Colvin	Oregon	Sr	6-2	207
46.	William Franklin	Missouri	Sr	6-2	205
47.	Jordy Nelson	Kansas St	Sr	6-2	213
48.	Fred Rouse	UTEP	So	6-3	195
49.	Chris Williams	New Mexico St	Jr	5-8	155
50.	Donnie Avery	Houston	Sr	5-11	190
51.	Deon Butler	Penn St	Jr	5-10	168
52.	Keith Brown	Alabama	Sr	6-3	204
53.	Amarri Jackson	USF	Sr	6-5	195
54.	Quan Cosby	Texas	Jr	5-11	200
55.	Darius Reynaud	West Virginia	Sr	5-10	205
56.	Michael Bumpus	Wash St	Sr	6-0	195
57.	Ryan Grice-Mullen	Hawaii	Jr	5-11	179
58.	Sam Shields	Miami, Fl	So	6-0	177
59.	Danny Amendola	Texas Tech	Sr	5-11	177
60.	Evan Moore	Stanford	Sr	6-7	235
61.	Jabari Arthur	Akron	Sr	6-4	225
62.	Aaron Kelly	Clemson	Jr	6-5	180
63.	Vidal Hazelton	USC	So	6-3	200
64.	Brent Casteel	Utah	Jr	5-10	193
65.	D.J. Hord	Notre Dame	So	6-1	192
66.	Paul Hubbard	Wisconsin	Sr	6-4	215

Southern Mississippi
TE Shawn Nelson

California
WR DeSean Jackson

PHIL'S TOP 40 TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	John Carlson	Notre Dame	Sr	6-6	259
2.	Chase Coffman	Missouri	Jr	6-6	245
3.	Travis Beckum	Wisconsin	Jr	6-4	221
4.	Martellus Bennett	Texas A&M	Jr	6-7	248
5.	Fred Davis	USC	Sr	6-4	260
6.	Martin Rucker	Missouri	Sr	6-6	255
7.	Shawn Nelson	S Mississippi	Jr	6-5	242
8.	Kory Sperry	Colorado St	Sr	6-6	260
9.	Dustin Keller	Purdue	Sr	6-4	240
10.	Jacob Tamme	Kentucky	Sr	6-5	240
11.	Darius Hill	Ball St	Jr	6-6	233
12.	Anthony Hill	NCState	Sr	6-6	265
13.	Logan Paulsen	UCLA	Jr	6-5	247
14.	Tom Santi	Virginia	Sr	6-5	250
15.	Gary Barnidge	Louisville	Sr	6-6	234
16.	Brandon Pettigrew	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-6	260
17.	Cody Slate	Marshall	So	6-4	212
18.	Jermichael Finley	Texas	So	6-5	236
19.	Tony Moeaki	Iowa	Jr	6-4	250
20.	Bear Pascoe	Fresno St	Jr	6-5	260
21.	Andrew Quarless	Penn St	So	6-5	252
22.	Eric Butler	Miss St	Sr	6-3	255
23.	Chris Brown	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	250
24.	Craig Stevens	California	Sr	6-5	254
25.	DajLeon Farr	Miami, FL	Jr	6-5	248
26.	Brandon Warren	Tennessee	So	6-3	230
27.	Jeff Cumberland	Illinois	So	6-5	240
28.	Stephen Chicola	Middle Tenn	Sr	6-4	258
29.	Shae Reagan	TCU	Jr	6-4	261
30.	Brody Eldridge	Oklahoma	So	6-5	258
31.	Jonathan Stupar	Virginia	Sr	6-3	254
32.	Rory Nicol	Ohio St	Jr	6-5	250
33.	Jamar Hunt	UTEP	Jr	6-7	250
34.	Cornelius Ingram	Florida	Jr	6-4	221
35.	Chris Hopkins	Toledo	Sr	6-5	255
36.	Joey Haynos	Maryland	Sr	6-8	260
37.	Branden Ledbetter	W Michigan	Jr	6-5	221
38.	Joey Thomas	Texas A&M	Sr	6-5	250
39.	Nick Walker	Alabama	Jr	6-5	270
40.	Tommy Trott	Auburn	So	6-5	254

PHIL'S TOP 26 FULLBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Peyton Hillis	Arkansas	Sr	6-2	243
2.	Owen Schmitt	West Virginia	Sr	6-3	250
3.	Jehuu Caulcrick	Michigan St	Sr	6-0	255
4.	Doug Jones	Cincinnati	Sr	6-4	273
5.	Chris Pressley	Wisconsin	Jr	6-1	271
6.	Henry Melton	Texas	Jr	6-3	268
7.	Jacob Hester	LSU	Sr	6-0	228
8.	Adam Ballard	Navy	Sr	6-1	223
9.	Michael Pitre	UCLA	Sr	6-0	244
10.	Carl Stewart	Auburn	Sr	6-2	224
11.	Brock Bolen	Louisville	Jr	6-0	237
12.	Fui Vakapuna	BYU	Jr	6-1	234
13.	Mike Cox	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-1	250
14.	Allen Bradford	USC	So	6-0	230
15.	Brannan Southerland	Georgia	Jr	6-0	240
16.	Mike Viti	Army	Sr	5-10	242
17.	Rich Belton	Wake Forest	Jr	6-1	259
18.	Tielor Robinson	Duke	Sr	5-11	245
19.	Matt Hahn	Penn St	Sr	6-0	236
20.	Ryan Brown	S Carolina	Sr	6-0	256
21.	Justin Valentine	Minnesota	Sr	6-1	230
22.	Tom Busch	Iowa	Sr	5-11	231
23.	Conredge Collins	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-0	235
24.	Asaph Schwapp	Notre Dame	So	6-0	255
25.	Emeka Nnoli	Stanford	Sr	6-1	235
26.	Rolly Lumbala	Idaho	Sr	6-2	241

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1973	John Hicks	Ohio State	1991	Steve Emtman	Washington
1974	Randy White	Maryland	1992	Marvin Jones	Florida State
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1976	Wilson Whitley	Houston	1994	Warren Sapp	Miami, FL
1977	Ross Browner	Notre Dame	1995	Orlando Pace	Ohio State
1978	Bruce Clark	Penn State	1996	Orlando Pace	Ohio State
1979	Brad Budde	USC	1997	Grant Wistrom	Nebraska
1980	Hugh Green	Pittsburgh	1998	Dat Nguyen	Texas A&M
1981	Kenneth Sims	Texas	1999	Corey Moore	Virginia Tech
1982	Dave Rimington	Nebraska	2000	Jamal Reynolds	Florida State
1983	Dean Steinkuhler	Nebraska	2001	Julius Peppers	North Carolina
1984	Tony Degrate	Texas	2002	Terrell Suggs	Arizona State
1985	Tony Casillas	Oklahoma	2003	Tommie Harris	Oklahoma
1986	Cornelius Bennett	Alabama	2004	David Pollack	Georgia
1987	Chris Spielman	Ohio State	2005	A.J. Hawk	Ohio State

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PHIL'S TOP 40 CENTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Adam Spieker	Missouri	Sr	6-3	305
2.	John Sullivan	Notre Dame	Sr	6-4	290
3.	Jonathan Luigs	Arkansas	Jr	6-4	305
4.	Antoine Caldwell	Alabama	Jr	6-4	288
5.	Alex Mack	California	Jr	6-5	300
6.	Eric Wood	Louisville	Jr	6-4	301
7.	Tony Brinkhaus	Minnesota	Sr	6-3	295
8.	Doug Legursky	Marshall	Sr	6-3	311
9.	Steve Justice	Wake Forest	Sr	6-4	284
10.	Kory Lichtensteiger	Bowling Green	Sr	6-3	300
11.	AQ Shipley	Penn St	Jr	6-1	293
12.	Robbie Krutilla	W Michigan	Sr	6-3	308
13.	Drew Miller	Florida	Sr	6-5	297
14.	Mike Pollak	Arizona St	Sr	6-4	292
15.	Derrick Morse	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-4	326
16.	Josh McNeil	Tennessee	So	6-4	280
17.	Cody Wallace	Texas A&M	Sr	6-4	294
18.	Rafael Eubanks	Iowa	So	6-3	288
19.	Justin Boren	Michigan	So	6-3	310
20.	Nick Allotta	Colorado St	Sr	6-3	305
21.	David Washington	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-3	305
22.	Blake Schlueter	TCU	Jr	6-3	272
23.	Robby Felix	UTEP	Jr	6-3	295
24.	Marcus Coleman	Wisconsin	Sr	6-6	302
25.	Kyle DeVan	Oregon St	Sr	6-2	310
26.	Robbie Powell	Purdue	Sr	6-5	307
27.	Trevor Rees	Northwestern	Sr	6-2	280
28.	John Frady	Florida St	Sr	6-4	279
29.	Jeff Cavender	Boise St	Sr	6-2	286
30.	Brett Helms	LSU	Jr	6-2	283
31.	Fernando Velasco	Georgia	Sr	6-4	328
32.	Sete Aulai	BYU	Sr	6-1	297
33.	Jordy Lipsey	Virginia	Sr	6-3	280
34.	Alex Derenthal	Temple	Jr	6-4	292
35.	Brett Byford	Nebraska	Sr	6-3	300
36.	Kevin Sheridan	Boston College	Sr	6-3	290
37.	Jon Cooper	Oklahoma	Jr	6-2	285
38.	Ryan Wendell	Fresno St	Sr	6-2	260
39.	Jake Griffin	USF	Jr	6-4	305
40.	Jamey Richard	Buffalo	Sr	6-0	301

Syracuse
K Patrick Shadle

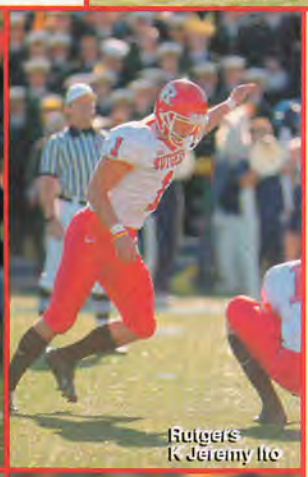
PHIL'S TOP 20 KICKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Alexis Serna	Oregon St	Sr	5-8	170
2.	Sam Swank	Wake Forest	Jr	6-2	206
3.	Brandon Coutu	Georgia	Sr	6-0	200
4.	Art Carmody	Louisville	Sr	5-9	165
5.	Ryan Succop	S Carolina	Jr	6-2	213
6.	Jeremy Ito	Rutgers	Sr	5-11	190
7.	Tom Schneider	California	Sr	6-1	191
8.	Garrett Hartley	Oklahoma	Sr	5-9	198
9.	Connor Barth	North Carolina	Sr	6-1	190
10.	Jeff Wolfert	Missouri	Jr	6-2	185
11.	Taylor Mehlhaff	Wisconsin	Jr	5-11	185
12.	Drew Edmiston	Louisiana-Lft	Jr	6-4	205
13.	Sergio Aguayo	UNLV	Sr	6-1	200
14.	Cole Wilson	ULM	Sr	5-10	195
15.	Joshua Shene	Mississippi	So	5-9	170
16.	Patrick Shadle	Syracuse	Jr	5-8	201
17.	Jarod Tracy	Tulsa	Jr	6-0	165
18.	Aaron Pettrey	Ohio St	Jr	6-1	195
19.	Kevin Kelly	Penn St	Jr	5-7	167
20.	Dan Kelly	Hawaii	Jr	6-3	202

PHIL'S TOP 60 GUARDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Will Arnold	LSU	Sr	6-4	319
2.	Jordan Grimes	Purdue	Sr	6-3	325
3.	Herman Johnson	LSU	Jr	6-7	351
4.	George Robinson	Oklahoma	Jr	6-5	330
5.	Jeremy Perry	Oregon St	Jr	6-2	313
6.	Adam Kraus	Michigan	Sr	6-6	296
7.	Andrew Crummey	Maryland	Sr	6-5	301
8.	Andrew Bain	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-3	330
9.	Chilo Rachal	USC	Jr	6-5	300
10.	Roy Schuening	Oregon St	Sr	6-4	317
11.	Cedric Dockery	Texas	Jr	6-4	320
12.	Matt Slauson	Nebraska	Jr	6-5	335
13.	Kraig Urbik	Wisconsin	Jr	6-6	330
14.	Shannon Tevaga	UCLA	Sr	6-3	316
15.	Steve Rehring	Ohio St	Jr	6-8	329
16.	Chris DeGeare	Wake Forest	Jr	6-4	362
17.	Sergio Render	Virginia Tech	So	6-3	320
18.	Mike Fladell	Rutgers	Sr	6-8	325
19.	Kirk Elder	Texas A&M	Sr	6-5	298
20.	John Jerry	Mississippi	So	6-5	360
21.	Greg Isdaner	West Virginia	So	6-4	315
22.	Jim Tartt	Florida	Jr	6-3	312
23.	Roland Martin	Michigan St	Jr	6-5	325
24.	Alex Fletcher	Stanford	Jr	6-3	300
25.	Branden Albert	Virginia	Jr	6-7	315
26.	Ofa Mohetau	Texas Tech	Sr	6-3	362
27.	Andy Kemp	Wisconsin	Jr	6-6	322
28.	Curtis Crouch	NC State	Jr	6-5	335
29.	Cole Popovich	Fresno St	Jr	6-6	265
30.	Paul Fanaika	Arizona St	Jr	6-3	359
31.	Ryan Durand	Syracuse	Jr	6-5	310
32.	Brandyn Dombrowski	San Diego St	Sr	6-6	335
33.	Martin O'Donnell	Illinois	Sr	6-5	300
34.	BJ Stabler	Alabama	Jr	6-4	307
35.	Tad Miller	Boise St	Sr	6-4	304
36.	Alex Mitchell	Michigan	Jr	6-5	313
37.	Anthony Davis	Rutgers	Fr	6-6	350
38.	Anthony Kilby	New Mexico	Sr	6-4	331
39.	Robert Felton	Arkansas	Sr	6-4	328
40.	Jacky Claude	Florida St	Sr	6-4	290
41.	Jeff Byers	USC	Sr	6-3	285
42.	Ramon Foster	Tennessee	Jr	6-6	325
43.	Joe Thomas	Pittsburgh	So	6-5	285
44.	Nick Marshman	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-5	351
45.	Pace Jorgensen	Utah St	Sr	6-5	336
46.	Chester Adams	Georgia	Sr	6-4	330
47.	Ben Person	Ohio St	Jr	6-4	315
48.	Matty Lindner	TCU	Sr	6-4	298
49.	Aaron Schutz	ULM	Jr	6-3	310
50.	Ray Feinga	BYU	Jr	6-5	322
51.	John Shaw	Penn St	Sr	6-4	303
52.	Caleb Handy	Kansas St	Jr	6-1	313
53.	Ian-Yates Cunningham	Virginia	Sr	6-3	290
54.	Trevor Canfield	Cincinnati	Jr	6-5	300
55.	Travis Bright	BYU	Jr	6-5	314
56.	Leon Hart	Auburn	Sr	6-4	297
57.	David Ziegler	Marshall	Sr	6-5	296
58.	Josh Coffman	E Carolina	Sr	6-7	300
59.	Mike McKiski	UNLV	Sr	6-6	310
60.	Brandon Walker	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	306

Washington St
OT Bobby Byrd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USC
OT Sam Baker

PHIL'S TOP 60 TACKLES

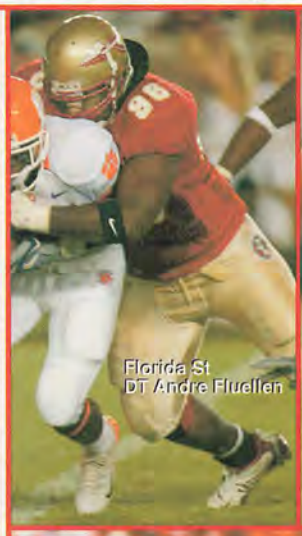
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Jared Gaither	Maryland	Jr	6-9	330
2.	Jake Long	Michigan	Sr	6-7	313
3.	Sam Baker	USC	Sr	6-5	305
4.	Andre Smith	Alabama	So	6-4	335
5.	Barry Richardson	Clemson	Sr	6-7	320
6.	Michael Oher	Mississippi	Jr	6-5	325
7.	Kirk Barton	Ohio St	Sr	6-6	310
8.	Alex Boone	Ohio St	Jr	6-8	325
9.	Gosder Cherilus	Boston College	Sr	6-7	318
10.	Sam Young	Notre Dame	So	6-8	315
11.	Ryan Clady	Boise St	Jr	6-6	319
12.	John Greco	Toledo	Sr	6-5	318
13.	Ciron Black	LSU	So	6-5	314
14.	Dallas Reynolds	BYU	Jr	6-5	328
15.	Dace Richardson	Iowa	Jr	6-6	306
16.	Eric VandenHeuval	Wisconsin	Jr	6-7	323
17.	Sean Sester	Purdue	Jr	6-8	325
18.	Tony Hills	Texas	Sr	6-6	305
19.	Lydon Murtha	Nebraska	Jr	6-7	305
20.	Chris Williams	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-6	315
21.	Duane Brown	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-5	290
22.	Max Unger	Oregon	Jr	6-5	287
23.	Brandon Rodd	Arizona St	Sr	6-4	303
24.	Eugene Monroe	Virginia	Jr	6-6	315
25.	Aleksey Lanis	UCLA	So	6-6	316
26.	King Dunlap	Auburn	Sr	6-9	321
27.	Reggie Youngblood	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-5	305
28.	Jeremy Zuttah	Rutgers	Sr	6-4	290
29.	George Bussey	Louisville	Jr	6-4	298
30.	Mike McGlynn	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-5	315
31.	Corey Clark	Texas A&M	Sr	6-6	317
32.	Eben Britton	Arizona	So	6-6	280
33.	Thomas Herring	USC	So	6-6	330
34.	Bobby Byrd	Wash St	Sr	6-7	316
35.	Pedro Sosa	Rutgers	Sr	6-5	290
36.	Andrew Gardner	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-6	298
37.	Shannon Boatman	Florida St	Sr	6-7	324
38.	Louis Vazquez	Texas Tech	Jr	6-6	341
39.	Akim Millington	Illinois	Sr	6-6	310
40.	Jon Brost	N Illinois	Jr	6-6	303
41.	Jeff Otah	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-6	340
42.	Carl Johnson	Florida	rFr	6-5	339
43.	Mike Gyetvai	Michigan St	Sr	6-7	307
44.	Jason Boone	Utah	Sr	6-4	300
45.	Tyler Luellen	Missouri	Sr	6-7	295
46.	Drew Radovich	USC	Sr	6-5	305
47.	Jason Fox	Miami, Fl	So	6-6	265
48.	Trent Williams	Oklahoma	So	6-5	321
49.	Will Barker	Virginia	So	6-7	306
50.	Yemi Babalola	Texas A&M	Jr	6-4	298
51.	Peter Graniello	Arizona	Sr	6-5	296
52.	Allen Smith	Stanford	Sr	6-4	300
53.	Bradis McGriff	San Jose St	Jr	6-6	335
54.	Branndon Braxton	Oklahoma	Jr	6-6	312
55.	Eric Young	Tennessee	Sr	6-4	305
56.	Andrew Woodruff	Boise St	Jr	6-3	330
57.	Adam Ulatoski	Texas	So	6-8	300
58.	Drew Nystrom	Bowling Green	Sr	6-5	300
59.	Phil Trautwein	Florida	Sr	6-6	298
60.	Tyler Miller	Louisiana Tech	Sr	6-7	305

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 PRESEASON DEFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
DE	Calais Campbell, Miami, Fl	Chris Long, Virginia	Vernon Gholston, Ohio St	Tommy Blake, TCU
DT	Glenn Dorsey, LSU	Sedrick Ellis, USC	Roy Miller, Texas	Paul Griffin, Florida St
DT	Frank Okam, Texas	DeMario Pressley, NC State	Red Bryant, Texas A&M	Fili Moala, USC
DE	Lawrence Jackson, USC	Derrick Harvey, Florida	Quentin Groves, Auburn	Bruce Davis, UCLA
OLB	Keith Rivers, USC	Erin Henderson, Maryland	Ali Highsmith, LSU	Marcus Freeman, Ohio St
ILB	Dan Connor, Penn St	Rey Maualuga, USC	Vince Hall, Virginia Tech	Philip Wheeler, Georgia Tech
ILB	James Laurinaitis, Ohio St	Jasper Brinkley, S Carolina	Jonathan Goff, Vanderbilt	Xavier Adibi, Virginia Tech
OLB	Brian Cushing, USC	Malik Jackson, Louisville	Sean Lee, Penn St	Shawn Crable, Michigan
CB	Aqib Talib, Kansas	Justin King, Penn St	Terrell Thomas, USC	Simeon Castille, Alabama
CB	Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio St	Antoine Cason, Arizona	Dwight Lowery, San Jose St	Brandon Flowers, Virginia Tech
SS	Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame	Jamar Adams, Michigan	Myron Rolle, Florida St	Courtney Greene, Rutgers
FS	Kenny Phillips, Miami, Fl	Taylor Mays, USC	Nic Harris, Oklahoma	Dennis Keyes, UCLA
P	Durant Brooks, Georgia Tech	Britton Colquitt, Tennessee	Geoff Price, Notre Dame	Kenneth DeBauche, Wisconsin
PR	DeSean Jackson, California	Rafael Little, Kentucky	Tracy Porter, Indiana	Derrick Williams, Penn St

PHIL'S TOP 60 DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Calais Campbell	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-8	282
2.	Lawrence Jackson	USC	Sr	6-5	265
3.	Derrick Harvey	Florida	Jr	6-4	245
4.	Chris Long	Virginia	Sr	6-4	284
5.	Vernon Gholston	Ohio St	Jr	6-4	260
6.	Quentin Groves	Auburn	Sr	6-4	254
7.	Tommy Blake	TCU	Sr	6-3	252
8.	Bruce Davis	UCLA	Sr	6-3	237
9.	Chris Ellis	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-5	260
10.	Kenny Iwebema	Iowa	Sr	6-4	270
11.	Louis Holmes	Arizona	Sr	6-6	270
12.	Phillip Merling	Clemson	Jr	6-5	270
13.	Chris Harrington	Texas A&M	Sr	6-5	267
14.	Ian Campbell	Kansas St	Jr	6-5	232
15.	Jameel McClain	Syracuse	Sr	6-1	256
16.	Antwain Robinson	Arkansas	Jr	6-2	255
17.	Tyson Jackson	LSU	Jr	6-5	292
18.	Wallace Gilberry	Alabama	Sr	6-4	264
19.	Willie VanDeSteeg	Minnesota	Jr	6-4	255
20.	Jeffrey Fitzgerald	Virginia	So	6-3	279
21.	Lawrence Wilson	Ohio St	Jr	6-6	270
22.	Matt Shaughnessy	Wisconsin	Jr	6-6	242
23.	Albert McClellan	Marshall	Jr	6-2	225
24.	Jamaal Westerman	Rutgers	Jr	6-3	250
25.	Chase Ortiz	TCU	Sr	6-3	255
26.	George Selvie	USF	So	6-4	245
27.	Bryan Mattison	Iowa	Sr	6-3	272
28.	Cliff Avril	Purdue	Sr	6-3	247
29.	Derek Walker	Illinois	Jr	6-4	270
30.	Marcus Hands	E Carolina	Jr	6-5	277
31.	Kyle Moore	USC	Jr	6-6	260
32.	Titus Brown	Miss St	Sr	6-3	250
33.	Ricky Jean Francois	LSU	So	6-3	281
34.	Nathan Peterson	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-2	240
35.	Jake Ratliff	Texas Tech	Jr	6-8	250
36.	Jeremy Geathers	UNLV	Jr	6-2	245
37.	Eric Norwood	S Carolina	So	6-0	264
38.	Drew Hudgins	Colorado	Jr	6-4	235
39.	Greyson Gunheim	Washington	Sr	6-5	265
40.	Brian Orakpo	Texas	Jr	6-4	248
41.	Tim Jamison	Michigan	Jr	6-3	266
42.	Alex Boston	Florida St	Sr	6-3	278
43.	Dorian Smith	Oregon St	Sr	6-3	258
44.	Phillip Mbakogu	California	Jr	6-3	255
45.	Barry Turner	Nebraska	Jr	6-3	250
46.	Deantwan Whitehead	Louisville	So	6-6	250
47.	Eddie Jones	Texas	rFr	6-3	260
48.	Adamm Oliver	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-4	265
49.	Trevor Laws	Notre Dame	Sr	6-1	295
50.	McKinner Dixon	Texas Tech	Jr	6-3	265
51.	Jesse Nading	Colorado St	Sr	6-5	263
52.	Everette Brown	Florida St	So	6-4	241
53.	Larry English	N Illinois	Jr	6-3	255
54.	Aaron Lewis	Texas	Jr	6-4	260
55.	Trey Covington	Maryland	Jr	6-3	240
56.	Corey Wootton	Northwestern	So	6-7	275
57.	Stryker Sulak	Missouri	Jr	6-5	240
58.	Maurice Evans	Penn St	So	6-2	269
59.	Eric Moncur	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-2	260
60.	Jeff Van Orsow	Oregon St	Sr	6-4	262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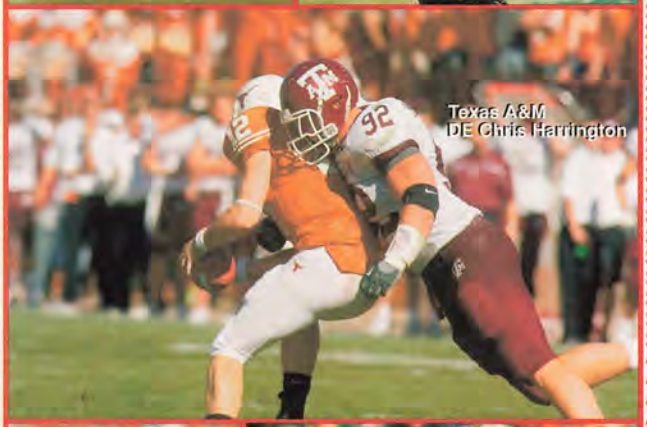
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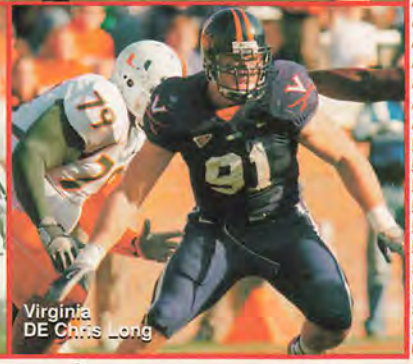

Virginia
DE Chris Long

PHIL'S TOP 60 DEFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Glenn Dorsey	LSU	Sr	6-2	299
2.	Frank Okam	Texas	Sr	6-3	320
3.	Sedrick Ellis	USC	Sr	6-1	295
4.	DeMario Pressley	NC State	Jr	6-3	295
5.	Roy Miller	Texas	Jr	6-2	295
6.	Red Bryant	Texas A&M	Sr	6-5	324
7.	Paul Griffin	Florida St	Sr	6-1	288
8.	Fili Moala	USC	Jr	6-4	295
9.	Marcus Harrison	Arkansas	Sr	6-3	310
10.	Andre Fluellen	Florida St	Sr	6-4	285
11.	Myron Pryor	Kentucky	Jr	6-1	300
12.	Terrance Taylor	Michigan	Jr	6-0	310
13.	Nick Hayden	Wisconsin	Sr	6-5	300
14.	Jeff Owens	Georgia	Jr	6-3	292
15.	Keilen Dykes	West Virginia	Sr	6-5	295
16.	Vince Oghobaase	Duke	So	6-6	310
17.	Mitch King	Iowa	Jr	6-3	284
18.	Kevin Brown	UCLA	Sr	6-2	293
19.	Chris Norwell	Illinois	Sr	6-6	290
20.	BJ Raji	Boston College	Sr	6-1	340
21.	Brigham Harwell	UCLA	Sr	6-2	286
22.	Gerald McCoy	Oklahoma	rFr	6-4	289
23.	Marlon Favorite	LSU	Jr	6-1	295
24.	James McClinton	Kansas	Sr	6-1	283
25.	Dre Moore	Maryland	Sr	6-4	311
26.	Darryl Richard	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-4	285
27.	Sen'Derrick Marks	Auburn	So	6-2	287
28.	Matt Kroul	Iowa	Jr	6-3	271
29.	Ropati Pitoitua	Wash St	Sr	6-8	291
30.	Tony Jenkins	Syracuse	Sr	6-3	286
31.	Ndamukong Suh	Nebraska	So	6-4	305
32.	Jervonte Jackson	Florida Atlantic	Jr	6-3	280
33.	Dorell Scott	Clemson	Jr	6-4	305
34.	Ernest Mitchell	Arkansas	Jr	6-2	292
35.	Al Woods	LSU	So	6-5	324
36.	DeMarcus Granger	Oklahoma	So	6-3	300
37.	Woody George	USF	Sr	6-3	275
38.	Jason Chapman	Wisconsin	Jr	6-4	289
39.	Carlton Powell	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-2	294
40.	Lorenzo Williams	Missouri	Sr	6-1	295
41.	Jordan Reffett	Washington	Sr	6-6	295
42.	Jason Shirley	Fresno St	Sr	6-5	330
43.	Barry Booker	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-4	280
44.	Eric Foster	Rutgers	Sr	6-2	265
45.	Demonte Bolden	Tennessee	Jr	6-6	290
46.	Terrance Knighton	Temple	Jr	6-4	311
47.	Ell Ash	Houston	Jr	6-5	293
48.	Terrill Byrd	Cincinnati	Jr	6-1	285
49.	Theo Horrocks	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-3	295
50.	George Hypolite	Colorado	Jr	6-1	285
51.	Martavius Prince	S Miss	Sr	6-3	295
52.	Gabe Long	Utah	Sr	6-3	290
53.	Sean Merrill	S Miss	Sr	6-3	294
54.	Nick Varcadipane	W Michigan	Jr	6-2	272
55.	Greg Brown	Indiana	Jr	6-2	303
56.	Chase Moline	UCLA	Jr	6-2	280
57.	Michael Lafaele	Hawaii	Sr	6-0	302
58.	Blake Smith	Colorado St	Sr	6-2	257
59.	John Gill	Northwestern	Jr	6-3	290
60.	Alphonso Moran	Kansas St	Jr	6-1	294

PHIL'S TOP 53 INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Dan Connor	Penn St	Sr	6-3	233
2.	James Laurinaitis	Ohio St	Jr	6-3	244
3.	Rey Maualuga	USC	Jr	6-3	250
4.	Jasper Brinkley	S Carolina	Sr	6-2	262
5.	Vince Hall	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-0	240
6.	Jonathan Goff	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-4	235
7.	Philip Wheeler	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-2	230
8.	Xavier Adibi	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-2	226
9.	J Leman	Illinois	Sr	6-2	240
10.	Jerod Mayo	Tennessee	Jr	6-2	230
11.	Rashad Bobino	Texas	Jr	5-11	228
12.	Corey McKeon	Nebraska	Sr	6-1	225
13.	Nelson Coleman	Tulsa	Sr	6-2	235
14.	Gerald McRath	S Mississippi	Jr	6-3	213
15.	Rodrick Johnson	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-3	250
16.	Darry Beckwith	LSU	Jr	6-1	232
17.	Prince Hall	Alabama	So	5-11	255
18.	Maurice Crum	Notre Dame	Jr	6-0	225
19.	Ronnie Palmer	Arizona	Jr	6-3	239
20.	Mike Klinkenborg	Iowa	Sr	6-2	240
21.	Derek Nicholson	Florida St	Jr	6-2	230
22.	Antonio Appleby	Virginia	Jr	6-4	248
23.	Brandon Miller	Georgia	Sr	6-4	257
24.	Jolonn Dunbar	Boston College	Sr	6-0	233
25.	Weston Dacus	Arkansas	Sr	6-3	230
26.	Christian Taylor	UCLA	Sr	6-0	222
27.	Ben Moffitt	USF	Sr	6-2	240
28.	Josh Johnson	Marshall	Jr	6-2	250
29.	Curtis Lofton	Oklahoma	Jr	6-0	235
30.	Alan Darlin	Oregon St	Sr	6-1	254
31.	Russell Allen	San Diego St	Jr	6-3	230
32.	Daniel Holtzclaw	E Michigan	Jr	6-1	230
33.	Danny Lansanah	Connecticut	Sr	6-0	248
34.	Antonio Clay	Clemson	Jr	6-0	220
35.	Brannon Jackson	Louisiana Tech	Sr	6-2	260
36.	Joey Hudson	Miami, Oh	Jr	6-2	230
37.	Mike Rivera	Kansas	Jr	6-3	250
38.	Kevin Grant	Akron	Jr	6-2	245
39.	Micah Johnson	Kentucky	So	6-2	270
40.	Joe Jiannoni	Utah	Sr	6-0	235
41.	Dan Bick	Purdue	Sr	6-1	225
42.	Mike Tauiliili	Duke	Jr	5-11	235
43.	Tim McCarthy	N Illinois	Jr	6-0	232
44.	Jason Phillips	TCU	Jr	6-1	234
45.	Kaleb Thornhill	Michigan St	Sr	6-1	240
46.	Phillip Dillard	Nebraska	So	6-1	250
47.	Joe Pawelek	Baylor	So	6-2	231
48.	Adam Kadela	Northwestern	Jr	6-3	240
49.	Cody Lubojasky	Houston	Jr	6-3	230
50.	Jeff Horinek	Colorado St	Jr	6-3	238
51.	Romeo Davis	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-3	229
52.	Greg Trent	Wash St	Jr	5-11	219
53.	Elijah Hodge	Wisconsin	So	6-1	232

PHIL'S TOP 20 PUNTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Durant Brooks	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-0	202
2.	Britton Colquitt	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	205
3.	Geoff Price	Notre Dame	Sr	6-3	196
4.	Kenneth DeBauche	Wisconsin	Sr	6-2	220
5.	AJ Trapasso	Ohio St	Jr	6-1	220
6.	Chris Miller	Ball St	Jr	6-2	205
7.	Sam Swank	Wake Forest	Jr	6-2	206
8.	Justin Brantly	Texas A&M	Jr	6-4	228
9.	Louie Sakoda	Utah	Jr	5-10	178
10.	Jim Kaylor	Colorado St	Sr	6-3	197
11.	Mike Hughes	San Diego St	Sr	6-1	190
12.	Andrew Larson	California	Sr	6-1	190
13.	Jared Kaufman	New Mexico St	Sr	6-1	186
14.	Waylon Prather	San Jose St	Sr	6-3	220
15.	Matthew DiLallo	Colorado	So	6-1	205
16.	Dan Titchener	Nebraska	Jr	6-0	200
17.	Aaron Perez	UCLA	Jr	6-4	219
18.	Dave Brytus	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-4	225
19.	Ryan Succop	S Carolina	Jr	6-2	213
20.	Thomas Morstead	SMU	Jr	6-5	215

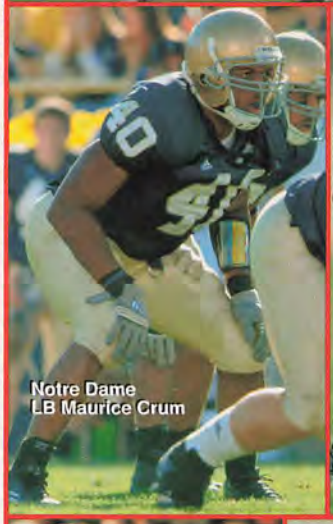
PHIL'S TOP 21 KICK RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Travis Shelton	Temple	Jr	5-11	185
2.	Darrell Blackman	NC State	Sr	5-10	205
3.	Jonathan Stewart	Oregon	Jr	5-11	230
4.	Marcus Thigpen	Indiana	Jr	5-9	182
5.	Jessie Henderson	SMU	Jr	5-9	170
6.	Lowell Robinson	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-0	195
7.	Felix Jones	Arkansas	Jr	6-0	200
8.	AJ Wallace	Penn St	So	6-1	195
9.	Darius Reynaud	West Virginia	Sr	5-10	205
10.	Dominic Jones	Minnesota	Jr	5-8	190
11.	Kerry Franks	Texas A&M	Sr	5-11	196
12.	Perrish Cox	Oklahoma St	So	6-1	185
13.	Leon Patton	Kansas St	So	5-7	184
14.	Jeff Smith	Boston College	So	5-8	184
15.	CJ Gable	USC	So	6-1	190
16.	Brandon Tate	N Carolina	Jr	6-1	190
17.	Dorien Bryant	Purdue	Sr	5-10	175
18.	Tristan Davis	Auburn	So	5-10	201
19.	Keenan Burton	Kentucky	Sr	6-2	195
20.	Quan Cosby	Texas	Jr	5-11	200
21.	Chubb Small	Marshall	Jr	5-9	193

Virginia Tech
LB Vince Hall

USC
LB Brian Cushing

Marshall
LB Josh Johnson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Ohio St
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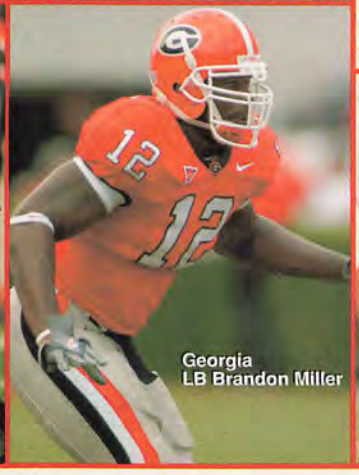

Georgia
LB Brandon Miller

PHIL'S TOP 65 OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Keith Rivers	USC	Sr	6-3	230
2.	Brian Cushing	USC	Jr	6-4	245
3.	Erin Henderson	Maryland	Jr	6-3	236
4.	Malik Jackson	Louisville	Sr	6-2	231
5.	Ali Highsmith	LSU	Sr	6-1	225
6.	Sean Lee	Penn St	Jr	6-2	232
7.	Marcus Freeman	Ohio St	Jr	6-2	242
8.	Shawn Crable	Michigan	Sr	6-5	245
9.	Tyrone McKenzie	USF	Jr	6-2	230
10.	Bo Ruud	Nebraska	Sr	6-3	235
11.	Alvin Bowen	Iowa St	Sr	6-2	216
12.	Robert Killebrew	Texas	Sr	6-2	230
13.	Brian Toal	Boston College	Sr	6-0	232
14.	Beau Bell	UNLV	Sr	6-3	245
15.	Willie Williams	Louisville	Jr	6-3	225
16.	Nick Watkins	Clemson	Sr	6-2	220
17.	Luke Sanders	LSU	Sr	6-5	235
18.	Zack Follett	California	Jr	6-2	237
19.	Jordan Dizon	Colorado	Sr	6-0	225
20.	Wesley Woodyard	Kentucky	Sr	6-1	212
21.	Worrell Williams	California	Jr	6-2	256
22.	Bryant Haines	Ball St	Jr	6-5	230
23.	Clint Sintim	Virginia	Jr	6-3	256
24.	Jeremy Jones	UTEP	Sr	6-1	240
25.	Jonathan Casillas	Wisconsin	Jr	6-2	212
26.	Aaron Curry	Wake Forest	Jr	6-3	240
27.	Robert Henson	TCU	Jr	6-1	228
28.	Brian Raines	Rice	Jr	6-1	220
29.	Sergio Kindle	Texas	So	6-4	239
30.	Dannell Ellerbe	Georgia	Jr	6-1	232
31.	Spencer Larsen	Arizona	Sr	6-1	236
32.	Geno Hayes	Florida St	Jr	6-2	218
33.	DeAndre Levy	Wisconsin	Jr	6-3	223
34.	Patrick Lavine	Oklahoma St	So	6-3	220
35.	Ezra Butler	Nevada	Sr	6-2	248
36.	Adam Leonard	Hawaii	Jr	6-0	236
37.	Steve Davis	Minnesota	Jr	6-2	235
38.	David Vobora	Idaho	Sr	6-1	240
39.	Solomon Elimimian	Hawaii	Jr	6-0	224
40.	LeRue Rumph	NC State	Sr	6-1	223
41.	Tavares Gooden	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-2	238
42.	Jeremy Engstrom	Nevada	Sr	6-1	247
43.	SirDarean Adams	Michigan St	Sr	6-0	230
44.	Ryan Reynolds	Oklahoma	So	6-1	237
45.	Tray Blackmon	Auburn	So	6-0	205
46.	Japhus Brown	Texas A&M	Sr	5-11	199
47.	Marcus Ball	Florida St	rFr	6-0	213
48.	Thomas Red Keith	C Michigan	Sr	5-11	242
49.	Anthony Felder	California	Jr	6-4	231
50.	Steve Octavien	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	240
51.	Derrick Doggett	Oregon St	Sr	6-3	210
52.	Drew Fowler	Air Force	Sr	6-2	235
53.	Corey Smith	Cincinnati	Jr	6-1	220
54.	Chris Collins	Oklahoma St	So	6-2	240
55.	Freddie Fairchild	Arkansas	So	6-2	222
56.	Trent Allen	Houston	Sr	6-2	244
57.	Joey LaRocque	Oregon St	Sr	6-2	218
58.	Jake Hutton	Utah St	Jr	6-0	229
59.	Joe Brockington	Notre Dame	Sr	6-2	235
60.	John Shevlin	Minnesota	Sr	6-1	225
61.	Casper Brinkley	S Carolina	Sr	6-2	257
62.	Reggie Carter	UCLA	So	6-1	218
63.	Van Alexander	Missouri	Jr	6-0	230
64.	Rico McCoy	Tennessee	So	6-1	215
65.	Mike Sherels	Minnesota	Sr	6-0	240

Hawaii
LB Adam Leonard

PHIL'S TOP 66 CORNERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Aqib Talib	Kansas	Jr	6-2	180
2.	Malcolm Jenkins	Ohio St	Jr	6-1	202
3.	Zackary Bowman	Nebraska	Sr	6-2	200
4.	Justin King	Penn St	Jr	6-0	185
5.	Antoine Cason	Arizona	Sr	6-0	182
6.	Terrell Thomas	USC	Sr	6-1	200
7.	Paul Oliver	Georgia	Sr	6-0	201
8.	Dwight Lowery	San Jose St	Sr	6-1	185
9.	Brandon Flowers	Virginia Tech	Jr	5-10	190
10.	Simeon Castille	Alabama	Sr	6-1	189
11.	DeJuan Tribble	Boston College	Sr	5-9	190
12.	Mike Jenkins	USF	Sr	6-0	200
13.	Jack Ikegwuonu	Wisconsin	Jr	6-1	201
14.	Victor Harris	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-0	200
15.	Chevis Jackson	LSU	Sr	6-0	190
16.	Vontae Davis	Illinois	So	6-0	185
17.	Jonathan Zenon	LSU	Sr	6-0	176
18.	Ambrose Wooden	Notre Dame	Sr	5-11	190
19.	Marcus Walker	Oklahoma	Sr	5-11	192
20.	AJ Wallace	Penn St	So	6-1	195
21.	Joe Burnett	UCF	Jr	5-11	183
22.	Tony Carter	Florida St	Jr	5-9	161
23.	Isaiah Gardner	Maryland	Sr	5-11	197
24.	Randy Phillips	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-0	195
25.	Trey Brown	UCLA	Sr	5-9	185
26.	Kevin Thomas	USC	Jr	6-1	180
27.	Rod Council	Louisville	Jr	5-11	190
28.	Glenn Sharpe	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-0	187
29.	Jonathan Wilhite	Auburn	Sr	5-11	182
30.	Jairus Byrd	Oregon	So	5-11	208
31.	Terrail Lambert	Notre Dame	Jr	5-11	191
32.	Mike Mickens	Cincinnati	Jr	6-0	165
33.	Trae Williams	USF	Sr	5-10	185
34.	Londen Fryar	W Michigan	Jr	5-11	185
35.	DeAndre Wright	New Mexico	Jr	6-0	183
36.	Morgan Trent	Michigan	Jr	6-1	189
37.	Darnell Terrell	Missouri	Sr	6-3	205
38.	Charles Godfrey	Iowa	Sr	6-1	208
39.	Cortney Grixby	Nebraska	Sr	5-9	170
40.	Lendy Holmes	Oklahoma	Jr	6-1	196
41.	Andre Jones	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	190
42.	Rodney Van	UCLA	Sr	5-11	170
43.	DJ Wolfe	Oklahoma	Sr	6-0	196
44.	Mark Parson	Ohio	Jr	5-10	188
45.	JR Bryant	Florida St	Sr	6-1	178
46.	Chris Cook	Virginia	Jr	6-2	204
47.	Martel Van Zant	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-1	210
48.	Terrence Wheatley	Colorado	Sr	5-10	170
49.	Dominic Jones	Minnesota	Jr	5-8	190
50.	Tracy Porter	Indiana	Sr	5-11	181
51.	Calvin Mickens	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-2	200
52.	Nigel Morris	Toledo	Sr	6-0	181
53.	Trevard Lindley	Kentucky	So	6-0	175
54.	Danny Gorrer	Texas A&M	Jr	6-0	178
55.	Woodny Turenne	Louisville	Jr	6-1	190
56.	Antonio Lewis	West Virginia	Sr	5-10	185
57.	Orlando Scandrick	Boise St	Jr	5-11	187
58.	Alphonso Smith	Wake Forest	Jr	5-9	191
59.	Matterral Richardson	Arkansas	Sr	6-0	197
60.	Adam Shada	Iowa	Sr	6-1	185
61.	Alterraun Verner	UCLA	So	5-11	170
62.	Mil'Von James	UNLV	Sr	6-0	210
63.	Allen Langford	Wisconsin	Jr	5-11	196
64.	Stanley Franks	Idaho	Sr	5-11	167
65.	Darius Butler	Connecticut	Jr	5-11	186
66.	Walter Thurmond	Oregon	So	6-0	175

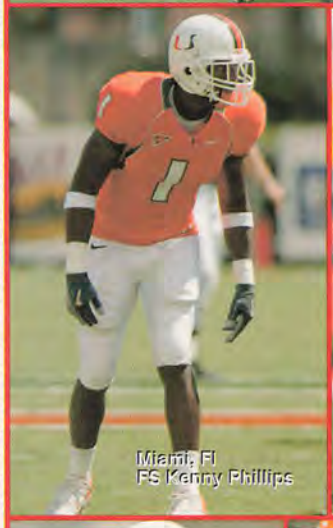
PHIL'S TOP 20 PUNT RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	DeSean Jackson	California	Jr	6-0	166
2.	Rafael Little	Kentucky	Sr	5-10	195
3.	Tracy Porter	Indiana	Sr	5-11	181
4.	Derrick Williams	Penn St	Jr	6-0	203
5.	Eddie Royal	Virginia Tech	Sr	5-10	181
6.	Perrish Cox	Oklahoma St	So	6-1	185
7.	Mikey Henderson	Georgia	Sr	5-10	150
8.	Terrence Nunn	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	190
9.	Clifton Smith	Fresno St	Sr	5-8	190
10.	Joe Burnett	UCF	Sr	5-11	183
11.	Travis Williams	E Carolina	Sr	5-10	182
12.	Derek Pegues	Miss St	Jr	5-10	196
13.	Danny Amendola	Texas Tech	Sr	5-11	177
14.	Reggie Smith	Oklahoma	Jr	6-1	197
15.	Kevin Robinson	Utah St	Sr	6-0	192
16.	Jeremy Trimble	Army	Sr	6-0	219
17.	Darrell Blackman	NC State	Sr	5-10	205
18.	Dominic Jones	Minnesota	Jr	5-8	190
19.	Larry Taylor	Connecticut	Sr	5-6	173
20.	Chris Garrett	Ohio	So	5-8	174

California
PR DeSean Jackson

Army
SS Caleb Campbell

Notre Dame
SS Tom Zbikowski


Miami, Fl
FS Kenny Phillips

Kansas
CB Aqib Talib

Penn St
PR Derrick Williams

Virginia Tech
CB Brandon Flowers

PHIL'S TOP 43 FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Kenny Phillips	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-2	202
2.	Taylor Mays	USC	So	6-4	225
3.	Nic Harris	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	226
4.	Dennis Keyes	UCLA	Sr	6-2	194
5.	Otis Wiley	Michigan St	Jr	6-2	210
6.	Quintin Demps	UTEP	Sr	6-1	205
7.	Josh Barrett	Arizona St	Sr	6-3	231
8.	Derek Pegues	Miss St	Jr	5-10	196
9.	Jonathan Hefney	Tennessee	Sr	5-9	185
10.	Darien Williams	Oklahoma	Sr	6-0	197
11.	Roger Williams	Florida St	Sr	6-0	200
12.	Josh Pinkard	USC	Jr	6-1	215
13.	Quinton Andrews	West Virginia	So	6-0	205
14.	Chris Clemons	Clemson	Jr	6-1	205
15.	Marcus McClinton	Kentucky	Jr	6-1	210
16.	Haruki Nakamura	Cincinnati	Sr	5-10	185
17.	Aairon Savage	Auburn	So	5-11	191
18.	Jamie Silva	Boston College	Sr	5-11	208
19.	Marcus Watts	Kansas St	Sr	6-1	191
20.	Tierre Green	Nebraska	Sr	6-1	200
21.	Louis Delmas	W Michigan	Jr	6-0	181
22.	Kelin Johnson	Georgia	Sr	6-1	194
23.	Tony Cade	UNLV	Sr	6-2	205
24.	Anderson Russell	Ohio St	So	6-0	190
25.	Thomas DeCoud	California	Sr	6-2	195
26.	Ron Girault	Rutgers	Sr	5-11	200
27.	Steve Tate	Utah	Sr	5-11	195
28.	Jason Venson	UCF	Jr	5-10	208
29.	Latarrius Thomas	Louisville	So	6-2	213
30.	Bobby Giannini	Air Force	Sr	6-2	210
31.	Damon Nickson	Middle Tenn	Sr	6-0	177
32.	Sherrod Martin	Troy	Jr	6-1	187
33.	Ryan Mundy	West Virginia	Sr	6-1	208
34.	Tony Davis	Penn St	Jr	5-10	197
35.	Tyrrell Herbert	Toledo	Sr	6-2	190
36.	Khayyam Burns	Arkansas St	Sr	6-0	184
37.	Aaron Weathers	North Texas	Sr	6-0	203
38.	Trimane Goddard	N Carolina	Jr	5-11	192
39.	David Bruton	Notre Dame	Jr	6-2	202
40.	Antwain Allen	W Michigan	Sr	6-2	215
41.	Al Afalava	Oregon St	Jr	6-0	209
42.	Brandon Erwin	Purdue	So	5-11	188
43.	Donovan Woods	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-2	225

PHIL'S TOP 43 STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Tom Zbikowski	Notre Dame	Sr	6-0	210
2.	Jamar Adams	Michigan	Sr	6-2	212
3.	Myron Rolle	Florida St	So	6-2	213
4.	Courtney Greene	Rutgers	Jr	6-1	205
5.	Eric Wicks	West Virginia	Sr	6-1	200
6.	Reggie Smith	Oklahoma	Jr	6-1	197
7.	Andre Sexton	Oklahoma St	So	6-1	210
8.	Chris Horton	UCLA	Sr	6-1	210
9.	Kevin Ellison	USC	Jr	6-1	220
10.	Jamario O'Neal	Ohio St	Jr	6-1	200
11.	Anthony Scirrotto	Penn St	Jr	6-0	195
12.	Michael Hamlin	Clemson	Jr	6-3	200
13.	Patrick Chung	Oregon	Jr	5-11	210
14.	Caleb Campbell	Army	Sr	6-2	224
15.	Tyrell Johnson	Arkansas St	Sr	6-1	197
16.	Reshard Langford	Vanderbilt	Jr	6-2	215
17.	Eric Brock	Auburn	Sr	6-1	204
18.	Tony Joiner	Florida	Sr	5-11	217
19.	Craig Steltz	LSU	Sr	6-2	204
20.	Barry Church	Toledo	So	6-3	215
21.	Jamal Lewis	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-0	199
22.	Brandon Sumrall	S Mississippi	Sr	5-11	197
23.	Sha'Reff Rashad	UCF	Jr	6-0	197
24.	Lovon Ponder	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-0	207
25.	Marty Tadman	Boise St	Sr	5-11	182
26.	Nehemiah Warrick	Michigan St	Sr	6-1	200
27.	Anthony Reddick	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-0	205
28.	Keenan Clayton	Oklahoma	So	6-1	210
29.	Dominique Barber	Minnesota	Sr	6-0	210
30.	Dowayne Davis	Syracuse	Sr	6-0	200
31.	Carlton Williams	USF	Jr	6-4	205
32.	Jamarca Sanford	Mississippi	Jr	5-10	200
33.	Justin Harrison	Illinois	Sr	5-11	215
34.	Brian Bonner	TCU	Sr	5-11	199
35.	Bryan Payton	Oregon St	Jr	6-2	221
36.	Joe Garcia	Texas Tech	Jr	6-1	217
37.	Josh Thompson	ULM	Jr	6-2	215
38.	Rocky Schwartz	Houston	Sr	5-10	200
39.	Brendan Smith	Northwestern	Jr	6-1	210
40.	Nate Lyles	Virginia	Sr	6-0	203
41.	Chris Varner	Maryland	Sr	5-11	205
42.	Jacob Patek	Hawaii	Sr	5-11	210
43.	Uche Anyanwyu	Nevada	Jr	6-0	215

Division IAA Guide

By Phil Steele

At the end of last year the NCAA changed its' terminology and began referring to IAA teams as FCS teams which stands for Football Championship Subdivision. They are calling IA teams, FBS teams which stands for Football Bowl Subdivision. Now, I study college football 365 days a year and here I am in the early part of May, and I still can't get those initials embedded into my head. I have the feeling that you are in the same boat as we have referred to them as IA and IAA for too many years. There are some spots in the magazine where I call them IAA teams and other spots where I use the politically correct term of FCS. If you see FCS that of course refers to IAA. You can let me know how you feel about using these new initials when you fill in the questionnaire on page 326.

This article is about my ever-expanding IAA coverage. There are 123 teams in the FCS which is even more than the 120 currently in IA (aka FBS). While these teams have less scholarships to give out, the numbers vary. Some leagues do not offer football scholarships at all, while some have up to 60, while still others have a set number that may be divided between players as needed. The attendance of most programs pale in comparison to most of the IA teams (listed on the team's right-hand page), but a team like Montana which averaged 22,600 would rank above 36 FBS teams. The bottom line is these schools do play solid football and I enjoy watching IAA games whenever they are on. Since IA teams voted to expand their schedules to 12 games there have been many more matchups between these divisions and "upsets" like New Hampshire over Northwestern and Montana St over Colorado have become more common.

If you are a IAA (FCS) fan that is frustrated by the fact that no magazine really gives top-notch coverage on your school then I am willing to lend a hand. My national magazine has ZERO coverage on IAA teams. Checking last year's national magazines The Sporting News also had zero coverage and Lindy's national magazine had 4 pages total on IAA.

As my staff grows, and since we concentrate on nothing but football year round, we are expanding IAA coverage this year but how much it is expanded in future years depends on what you want to see (page 326).

Let me give you a quick history on how my magazine has expaned its coverage of IA (FBS) teams through the years. I started the magazine in 1995 and it had 88 IA teams in it with no coverage of the MAC or smaller southern independents (now the Sun Belt) at all! In the 4th year I gave three pages total to the 24 teams that played IA that were not in the main magazine. Those 3 pages were a sheet of schedules for the 24 teams, last year's results and one page of conference forecasts, so each of the 24 teams were allotted just one paragraph on that page! In 1999 I gave the 25 smaller IA teams their own page and the coverage on the MAC and Sun Belt teams increased to 28 pages for the 25 teams! I gave them the same amount of coverage in 2000. In 2001 I welcomed the MAC to the big leagues with TWO FULL PAGES on every MAC team, the same amount of coverage the SEC, Big Ten and other BCS conferences received. Finally in 2002 I upgraded it to two full pages for EVERY IA team.

Now let's look at my IAA coverage over the years. Naturally when the minor IA teams were getting very little coverage I had ZERO IAA information in the national magazine. In 2003 I dipped my toe into the water and had a member of my staff who followed IAA closely write a 1 page article on IAA football with a Preseason Top 25. I did not get a lot of feedback on my questionnaires and with that person moving on in 2004 I went back to zero coverage. In 2005 we put out three Regional Magazines for the Big Ten, SEC and Big XII. I wanted to put a couple of pages on regionally significant IAA teams in those magazines. For many years we have kept track of all IAA statistics so we know how good those teams are when they face IA foes. Jim Seman, a longtime member of my staff who works until 6:00 AM on Sunday mornings during football season making sure all of the stats for both IA and IAA are entered into our computer system, is our resident IAA expert. He wrote two pages with a Top 25 forecast in the 2005 Regionals. When I read thru the questionnaires (yes, I read every one!) that summer there was growing interest in an expanded IAA coverage. In 2006 I went wild. I had Jim write up a full-lengthy paragraph on each IAA team and we expanded to 26 pages of coverage putting all 26 pages into my Pac 10 Regional Magazine.

This year I expanded it again and now have an easy-to-read format (one quarter of a page) on each team. I've included at the top of this column, an example of our coverage of 2-time defending IAA champ, Appalachian St. This year we are going to start using some of the same computer formulas and systems that I use for IA forecasts for the IAA teams. These include my 8 sets of power ratings, applying those ratings to the upcoming schedule, Turnovers=Turnaround and all of the various forecast articles such as YPP, Lettermen Lost, Starts Lost to injury, etc. My goal is to have it be BY FAR the most in-depth IAA preseason magazine and like the IA version also the most accurate.

This year once again my IAA guide will be found in the Pac 10 Regional Magazine. It will be AT LEAST 35 pages. To my knowledge Street and Smith is the only other national magazine which gives at least a paragraph on each IAA team but this year I feel we have surpassed that with the statistical history and one quarter page provided on each team. I would love to increase the coverage to a half page next year and then perhaps a full page in upcoming years. If that happens the FCS would have its own complete magazine. As always, it will happen if the demand is high enough so you, the reader, hold the key. If you are passionate about IAA football then head out to any newsstand in the West where the Pac 10 Regional is sold and pick one up this year. If you are not out West you can order the magazine on my website www.philsteele.com or by calling 1-866-918-7711. I will even split the cost of postage with you. If you want the Pac 10 regional ($6.99) it costs two bucks to ship it via regular mail but I will knock $1 off. It can be yours for $7.99 regular mail or $8.99 priority mail. Finally IAA (FCS) fans have increased coverage and if the reader speaks out it could just be the tip of the iceberg!

APPALACHIAN ST

BOONE, NC

HC: JERRY MOORE (154-68-0)

RET STS	OFF PTS	TTL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	TOTAL TURN		RECORD	RET STS	DEF PTS	TTL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %
7	35.2	418	241	5.5	176	58.8	-1	2006	14-1	7	14.9	277	108	3.1	169	51.1
6	30.3	423	194	4.9	229	62.2	+8	2005	12-3	9	18.8	331	167	3.7	164	55.5
8	33.3	426	103	3.0	323	65.7	-3	2004	6-5	4	32.5	401	195	4.1	206	57.4

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
K. Richardson	302	1738	62	1676	30	5.5
Armanti Edwards	188	1258	105	1153	15	6.1
Devon Moore	61	321	6	315	2	5.2
Trey Elder	49	232	73	159	0	3.2
Trey Hennessee	20	98	0	98	0	4.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Armanti Edwards	274	167	60.9	2251	15	10
Trey Elder	64	32	50.0	372	2	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
W. Mayfield	64	1129	17.6	5	65
Dexter Jackson	33	470	14.2	3	79
K. Richardson	30	285	9.5	1	46
T.J. Courman	21	227	10.8	2	36
Josh Johnson	17	135	7.9	1	18
Hans Batichon	7	120	17.1	1	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	In20
Neil Young	29	1095	37.8	34.8(t)	3

KICKING	XP	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Julian Rauch	69-70	1-2	0-1	10-14	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Pierre Banks	110	1	1.5	2	1
Jeremy Wiggins	85	0	3.5	5	5
Corey Lynch	85	0	5	6	5
Monte Smith	84	1.5	6.5	0	1
Marques Murrell	82	13	4	3	0
Omarr Byrom	70	6	5.5	0	0
Daniel Orlebar	65	2	0	0	0
G. Tharrington	62	7.5	7.5	0	0
Cam Speer	59	0	1.5	0	0
Jacque Roman	44	1	1.5	4	0
J. Touchstone	38	0	2.5	9	2
Justin Woazeah	38	0	0.5	10	2
Titus Howard	25	1	1	2	0
Billy Riddle	23	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dexter Jackson	30	369	12.3	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
James Hill	20	401	20.0	0

2006 RESULTS (14-1)

	Opponent	Score
at	North Carolina St	10-23
	James Madison	21-10
	Mars Hill	41-0
at	Gardner-Webb	41-6
	Elon	45-21
at	Chattanooga	56-21
	Wofford	14-7
at	Georgia Southern	27-20
	Furman	40-7
	The Citadel	42-13
at	W Carolina	31-9
	Coastal Carolina	45-28
	Montana St	38-17
	Youngstown St	49-24
†	Massachusetts	28-17

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

In 2006 Appalachian St became just the 6th team to win multiple IAA championships since the playoff system began in 1978. The Mountaineers have a combined 26-4 record the last 2 years and 3 of those losses were to IA teams including their only loss last year to NC State, 23-10 in the season opener. They outscored the rest of their 2006 opponents by an avg of 37-14. That included wins over 6 ranked teams. For the year they outgained opponents by an avg 141 ypg.

True frosh QB Amanti Edwards (PS#111) replaced Troy Elder who had started the 2005 Championship game. Edwards threw for 2,251 (60.9%) with a 15-10 ratio and was the #2 rusher with 1,153 (6.1) with 15 TD's joining an elite group of just 5 Div I QB's to have 2,000 yds passing and 1,000 yds rushing in a season. The leading rusher was Kevin Richardson with 1,676 (5.5) and 30 rush TD's. He was also the #3 receiver with 30 rec (9.5). Their top receiver was WR William Mayfield who had 64 (17.6) while WR Dexter Jackson was #2 with 33 (14.2). The offense featured 10 players on the All-SoCon team (eight 1st Tm!). The OL was impressive with four 1st team and one 2nd Team All-SoCon players, This year they lose Mayfield along with RG Jeremy Robertson and RT Matt Isenhour (both 1st Team). The offense should again be explosive and could improve on their 35.2 ppg with senior RB Kevin Richardson as a Walter Payton Award contender.

ASU held teams to just 14.9 ppg and 276.9 ypg. They had 6 All-SoCon players (three 1st Tm) led by 2x AA DE Marques Murrell who led the conf with 13 sacks. This year ASU must replace 5 def starters including Murrell (UFA PHI) , #2 tkl'r NB Jeremy Wiggins (1st Tm) and DT Omarr Byrom (2nd Tm). The big concern is the DL which has just 1 starter back in DE Gary Tharrington (2nd Tm).

ASU enters the season with the longest home winning streak in the FCS (27). They do have to face Furman in Greenville which is the sight of their only FCS loss in the last 2 years. ASU is a talented team and once again will be in the hunt for the FCS Championship.

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

QUARTERBACKS 2007's Top QB Units

1. **Louisville -** Brian Brohm could have been the first overall pick in the draft but opted to return for his senior year. He has a career 41-12 ratio and was banged up in '06. Hunter Cantwell has played well when called upon (4 sts) and is also an NFL prospect who would start for many college teams. Third string is Matt Simms (PS#20) who is former NFL Giants QB Phil's son.
2. **Hawaii -** Colt Brennan declared for the draft and then changed his mind and opted to return. He is an NFL caliber QB and the perfect fit for June Jones' offense. Last year's stats are amazing with 5549 yards, 72.6% completions with a 58-12 ratio and he could top those this year! Tyler Graunke is in his 4th year and has played in 17 games with 2 starts and supplies good depth.
3. **West Virginia -** Pat White has 4.42 speed and despite being injured in the 2H of '06, he still rushed for 1219 net yards and 7.4 ypc! Unlike most running QB's he can throw with precision and hit 65.9% in '06. Jarrett Brown (PS#30) started one game and coach Rodriquez called him the best #2 QB in the country. Third string is Adam Bednarik who is 6-1 as a starting QB!
4. **USC -** John David Booty has waited patiently for his turn and now hopes to be the 3rd Heisman QB at USC in the last 6 years. In his first year as a starter he threw for 3347 yards (61.7%) with a 29-9 ratio. He should be a much stronger QB with a full year of experience. Mark Sanchez (PS#2) would probably start for 75% of the other teams in the NCAA.
5. **New Mexico St -** Chase Holbrook is 6'5" 235 and has spent 3 years in Mumme's passing system. Last year he set an NCAA soph record with 4619 yards (70%) with a 34-9 ratio and has a much better supporting cast in '07. My main concern on this unit is depth as they have the biggest dropoff from starter to backup in the NCAA.
6. **Texas Tech -** Graham Harrell is the first VHT to lead Mike Leach's pass happy offense. In his first year as a starter he "only" threw for 4555 yards (67%) with a 38-11 ratio. That was the lowest yardage total at Texas Tech since 2001. He should have an even better year and backup Taylor Potts (PS#19) provides solid depth.
7. **Tennessee -** Erik Ainge is 6'6" and has a solid arm. With OC David Cutcliffe's arrival in '06 and having the job security (no musical QB's), he was the most improved QB in the NCAA hitting 67% with a 19-9 ratio. He tore an MCL in the spring but should be fine for the fall. Jonathan Crompton (PS#3) started one game in '06 and provides quality depth.

New Mexico St
Chase Holbrook

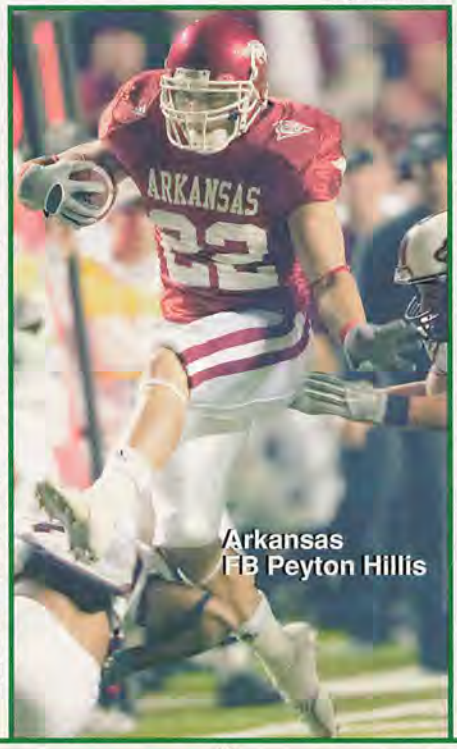
8. **Missouri -** Chase Daniel (PS#7) did well when called upon as a backup in '05 and in his first full year as a starter threw for 3527 (63.5%) with a 28-10 ratio. He is also a dangerous runner (598 gross yards). Chase Patton (PS#12) has only played in 1 game, but is in his 4th year in the system and is a capable backup and will be ready if needed.
9. **Michigan -** Chad Henne started as a true frosh and is now in his senior season making him the most veteran QB in the country. He hit 61.9% in '06 with a 22-8 ratio and should have his best season by far in '07. Ryan Mallett (6'6" 247) is a true frosh (PS#1) who joined the team in spring.
10. **Kentucky -** André Woodson may be the best QB you've never heard of. His career TD/Int ratio is the best in SEC history. He is 6'5" 230 and has a powerful arm and good field presence. Mike Hartline (PS#24) and Will Fidler (PS#34) are a couple of rFr that provide quality depth.
11. **Texas -** Colt McCoy played even better than expected in his first year completing 68% with a 29-7 ratio filling the large shoes of Vince Young. He is now a soph and should be even better. Sherrod Harris (PS#23, rFr) and true frosh John Chiles (PS#8) are capable backups.
12. **Texas A&M** - Stephen McGee showed his capabilities when he almost engineered an upset of eventual national champ Texas in '05. Last year was his first as the starter and he not only rushed for 666 net yards but threw for 2295 (62%) with a 12-2 ratio. Jerrod Johnson (6'6" 223) has the team's strongest arm and is tough to tackle.
13. **Boston College** - Matt Ryan was the backup his first two years but he started 5 games taking over the job in the 2H of '05. Last year he was banged up and questionable to play most games, but still threw for 2942 (61.6%) with a 15-10 ratio. He is 14-4 as a starter and should have a fine senior year. Chris Crane (PS#65) got in 1 start in '06.
14. **Purdue** - Curtis Painter is a solid QB in Joe Tiller's offense, and is the strongest, most physical QB Tiller has ever had. In his first full year as a starter he was #4 in the NCAA in passing yards with 3985 (59.4%) but with only a 22-19 ratio. I look for big time improvement in the % and ratio and Joey Elliott (PS#27) is the backup.
15. **Oregon** - In the first half of 2006 Dennis Dixon looked like one of the top QB's in the country and he is a dangerous runner. He struggled inexplicably and then lost his job to Brady Leaf for the last two. He has regained his form this spring and Leaf and Nathan Costa (PS#56) provide solid depth.

The rest of the Top 28:

16. Florida St
17. Georgia
18. Florida
19. Miami, Fl
20. Penn St
21. Oklahoma St
22. Troy
23. California
24. Washington St
25. Utah
26. Nebraska
27. LSU
28. South Carolina

RUNNING BACKS 2007's Top RB Units

1. **Arkansas -** Darren McFadden was perhaps the best player in the NCAA last year despite being banged up some of the year. He rushed for 1647 (5.8) and even played QB. Felix Jones rushed for 1168 (7.6) as a backup! FB Peyton Hillis (PS#9) would start at TB for many teams. JUCO Brandon Barnett now joins the unit and he has 4.38 speed.
2. **West Virginia -** Steve Slaton is a threat to score every time he touches the ball. Last year he rushed for 1744 (7.0). FB Owen Schmitt is a super blocker who can also hurt you running the ball and had 109 yds in the bowl. Backing up Slaton is Jason Gwaltney (PS#5) and Noel Devine (PS#2)!
3. **USC -** The only thing the Trojans lack is a feature back. Including this year's true frosh USC has PS #'s of #1, #3, #3, #3LB, #6, #9, #9, #10 and #12! Chauncey Washington, Emmanuel Moody and CJ Gable were the top 3 RB's LY and all 3 return.
4. **Texas A&M -** The Aggies have a nice Thunder and Lightning combo. Jorvorskie Lane (PS#14) is 274 lbs providing the power and he rushed for 725 (4.4), while Michael Goodson (PS#4) provides the speed and avg'd 6.7 ypc as a true frosh with 847 yds. True frosh Bradley Stephens (PS#12) is good enough to steal some time and makes this unit deep.
5. **Clemson -** James Davis (PS#21) was 1st team ACC in '06 rushing for 1187 (5.8). CJ Spiller (PS#10) was 2nd team ACC as a true frosh rushing for 938 (7.3). They nicknamed themselves "Superman and Flash" at midseason last year and will only improve with another year of experience.
6. **Navy -** FB Adam Ballard has a career rush avg of 5.6 ypc and is back from a broken leg suffered vs Army. Eric Kettani is another potential 1000 yard rusher at the FB slot. Reggie Campbell was #2 in the Patriot League in the 55M. He tied an NCAA record with 5 TD's in '05's bowl and has a career rush ypc of 7.5. Shun White has blazing speed and avg 12.0 on 48 attempts in '06. All of last year's top rushers return in '07.
7. **Wisconsin -** PJ Hill rushed for 1569 (5.0) and was a 1st team Frosh All American. He was just the 5th player in NCAA history to top 1000 in the first 7 games. FB's Andy Crooks and Chris Pressley return. They also get a solid addition in John Clay (PS#3) who will play immediately as a true frosh.
8. **Michigan -** Mike Hart rushed for 1455 (5.2) as a true frosh. He was banged up in '05 and "only" rushed for 662 in 8 starts. Hart rushed for 1562 (4.9) last year and is back for his senior year. Kevin Grady (PS#2) is injured and out for the year, but Brandon Minor (PS#25) and Carlos Brown (PS#12) supply quality depth.
9. **Oregon -** Jonathan Stewart could surprise everyone this year and be the 1st RB taken in the 2008 draft. He is 230 lbs, benches 410, has 4.34 speed and a VL of 38.5". He is a PS#1 and has only shown flashes so far, but rushed for 981 (5.4) and has KR avg's of 33.7 and 28.1 the last two years. Bellotti thought both he and Jeremiah Johnson (644, 6.3) would each top 1,000 LY and they have that potential in '07.



Arkansas
FB Peyton Hillis

10. **Arizona St -** Ryan Torain was a JC transfer who took over and started the final 9 games last year rushing for 1229 (5.5). He has both power and breakaway speed. Keegan Herring (PS#44) has rushed for 1419 (5.6) in the last 2 years and was the feature back at the start of '06. Torain is one of the top RB's for next year's draft.
11. **Georgia -** Kregg Lumpkin (PS#3) is now 3 yrs removed from his ACL injury and rushed for 798 (4.9) in '06. Knowshon Moreno (PS#14) was a terror on the scout team LY and goes full speed all the time. Thomas Brown (PS#3) had a combined 1611 (5.1) in '04 & '05 but was injured last year. FB Brannan Southerland is underrated and they add true frosh Caleb King (PS#8) this year.
12. **LSU -** Keiland Williams is 223 lbs of muscle with 4.45 speed. Alley Broussard (PS#8) rushed for 867 (6.1) in 8 starts in '04 but missed '05 with injury. Last year he wasn't 100%, but should be in better shape in '07. Those two along with Charles Scott (PS #7) and FB Jacob Hester (PS#38) combined for 1434 rush yards last year and all should improve. They also add rFr Richard Murphy (PS#27) who was #1 in the spring game (7.7 ypc)!
13. **Texas -** Jamaal Charles (PS#6) is 200 lbs and was #1 in the Big 12 and #5 in the NCAA in the 100M (10.23). He has rushed for 1709 (6.2) the last 2 years. Chris Ogbonnaya (PS#33WR), rFr Vondrell McGee (PS#20) and true frosh Foswhitt Whittaker (PS#18) supply the quality depth.
14. **Rutgers -** The Knights had one of the top RB combos in the country in '06 with Ray Rice and FB Brian Leonard. While it will be strange watching a RU game without Leonard in the backfield, Rice is still one of the NCAA's elite backs and in '06 finished with 1,794 (5.4).
15. **NC State -** Tom O'Brien loves to run the football and inherits a tremendous pair of backs. Andre Brown (PS#10) was compared to Herschel Walker by ex-coach Amato and has shown glimpses of that ability in 2 yrs. Toney Baker (PS#7) is 225 lbs and had 865 yds total offense in '06.

The rest of the Top 28:

16. Iowa
17. Miami, Fl
18. Nebraska
19. Ohio St
20. Oklahoma
21. Boise St
22. Notre Dame
23. Georgia Tech
24. Virginia Tech
25. Northwestern
26. Tennessee
27. Florida St
28. UTEP

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

RECEIVERS 2007's Top Receiving Units

1. **California** - DeSean Jackson is living up to his VHT billing (PS#1) and is not only a dangerous returnman but had 59 rec (18.0) last year. Robert Jordan was HM Pac 10 in '06 with 46 (12.4). HM Pac 10 Lavelle Hawkins (PS#5) had a much more productive year as a soph with 46 (15.3). TE Craig Stevens had 17 (14.1) as 2nd Tm Pac 10 and will battle Cameron Morrah who Tedford is high on.
2. **Louisville** - Mario Urrutia is 6'6" and had 58 rec (16.8) and makes my preseason AA team. Harry Douglas was 1st tm Big East and set a school record with 1265 yds rec (18.1). TE Gary Barnidge had 31 (16.5) and will be utilized more. They added in Notre Dame, Duke and GTech transfers in '06 and all 3 will be more productive this year. They also add true frosh Josh Chichester (PS#31).
3. **Hawaii** - The Warriors could have 4 walk-ons starting at WR and would still put up BIG reception totals in their offense. This group has numbers and talent. Davone Bess was 1st team WAC as a true and again in '06 with 96 rec (12.7) and is an NFL prospect. Ryan Grice-Mullen had 85 rec in '05 and 46 (16.7) LY despite being banged up. Jason Rivers is 6'2" with 4.45 speed and has 200 rec in 3 yrs. CJ Hawthorne has 4.45 speed and moves in from CB. Jason Ferguson was highly regarded in '05 but missed the last 2 yrs with injury.
4. **Purdue** - Dorien Bryant who has 4.22 spd had 87 rec LY (12.3). Selwyn Lymon (PS#11) was the 1st player awarded the "#1" jersey by Tiller and is 6'4". His 238 yds rec vs Notre Dame was the most ever allowed by the Irish. Greg Orton (PS#32) is 6'3" and had 58 (13.6). TE Dustin Keller had 56 (13.8) and has NFL potential.
5. **Texas** - Limas Sweed is 6'5" and was 1st Tm Big 12 with 46 (17.4). Quan Cosby (PS#9DB) had 45 (11.7). TE Jermichael Finley (PS#18WR) had 31 rec (12.0) and backup WR Jordan Shipley (PS#7) had 16 (14.3). Nate Jones (PS#21) had 13 (11.8). Billy Pittman has 69 rec the last 2 yrs. The unit returns intact.
6. **Florida** - Two of their top 3 depart but it remains one of the top units. Percy Harvin (PS#1) has 4.22 speed and had 427 yds rec and 428 yds rush. Andre Caldwell (4.29 spd) turned down the NFL and had 57 rec (10.1) in '06. Jarred Fayson (PS#9QB) should take an open WR slot. The TE's are Cornelius Ingram (PS#9QB) and Tate Casey (PS#9) who combined for 36 rec (12.2) and they are backed by PS#1 Aaron Hernandez.
7. **Alabama** - DJ Hall set a school record with 1056 rec yds (17.0) in '06. Keith Brown had 44 rec (13.4) despite only 8 sts due to injury. Tyrone Prothro was one of the most dangerous players in the NCAA in '05 before an injury and RS'd last year. Nikita Stover (PS#15), Matt Caddell (PS#27) and Will Oakley (6 sts) combined for 46 rec LY. All of the top receivers from last year return along with TE's Travis McCall and Nick Walker.
8. **New Mexico St** - Chris Williams led the NCAA in rec yds (1415) on 92 rec. Alabama transfer Derek Dubois had 53 (15.1) and AJ Harris had 71 (11.1). TE Nick Cleaver added 50 (13.7). Brandon Allen and Chris Buckner combined for 49 rec all of the top guys from last year are back.
9. **Florida St** - Greg Carr is 6'6" and had 34 (18.2) despite only starting 3 in '06. De'Cody Fagg is 6'3" and had 37 (11.9). The top TE is Jonathan Hannah (PS#4) who played as a true in '05 at South Carolina. DJ Norris (PS#27 TE) has 4 sts at DE the last 2 years. Damon McDaniel (PS#13) had 3 rec as a true.
10. **Oklahoma** - Malcolm Kelly (PS#4) led with 62 rec (16.0) and Juaquin Iglesias had 41 (12.5). TE Joe Jon Finley is 260 lbs and had 19 rec (12.7) and is backed by Jermaine Gresham (PS#3) who avg 20.1 ypc (8 rec). The backup WR's are both VHT's in Adron Tennell (PS#3) and Manuel Johnson (PS#14) and Johnson had 36 rec (10.5) in '06.
11. **Penn St** - TE Andrew Quarless is 252 lbs (PS#20) and had 21 (13.7). WR Deon Butler has led in rec's 2 straight years including 48 rec (13.3) in '06. Derrick Williams (PS#1) has 4.24 speed and had 40 (11.0) plus is dangerous on reverses. Jordan Norwood has 77 rec the last 2 years.
12. **Kentucky** - Keenan Burton is 6'2" with 4.4 spd and after being projected a #3DC he opted to return after having 77 rec (13.5) in '06. Dicky Lyons Jr had 50 (16.4). TE Jacob Tamme was 1st team SEC in '06 and was the top receiving TE in the SEC with 32 (12.1). Steve Johnson (PS#25JC) is now in his 2nd year here.
13. **Nebraska** - Maurice Purify (PS#3JC) is 6'4" and was not cleared until late August but still led with 630 yds (18.5). Terrence Nunn led the team in rec last year with 42 (14.2). Nate Swift has 67 rec the last two years. Frantz Hardy (PS#36JC) has 39 the last 2 yrs and is the fastest WR. TE Josh Mueller (PS#7) should do well as a first time starter.
14. **Georgia** - I was not impressed with the Bulldog rec corps in '06 as they were among the NCAA leaders in drops. This year's unit should be vastly improved. Mohamed Massaquoi (PS#5) had 38 rec as a true but suffered a soph slump in '06. Sean Bailey (PS#6) RS in '06 with injury. AJ Bryant (PS#10QB) was the #4 rec and Kenneth Harris was #3 and all are back with capable candidates at TE.
15. **Oregon** - Jaison Williams is 6'5" and runs a 10.65 100M. He led with 68 (14.5) despite a back injury. Brian Paysinger is 6'2" with 4.34 speed and had 34 (13.3). Cameron Colvin (PS#6) has 40 rec the last 2 years. New TE Ed Dickson (PS#21) should do well. Battling for time at WR are Terence Scott (PS#18JC), Derrick Jones (PS#9) who orig signed with USC, true frosh Drew Davis (PS#21) who was in for the spring and Garren Strong (36 rec in 3 yr).

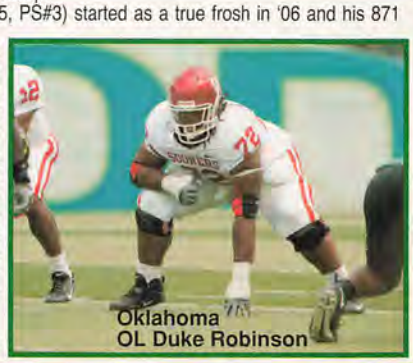
Texas
WR Limas Sweed

The rest of the Top 31:

16. Miami, Fl
17. Michigan
18. UNLV
19. USC
20. Missouri
21. LSU
22. Texas Tech
23. Wisconsin
24. Rice
25. Mississippi St
26. Arkansas
27. Pittsburgh
28. Illinois
29. Oklahoma St
30. Vanderbilt
31. Indiana

OFFENSIVE LINE 2007's Top OL Units

1. **Texas A&M** - The Aggies' OL had 4 VHT starters and paved the way for 5.0 ypc rush in '06 while allowing just 6% sacks. They have 4 starters back and have good power with 2 OL's squatting over 700 lbs. This is a veteran group with SIX players that have 9 or more starts returning and 119 combined career starts.
2. **Florida** - The Gators had to replace 4 starters from up front last year but the inexperienced unit opened holes for 4.7 ypc rush with just 6% sacks. Nine of the top 10 return this year and the entire 3 deep is made up almost entirely of VHT's. This unit also had solid size as the starters avg 6'4" 308.
3. **Oklahoma** - OU had to replace 4 starters up front LY and then lost another OL starter to injury in '06. Like Florida their inexperienced unit performed beyond expectations with 4.5 ypc rush and just 5% sacks. Nine of their top 10 are back and 5 have started 7 or more plus they add PS#29JC Phil Loadholt who was in for the spring. The starters avg 6'5" 317.
4. **Michigan** - The Wolves had 2 starters back in '06 and allowed just 14 sacks in the 1st 11 gms (I won't talk about the last 2). They avg'd 4.3 ypc rush for the year. LT Jake Long who was the Big 10 OL of the year and a 1st tm AA turned down an early shot at the NFL so 8 of the top 10 are back and G Adam Kraus also makes my AA list. The entire two deep is comprised of VHT's.
5. **BYU** - BYU allowed just 3.3% sacks in '06 with 4.2 ypc rush. This year 8 of the top 10 are back and 6 have started 8 or more games in their careers. Not only is this a veteran group, it is one of the oldest OL's with most players having served missions and also one of the larger groups with the starters averaging 6'4" 316.
6. **USC** - After having to replace 3 NFL DC's in '06 they only lose two starters this year. LT Sam Baker was 1st Tm Pac 10 and turned down a shot at the NFL. Not only is the entire 3 deep made up of VHT's but 9 were PS#20 or better including 4 of the starters. They only allowed 3.8% sacks in '06.
7. **Ohio State** - This unit should help the Bucks young skill players. OSU avg 4.6 ypc rush in '06 and allowed just 5.6% sacks. They have 3 starters returning and the group is large (6'6" 312) and has 9 VHTs in the two deep.
8. **Alabama** - LT Andre Smith (6'4" 335, PS#3) started as a true frosh in '06 and his 871 snaps were the most on the team. While the Tide did manage just 3.5 ypc rush and allowed 7.1% sacks, I look for big improvement in those numbers with all 5 starters back and 100 combined career starts returning.
9. **LSU** - LSU had to replace 3 starters in '06 and lost a starter to injury early but the inexperienced OL still opened holes for 4.8 ypc rush while allowing just 5.2% sacks. This year they have 4 players back with 11 or more career starts and the unit is loaded with VHT's and avg's 6'5" 316.
10. **Wisconsin** - The Badgers only had two starters back in '06 and paved the way for 3.9 ypc rush but allowed 9.1% sacks. This year they lose star LT Joe Thomas (3rd overall pick in the draft) but have 9 of the top 10 returning. As you would expect UW has their usual large O-line with the starters averaging 6'6" 315.
11. **Rutgers** - Three starters return from a unit that allowed just 2.7% sacks and paved the way for 4.7 ypc rush. They add PS#7 true frosh Anthony Davis who should start immediately. T Jeremy Zuttah was 1st Tm Big East and T Pedro Sosa made 2nd Tm Big East. Their starters average 6'5" 309.
12. **Illinois** - Despite their 2-10 record the offense did lead the Big 10 in rushing, avg 5.2 ypc rush with 9.0% sacks. This year they only lose 1 starter and LT Akim Millington (PS#19) is now in his 2nd year here after transferring from Oklahoma. Martin O'Donnell (PS#7) is in his 4th yr as a starter.
13. **West Virginia** - The Mountaineers avg 6.7 ypc rush in '06 with just 6.4% sacks. The OL stayed healthy last year as they had the same starting lineup for 12 of 13 games. This year they lose OL coach Trickett and a pair of 1st Tm Big East starters including the Rimington Award winner. They are still one of the top units in the NCAA.
14. **Louisville** - The Cards had 1st Tm and 2nd Tm Big East OL's in '06 and both return. UL avg'd 5.0 ypc rush in '06 and only allowed 5.2% sacks. Three starters are back and they add PS#66 and PS#95 JUCO's and have PS#36 OL Brian Roche who redshirted in '06 to fill the open slots.
15. **Boise St.** - Last year BSU lost returning starting RG Pete Cavender to injury in August but the line still paved the way for 5.1 ypc rush while allowing just 6.5% sacks. This year they only lose 1 starter but Pete Cavender (10 st '05) is back so they have 5 full time starters returning.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The rest of the Top 31:

16. California
17. Miami, Fl
18. Oregon
19. UCLA
20. Virginia
21. Maryland
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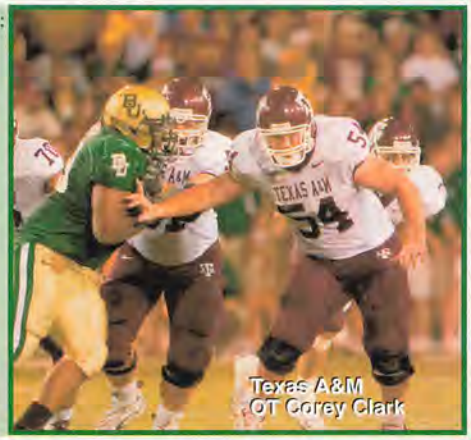
31. Penn St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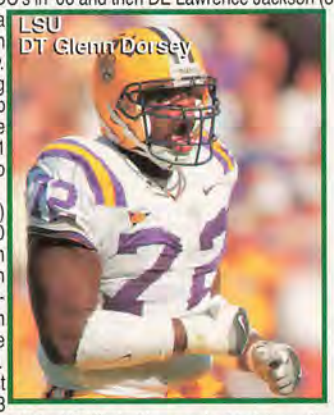
PHIL STEELE'S 2007 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE LINE 2007's Top DL Units

1. **LSU** - Glenn Dorsey is the top DT in the NCAA and probably would have been a 1st round pick but opted to return. LSU has not allowed over 100 ypg rush in 4 years and LY they had to replace 3 NFL DC's and still allowed just 97 ypg while the D had 39 sacks. This year 6 are back with starting experience and the unit is loaded with VHT's.
2. **USC** - USC had to replace a couple of NFL DC's in '06 and then DE Lawrence Jackson (3 Tm AA in '05) was injured and did not have a sack in the first 8 games after having 10 in '05. DT Sedrick Ellis missed 3 gms with injury. Those two both make my 1st team AA list along with DT Fili Moala. Not only is the two deep entirely comprised of VHT's but they only lose 1 starter (who moved to LB) and add in PS#1 Everson Griffen and Gerald Washington who was PS#9JC in '06 and redshirted.


LSU
DT Glenn Dorsey

3. **Texas** - Texas allowed just 61 ypg rush (2.3) in '06 despite losing DT Derek Lokey (500 bench) to a broken leg after 8. Frank Okam and Roy Miller are one of the top DT duos in the NCAA. Six are back with starting experience and they add in RB Henry Melton (PS#13) and rFr Eddie Jones (PS#1) while true Dre Jones (PS#5) was in for the spring.
4. **Florida St** - FSU had to replace TWO 1st round DC's in '06 but still allowed just 93 ypg rush (2.9). Big things were expected out of Paul Griffin but he was lost to injury after two starts. He will have a much larger impact this year. Not only do EIGHT players return with starting experience but they add in PS#20JC Brian Coulter.
5. **Georgia Tech** - GT always has a solid D under DC Jon Tenuta. Chan Gailey has called this unit the strength of the team and they have outstanding speed and good size. Not only do 7 of the top 8 return but 5 have starting experience and they add in two VHT true frosh. DE Michael Johnson was not a starter LY but is ready for a breakout year.
6. **UCLA** - LY the entire 2 deep ret'd and I called them one of the most improved D-lines in the NCAA. They went from allowing 233 ypg rush (5.4) to just 91 (2.8)! This year they once again have 7 of the top 8 back including 5 who have 7 or more career starts. DE Bruce Davis tied for the Pac 10 lead with 12.5 sacks and is one of the returnees.
7. **TCU** - This unit is one of the main reasons I peg the Frogs for #1 in the MWC. DE Tommy Blake has been 1st Tm All MWC two straight yrs with 19 career sks. Chase Ortiz has also been 1st Tm MWC two straight yrs and has 11.5 sks in 2 yrs. Last year they allowed just 61 ypg rush despite losing both DT's and this year they're more experienced.
8. **Virginia Tech** - VT always has an excellent DL under Beamer. Case in point would be '06 where they lost 3 starters (incl #2 & #6 DC's). VT still allowed just 91 ypg rush (2.8). This year 7 of the top 8 are back including DE Chris Ellis. Naturally all the DL's are strong in the weight room and they add in two VHT rFr (PS#14, PS#25).
9. **Iowa** - The Hawks had to replace all 4 DL's in '05 and struggled up front early in the year. Last year DE Kenny Iwebema who had 7 sks and was 1st Tm Big 10 in '05, was never 100% and only started 8. He should return to form and Ferentz has had high praise for the other DE, Bryan Mattison (see Iowa writeup pg 64). Six of the top 8 are back including all 4 starters.
10. **Virginia** - The Cavs have their most veteran front since 2004 with all 3 starters back including 5 of the top 6. Chris Long (Howie's son) keeps getting better each year and makes my AA team. DE Jeffrey Fitzgerald (PS#41) earned FWAA 1st team Frosh AA honors with 64 tkl, 5 sks and 7 tfl in '06.
11. **Miami (Fl)** - Miami had to replace two starters last year but still allowed just 68 ypg rush (2.3). This year 3 starters are gone but as you would expect the unit is loaded with VHT's. Five are back with starting experience including DE Calais Campbell who had 10.5 sacks and 10 tfl in '06. Their starting DT's avg 318 lbs giving them bulk in the middle.
12. **Oklahoma** - The Sooners lose a pair of 1st Tm Big 12 DE's and a backup that had 6 starts. They are still a top notch unit and very strong in the middle. Both starting DT's are back and will be pushed by Gerald McCoy who was PS#1 in '06 and DeMarcus Granger who was PS#1 in '05.
13. **Wisconsin** - The Badgers had a young DL in '05 and showed improvement LY with almost everyone back as they allowed just 115 ypg rush (3.8). This year they have 6 of the top 8 back including SIX with starting experience. This is a veteran unit that actually goes four deep and will improve once again.
14. **Tennessee** - The Vols D-line was not up to standards LY and allowed 4.1 ypc. Part of the reason was the loss of DT Justin Harrell to inj after 3 sts. This year two starters return in DE's Xavier Mitchell (PS#35) and Antonio Reynolds (PS#38). I expect big things out of JT Mapu (PS#18) who came back from a mission LY and is now in shape, as well as DT Demonté Bolden (PS#6). Including true frosh there are 12 VHT's in this unit.

TCU
DE Chase Ortiz

15. **South Carolina** - This unit was hit hard by graduation and injuries in '06. Marque Hall (PS#10) looked like their top DL until an injury LY. Hall returns, as do 3 others who started, along with top backup DE Eric Norwood (7 sks as bkp). They add rFr Kenrick Ellis (PS#16), true frosh DE Clifton Geathers (PS#5) and JC Jonathan Williams (PS#72) who joined the team in the spring. Two other VHT true frosh will join the team in the fall.

The rest of the Top 32:

16. Boston College
17. Clemson
18. Ohio St
19. Illinois
20. Cincinnati
21. Rutgers
22. Michigan
23. Washington St
24. Arizona
25. Penn St
26. Texas A&M
27. Colorado
28. Oregon St
29. NC State
30. Louisville
31. Arkansas
32. Middle Tenn

LINEBACKERS 2007's Top LB Units

1. **USC** - Rey Maualuga (PS#1) and Keith Rivers (PS#2) both earned 1st Tm Pac 10 honors in '06. The Trojans lose 1 starter, but move starting DE Brian Cushing (PS#5) back to his preferred OLB slot. The backups include SIX players who were PS#12 or better. Pete Carroll says this unit is the biggest, fastest, most aggressive LB corps they have had. Enough said and this unit IS #1.
2. **Ohio State** - James Laurinaitis won the Nagurski Award in his first year as a starter and was 1st Tm AA. Marcus Freeman (PS#8) had 15 tkls in the bowl and was the #2 tackler. Larry Grant (PS#10JC) has finally adapted to 1A ball and will have a much bigger impact in his 2nd year. Six of the backups including true frosh are VHT's.
3. **Penn State** - Dan Connor (PS#3) moves to MLB just like Paul Posluszny did in '06. Both he and Sean Lee make my preseason All American team! The new starter figures to be Tyrell Sales (PS#17) who has 3 career starts. They have 7 VHT backups who were PS#25 or better. This unit is what you would expect from "Linebacker U".
4. **South Carolina** - Last year they had to replace their top 4 LB's and then lost Cody Wells after 7 starts. Six different players earned starts. This year all 6 are back AND they add starting DE Casper Brinkley who led the team with 7 sacks. Dustin Lindsey, who had 4 sts in '05 and missed '06 also returns. MLB Jasper Brinkley makes my preseason AA team.
5. **LSU** - The Tigers had to replace 3 of their top 4 LB's LY and this year 5 of the top 6 are back. Ali Highsmith is on my preseason AA team while Luke Sanders (PS#9) won the off-season conditioning award and Darry Beckwith (PS#20) could be LSU's next star LB. LY's backups were all VHT's, but they were a converted RB and two true frosh that now are experienced.

Virginia Tech
LB Xavier Adibi

6. **Virginia Tech** - You won't find a much better pair of LB's in the NCAA than Xavier Adibi and Vince Hall. Adibi (PS#11) was 2nd team ACC and the #2 tackler in '06 and is 226 lbs with 4.45 speed. Vince Hall (PS#9) was 1st team ACC and the #1 tackler. DC Foster calls Hall one of VT's best LB's ever. Beamer has 7 capable replacements for the open spot.
7. **Nebraska** - Bo Ruud (PS#34) earned 1st Tm Big 12 honors in '06 and Corey McKeon (PS#29) was HM Big 12. Phillip Dilliard (PS#16) started the opener in '06 but was lost for the year. Steve Octavien injured a knee and was limited to 1 start. Lance Brandenburgh (PS#35) has 2 career sts. All 5 return and they add in PS#17 true frosh Blake Lawrence.
8. **Oregon St** - Mike Riley puts a high priority on his LB corps and says they all have the ability to rush the passer and yet also drop into coverage. He has had 5 drafted since 2002 and he calls OSU the West Coast version of "LB U". All 3 starters return as do their backups and Joey LaRocque (PS#39JC) led the team in tackles in '06.
9. **Texas** - The top 6 LB's all return from '06 and they will have to battle to hold onto their jobs. Sergio Kindle (PS#1) was injured at the start of the year and limited to 21 tackles. Four other VHT backups will steal some time. This is a good sized unit with the top 6 avg'g 232 lbs. Depth is abundant on this unit.
10. **Virginia** - After having inexperienced LB corps the last 2 years the Cavs return all 3 starters. Jon Copper was #1 tackler in '06. Antonio Appleby (PS#45) was the #2 tackler and was the MIP of the spring. Clint Sintim had 12 tfl at the other spot. One of them could lose their spot to Olu Hall (PS#16) who redshirted last year.
11. **Florida St** - FSU loses a pair of NFL DC's but Chuck Amato returns, this time as the new LB coach and has plenty of talent to work with. Both Derek Nicholson (PS#7JC) and Marcus Ball (PS#9) missed the majority of '06 with injuries and are back. Anthony Kelly (PS#7) was ineligible in '06 and is ready to make an impact. Overall they have 12 VHT's in the group including returning starter Geno Hayes (PS#15).
12. **Michigan** - UM loses their top 2 tacklers but always have a solid LB corps and naturally have a lot of VHT's waiting to take their place. Shawn Crable (PS#2) is the returning starter and there are 5 players who are PS#30 or better to fill the open spots. Carr also signed his first JUCO since 1997 in Austin Panter (PS#9JC).
13. **Tennessee** - The Vols have had a LB taken in the NFL draft 8 out of the last 9 years. Last year Jerod Mayo (PS#22) had 83 tkls and 12.5 tfl despite missing 2 gms. Ryan Karl had 66 tkl and 9 tfl. Rico McCoy (PS#8) will battle true frosh Chris Donald (PS#5) for the open slot. Adam Myers-White (PS#12) is also in the mix.
14. **Boston College** - Six different LB's drew starts last year and all 6 return. Brian Toal (PS#4) who plays FB in the "1st and Toal" offense was banged up in '06 and only started 6 but still had 50 tkls. Jolonn Dunbar (PS#36) had 92 tkls and 7.5 tfl. Even 3rd stringer Mike McLaughlin (PS#78) had 12 tkls. This is a very experienced group.
15. **Miami (Fl)** - MLB Glenn Cook is underrated and had 64 tkls in his first full year as a starter. Tavares Gooden (PS#7) squats 545 and after missing '05 and 2 more LY with injury, still logged 41 tackles. Four players are back who have started 5 or more games and they have 4 VHT's in the mix.

The rest of the Top 30:

16. TCU
17. Georgia Tech
18. Clemson
19. Arizona
20. Oklahoma
21. USF
22. Louisville
23. Illinois
24. Iowa
25. Wisconsin
26. California
27. UCLA
28. Oklahoma St
29. Arizona St
30. Texas A&M

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE BACKS 2007's Top DB Units

1. **Oklahoma** - The Sooners were #5 in my pass D rankings in '06 and the secondary returns intact! The SECOND string is entirely comprised of VHT's who have a combined 31 career starts! This is a veteran, athletic, deep and fast unit that could corral the #1 pass D spot this year.
2. **USC** - The Trojans had to replace 3 starting DB's last year but still finished #10 in my pass D rankings, their 4th consecutive top 10 finish. This year the entire VHT laden group returns intact. USC bagged the #1 spot in 2004 and is capable of doing it again. Two starters make my AA list and SS Ellison just missed out by 1 spot.
3. **Penn State** - The Lions have had FIVE top 10 finishes in my pass D ranking in the last 10 years. Last year the unit lost all 4 starters (2 to the NFL) and 2 backups but still wound up #16. This year 3 starters are back and the open spot is occupied by PS#4 AJ Wallace. It looks like another top 10 finish for the Nittany Lions.
4. **Florida St** - FSU has had 4 TOP TWO finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 13 years. After having inexperienced units the last 2 years, the group returns intact this year led by 3rd Tm AA SS Myron Rolle and the 2nd string has a combined 19 career starts. After an unusually low #43 finish last year they should climb back into the top 10 in 2007.
5. **Miami, Fl** The Hurricanes always are near the top of the pass D rankings and to start the decade had finishes at #5, #2, #9, #3, #13 and #1! Last year they had to replace THREE NFL DC's and dropped to #24. This year 7 of the top 8 are back so they will be back to their usual top 10 level.
6. **Georgia** - The Bulldogs had to replace 3 NFL DC's in 2006 and lost a projected starter to injury, but still moved up to #8 in my pass D ranking! This year CB Paul Oliver who held Sidney Rice and Calvin Johnson to a combined 5 rec, turned down a shot at the NFL. Three starters return and I think that rFr Reshad Jones will be one of the NCAA's top FS in his first year as a starter.
7. **LSU** - The Tigers lose two starters including LaRon Landry, the 6th overall pick in the NFL draft. They have had to replace a lot of NFL players recently, yet have still finished #6, #1, #5, #5 and #1 in my pass D rankings! Even with just 2 starters back, placing them #7 would have me calling for their 'lowest' finish in 6 years.

Oregon
SS Patrick Chung

8. **Virginia Tech** - VT basically had to replace 3 starters in '04, '05 and '06, but managed finishes of #11, #2 and #13 in my pass D rankings. This year they only lose 1 starter and have 3 CB's who have been full time starters back as Roland Minor missed most of '06 with injury. Standout cover CB Brandon Flowers makes my AA team.
9. **Oregon** - The Ducks have recorded 3 straight top 20 finishes in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 1st and 2nd Tm Pac 10 CB's, as well as two backups but still finished #14. This year, they return 3 starters including SS Patrick Chung, who their DC compares to Shawne Merriman.
10. **Arizona** - UA was #35 in my ratings last year and returns 7 of the top 8. They also add in super JUCO Nate Ness (PS#17JC). They have the most experienced pair of CB's in the country with Antoine Cason and Wilrey Fontenot combining for 68 career starts. Cason makes my 3rd Team AA list this year and is a name to be remembered come next April when your favorite NFL team is looking for a cover CB.
11. **UCLA** - The Bruins were #23 in my pass D rankings in '06 and return their top 9 players. They are one of the few teams in the country with 4 veteran senior starters including FS Dennis Keyes who makes my AA list. Surprisingly the backups only have 1 combined career start.
12. **Nebraska** - NU was #12 in '05 but slipped to #44 LY after having to replace two starters. NFL caliber CB Zackary Bowman missed '06 with injury and is questionable again. Not only do 3 starters return but they include a PS#5 and #6 and they add in two VHT JUCO's who were in for the spring.
13. **USF** - Two of the top players on an excellent USF D last year were CB's Trae Williams and Mike Jenkins. Jenkins turned down being a probable first day pick in the NFL draft and Williams was 1st Team Big East LY with 7 int. Three starters are back including Williams and Jenkins and filling the open slot is FS Danny Verpaele who has 12 career starts. USF was #21 LY and moves up.
14. **Western Michigan** - WM led the NCAA with 24 int last year and not only does the entire secondary return, but they get back 2005's #1 tackler in FS Antwain Allen who missed LY with an injury. They were #6 in my rankings in '06 and are again a top-notch unit.
15. **Ohio State** - OSU had to replace all 4 starters in '06 including 3 NFL DC's but still finished #12. They have had 5 CB's end up as first round DC's since '97 and Malcolm Jenkins looks to be the next one (Jenkins is a junior so it could be '08 or '09). Two starters have left, but 4 players return who had 4 or more starts in '06.

The rest of the Top 30:

16. Michigan	21. BYU	26. Illinois
17. Alabama	22. Clemson	27. Arizona St
18. West Virginia	23. Boise St	28. Georgia Tech
19. Oregon St	24. Kansas	29. Wisconsin
20. TCU	25. Louisville	30. Texas A&M

SPECIAL TEAMS 2007's Top Special Teams Units

1. **Oklahoma** - The Sooners have FIVE top 13 ST finishes in Stoops' 8 years including #9 in '06. K Garrett Hartley was one of 3 Groza Award finalists hitting 19 of 20 FG's. Their P's Michael Cohen and Mike Knall were both JC transfers LY and combined for a net of 36.7. Juaquin Iglesias avg'd 25.9 on KR's and Reggie Smith is a dangerous PR ready for a breakout year. Hartley also had 31 TB on KO in '06 which is very important with the new rule changes this year.
2. **California** - Cal was #2 in my ST rankings in '06 and only lose KR's O'Keith and Lynch. PR DeSean Jackson is the nation's best (18.2, 4 TD '06). P Andrew Larson had a net of 38.3. K Tom Schneider hit 15 of 20 FG's in windy Memorial Stadium including a 55 yarder and 3 of his misses were from 50+. Larson and Schneider combined for 26 TB on KO.
3. **West Virginia** - WV was #8 in my ST rankings '06 and has everyone back. K Pat McAfee hit 17-22 FG's with a long of 51. McAfee and Scott Kozlowski combined for a net of 36.8. KR Darius Reynaud avg 27.1 and PR Vaughn Rivers avg 10.8. McAfee had 25 TB on KO.
4. **Oregon St** - K Alexis Serna took home the Groza Award in '05 but had an even better year in '06 hitting 22 of 29 FG's with a long of 58 and 4-6 from 50+. In '05 his longest FG was only 47. He also improved on TB's LY despite the shorter tee going from 10 in '05 to 30. He is back for his senior year. PR Sammie Stroughter avg 15.7 on PR with 3 TD's. Coye Francies and Gerard Lawson combined to avg 24.1 on KR. LS Joel Cohen was granted a 6th year. OSU was #4 in '06 and everyone is back except for ST coach Bruce Read who left for the Dallas Cowboys.
5. **Oklahoma St** - With Joe DeForest as ST coach, the Cowboys are always near the top in my ST rankings and they were #19 in '06. Matt Fodge only had a net of 34.3 but should improve as his gross avg was 44.9. Perrish Cox avg 12.8 on PR and 23.8 on KR. Jason Ricks has hit 21 of 28 FG in 2 yrs incl 53 & 55 yarders. They do lose KO man Redden (34 TB) but Fodge had 80% TB on KO's in HS.
6. **Kentucky** - In '06 P Tim Masthay had a net of 34.4 with 12 TB on KO. K Lones Seiber hit 11 of 19 FG only hitting 3 from 40+. How can this unit be #6? The return game! PR Rafael Little was banged up in '06 (missed 4) but still avg 22.6 and even had a TD called back a penalty. KR Keenan Burton (4.4 spd) has a career avg of 26.6 and also had TD return called back on a penalty last year.
7. **Mississippi** - The Rebels were #26 in the ST rankings in '06 and have everyone back. Their top returnman was Marshay Green (11.2) avg'd 11.2 on PR and 25.2 on KR's. Dangerous KR Mico McSwain was inj LY but has avg'd 23.8 in 2 yrs. P Rob Park had a net of 34.2 and K Joshua Shene hit 14-17 FG's with one miss from 53. ST coach Rippon's squads are known for blocking punts and K/P Sparks (PS#7) could take over on KO's.
8. **Wake Forest** - Wake was #7 in my ST rankings in '06 thanks to K/P/KO man Sam Swank and he is back! Swank had a net of 38.2 on punts and drilled 23 of 31 FG's with FIVE from 50+, including 3 in the same game! He also had 22 TB on KO. Kevin Marion avg 22.3 on KR and the only loss is PR Willie Idlette who avg'd 9.2.
9. **Utah** - If Louie Sakoda has another year like he did in 2006 this unit will contend for top honors. He had an amazing NET punting avg of 41.4 (better than a lot of P's gross avg) and hit 16-20 FG's (long 45). Ben Vroman had 28 TB on KO. Marquis Wilson avg 11.2 on PR and Brice McCain avg 22.4 on KR. Utah was #16 in my ST rankings in '06 and everyone is back.
10. **Texas A&M** - The Aggies are famous for their "12th Man" special teams unit. They struggled in Coach Fran's first 3 yrs but finally moved up to #27 in '06. P Justin Brantly (PS#3) avg 44.3 (net 37.0). KR Kerry Franks avg 27.7 and also had a blocked punt. New K Matt Szymanski hits 60 yd FG's in practice but now needs to do that in games, although he did have 25 TB on KO.
11. **Kansas St** - The Wildcats were #1 in my ST rankings in '06, but do suffer some losses in K Jeff Snodgrass (17-24) and top PR Yamon Figurs (14.7, 2 TD). They do return P Tim Reyer (35.4 net) as well as Justin McKinney and Leon Patton, both of whom had a KR TD. Matt Wallerstedt is the new ST coach and they should still be a top-notch unit.
12. **Penn St** - The Lions were #17 in '06. K Kevin Kelly had back and hip inj's early and but still hit 22 of 34 with a long of 49 and 3 misses from 50+. He had 20 TB on KO and should be one of the NCAA's top K's this year. AJ Wallace (PS#4) avg 24.2 on KR as a true frosh and Derrick Williams (PS#1) avg 12.0 on PR and both are back. They do lose their P, however they signed a PS#16 true frosh.
13. **SMU** - Jessie Henderson was #1 in the NCAA in KR's (36.9) when he was inj in '06 and Emmanuel Sanders avg 24.0 in his place. True frosh Aldrick Robinson gives them the deepest set of KR's in the NCAA. Thomas Morstead hit 13 of 18 FG (long 50) and he also avg 43.8 on punts (net 37.0). The Mustangs will move up from LY's #30 spot.
14. **Georgia** - The Bulldogs are the only team in the NCAA to rank in the top 15 in PR in each of the last 3 yrs and have all their top PR back. Brandon Coutu hit 23-29 FG in '05 (1st Tm SEC) but was injured in '06 and in 5 gms hit 10 of 11 with a long of 55! Asher Allen and Thomas Brown combined to avg 23.5 on KR. They must break in a new P, but only had a net of 33.3 in '06 and could improve there.
15. **New Mexico St** - The Aggies were just #85 in my rankings LY. The big reason for the low finish was hitting just 4 of 10 FG's. This year they add in Kyle Hughes who hit 22 of 24 FG's in HS not using a tee and then 10 of 11 at Hargrave in '06. P Jared Kaurman had a super net of 38.3 and is back, as are top KR Chris Williams (23.2) and Derek Dubois (24.6). Williams also avg 15.3 on PP.

The rest of the Top 32:

16. Pittsburgh
17. Notre Dame
18. Indiana
19. North Carolina
20. Kansas
21. UCLA
22. Florida St
23. Ohio St
24. Wisconsin
25. South Carolina
26. NC State
27. Arkansas
28. Ohio
29. Marshall
30. Nebraska
31. Alabama
32. Virginia Tech

Tennessee
P Britton Colquitt

Oregon St
K Alexis Serna

Wisconsin
P Ken DeBauche

2007 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

Here are Phil Steele's PROJECTED bowl matchups for 2007.

(Remaining Bowls On Page 2.)

POINSETTIA BOWL

Qualcomm Stadium
San Diego, CA
December 20, 2007
Navy vs BYU

2006 TCU 37 N Illinois 7
2005 Navy 51 Colorado St 30

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Independence Stadium
Shreveport, LA
December 30, 2007
Texas Tech vs Arkansas

INDEPENDENCE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 Oklahoma St 34 Alabama 31
2005 Missouri 38 South Carolina 31
2004 Iowa St 17 Miami, Oh 13
2003 Arkansas 27 Missouri 14
2002 Mississippi 27 Nebraska 23
2001 Alabama 14 Iowa St 13

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Sam Boyd Stadium
Las Vegas, NV
December 22, 2007
TCU vs Arizona St

LAS VEGAS BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 BYU 38 Oregon 8
2005 California 35 BYU 28
2004 Wyoming 24 UCLA 21
2003 Oregon St 55 New Mexico 14
2002 UCLA 27 New Mexico 13
2001 Utah 10 USC 6

MOTOR CITY BOWL

Ford Field
Detroit, MI
December 26, 2007
Northwestern vs Toledo

MOTOR CITY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2006 C Michigan 31 Middle Tennessee 14
2005 Memphis 38 Akron 31
2004 Connecticut 39 Toledo 10
2003 Bowling Green 28 Northwestern 24
2002 Boston College 51 Toledo 25
2001 Toledo 23 Cincinnati 16

NEW MEXICO BOWL

University Stadium
Albuquerque, NM
December 22, 2007
New Mexico vs Fresno St

NEW MEXICO BOWL LAST YEAR

2006 San Jose St 20 New Mexico 12

INTERNATIONAL BOWL

Rogers Centre
Toronto Ontario, Canada
January 5, 2008
Rutgers vs Kent St

INTERNATIONAL BOWL LAST YEAR

2006 Cincinnati 27 W Michigan 24

PAPAJOHNS.COM BOWL

Legion Field
Birmingham, AL
December 22, 2007
UCF vs Pittsburgh

PAPAJOHNS.COM BOWL LAST YEAR

2006 USF 24 East Carolina 7

GMAC BOWL

Ladd-Peebles Stadium
Mobile, AL
January 6, 2008
W Michigan vs Memphis

GMAC BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2006 S Mississippi 28 Ohio 7
2005 Toledo 45 UTEP 13
2004 Bowling Green 52 Memphis 35
2003 Miami, Oh 49 Louisville 28
2002 Marshall 38 Louisville 15

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

Bronco Stadium
Boise, ID
December 31, 2007
Boise St vs Maryland

HUMANITARIAN BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2006 Miami, Fl 21 Nevada 20
2005 Boston College 27 Boise St 21
2004 Fresno St 37 Virginia 34 (OT)
2003 Georgia Tech 52 Tulsa 10
2002 Boise St 34 Iowa St 16

TEXAS BOWL

Reliant Stadium
Houston, TX
December 28, 2007
Auburn vs Houston

FORMER HOUSTON BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2006 Rutgers 37 Kansas St 10
2005 TCU 27 Iowa St 24
2004 Colorado 33 UTEP 28
2003 Texas Tech 38 Navy 14
2002 Oklahoma St 33 S Mississippi 23

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007's Projected Games:

Big 12 Oklahoma vs Missouri
MAC Toledo vs Kent St
SEC LSU vs Georgia
ACC Virginia Tech vs Florida St
CUSA Houston vs S Mississippi

Past Championship Games:

2006 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

ACC Wake Forest 9 Georgia Tech 6
Big 12 Oklahoma 21 Nebraska 7
MAC C Michigan 31 Ohio 10
SEC Florida 38 Arkansas 28
CUSA Houston 34 S Mississippi 20

2005 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

ACC Florida St 27 Virginia Tech 22
Big 12 Texas 70 Colorado 3
MAC Akron 31 N Illinois 30
SEC Georgia 34 LSU 14
CUSA Tulsa 44 UCF 27

EMERALD BOWL

AT&T Park
San Francisco, CA
December 28, 2007
California vs Virginia

EMERALD BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2006 Florida St 44 UCLA 27
2005 Utah 38 Georgia Tech 10
2004 Navy 34 New Mexico 19
2003 Boston College 35 Colorado St 21
2002 Virginia Tech 20 Air Force 13

HAWAII BOWL

Aloha Stadium
Honolulu, HI
December 23, 2007
New Mexico St vs UTEP

HAWAII BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2006 Hawaii 41 Arizona St 24
2005 Nevada 49 UCF 48 (OT)
2004 Hawaii 59 UAB 40
2003 Hawaii 54 Houston 48 (3OT)
2002 Tulane 36 Hawaii 28

ARMED FORCES BOWL

Amon G. Carter Stadium
Fort Worth, TX
December 31, 2007
Oregon St vs Utah

FORMER FORT WORTH BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

2006 Utah 25 Tulsa 13
2005 Kansas 42 Houston 13
2004 Cincinnati 32 Marshall 14
2003 Boise St 34 TCU 31

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans, LA
December 21, 2007
Troy vs Tulsa

NEW ORLEANS BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2006 Troy 41 Rice 17
2005 S Mississippi 31 Arkansas St 19
2004 S Mississippi 31 North Texas 10
2003 Memphis 27 North Texas 17
2002 North Texas 24 Cincinnati 19

2004 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

Big 12 Oklahoma 42 Colorado 3
MAC Toledo 35 Miami 27
SEC Auburn 38 Tennessee 28

2003 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

Big 12 Kansas St 35 Oklahoma 7
MAC Miami 49 Bowling Green 27
SEC LSU 34 Georgia 13

2002 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

Big 12 Oklahoma 29 Colorado 7
MAC Marshall 49 Toledo 45
SEC Georgia 30 Arkansas 3

2001 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

Big 12 Colorado 39 Texas 37
MAC Toledo 41 Marshall 36
SEC LSU 31 Tennessee 20

FOOTBALL 365 DAYS A YEAR

What you see in the picture above is what I look at for 12 hours on Saturday and from 1-7 pm EST on Sunday. I have a great satellite setup which allows me to watch almost every college and NFL game. I used to have just 9 TV's in front of my desk but added 3 more in 2004 and the picture above (from 11/12/05 is my actual setup). Many people ask me how you can watch 12 games at one time? When the photographer was shooting the photo, it took him about 20 minutes to actually capture game footage on all 12 TV's with no commercials. As you can see by this particular moment, there are 4 plays in progress and the rest are not. Keep in mind the average play takes 4 to 6 seconds and then there are usually 35 seconds between plays. Throughout the office one of my staff members is "charting" one of these games, or doing the play-by-play and taking notes on the game. We also utilize Sirius radio and TRZ for the untelevised games so we can listen to them and write down the play-by-play. The person charting focuses on one game and if there is something they think I should know about a particular game, they let me know afterwards. I usually focus on the 4 TV's directly in front of my desk. At the moment of this picture, the key games for me were Mich St-Minnesota, Michigan-Indiana, Oklahoma-Texas A&M and Maryland-North Carolina. The TV I look at the least is the one in the upper left-hand corner. That game at the time was Army-UMass which turned out to be a better game than expected. Obviously, I am a huge college football fan and those are my team helmets in their different conferences in front of the TV's.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, I go through the play-by-play of each game that took place the previous weekend to make sure I did not miss anything. My staff has interesting notes on each game, and of course, I watched the majority of them. I then write the Past Histories (which is my recap of the games) and those are the same Past Histories that you will find in my Regional Magazines. I refer to these often during the offseason to get the true feel of the game as final scores can sometimes be misleading.

I mentioned my staff "charting" the games. I have assigned different members of my staff to cover different conferences and they get the articles from the local papers and the Internet and underline all of the interesting information that could affect a team's performance, or have to do with injuries, etc. All the underlined information is then typed into a file for each team. These team reports are anywhere from 35 to 200 pages by the end of the year (there are a lot more articles on Ohio St than Buffalo). I do not have time to read all the information during each week so I read through these reports every year during the months of December, January and February.

Football is what I do for a living seven days a week, 365 days a year. As you can tell by the sheer volume of information, I write each of the 119 team previews which basically puts me on the magazine "deadline" from the end of December through the middle of May.

During the months of January and February, I read through the mountains of information that was underlined and begin to write the teams for the magazine. I give myself about 4 hours to read about just one team and that team is all I focus on. I find it interesting when a writer in the 2nd week is calling for a QB to be benched but then is talking about what a great QB he is at the end of the year after a big game. It really gives me a feel for what went on with the team last year. During the 4 hours I allot for each team, I read everything from the year and take notes. I also write the QB, RB, receivers and Special Teams portions for that team at the time for the magazine. I write these this early because they are the easiest to analyze and have the fewest position changes during the spring. Many times DB's move to LB's. LB's to DL or OL and DL's switch sides. For those positions I wait until spring starts before doing my writing.

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WHICH IS THE TOUGHEST CONFERENCE?

BY PHIL STEELE

Let me help clarify the great debate on which conference is the toughest. One of the most exciting things about NCAA Football is that the toughest conference changes on a yearly basis. I remember back in the late 1960's, when it could have been argued that the SWC was the top conference in the country with powerhouses like Texas and Arkansas battling it out for #1. Joe Paterno is still not too pleased with President Nixon's proclamation that Texas was #1 after they beat Arkansas in 1969 when his undefeated Penn St team finished #2. In later years, it was the Big 8 with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating the landscape. The Big 10, of course, is usually at the top, as is the SEC. Both conferences have had their powerhouse years, with Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide and the rivalry between Woody Hayes (Ohio St) and Bo Schembechler (Michigan). They of course have also had some off years. There have been a lot of conference changes recently which have created some major shifts of power.

Another interesting point is that there is not an exact science for picking the toughest conference. You cannot rely strictly on how many bowl wins a conference racks up during the postseason, or on its overall record in non-conference play. Let's face it, some leagues' non-conf slates are much tougher than others. Conferences can play non-conf games vs IAA or BCS opponents and if you go strictly on overall records, the wins and losses count the same.

Before I take a look at 2006's results, let's look at the results for the previous five years for a historical perspective. **After the 2001 season, the SEC was rated #1** when analyzing the Top 3 teams in each conference as Florida, Tennessee and LSU all finished in the Top 7. They were also rated #1 overall and were a deep and balanced league. The SEC had a winning bowl season (5-4) and the Top 3 won their bowls by an average of 24.7 ppg against tough opponents (Michigan, Maryland and Illinois). The Big 12 had FOUR of the Top 10 teams and was my #2 Toughest Conference for 2001, followed by the #3 Big East, #4 Big 10, #5 Pac 10 and the ACC finishing 6th.

In 2002, the Big 10 made a big comeback and was the Top Conference. Not only did they produce the National Champion in Ohio St but they had the best record of any conference in bowl games at 5-2. The Big 10 also had the best record vs teams from other BCS conferences during the regular season. They were 8-5 (ACC #2 at 10-7). They narrowly edged out the Big 12 for my Toughest Conference honors, with the remainder of the order being: #3 Pac 10,#4 SEC, #5 Big East and #6 ACC.

In 2003, I put together all the factors (non-conf record, record vs BCS conf, Average Power Ratings and bowl records) and rated the conferences with the **SEC narrowly earning the title of 2003's Toughest Conference** with the Big 10 and Big 12 finishing very close behind. The ACC, which only ranked #4 or lower in the other ratings, had the best bowl record at 5-1 and outscored opponents by an average of 21.3 pts!!! The SEC was #2 in the bowls with a 5-2 mark, while the Pac 10 was #3 at 4-2.

For 2004, I eliminated wins vs IAA schools but did include losses vs IAA schools. USC had tremendous Power Rating numbers which are also a part of my equation. During the season the Big 12 had the best non-conf record and a slight lead but USC's demolition of Oklahoma in the Title game had me awarding the Pac 10 its first-ever Toughest Conference Title. The #2 conference was the Big 12, #3 SEC, #4 ACC and the Big 10 was #5.

In 2005, the best non-conf record went to the Big 12 at 23-5 (82%), followed by the Big 10 at 26-6 (81%), the ACC at 24-9 (73%), the Pac 10 at 18-8 (69%) and the SEC at 20-9 (69%). Against BCS schools the Big 10 was #1 with a 6-4 mark, with the only other leagues over .500 being the Pac 10 & Big 12 at 4-3 each and the ACC at 9-7. The MWC (5-7) actually had a better record in the category than the Big East (4-9). Only 3 leagues had winning records in bowl games with the Big 12 at 5-3, the Pac 10 at 3-2 and the ACC at 5-3. Then I looked at the Power Ratings. I took the top 3 teams of each league and got a combined Power Rating and the best trifecta was from the Big 10 (Ohio St, Penn St, Michigan) followed by the Big 12 (Oklahoma, Texas, Texas Tech) and then the SEC (Auburn, LSU, Georgia). The SEC led with 3 teams in the Top 10, with the Big 10 & Big 12 having 2. After taking in all of the above information, here is how I ranked the 2005 conferences: #1 SEC, #2 ACC, #3 Big 10, #4 Big 12, #5 Pac 10 and #6 Big East.

Last year you could have made a case on Nov 19th that the Big 10 was the top conference as Ohio St and Michigan were generally regarded as the top 2 teams in college football. After both lost big in their bowl games, the landscape changed back to a familiar league. The SEC was the CLEAR #1 conference. Lets look at some of that factors that led me to that conclusion. The SEC led in the amount of bowl teams with 9 followed by 8 for both the Big 12 and the ACC. The best conference record during the regular season vs IA teams was the SEC at 32-8 (80%) followed by the surprising Big East 27-7 (79.4%) then the Big 10 at 68.4%. The lowest mark among the BCS conferences was the ACC at 20-17 (54.1%). The best record for a conference vs BCS foes went to the Big East at 12-6 while the SEC was 9-6, followed by the Pac 10 (7-6) and the Big 10 (7-7). The ACC was just 4-11 (27%) in matchups vs other BCS conferences and the Big 12 was a lowly 3-8 (27.3%). Both the MAC and CUSA posted more wins (5) in non-conf BCS games than did the Big 12 or ACC!! The SEC led with 41 players drafted followed by the Big 10 (32), ACC (31), Pac 10 and Big 12 (28 each). The Big East only had 16 which was actually 1 behind the WAC! The SEC and Big 10 each had THREE Top 10 teams with the Big East being third with 2. The SEC had 6 Top 25 teams followed by the Big 10 (4) and three conf had 3 in the Big East, Pac 10 and ACC. The conference with the best bowl record was surprisingly the Big East with a perfect 5-0 record! The SEC was 6-3 but then had 4 wins over ranked teams in bowls, which led all conferences. The Big East had ONE win over a ranked foe (the only one they faced in the postseason) and the Big 10 and Pac 10 each topped that with two. All of the factors above were tossed into my computer and the result was a landslide win for the SEC. The Big East, which would have been EVERYONE'S #6 BCS conference heading into the year, snagged a shocking #2 spot. The Big 12, which was 3-8 vs BCS conf foes in the regular season and their 3 bowl wins were all over teams that finished the year 6-7, dropped to the bottom of the BCS conferences.

2006 FINAL CONFERENCE RANKINGS:

1. SEC	7. WAC
2. Big East	8. MWC
3. Big 10	9. Independent
4. Pac 10	10. CUSA
5. ACC	11. MAC
6. Big 12	12. Sun Belt

Now let's take a look at which conference will be the toughest in 2007. First let me explain how I derive the results. I complete 8 primary sets of power ratings at the start of the year. First is a pure Power Rating. I rank the positions (QB, RB, WR, etc.) from 4 to 10 points with 10 points being the highest. I then add up all of the positions, factor in coaching and special teams, and derive my Power Ratings for each team.

The second Power Rating is based on my Power Plays Ratings (see page 305). These take into account the production of the team not only in terms of points, but yards gained and allowed. I compile a lengthy list of areas of improvement and spots that are weaker and either upgrade or downgrade each team's Power Plays numbers. I then add up all the different numbers and get my Preseason Power Play number for each team.

Three other sets are based on last year's final numbers. I grade every position for each team (QB, RB, WR, OL, DL, LB, DB) on their scale of improvement from one year to the next. The scale ranges from +6 points to -6 points for each position. I take the total team number and factor it into last year's 3 final sets of Power Ratings. This gives me 3 very different ways of gauging the strength of the teams.

The question is, how do I add up the points? Conferences all have a different number of teams. If I ranked the teams by the average of the entire conference, that would give a good indication of the average rating of all the teams. But the bigger the conference the weaker the grade could possibly be. I did use that as one factor. I added a second factor and that was an average grade of just the Top 5 teams. This would give me an even comparison of all the conferences. The only thing this rating does not show, of course, is the depth of the conference. For example, let's say one conference had 9 bowl caliber teams and 1 also-ran and another conference had 5 bowl caliber teams and 5 also-rans. The thinner conference would be rated higher if the Top 5 teams had a higher average, even though the deeper conference was probably tougher. I also rate leagues by the Top 3 and the Top 8. By merging the 4 ratings, I get a fairly accurate assessment of the strength of the conferences.

Basically, after all of that is done, I have 4 different sets of rankings. They break down the conferences into the best strength of the Top 3 teams in each conference, the Top 5 teams, the Top 8 teams and then the overall strength of the whole conference. This year, the Pac 10 came in first in the Top 3 thanks to the presence of USC, the top team in the country. The Big 12 was #1 in the Top 5 teams and the SEC was #1 in the Top 8. The SEC and Big 12 each have 5 teams that make my preseason Top 25 with the Pac 10 right behind at 4. The Pac 10 leads with 6 teams in the top 27 of my Power Poll.

Here are my preseason rankings for this year's Toughest Conferences and also 2006's final polls.

TOUGHEST CONFERENCES FOR 2007

1. SEC	7. MWC
2. Pac 10	8. WAC
3. Big 12	9. CUSA
4. Big 10	10. MAC
5. ACC	11. Independent
6. Big East	12. Sun Belt

ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES' POLL

1. Florida (63)	13. Texas
2. Ohio St	14. California
3. LSU	15. BYU
4. USC	16. Arkansas
5. Wisconsin	17. Wake Forest
6. Boise St	18. Virginia Tech
7. Louisville	19. Notre Dame
8. Auburn	20. Boston College
9. Michigan	21. TCU
10. West Virginia	22. Oregon St
11. Oklahoma	23. Tennessee
12. Rutgers	24. Hawaii
	25. Penn St

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

1. Florida (64)	13. Texas
2. Ohio St	14. California
3. LSU	15. Arkansas
4. USC	16. BYU
5. Boise St	17. Notre Dame
6. Louisville	18. Wake Forest
7. Wisconsin	19. Virginia Tech
8. Michigan	20. Boston College
9. Auburn	21. Oregon St
10. West Virginia	22. TCU
11. Oklahoma	23. Georgia
12. Rutgers	24. Penn St
	25. Tennessee

2007's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

BY PHIL STEELE

Making my Most Improved list has generally been a blessing for teams, as they usually make big turnarounds. **In 1999, the #1 most improved team in my Preseason Rankings was Hawaii and they simply had the NCAA's largest turnaround on record,** going from a winless season in 1998 (0-12) to a 9-4 record and a bowl victory one year later!!!

The year 2000 was a VERY successful season for My Most Improved Teams. **Of the Top 14 Most Improved Teams that year, TEN went from a losing season to being bowl eligible!!!!** South Carolina was my #6 Most Improved Team and went from 0-11 in 1999 to beating Ohio St in a Jan 1 bowl game and finished with an 8-4 record in 2000. Tulane was #1 on the list and went from 3-8 to 6-5 and was bowl eligible. UNLV was #2 and went from 3-8 to an 8-5 season with a bowl victory. Northwestern was #4 and after a poor 3-8 season, rolled on to become Co-Big 10 Champions! LSU came in at #10 and went from 3-8 to 8-4, including a bowl win. Also on 2000's list were teams like Washington (#16), which went from 7-5 to 11-1, a four game improvement and Clemson (#20), which went from 6-6 to 9-3 and played in a Jan 1 bowl game.

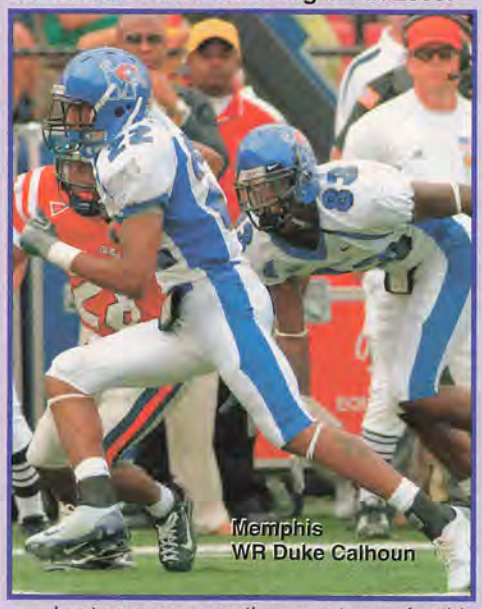
In 2001, of the 20 teams that made my list, only ONE team had a weaker record and that was Tulsa. **NINE TEAMS went from a losing season to becoming bowl eligible, including such surprises as Wash St, Colorado, Alabama, Iowa, Stanford and USC.** Colorado went from 3-8 to just missing out on the National Title game. Wash St was picked dead last in the Pac 10 preseason poll after their 4-7 season in 2000, but made my Most Improved list and went 10-2 and just missed out on a Pac 10 Title.

Of the 20 teams on this list in 2002, NINE went from non-winning records to being bowl eligible. Those teams were: USC, Penn St, Connecticut, California, North Texas, Tulane, Oregon St, West Virginia and Minnesota. **Of the 20 teams on my list, only TWO had less wins in 2002 than they did in 2001!** USC went from 6-6 to finishing 11-2 and #4 in the polls at the end of the year.

In 2003, 4 of my Top 8 Most Improved Teams went from a losing season to being bowl eligible and 8 of the top 20 went from .500, or losing seasons, to being bowl eligible. Rutgers, which went from 1-11 to 5-7, just missed. The biggest turnaround was with Memphis, which was the #8 Most Improved Team on my list and went from 3-9 to a super 9-4!!!!!

In 2004, there were a total of TEN teams, that did not have a winning record (including bowls) in 2003, that finished with a winning record and NINE of them were on my list. My #1 Most Improved Team, Texas A&M, went from 4-8 to the Cotton Bowl. **My #3 Most Improved Team, UTEP, went from 2-11 to a super 8-4!!** Iowa St made the list and went from 2-10 to 7-5 and a bowl game, tying for the Big 12 North Title!! **Not only did 12 of the 21 go from a non-winning season to a bowl game, but only TWO had more losses than the previous year.**

In 2005, my Top 16 Most Improved Teams made incredible strides. This is despite the fact that one of the 16 teams was Tulane whose season was disrupted by Hurricane Katrina and played 11 games in 11 different venues. **The Top 16 Most Improved Teams on my list in 2005 had a combined record of 66-111 (37%) in 2004 and improved to 102-84 (55%) in 2005 and, if you take Tulane out of the equation, the record jumps to 100-75 (57%)!!! Penn State went from 4-7 to the #3 team in the country and nearly played in the National Title game. Oregon went from 5-6 to #6 in the NCAA after the regular season, finishing at 10-2!!! UCLA went from 6-6 to a super 10-2 season! W Michigan went from 1-10 to 7-4, a HUGE turnaround. None of my Top 16 teams in 2005 had winning records in 2004 but ELEVEN were bowl eligible in 2005.**



Memphis
WR Duke Calhoun

Last year was another great year for this list. **My #1 Most Improved Team last year was Arkansas which went from 4-7 to SEC West Champs and rose as high as #5 in the polls!! Wake Forest made the list in 2006 and went from 4-7 to 11-3 and was ACC Champions. Houston was also on the list and went from 6-6 to CUSA Champs! Ohio went from 4-7 to MAC East Champs! Troy went from 4-7 to Sun Belt Champs!** Kentucky went from 3-8 to 8-5 including their bowl win over Clemson. Hawaii went from 5-7 to a super 11-3. Tennessee went from 5-6 to 9-4 and could have been SEC East Champs had they not let a pair of 4Q leads vs LSU and Florida slip away. Kent St went from 1-10 to a bowl-eligible 6-6.

The Top 10 teams on last year's list were a combined 33-79 (29.5%) in 2005 but improved to a combined 71-57 (55.5%) in 2006!!! The 22 teams overall on the list were a combined 82-164 (33.3%) winners in 2005 and turned around and combined for 150-132 (53%) winners in 2006!! Of the 22 teams only 2 won less games than they did in 2005 (Mich St, San Diego St).

With this type of success through the years, you might think that it is very easy to pick teams that had losing records the previous year and have them become bowl eligible the next season. I went back to 1992 and took a look at all the teams that finished with losing records in a season. In that span, there have been 765 teams that finished with a record below .500. Of those 765 teams, only 215 of them managed to finish ABOVE .500 the next year which comes out to just 28.1%. Teams now play a 12 game season so a 6-6 record equals bowl eligibility. To be fair, out of the 765 teams an additional 41 earned a .500 mark the next year. So of the 765 teams, 256 or 33.5% managed to go from a losing record to at least .500 or better the next year.

The combined record of all teams that had a losing record from 1992-2005 was 2285-4052 or just 36.1%. The next year those same teams showed a slight overall improvement in their records to 2810-3734 or 42.9%. **So on the average, a team that had a losing season in that span improved by 6.8% over the previous year's record. Naturally, the teams I feel are Most Improved are in my Top 10. My Top Ten Most Improved Teams over the last 5 years had a combined record of 197-383 (34%) the previous year and improved to 318-292 (52.1%) the next year. That is 18.1% better than the previous year and almost TRIPLE the normal improvement for a teams with losing records.**

In the last 5 years I have had a total of 104 teams on my Most Improved List. I have picked 12 that have had .500 or above records the previous year and of those 12, nine improved their record including USC in 2002 which went from 6-6 to 11-2. The teams that made my list combined for a 427-791 (35.1%) record the previous year and in the year I chose them as an MIP team they were a combined 632-644 (49.5%) or an increase in winning percentage of 14.4%. **Of the 105 teams that made my Most Improved List the last 5 years, 88 have won at least the same amount of games as the previous year while 84% improved their win total.**

In the last 5 years, I have listed 93 teams on my MIP list that did not have a winning season the previous year. Of those 93 teams, almost all improved their record the next year, but even more impressively, 53 of the 93 teams were bowl eligible the next year which is 57%!

Taking a closer look at the last 5 years, I found that 271 teams had losing records from 2001-2005, and of those 271 teams, just 65 or 24% managed to have a winning record the next year. Of those 65 teams, 37 of them were on my Most Improved List or 57%!!! Close to 60% of the teams that have gone from a losing season to a winning season have been on my list.

Looking for some major turnaround teams this year that will surprise? Here is my much anticipated Most Improved Teams List and the team I list at the top is Memphis. I give them a shot at being the first team in NCAA history to go from double-digit losses in one year to double-digit wins the next year!

2007's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

1. Memphis	12. Fresno St
2. Illinois	13. UCF
3. Toledo	14. Northwestern
4. Alabama	15. Florida St
5. NC State	16. Colorado St
6. Iowa	17. Connecticut
7. New Mexico St	18. New Mexico
8. Virginia	19. Oregon
9. Miami, Oh	20. Vanderbilt
10. Bowling Green	21. UNLV
11. UTEP	22. Colorado

WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S SURPRISE TEAM?

By Phil Steele

Let's pretend you are in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 31, 1999. You've just watched Oklahoma lose 27-25 to an average Mississippi team to finish the season 7-5. Despite this bowl loss, it was a good year for the Sooners, especially after coming off of four consecutive non-winning years. Your friend says to you, "I guarantee you Oklahoma will win the National Championship next year." Your first thought is that your friend has "over-celebrated" New Year's Eve. Next year Oklahoma would have just 13 returning starters and face a schedule that included the 3 powerhouses of the Big 12 in Nebraska, Kansas St and Texas with all 3 of those games away from home (Texas is a neutral site game).

The Sooners entered the year as a 50-1 shot to win the National Title and were not even ranked in the Preseason Top 20. When the dust cleared they simply stood at the top of the heap over all of the other 115 Division IA teams and were the only undefeated team. Impressive indeed! They did have some solid factors going for them in 2000 like exceptionally good health (0 starters missed a game due to injury), a solid QB and a super defense. Your first reaction was that this Cinderella story is a one-time thing. However teams have reached the top and been big surprises almost every year, and yes, sometimes they bag the National Title despite not being one of the top-ranked teams coming into the year.

Oklahoma was not the only surprise team of 2000. Oregon St was unranked coming into the season, but much like the Sooners, stayed remarkably injury free. They also benefitted from +18 turnovers to finish #4 in the country with a super 11-1 season and a blowout win over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Health and turnovers had a big impact that year, but there have been plenty of surprise teams through the years.

In 2002 it was yet another surprise team taking home the National Title. Ohio St was not even ranked in the preseason Top 10. In fact, only three magazines even picked them to win the Big Ten conference, let alone contend for a National Title. Of the Big 9 magazines, only three had them in their Top 10. I am pleased to report that I had them at #7 which was higher than anyone else had them pegged coming into the year. I pointed out that 3 sets of my Power Ratings called for Ohio St to have a perfect season. The Buckeyes were coming off a 7-5 season and had only 12 starters back. They had the NCAA's 4th most losses to the NFL draft and did not even have a returning starter at QB. When the smoke cleared, they had beaten Miami, FI in the Fiesta Bowl and took home the National Title.

Florida St WR Greg Carr

In 2003 there was another surprise champ and that was LSU. **If you read my 2003 College Football Preview, you know that I had LSU pegged as my #2 surprise team in the country saying they had a great shot at going undefeated and attaining the National Title.** They were a 40-1 shot in Las Vegas to win the title coming off an 8-5 season including a 35-20 Cotton Bowl loss to Texas. I pointed out that they had a great schedule and would have finished stronger in 2002, had their QB not been injured. At the start of the year, not only did 8 of the Big 9 magazines NOT have LSU as a National Title contender, but NONE of them even had LSU winning the SEC WEST. That year LSU simply won the SEC outright and shared the National Title!! **The other half of the National Title went to USC who I had listed as my #5 surprise team** despite the fact that they had to replace their Heisman Trophy winning QB Carson Palmer.

In '04 almost everyone including myself pegged USC and Oklahoma to play in the Orange Bowl game so there was no surprise team in the title game BUT Auburn made no major publication's Top 10 and almost got to the big game with their unbeaten season. **I had Auburn listed as my #7 surprise team in '04.**

In 2005 the #1 and #2 preseason teams met in the title game so there was no big surprise team. Penn St was not ranked in the preseason and did finish #3 in the final polls after having a losing season in 2004. While they did not make my Surprise List, they were my #3 Most Improved team (see page 19).

Last year it was a VERY GOOD year for my surprise teams and almost a GREAT YEAR! In my round of summer radio shows I got a lot of chuckles with my pick of Boise St to get to a BCS bowl. Only one non-BCS team in history had done so and Boise St was not only unranked to start the year but NOT A SINGLE PUBLICATION IN THE COUNTRY HAD BOISE ST IN THE TOP 20! Well of course I had them in the Top 20, so I should say not a single magazine other than mine. Boise St, as you all know, was a great story especially with their dramatic win in the Fiesta Bowl and they finished #5 in the polls. I say almost a GREAT year because my #1 surprise team was Louisville and they came within inches of playing for the National Title. When I wrote the magazine I had expected the "Derby City Duo" of RB Michael Bush and QB Brian Brohm to be one of the top QB/RB combos in the country. Bush was lost in the 3Q of the opening game and Brohm was injured a few games later. Brohm was only a few games back from injury when the #3 Cards blew a 25-7 3Q lead and lost to Rutgers on a FG on the last play (which was a 2nd chance FG after the first one was missed but the Cardinals were penalized for being offsides). Had they held on and won they would have been #2 in the BCS poll and we would have had a pair of unbeatens meet for the title. As we saw, the Buckeyes were greatly affected by their 51 day layoff and were a vulnerable team. That could have been my fourth team to merit National Championship discussion for one of my Top 10 surprise teams in FIVE YEARS. That is a pretty good record considering I CANNOT pick any of the projected preseason Top 10 teams and last year's National Champ (Florida) fell into that category along with the other top teams in the mix (Ohio St, Michigan and USC).

Do you think it is easy picking a National Champ prior to the year? Since 1994, only 3 times has the preseason #1 team gone on to win the National Title. **Last year the National Champ Florida was not picked #1 by ANY magazine and they were picked anywhere from #4 (Joe Del Popolo of GamePlan had them rated the highest of any magazine) down to #20. They were #7 in the preseason AP Poll and #8 in the Coaches Poll.** Only in 1999 and 2001 did any of the Big 9 preseason magazines correctly pick the National Champ until 2004 when almost everyone had USC. In 2005 everyone had USC again and no one had the actual Champ, in Texas. The Big 9 magazines that I am referring to are Athlon, Lindy's, The Sporting News, Street and Smith, Sports Illustrated, Game Plan, Preview Sports, Jim Feist's and Phil Steele's (ESPN Magazine only came out recently). In 2001, two magazines (Preview Sports and Street and Smith's) pegged Miami, FI as #1 and they were correct. It used to be the usual suspects like Florida St, Miami, FI and Nebraska that were pegged to win it all almost every year. Throughout the years, however, there have been some other big surprises.

In 1996, none of the Big 9 preseason magazines had Florida pegged as the National Champ, yet the Gators won the Title. That was not an "Oklahoma-like" surprise as they came into the season ranked #4. The big surprise teams that year were BYU, which finished #5 after being unranked in the preseason, and Arizona St, which finished #4 after coming into the season ranked #22. Of the Big 9, only Lindy's had BYU in its Top 25 (at #25) and I had ASU ranked the highest at #13.

In 1997, Michigan (AP) and Nebraska (Coaches) each finished atop one of the major polls at the end of the year. The Huskers came into the season at #5, while none of the Big 9 had them #1, four (myself, Feist's, Preview and Lindy's) had them as high as #3. Michigan was not even rated in the Top 10 coming into the year (#14) so their sharing of the Title was a major surprise. The only Big 9 publication to have them in the Top 10 prior to the year was Street and Smith's, which pegged them a surprising #4 (nice job, guys). The other surprise that year was UCLA which was not ranked coming into the season but finished at #5.

The 1998 season featured another big surprise for the National Title. Tennessee was ranked #10 coming into the season and had one of those years where everything went right for them with few injuries, +16 turnovers, winning 3 tight games by 4 points or less and getting lucky by avoiding the best team in the country that year (Ohio St was ranked #3 but would have been a big favorite had they played the Vols). In their bowl game they took on a Florida St team that was forced to start a backup QB and won that game as well. Of the Big 9 magazines, only two had them ranked in the Top 7 and they were Game Plan (#6) and mine (#7). Three unranked teams that year finished in the Top 10 and they were Arizona (#4), Tulane (#7) and Georgia Tech (#9).

Everyone thought Florida St was a super team in 1999, and they were. The Seminoles became the first ever wire-to-wire champ in the polls, being ranked #1 all year and their 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl left no doubt as to who was the best team in the country. There were some surprise teams that year, however. As I mentioned, Virginia Tech played in the National Title game despite not being ranked in the preseason Top 10. One of the Big 9 magazines did not even have them in their Preseason Top 25!! Athlon and I had them ranked the highest at #6 coming into the year. Michigan St and Kansas St were the other surprise Top 10 finishers. I am pleased to report that I was the only one to rank the Spartans in the Top 25 prior to the year and they finished #7. Lindy's (#9) and Game Plan (#10) did a great job with Kansas St as they were the only two to have them in the Top 10. Overall the Wildcats entered the season at #20.

All of this information that I have provided for you was obtained from a great website, www.stassen.com, which has information on final polls, magazine rankings and some records that date back to 1989. So, what have we learned from all this information? Clearly, every year there has been an unexpected Top 10 team and some years there are big surprises like Oklahoma, Ohio St and LSU who all took home the title after a 5-loss season (Auburn also had 5 losses in 2003 before going unbeaten in 2004). Now comes the question "Who will be this year's Surprise Team?"

As I write this magazine, it is unknown where the other magazines will have the teams ranked or what the preseason polls will look like. I can definitely peg some teams that won't rank in the Preseason Top 10 (and some not even in the Top 20) that could turn out to be big surprise teams this year. Keep in mind no one can forecast injuries and turnovers and those have been important factors for teams who have climbed to the top in recent years.

In 2001's magazine I listed 9 teams that I felt had a shot at being a surprise National Champ. A couple of them did work their way into the Title picture. I listed UCLA and they did vault into the Top 5 with a 6-0 record but were stunned at midseason by Stanford. They then lost RB Foster and dropped out of the National Title chase. LSU was a team that was not ranked in the Preseason Top 10, but did earn its way into a BCS bowl by winning the SEC. The other team that almost got there was Colorado and they nearly played in the National Title game. I picked Colorado for this article despite the fact that they were 3-8 the previous season!! They missed out on the National Title game by a couple of percentage points in the BCS rankings.

In 2002, my #1 surprise team in this article was OHIO ST and the Buckeyes shocked the nation by winning the National Title!! Some other teams mentioned in the article were Penn St, Kansas St, USC and Arkansas. Penn St ended up playing in a Jan 1 bowl game after two straight losing seasons and had 3 very close losses during the regular season. At the end of 2002 you could have made an argument that Kansas St and USC were the two hottest teams in the country. Kansas St outscored their opponents on the year by 33 ppg and USC crushed UCLA, ND and Iowa in their final 3 games by a 134-51 margin. Arkansas was the surprise winner of the SEC West.

In 2003, I had LSU listed as my #2 surprise team in the country and they split the National Title with USC. I had USC listed as my #5 surprise team as they were not highly ranked at the start of the year. They had to replace Heisman Winner Carson Palmer but I noted that 2 of my sets of Power Ratings called them the BEST in the country prior to the season and they claimed the other half of the National Title!!!! My #1 surprise team in 2003 was Pitt and they had a shot at the Orange Bowl and a Big East Title but could not beat Miami in their season finale in chilly Heinz Field. In 2003, I listed a couple of non-BCS teams that could factor into the equation and my #1 team was TCU, a team that was ranked #6 in the BCS poll late in the year and almost made it into a BCS bowl before losing late at S Miss.

In 2004 as usual, I eliminated what early polls showed would be Top 10 teams. As I mentioned **I had Auburn as my #7 surprise team and they almost played in the National Title game. I had Cal as my #2 surprise team and they had a 424-205 yard edge vs USC but just missed winning that game. Had they won, they would have been in the National Title game!** I listed Utah and Boise among 5 non-BCS surprise teams and both went undefeated in the regular season (Boise lost bowl to finish 11-1).

In 2005 Oregon and Alabama, two teams that were not even ranked in the preseason, made my surprise list. The Tide was 9-0 and #3 in the country until injuries derailed them but they still finished #8 in the final poll. Oregon went 10-1 and was #6 at the end of the regular season, almost making a BCS bowl. Also Georgia made my surprise list and while they were an almost unanimous preseason pick for #3 in the SEC East, they were my pick for the SEC Title and they of course won it.

Last year only 4 teams who were not in the AP Top 10 at the start of the year finished in the Top 10 and those teams were Louisville, Boise St, Michigan and Wisconsin. As mentioned Louisville was my #1 surprise team and Boise was my #1 non-BCS team and I projected them to get to a BCS bowl. I had Michigan on my anticipated Top 10 list so they were unpickable. Wisconsin surprised even me.

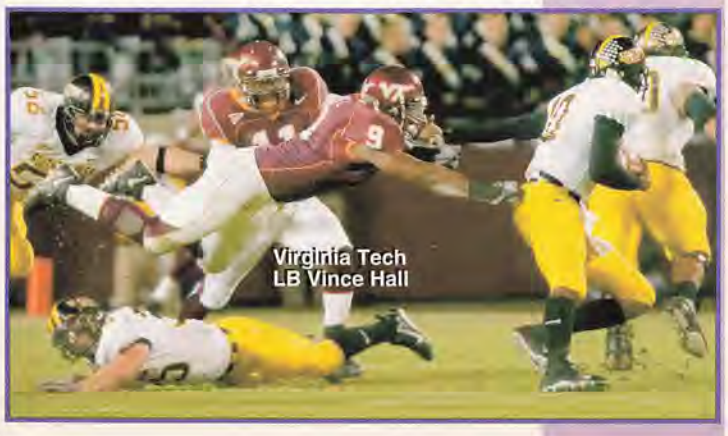
After I wrote my Top 40 I had my staff go on-line to find out what other sources (like The Sporting News, USA Today, Sports Illustrated) were picking for their Top 10's. Here is the rough list of the teams that will likely be ranked in this year's Top 10 and I put them in order of how many different sources picked them in their Top 10: **USC, LSU, Florida, Michigan, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisville and Arkansas. It looks like these teams are likely to make up the Top 10 this year, so I will not use any of them as surprise teams.** Now let's take a look at this year's potential surprise teams.

Last year in the month of November, I was kicking myself. My main set of power ratings had Michigan rated #1 in the country heading into the year but I only had them #11 because they had to play Notre Dame, Penn St and Ohio St all on the road. I could not have picked them as a surprise team because I thought they would be a preseason Top 10 team but they were 3 points away from upsetting Ohio St and playing in the National Title game. Even after the loss, they could have played in the Title game. I mention this because **my #1 surprise team in 2007 is the Florida St Seminoles** and I pegged them at #11 in my Top 40 because of their schedule. They have to face Clemson, Virg Tech, Boston College and the defending National Champ Florida, ALL on the road!! I am enthused by the coaching additions. Just adding OC Jimbo Fisher from LSU would be exciting. Adding OL Coach Rick Trickett from West Virginia would be as well. Bringing in Chuck Amato, who was a thorn in Bowden's side at NCSt and had a great run as an assistant here makes this a staff to be reckoned with. Florida St has never lacked talent and they are the only team in the country who ranks in my Top 25 in all 8 position categories. I realize the Seminoles have greatly underachieved the past two years by losing 11 games. They finished 2006 unranked and barely avoided a losing season. That would make them a surprise this year as my talent ratings have them #2 (behind USC) and one of my 8 sets of power ratings calls for an unbeaten season!

What a great story my **#2 surprise team the Virginia Tech Hokies** would be. They had their spring practice cut short due to the horrific tragedy suffered on their campus and EVERYONE in the country will be pulling for them. I am surprised that my preseason rankings has them just outside the Top 10. The Hokies have a HUGE game vs LSU in week two but if they pull an upset there they would be favored in the rest of their games including their big showdown with my #1 surprise team which is in Blacksburg. They have my biggest home edge in the country (along with Boise at 6 points) and have a veteran QB, RB Ore and my #3 defense in the country. It will be tough for any team to beat LSU, especially in Death Valley but if the Hokies can pull it off they could run the table and find themselves in the National Title game and that would make for a great feel-good story.

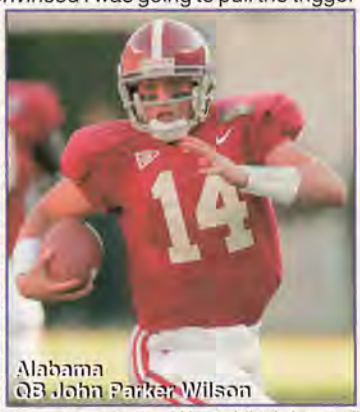
There are some questions with my **#3 surprise team the Penn St Nittany Lions** as I write this or I may have had them in the #1 spot. Joe Paterno is still one of the best coaches in the game. After his 11-1 season in 2005 when they finished #3 in the final polls, I thought he would step aside. Why would he not go out on top? Last year his Lions endured 4 losses but Joe knows what he is doing and perhaps #3 is not exactly going out on top for the 2nd all-time winningest coach. Upon closer inspection their first 3 losses last year were vs the #4, #1, #4 ranked teams in the country with 2 of them on the road with a young QB and O-line! Their last loss was to a Wisconsin team that finished #7 at 12-1 and that was in Madison. This year only one road foe had a winning record last year and that is Michigan. While the Wolverines have beaten Joe Pa eight straight times, his last trip to Ann Arbor would have been a win had Lloyd Carr not successfully lobbied to have a few seconds put back on the clock and they got a TD pass with no time left on the clock. They now have a veteran QB and O-line, an excellent set of WR's and the 2nd best back seven in the game (provided they don't lose key players to suspensions). Maybe Joe was a couple of steps ahead of the game when he opted to return last year and this year he could go out on top if the pieces fall into place.

Something I have noticed the last couple of years is a REBOUND surprise team. In 2003 Auburn was thinking undefeated season and National Title. They were picked in the Top 10 by EVERY magazine (except mine, #15) including #1 by a major magazine. They were tremendously disappointing, finishing just 7-5. In 2004 they were no longer the popular pick and few had them in the Top 10 (they were my #7 Surprise Team). With lower expectations they rebounded to go 13-0 and almost played for the National Title. In that 2004 season West Virginia was a popular surprise pick as they had the schedule to run the table. I tabbed WV as my #1 Surprise Team and they did rise to #6 in the polls but injuries and some close losses saw them stumble to an 8-4 record. In 2005 the Mountaineer bandwagon emptied fast and no magazine (including mine) had them in the Top 25. WV rebounded with an almost perfect year going 11-1, beating Georgia in the Sugar Bowl and finishing #5 in the polls. Last year Louisville fit that category after having high expectations in 2005 but coming out of the season with 3 unexpected losses. I mentioned earlier how they were inches away from playing in the National Title game. Rebound teams this year would be USC, Texas, Oklahoma and West Virginia who all lost more than expected in '06 but I can't pick any of those teams because they are all projected to be in the Top 10. Even the NFL has had rebound teams the last two years. In 2004 the Pittsburgh Steelers had the best record in the NFL but lost in the Playoffs. They were not the favorites in 2005 but won the Super Bowl. The Indianapolis Colts had the best record in 2005 but after another Playoff loss were not the favorites last year but ended up winning the Super Bowl. Teams that appeared to have a shot at the Title but blow it are generally dismissed the next year and that is where my **#4 surprise team, the Ohio St Buckeyes,** fall into place. Yes, I know they lose Heisman Trophy winning QB Troy Smith, RB Antonio Pittman and #1 DC's Ted Ginn Jr and Anthony Gonzalez. Woe is Ohio St right? Actually this year's losses are LESS than they lost last year as they earned 28 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover article with just 2 picks in the first round while last year they "earned" 49 points with an AMAZING FIVE FIRST round picks lost! Last year they only had two starters back on a defense which played beyond their years. This year they have a more veteran D which rated as my #4 defense. Their offense will be much better than expected and does not have to dominate as they won a National Title with defense and special teams in 2002 and could do so again. Fans can't get that blowout loss to Florida out of their minds but that was in the


Virginia Tech LB Vince Hall

large favorite's role after having not played for 51 days with everyone telling them how great they were. They did not have that problem in their National Title year and won't this season as two preseason sites I looked at have them #21 and #18! Yes they have to play Michigan and Penn St on the road but LY they had to play Iowa and Texas on the road at night and still got to the Title game.

My #5 Surprise Team is the USF Bulls who have pulled off some BIG surprises in recent years and could be the surprise winner of the Big East even though that conference has three teams that will be listed as National Title contenders in Louisville, West Virginia and Rutgers. One week before I did my final Big East forecast I was convinced I was going to pull the trigger and peg the Bulls #1 in the Big East and in my Top 10. Two of my first sets of power ratings that I had completed were calling for them to go undefeated! I complete my main sets of ratings on the final day that I do the conference and those ratings talked me out of it. Despite those rankings, USF could still end up in the National Title game and this is how: They have an excellent defense led by another outstanding back 7. Last year QB Matt Grothe was rarely 100% healthy and if he remains 100%, their offense will be much improved. They only face two teams with a winning record on the road and that is Auburn (in a rebuilding year) and Rutgers, (a team I think is a little overrated). The biggest two tests are vs West Virginia and Louisville. Not only do they get those two at home but they will be very confident. Two years ago, USF hosted an undefeated #9 Louisville team and waxed them by a 45-14 margin. Last year they traveled to Morgantown to face #7 West Virginia in the cold in a game that WV needed to win to lock up the Big East Title and a BCS bowl berth. USF had a 21-13 FD edge and pulled the upset 24-19. USF is capable of running the table and this is by far Jim Leavitt's best Bulls squad.


Alabama
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My surprise SEC teams have done very well and are a big reason why I have the most accurate preseason magazine the last 8 years (also last year, last 3 yrs, last 5 yrs, etc). In 2005 not a single magazine (except for mine) called for **#6 surprise team the Georgia Bulldogs** to finish above THIRD IN THE SEC EAST. I had them picked first and one of my surprise teams in the country. Had DJ Shockley not been injured (they lost both games he missed), the Dawgs may have played in the National Title game as with a healthy Shockley they whipped LSU 34-14 in the SEC Title game. I like the job Mark Richt is doing at Georgia and last year they had a very iffy QB situation throughout the year with true frosh Matthew Stafford eventually taking the controls and suffering through some true frosh mistakes. Like 2005 I doubt many, if any, will pick against defending National Champ Florida in the SEC East which is why the Dawgs are a surprise team. Richt knows how to win on the SEC road where they have to face Tennessee and Alabama but they also only have 3 SEC true road games as Florida is at a neutral site.

Last year the debate raged for the first couple of weeks in November that should #2 Michigan lose at #1 Ohio St would they still be entitled to go to the National Title game? It could be a similar scenario if my **#7 Surprise Team the UCLA Bruins** take care of business as they could be favored in their first 11 and an 11-0 Bruins team could be traveling across town to face an 11-0 USC team in the finale. The Bruins' have either been great on offense and poor on defense or vice versa the last few years. This year they are the complete package with a veteran QB, my #19 rated O-line, solid special teams and 10 starters back from their 2006 defense which held USC to just 9 points. Road trips to Oregon St and Wash St are the toughest tasks on the road prior to USC and neither takes place in chilly November. A home game vs Oregon could be another big showdown but with 20 returning starters this is by far Dorrell's best team yet.

I mention every year that Alabama and Auburn basically trade schedules each year with one getting the toughest games at home and the other getting them on the road. This year my **#8 Surprise Team the Alabama Crimson Tide,** get the favorable schedule and Nick Saban steps into a GREAT situation. Just two short years ago the Tide was one of my top surprise teams and I called for them to be a darkhorse National Title contender which shocked many as they were coming off of 4-9 and 6-6 seasons. They very nearly were in the National Title game despite losing star WR Protho to injury and then star C Closner. They were still unbeaten and #3 in the NCAA when they lost at home to LSU in overtime. Had those two key offensive players not been injured they may have run the table. Last year I did not expect much out the Tide in a rebuilding year and vs a killer schedule. They had to face 4 teams who were ranked in the Top 10 at some time in 2006 on the road and actually outFD'd LSU, Arkansas and Florida and also nearly defeated Tennessee after blowing a 3Q lead. This year they have two tough road games at Florida St and Auburn but with a veteran offense and early season success helping the team buy into what Saban is preaching, they could be one of those surprise teams again.

I am always quick to point out my magazines successes but I am also willing to take my medicine on forecasts that did not work out very well. This year my **#9 Surprise Team is the Missouri Tigers** but because of 2004 I am a little gunshy to put them in this article. In 2004 I took a look at Brad Smith and a veteran squad taking on a manageable schedule and made them my #3 surprise team and the Tigers made me look bad with a 5-6 record for a losing season. This year they have QB Chase Daniel and 14 returning starters overall. They may only be an underdog once all year when they travel to Oklahoma. They only have one other true road game vs a team that finished with a winning record last year and don't have to play Texas out of the South. They are my pick to win the Big 12 North and might not be ranked in the Top 25 at the start of the year. One magic number the last 7 years has been FIVE, as three of the National Champs (or co-Champs) had FIVE losses the year prior to winning the Title and Auburn, which was unbeaten in 2004 and nearly in the title game, was also off a 5-loss season. The Tigers had that magical 5 losses last year.

Just a few short years ago before Pete Carroll got the USC tradition reignited it looked like my **#10 Surprise team the Oregon Ducks** would be the long time class of the Pac 10. They had Mike Bellotti's solid recruiting and coaching and state of the art facilities funded by the never ending coffers of Nike chairman Phil Knight. From the start of 1999 through midseason of 2002, they were 22-4 vs their Pac 10 foes and at that point were #6 in the country. USC's emergence has hurt but the Ducks are "just" 21-18 in Pac 10 play since then and they finished just 4-5 in league play last year. They are off an embarrassing blowout loss to BYU in the bowl. The bright side is that even in that down stretch they very nearly landed a BCS bowl berth just 2 years ago, going 10-1 in the regular season with their only loss to USC. I look for QB Dixon and RB Stewart to be one of the top backfield combos this year and they have 14 returning starters. They only face two teams all year on the road that had a winning record in '06 and while both are likely Top 10 teams (Michigan and UCLA) they are capable of winning those. They also get USC to visit a very noisy Autzen Stadium on Oct 27 where it could be cold and they have knocked off 4 ranked teams at home in the last 4 years including #3 Michigan.

Roulette Chips. If you walk up to a roulette table and pick just one number you have a 38-1 shot (37-1 in the big money rooms with no 00) of having your number come in, so it is a long shot but still a possibility. Last year I listed two teams that had poor LOSING records from the previous year and said that if the stars align correctly, no injuries happen, and every bounce goes their way, they could be the first team in recent history to go from a losing record to a National Title. You might argue that you could say that about any of the 119 Division IA teams but that is not the case as the odds of a Kansas or Baylor walking away with the title are about the same as #78 coming up in roulette. One of two teams that I chose 2 years ago was Alabama. They rose as high as #3 in polls at 9-0 and may just have gotten to the big game if not for key offensive injuries. Here are a couple of long shots that I felt compelled to include.

The **Iowa Hawkeyes** were thought to be among the nation's elite just two short years ago but stumbled to a 6-7 record last year. Kirk Ferentz is one of the top coaches in the game. They have a solid set of RB's, top notch O-line and a unheralded defensive front 7. His ST's are always good and they do not have to play Ohio St OR Michigan on the Big 10 schedule this year! Iowa finished just 6-7 last year and will not be in anyone's Top 25 this year but never count out a Kirk Ferentz team especially one facing the #43 schedule.

I have already listed two teams that have losing records so my second roulette chip team is one that had a slight winning record last year in the **Purdue Boilermakers.** They have 18 returning starters, a veteran QB that fits the offense, an excellent set of WR's and low expectations. Only two of their road foes had a winning record last year and after two years of grossly underachieving, they could turn it around this year with a better attitude.

These are the 10 teams that have a legitimate shot at stunning the NCAA much like Oklahoma did in 2000, Ohio St did in 2002, LSU did in 2003, Auburn almost did in 2004 and Louisville almost did last year. There are also two longshots that could surprise. Also listed below are five more non-BCS teams who are longshots to make it to a BCS bowl, let alone a National Title game. My power ratings say all FIVE have a shot at an unbeaten season, which would stir up some debate. Last year my top non-BCS team Boise St went undefeated and got to a BCS bowl where they beat Oklahoma. This year I am calling for Hawaii to go unbeaten and grab a BCS bowl slot. The NCAA mandated reduction of scholarships to 85 has created the opportunity for teams to rebound quickly and pull surprises. This should be another exciting year and certainly at least one team will surpass conventional expectations.

2007 Surprise Teams

1. Florida St Seminoles
2. Virginia Tech Hokies
3. Penn St Nittany Lions
4. Ohio State Buckeyes
5. USF Bulls
6. Georgia Bulldogs
7. UCLA Bruins
8. Alabama Crimson Tide
9. Missouri Tigers
10. Oregon Ducks

Roulette Chips (i.e. longshots)

11. Iowa Hawkeyes
12. Purdue Boilermakers

Five non-BCS teams who could Surprise

1. Hawaii Warriors
2. TCU Horned Frogs
3. Boise St Broncos
4. BYU Cougars
5. Toledo Rockets

Questions & Answers with Phil Steele

(or for my regular magazine readers "Q&A w/PS")

Q&A with PS was a new feature on PhilSteele.com in 2006 and it will be expanded this year. Each week we post questions that are received from our readers with answers from Phil Steele himself. Would you like to submit your question? E-mail us at: questions@philsteele.com!! Thank you very much for reading my 2007 College Football Preview and I look forward to chatting with you about college football either on one of my radio shows or online at philsteele.com. Each week I will go through the questions that are submitted and pick out several to answer for the week. Past week's answers are always available in case you missed any. For this year's magazine I decided to list some questions that were submitted last year so you could get an idea of what "Q&A w/PS" is about.

During the summer of 2006 a MAC Fan asked:

Q: How could you possibly pick Ohio and Kent St to split the MAC East Title? They were horrible teams last year combining for 5 wins in 2005?

A: In the magazine business it is always easier to make the safe call. Take a team that had 0 or just 1 win the previous year and pick them last. If they happen to have a good year the next season then applaud them in next year's magazine. No team can seriously go from that type of record to a winning season, can they? Naturally, I have all kinds of past evidence to show it is indeed possible.

Let's take a look at a couple of other worst to firsts in recent years. In 2005 UCF was coming off a 0-11 season. It was a season in which everything that could go wrong, went wrong. The Knights were moving up in class from the MAC to CUSA and were the consensus pick for LAST in the CUSA East. I am pleased to report that I had them ranked higher than all the other magazines rating them in 4th place (and boy did I catch it in the offseason from fans of Marshall and East Carolina who I picked below them!). I had actually expected a lot more from UCF in 2004 but due to a major string of injuries they went winless. I looked at their talent that year and my power ratings had them contending for the East title but I was gun-shy after having picked them high the previous year. All UCF did in '05 was win the CUSA East and appear in the CUSA Title game!!

Also in 2005 Penn St was coming off of consecutive Big 10 records of 1-7 and 2-6. I was gun-shy after having Penn St picked #5 in the Big 10 in 2004 but watching as they went through a 2nd consecutive snakebitten season with a lot of close losses. Naturally they WON the Big 10 title and finished #3 in the country in 2005!!

In 2004 UTEP was coming off of a 2-10 record in 2002 and a 2-11 record in 2003. Little was expected in 2004 but I had them my #3 most improved team in the NCAA and called for them to finish higher than any other magazine at #5 in the 10 team WAC. They even exceeded my lofty expectations with a 6-2 WAC mark (2nd place) and made it to a bowl game.

Thanks for writing, Phil Steele

Also over the summer David asked:

Q: Phil, I'm wondering why you said Tennessee would be one of the most improved teams in the country? We still have Phillip Fulmer playing "not to lose" and a less than 50% success rate over the past 6 years against ranked teams. As Tommy Tuberville at Auburn recently said, "We hire teachers for coaches and don't depend totally on talent." That had to be aimed directly at Fulmer who "out personneled" everyone during the 90's and has fallen flat on his face after the SEC caught up to his talent level. I just can't see that much changing this year with the exception of beating Vanderbilt. Thanks, David (Jackson, TN)

A: David, I know that Vols fans are down on the team after last year's troubling year but Tennessee has won or shared the SEC East Title in 5 of the last 9 years (2 of the last 3!!). Last year I felt EVERYONE had Tennessee overrated heading into the year as they were pegged by everyone (except me) to finish first in the East and in the top 5 in the country. I had them 3rd in the East and had Georgia winning the division.

Coming into 2005 UT's team was overrated as they only outgained SEC foes by 14.5 ypg in 2004 (more indicative of a 4-4 SEC team) and yet finished 7-1. The 2006 squad is exactly the opposite as they are underrated. The 2005 Vols outgained SEC foes by 28.9 ypg (better than 2004) but finished just 3-5 in the SEC. Disappointing teams turn into surprise teams many times the next year. Let me give you two examples:

In 2003, Auburn was the hot pick to finish unbeaten and contend for the National Title as they were every magazine's pick (except for mine) to win the SEC West and were ranked in the Top 7 by most (I had them #15, lower than every other source and I pegged LSU for the SEC West Title). Auburn lost FIVE games that year. In 2004 NOT A SINGLE PUBLICATION picked them to win the West but they rebounded to go 13-0 and finished #2 in the final polls.

In 2004, almost everyone (including myself) thought West Virginia had the talent and schedule to run the table. They ended up losing 4 games. The next year (2005) not a single source had them in their Top 25 at the start of the year (12 sources monitored by preseason.stassen.com). WV went 11-1 and won the Sugar Bowl.

I like the overall talent on this team and the offense should be vastly improved for a couple of reasons. Last year they had two QB's which means split snaps and a divided team. This year it is Erik Ainge who should be the most improved QB in the country. He took charge of the team this spring and will get almost all of the snaps with the #1's. He also has a new offensive coordinator in David Cutcliffe who is great at molding QB's. The Vols have the talent to be Top 15 on defense as well. Last year they had to face Florida, LSU, Alabama and Notre Dame all on the road. This year, the only two ranked teams to be played on the road are Arkansas (only ranked by me at this point) and Georgia. Another main reason for picking them to win the SEC East is that both Georgia and Florida have to face Auburn (I feel the most talented team in the SEC) ON THE ROAD and Tennessee avoids playing the Tigers. Add it all up and I feel last year's disappointing team will turn into a surprise team for this year.

Thanks for writing, Phil Steele

Shawn wrote in during July to ask:

Q: Phil, Yeah... I got a question for you. When are you gonna get your head out of your ass?? Actually.... I really want to know if your gonna be accountable when WVU hands Louisville their ass and wins the Big East?? No?? I didn't think so. Just one more hater on the Big East and WVU.

Dear Shawn, This is much the same question I have received in past years when I have listed teams lower than many fans think they should be ranked & in my first segment of Questions & Answers, I posted an in-depth answer to this very question. I received many of the same type of questions when I picked Tennessee for 3rd in the SEC East last year when their fans were thinking National Title. Thanks for writing, Phil Steele

This is a question that I get asked a lot:

Q: How can you possibly pick (fill in the blank) so low in the rankings this year?

A: First of all, if you read my College Football Preview Magazine, which is 328 pages and has at least TWICE the amount of information as any other college preview, you can tell I study college football 365 days of the year. Are my predictions flawless? Let's face it no one is perfect. I am pleased however to be rated the MOST ACCURATE COLLEGE football magazine over the last 8 years (preseason.stassen.com) and I put a GREAT DEAL of care into my selections. If you read my magazine you will see I usually give TONS of statistical reasons for ranking a team much lower or higher than the other magazines. Read the first question on this page to see some teams that had poor records one year and became national contenders the next. Now every year when I do my radio shows over the summer I get those calls from disgruntled fans whose teams I ranked too low. I could give you a hundred examples I've had over the years, but I will list just a few of my all-time favorites and the ones that were met with the most consternation:

In 1997, Wash St had a very impressive year as they rolled to a 10-1 regular season record, were Pac 10 champs, and appeared in the Rose Bowl. Cougar fans were awash with pride (and deservedly so). In my 1998 College Football Preview magazine I had the audacity to pick the defending Pac 10 Champs to finish TENTH!!! Now keep in mind at this time it was just the 4th year of my national magazine and I did not have as big a following or reputation that I have today. Frankly, I did not know that they had soooooo many sports radio stations up in Pullman, as I was a very popular guest there. All summer long I gave my reasoning for picking the Cougars so low and was called an idiot, told I knew NOTHING about football, and many times had listeners say they would NEVER purchase my magazine because it was distorted. When the 1998 season ended the DEFENDING PAC 10 CHAMPS FINISHED 10TH IN THE PAC 10 AT 0-8!!!

In 2000, I was VERY HIGH on the Northwestern Wildcats. They were coming off a 1-7 Big Ten season and I called them my #4 MOST IMPROVED TEAM in the NCAA. I picked them higher than every other preview in the preseason and gave them a good shot at getting to a bowl. Northwestern's 2000 squad did not disappoint as they actually TIED for the Big Ten Title at 6-2 and got to a bowl. The next year, in 2001, the Wildcats were the popular pick for #1 in the Big Ten with no fewer than 7 sources pegging them there. They were ranked at the start of the year but I had the audacity to pick them TIED for NINTH in the Big Ten!!! No other magazine or Internet source had them lower than 4th and as mentioned the majority had them first. The same Purple Faithful who I had made very happy the previous year were now very angry with me. "Phil Steele has lost his mind". They felt they had a national title contender and I picked them ninth in the Big Ten??!! Radio shows in the Chicago area called me brainless, ignorant and completely lacking knowledge of the college game. When the season ended I was indeed wrong on where the Cats would finish. I had them tied for 9th and they finished tied for tenth in the Big Ten with a 2-6 record!!!

In 2003, Auburn was the very popular pick as a national title contender. Ten of my 11 competitors had them 1st in the SEC West. I actually had LSU winning the SEC West and called for Auburn to finish tied for 2nd in the West. One of my favorite shows every year is the Paul Finebaum show in Alabama and he loves poking fun at my predictions and I remember him teasing me about picking Auburn so low. Auburn was actually picked #1 in the country by *The Sporting News* and in the top 6 in 7 of the 12 polls. Probably the conference I care the most about with my predictions is the SEC as their fans are the most fervent and about 50% of the radio shows I do are in SEC country. I was relieved at the end of the year when LSU did indeed take home the West title and Auburn fans (and the school president) were very disillusioned with coach Tuberville and the team's 8-5 finish.

In 2003, Nebraska finished 10-3 and Iowa St was a very poor 2-10 including a PERFECT 0-8 in the Big 12. In 2004 I actually picked Iowa St to finish ahead of Nebraska in the Big 12 North!!!! Now you know how fervent the SEC football fans are, well I angered the big RED nation in the summer of 2004. I was a VERY popular guest on radio shows in Lincoln and you would have thought I changed my name to "Here is the guy who picked Iowa St ahead of Nebraska in the Big 12 this year" as that is how I was introduced on most of those shows. Phone lines were lit up and boy was I ridiculed for not knowing football, being an idiot, etc. Once again, fortunately for me, Iowa St finished tied for 1st in the Big 12 and came within a missed FG of winning it outright. Nebraska suffered their first losing season in 31 years!

In 2005, I did not make a lot of friends in Knoxville. Tennessee was regarded as a national title contender and ranked #2 or #3 in the country by NINE of the 12 sources cited on the preseason.stassen.com site. They were the consensus pick for the SEC EAST title. I picked the Vols #3 in the EAST and actually called for GEORGIA to win the EAST while most others had the Bulldogs THIRD in the DIVISION. Tennessee was one of the states I did the most radio shows in that summer. Many callers questioned my sanity and knowledge among other things. How could I pick this national title contender THIRD in the their own DIVISION. Fortunately for me Georgia not only won the SEC East but also the SEC Title game and Tennessee had a rare losing year. Another popular state for me last year was Iowa as I did not have the Hawks in my Top 10 and they were ranked as high as #2 and #3 in some preseason polls. Iowa fans love their football and were not too happy with me last year but Iowa actually finished the regular season unranked at 7-5.

Not all of my predictions work out but I am proud to be the most accurate preseason magazine over the past 7 years. Thanks for writing, Phil Steele

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DETERMINING THE NATIONAL CHAMP – BOWLS OR PLAYOFFS?

by Phil Steele

The debate gets hotter each year on how to determine the National Champ in College Football. Everyone has an opinion, even Father Bob gave me his 8 team playoff scenario. **Last year it was business as usual as Michigan was #2 in the BCS rankings after losing to Ohio St but dropped to #3 without playing a game.** Florida got to the National Title game while Michigan, like most disappointed teams have done lately, lost their bowl game. **In my bowl system Michigan and Florida would have faced each other on the field for the right to play the winner of Ohio St vs LSU who was #4 in the BCS rankings and that would have been a pair of outstanding games.** In 2005, the BCS method worked out perfectly. In the old system, USC would have faced Penn St in the Rose Bowl and Texas would have played in the Orange Bowl and we would have had two undefeated teams at the end of the year. Unfortunately, the BCS method has only worked out perfectly TWICE in the TEN years of the system (20%). **The previous two years worked out PERFECTLY for my method EXCEPT that the NCAA did not allow the National Title Game that I called for, which would have pitted LSU vs USC in a one-game Title match after the bowls in 2003 and USC and Auburn in a one-game Title match in 2004.** This would have prevented the co-National Champs of 2003 and Auburn going undefeated and winning the SEC but not playing for a Title in 2004. The one game playoff is the only plan to make the situation perfect, as an 8 or 16 team playoff would not solve anything. It would destroy the bowls and make the regular season meaningless. I am a traditionalist when it comes to college football. I love the rivalries and the tradition of the bowls. During the holidays, I am a bowl junkie and I find each bowl to be interesting. **I feel that bowls provide teams with a reward for a successful season, both financially, as well as for recruitment purposes and should be kept intact.**

I know that in college basketball, the March Madness tournament is a major success. TV ratings are high and almost everyone in the country participates in their office pools, predicting who will be the National Champ. Many have said that they would like to see such a tournament for NCAA football as well. I definitely disagree with that. Here's the main reason why: If you take a look at the NCAA hoops tournament and who is crowned champion, I think you will find that the most dominating team of the basketball season does not always win the championship. How can you say that a team like the 1985 Villanova squad, which finished the regular season 16-10, was the best team in the country simply because they won their last 6 games in the NCAA tournament? There were 10 teams during the regular season who were stronger than they were! To say at the end of the year that a team that lost 10 games was the strongest team in the NCAA was a joke and **meant that the entire regular season was meaningless.** 2005 was more of the same with all four #1 teams eliminated. The CHAMPIONSHIP game featured teams that were #7 and #11 in the polls during the regular season. Basically, the regular season meant nothing and if we went to a 16 game football format, would a battle between the #7 and #11 teams really be a title game?

Michigan dropped from #2 to #3 in the BCS without playing! MICHIGAN QB Chad Henne

The one thing I love about college football is that of all sports, college or pro, the REGULAR SEASON in college football is the one that MEANS THE MOST. You might be able to stay alive in the overall chase if you lose ONE regular season game, but two losses will most likely, and should, eliminate you. That means that the games in September, October and November are just as critical as the bowl games if you want to have a shot at the National Title. No other sport with an expanded playoff system can say that. College basketball's regular season big games really mean ABSOLUTELY nothing as it only matters what you do in the tournament for the last 6 games. If the #1 team loses in college basketball it means nothing, as they will still be in the NCAA Tournament at the end of the year and it only matters what you do in those final 6 games.

The current BCS bowl method of determining the National Champion also has its flaws. In 1998, my No. 1 team in the country in the preseason was Ohio St. There was no doubt in my mind that Ohio St was the strongest and most complete team, but a late season upset loss to Mich St cost them a shot at appearing in the National Championship Game. The BCS picked Florida St, a team with one loss that was starting a backup QB, to take on Tennessee in the bowl. The Volunteers won the National Championship. Tennessee was far from a perfect team that year and caught many fortunate breaks to remain undefeated. Had Ohio St played either Florida St or UT in that year's Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes would have been the favorite to win. The Buckeyes had to settle for second place after they whipped Texas A&M in their bowl.

In my 1999 magazine, I called for Nebraska to finish No. 1 in the country. No one else had Nebraska listed in the Top 5. The Huskers had a dominating year but had one bad game vs Texas (in which Nebraska had a 429-275 yd edge) and could not overcome their 6 turnovers. They later avenged that loss to Texas big time in the Big 12 Championship Game with a dominating 22-6 win, proving they were a stronger team than the Horns. They then dismantled Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl, even more impressively than the 31-21 final indicated.

Florida St was a good team in 1999 but played their then soft ACC schedule, and even then, had some close calls vs Georgia Tech, Clemson and Florida. Virginia Tech was a great story in 1999, going undefeated and getting to the National Title game. The Hokies benefitted from a soft schedule as well, not playing a team near the caliber of Nebraska. Once again, had Nebraska played either VT or Florida St in the National Title Game, I feel they would have been a favorite to win. The Huskers probably would have defeated either of those two foes, as they had the best defense in the country but did not get to play for the Title.

In 2000, the BCS worked out pretty well, as the two best teams did get a shot at the National Title game when Florida St faced Oklahoma but both Miami, FL and Washington fans said they should have been the challenger to undefeated Oklahoma. Miami beat Florida St straight up, while Washington beat Miami straight up. They each had legitimate claims, as both faced tough schedules and had just one slip up. Two other teams that finished 10-1 did not have legitimate claims. Yes, Oregon St was the most impressive team in the Pac 10. The Beavers were blowing out opponents on a weekly basis, but they lost to Washington and only had one win over a final Top 25 team all year (Oregon). The same can be said for Virginia Tech, who did not defeat a single team ranked in the Top 25 and lost to Miami, Fl by 20.

In 2001, Nebraska suffered their first loss of the year at Colorado by a 62-36 margin in their season finale. Miami, FL went undefeated and indisputably deserved the Rose Bowl bid and a chance to vie for the Title. After Florida, Tennessee and Texas all fell by the wayside, Nebraska (controversially, by the BCS formula) got the call to face Miami, while Oregon and Colorado complained loudly that they were the ones that deserved a shot. Had Nebraska defeated Miami, the AP voters would likely have voted the Oregon/Colorado Fiesta Bowl winner the National Champ, showing a great deal of sentiment that those two teams deserved a shot at the Title. My proposed system would have allowed both Oregon and Colorado to play for the Title, along with Nebraska and Miami.

In 2002, it was a dream come true for the BCS, as there were just two unbeaten, teams at season's end and they met in the Fiesta Bowl to determine the true National Champion. Ohio St beat Miami in double overtime. No arguments from anybody for the first time in BCS history!!

The 2003 season would have been perfect for my system, but we ended up with a split National Title and the #1 team in both polls NOT playing in the National Title game. Three teams had legitimate claims to appear in the National Title game (once again showing that 8 or 16 teams is unnecessary) and Michigan made a nice pick for the #4 spot. Had my system been in place, the teams would have played just like they did in 2003, but one or two weeks later, LSU could have faced USC and it would have been a true National Title Game with NO DISPUTES from anyone!!!!

Once again, in 2004, there were three teams that could have argued for a spot in the National Title game. Auburn is a team that plays in the rugged SEC, who not only went undefeated, but also won the SEC Title game and yet did not get a chance to play for the Title. There were a couple of other unbeaten teams at the end of the year, but about 15 teams in the country would have had unbeaten records playing their schedules, so they had no real argument. All teams that had one loss had no real argument. The bottom line is as long as the Top 3 got in, it did not matter who the #4 team would have been.

As you can tell, I feel that the best team in the country did not win the National Title in at least three of the last ten years. The Title game foes were controversial in 8 of the 10 years with two split National Titles the last 10 years. I really think that a BCS conference team that suffers just one tough loss, but is dominating in every other game vs a decent schedule, deserves a shot at the National Title game (unless there are two unbeaten teams left). I see a lot of proposals for 8 and 16 team matchups but I feel that is going too far. As I previously pointed out, there is no reason to include teams with numerous losses as if they were true National Championship contenders. If they were, they would have taken care of business during the regular season. **I also think, that by including teams with 2 or 3 losses in the National Championship picture, you dilute the greatness of college football during the regular season. There ARE many games with National Championship implications during the regular season.** As an example, when Miami, Fl and Florida St face off every year, normally one is eliminated

from the championship race and the other is still alive. Why not let those games keep their "playoff-like" atmosphere, thus preserving their importance? If you expand the field to 16, you allow teams to be able to lose games like that and still look forward to the post season and a shot at winning the Title. It would take a GREAT end of the season matchup like Ohio St and Michigan (#1 vs #2 in '06) and make it less relevant. Instead of it being an all important destiny changing game if both teams are in the Top 10, they would probably make the 16 game playoff whether they win or lose to each other. I do not want to dilute college football during the regular season and feel that only a select few who meet the challenges of the regular season deserve to be in the Title chase. **I feel college football regular season games are the most important games of any sport due to their impact on the Title chase.**

Here is my plan to determine the National Champ and actually it is very close to what we have now. It should be feasible in the foreseeable future and I feel it would establish a true National Champ. This is the EIGHTH straight year I have called for it in my magazine. To determine the National Champ, I feel that they should continue with the BCS rankings but include the Top FOUR teams in the BCS chase. The two semifinal games would be played on Jan 1 and rotate as the bowls do now between the Rose, Orange, Sugar and Fiesta. The Top 4 teams in the country, according to the BCS, would be invited. If you look at the last 10 years, this would have included No. 3 Ohio St in 1998, No. 3 Nebraska in 1999, BOTH Oregon and Colorado in 2001, #1 USC in 2003 AND undefeated SEC Champ Auburn in 2004 and Michigan in 2006. In this scenario, the teams decide who is the National Champ on the field. No. 1 would face No. 4 and No. 2 would face No. 3 in the January 1 bowls. After the first round matchups, the Championship Game could be played during the bye week before the Super Bowl. This would allow the teams plenty of time for preparation and for fans to make travel arrangements, given the three to four week span. It also gives football fans something to look forward to during the week that the NFL is off. It would also prevent a team like Ohio St from playing in a national title game after not having played for 51 days which affected their performance.

Then there would be absolutely no question that it would be a true National Title game, as the Top 4 teams would be involved. Now let's take a look at how this would have affected the last 10 years races. In 1997, the "final four" would have been Michigan, Nebraska, Florida St and N Carolina. This is one year in which there would have been little question as to who the Top 2 teams were, as Michigan and Nebraska should have met in the Title game, with both teams going unbeaten. If the 2 had played, there would have been no split of the National Title and a true champion could have been crowned. The No. 5 (UCLA) and No. 6 (Florida) teams each had 2 losses and once again did NOT deserve a role in the Title game chase. The current BCS system, which was devised after the '97 season, would have also provided the same outcome as it would have matched the two unbeaten teams. But I find fault with a system that would have given us a true Title game in only 3 of the last 10 years.

In 1998, Ohio St would have faced Florida St in one of the semifinal matchups. With a backup QB, Florida St would have been no match for the Buckeyes' top-rated defense and Ohio St would have advanced. Tennessee would have matched up with Kansas St, a team that was unbeaten until the Big 12 Championship game. In that particular game, I would have rated it a toss-up as both would have had a chance to advance. I still feel Ohio St would have polished off whoever emerged from that game but, as you can see, I do not feel the best two teams participated in the "National Title" game that the BCS presented. Team No. 5 was Arizona and No. 6 was UCLA and I do not feel either of those teams were National Title caliber. They simply achieved their records by playing in the Pac 10 (which was a weak conference that year) and really did not have defenses comparable to the Top 4 teams.

In 1999, Nebraska would have faced Virginia Tech in one of the semifinal games. The Huskers' defense would have contained Michael Vick in a tight, low-scoring game and NU would have advanced, as their tougher schedule would have had them better prepared. Florida St would have faced whoever the BCS poll had rated in the No. 4 slot. Wisconsin was No. 4 in both polls and Alabama and Tennessee were No. 5 and No. 6, even though all three had 2 losses. Kansas St was No. 8 with only one loss. A strong case could be made AGAINST all 4 from having a shot at the National Title game but, since you have to pick one, let's say Wisconsin was chosen because they were #4. As you can see, in 1999 there would not have been any complaints of teams left out, as it was tough to find one that was at the level of the Top 3. Florida St would have dispatched Wisconsin. That would have forced a true National Title game between Nebraska and Florida St, who were the top two teams in reality.

In 2000, my system would have been a dream. With Oregon St and Virginia Tech dismissed due to strength of schedule (or lack thereof), Washington would have faced Oklahoma and Miami would have had a rematch with Florida St for the right to play in the Title game. There would be no complaints after the season and those teams left out would be forced to play stronger non-conf foes, making the regular season even more enjoyable.

The year 2001 was another season in which my system would have produced a ton of excitement and a great college football final four. No. 1 Miami, FL No. 2 Nebraska, No. 3 Colorado and No. 4 Oregon would have qualified. The Canes and the Ducks would have been a great game, in which Miami would have been favored, but it would have given UO a chance to earn the nation's respect. In the other game, Colorado would have had the chance to show that their first matchup with Nebraska was no fluke. It would also have given the Buffaloes the chance to show that the BCS computer, which ranked them .05 behind the Huskers, had in fact slighted them. This scenario would have been fun to watch and would have eliminated any doubt as to the identity of the true National Champ.

The 2002 year was perfect for the BCS with the two unbeaten teams but, in this system, each would have had to play another game to get to the Title game. While arguably two of the top teams in the country at the end of the season were USC and Kansas St, each had lost 2 games during the year and would have been on the outside looking in. Once again this shows how important regular season games are in this system. The No. 3 and No. 4 teams (Iowa and Georgia) each had one loss and would have faced the top two in the semi's. I feel that Ohio St would have beaten Iowa (which subsequently lost to USC in the Orange Bowl) and Miami would have beaten Georgia, and the battle of unbeatens still would have happened but 2 or 3 weeks into January. 2005 would've been a similar scenario with just 2 unbeaten teams (USC & Texas).

I detailed how 2003 was a perfect scenario for my system, as well as 2004. In 2004, #1 USC would have battled the #4 team. It could have been Texas, California or Utah. The bottom line is, no matter who was left out, they would have had NO argument about the team that was picked, as they were simply lucky to be in it. If I was on the committee to choose, I would have made the simple argument that California (which lost during the regular season to USC) and Texas (which lost during the regular season to Oklahoma) ALREADY HAD their playoff games and lost them. I would have chosen Utah, which was unbeaten and played a much tougher schedule than Boise. That really shows the importance of regular season games. Utah would have been whipped by USC and Oklahoma probably would have lost to Auburn. Therefore we would have had USC vs Auburn and EVERYONE would have acknowledged that as the true National Title game. My system would have produced the true National Title game in TEN out of TEN YEARS!!!

Here is a recap of the Top 5 teams in the country over the past 10 years showing that the 4 team format is clearly the best.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS ACCORDING TO MY PLAYOFF SYSTEM.

1997
#1 Nebraska (12-0) vs #4 N Carolina (10-1)
#2 Michigan (11-0) vs #3 Florida St (10-1)
#5 UCLA (two losses during regular season did not deserve to be in).

1998
#1 Tennessee (12-0) vs #4 Kansas St (11-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Ohio St (10-1)
#5 Arizona (11-1) & #6 UCLA (10-1) had solid results but played in the weak Pac 10.

1999
#1 Florida St (11-0) vs #4 Wisconsin (9-2)
#2 Virginia Tech (11-0) vs #3 Nebraska (11-1)
#5 Michigan (9-2) had two losses.

2000
#1 Oklahoma (12-0) vs #4 Washington (10-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Miami, FL (10-1)
While Oregon St and Virginia Tech each had just one loss they combined to beat ONE Top 25 team all year.

2001
#1 Miami, FL (11-0) vs #4 Oregon (10-1)
#2 Nebraska (11-1) vs #3 Colorado (10-2)
#5 Texas lost to #4 Colorado in Big 12 Title game

2002
#1 Miami, FL (12-0) vs #4 Georgia (11-1)
#2 Ohio St (13-0) vs #3 Iowa (11-1)
#5 USC and #6 Kansas St both had two losses.

2003
#1 USC (11-1) vs #4 Michigan (10-2)
#2 Oklahoma (12-1) vs #3 LSU (12-1)
The #5 and #6 seed not worthy - only Top 3 NEEDED to be in

2004
#1 USC (11-0) vs #4 Utah (11-0)
#2 Oklahoma (11-0) vs #3 Auburn (11-0)
The #5 and #6 seed not worthy - only Top 3 NEEDED to be in

2005
#1 USC vs #4 Ohio St
#2 Texas vs #3 Penn St
#5 Oregon with backup QB's not worthy and only Top 2 really NEEDED to be in

2006
#1 Ohio St vs #4 LSU
#2 Florida vs #3 Michigan
#5 USC lost to UCLA in their final game or would have been #2

I already talked about how 2003 and 2004 were PERFECT for my system. It would have produced National Title games between LSU vs USC in 2003 and USC vs Auburn in 2004 that no one could argue about. I will add one more note about the playoff formats that are being tossed around. I am hearing talk that some would like to pick the Top 2 teams AFTER the bowls are over and let them play in the National Title game. This method (which would not be #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3) would lead to the same chaos that goes on at the end of the regular season. If the #1, #2 and #3 teams were all in different bowl games and #2 and #3 had impressive wins while #1 just barely won, then all 3 would be lobbying for a spot in the National Title game and someone would be left out again. You must play #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3 or else the process will remain chaotic and controversial and possibly leave some deserving teams out.

For those who complain about adding extra games, only 2 out of 119 teams would be "forced" to play in this big game and I'm sure those student-athletes would find a way to complete their studies. The 3 week layoff would probably allow enough time for any minor injuries from the January 1st bowl game to heal, yet not be as big of a layoff as the teams have now between the regular season and the bowls and may lead to a more crisply played Title game. There would be plenty of interest in not just bowl games each year, but there would now be THREE games that would capture major ratings, as the two preliminary games would be rated higher than any current regular bowl. The other bowls would remain intact and would be a reward for teams after a solid season. We would crown a true National Champion every year and we would also insure that all of the major regular season games were played with the same importance that they are today, and the polls would stay a major interest all year.

Phil Steele's 2007 Regional Magazines

By Phil Steele

Every year I try to make my college football magazine bigger and better. We had very little advertising last year, far less than any of the competition and have even less advertising this year! This will be the third year of my Regional Magazines and each year I try to make them a little bigger and a little better. This year you will also notice a vastly expanded website at www.philsteele.com.

Let's talk about the regional magazines and the additional information they contain. First of all, if you look at the back cover of the magazine you will see my Regional COVERS. I am not talking about those magazines. Naturally, all college football magazines have regional covers so if you walk into a bookstore in Texas, you will see Texas players on the cover. That same cover would not grab as much attention in Big 10 country where you would rather have players from Michigan, Penn St or Ohio St on the cover. We produce 9 regional covers but the only thing different about those magazines is the COVER. The inside information is exactly the same and they are packed cover-to-cover with information.

The regional magazines are all different and give more information on the teams than I pack into the national version. Each BCS conference school is allotted SIX FULL PAGES as opposed to the two that I put in the national. Of course, the two pages that I have on each team in the national magazine have at LEAST TWICE the amount of information as any other magazine. My Regional Magazines have at least twice the amount of information on each team as even my national magazine!

One of your first questions would be, "Why publish a regional magazine when the national magazine is so complete?" I compile sooo much information when writing my national magazine and though I squeeze a lot into the national magazine, I am forced to leave many things out. For example, when I first published the national magazine back in 1995, we had a full column on every left hand page with the past history of each of the previous year's games. I will expand on this later. The past histories were left out after a few years to save space but now have found a home in the regional magazines. In my projected starting lineups I could actually use 3 or 4 lines to give you the stats and history of each player and those lineups usually go 3 to 4 deep. Space does not allow me to do this in the national magazine but with the regional magazines I have the available space. You get the idea now why I allot 6 pages for all the BCS teams.

What kind of extra information do you get in my Regional Magazines? The first of the six pages is the text taken from the national magazine's position outlook. Now the main complaint I get on my national magazine is that "the type is too small." What we do on the regional page is pull off the projected starting lineup at the bottom of the page then make the type size bigger and much easier to read.

The 2nd page is the same as the right hand page of my national magazine. It is a little more pleasing to the eye as we take out the angles on each team and put in a graph showing the wins for each of the last 10 years so you can see how a team's win total has gone up and down at a glance. We also list the offensive and defensive coordinators from each team for the last 8 years. We list each team's last 6 Conference Titles, most recent National Titles, where the teams finished in the conference standings and how they fared in ypg in conference play over the last 7 years.

The third page is a greatly expanded 2 deep which has a lot more room for the players' bio. We tell you where they ranked coming out of high school, if they bench 400 or have 4.3 speed and of course we tell you what they have done so far in college. Basically, we double the information in the projected starting lineups from the national magazine then make the type size bigger, so it is much more readable. We also include players who did not fit into my national magazine because now we have a whole page for the depth charts.

I find the fourth page very helpful. The first thing we give you is a complete alphabetical/numerical roster for each team. Besides the players grade eligibility, height and weight, these rosters also give you hometowns for each player and you can quickly see things like the amount of Alabama players on the Southern Miss roster, etc. This is really nothing special in terms of regional magazines as most do list a roster, but it is there and when watching a game on TV you basically have a program for the game if you are wondering, "Who is #73?" We also give you complete bios for the assistant coaches. I find this helpful not only for the current team, but I like to see which current coordinators look like the best prospects for future head coaching jobs and also which current assistants are the best prospects for future coordinators. My favorite part of page 4 is the Game-by-Game Team Stats. For years I have read the Pro Football Weekly Preseason Magazine. I consider this to be one of the premier NFL preseason magazines out there. One feature they had that I really liked that no other magazine had was Game-by-Game stats for each player during the season. You can flip to that section and quickly scan across the line and see which team a player had their best games against and which teams they struggled against. You can quickly see how many games a player missed with DNP (did not play) typed in. It also gives you easy to read team-by-team stats. While my national magazine only has room for an overall turnover assessment of the game (as an example +2 in turnovers), the regional magazines give you the amount of fumbles and the number of interceptions each team had in every game.

The fifth page on each team is something I find very valuable and that is the Past Histories for the LAST THREE YEARS. This is something we had in the original Phil Steele's College Football Preview, but had to take out. I try to give you the best brief summary of the game. If the game was played in heavy rain and high winds I mention that. When South Florida lost at Connecticut two years ago, you could not tell by looking at the final score that it was the coldest game (32°) that USF had ever played which greatly affected the Florida boys. There are some games that a team wins by 10 points that were dominant wins. Perhaps a team led 31-7 with 7:00 to go and put the backups in and allowed two garbage TD's at the end of the game. There are some 10-point wins that are far closer than the final score indicates. Perhaps a team was up by 4 with 3:00 to go, had the ball and were on their way to a win. Say that team fumbles, it is returned for a TD and they are down by 3. Then in the last seconds a desperation pass is intercepted and returned for a TD and suddenly a probable win turns into a 10-point loss. Truly those are two different stories each ending with a 10 pt margin of victory. You will know exactly what happened in all of the games the last 3 years by reading these past histories. You will also be able to find out the misleading finals from the last 3 years. Perhaps a team had a 20-9 FD edge and 384-123 yard edge and dominated the game but lost by 3 due to 6 turnovers. You could go through the stats of each game to uncover them but my first sentence in the write-up for each of these type of games is generally "This was a Misleading Final." With the Past Histories you can see who was up at the half and generally each quarter and get a true feel of how the game was played. We have had a lot of requests in the questionnaires that are sent back to us to put the past histories back in the main magazine but space will does not allow that, so here is where you can find them.

The 6th page is both about the past and the future. In the national magazine I only have room to list the incoming freshmen (and JUCO's), name, height, weight, position and PS#. In the regionals we give the newcomers their own section so we can write a mini-bio on each player. We give you their statistics from their senior and sometimes junior years in high school, so you get an idea of how productive they were. If they have an outstanding bench press or 40 speed time, we will put it in. These players will be the cornerstone of the team in the future and you get to find out more about them. It is like buying a recruiting magazine for the recap of the signing classes. Should you purchase all of my Regional Magazines, you would have accumulated 40 pages worth of freshman recruiting information so you basically get a recruiting magazine for free. Also on the 6th page is the last 5 bowl games' past histories. This once again goes beyond the final score and gives you the flavor of the game. Remember in the 2005 Sun Bowl when Northwestern led UCLA 22-0 in the 1Q as Drew Olsen, who had a 31-3 ratio in the regular season, amazingly threw 3 int's including 2 that were returned for TD's in the 1Q? UCLA climbed back to lead late in the 2Q then returned not one but TWO onside kicks for TD's in the final minutes, including one with :24 left. You could not tell that by looking at the final score of 50-38 for UCLA, which appears to be an easy bowl win. The other part of this page is the last ten years' draft history for each team. Some teams like USC are filled top to bottom with a ton of picks and others have very few. It also allows you to see a pattern of draft picks for a team, for instance Boston College has a ton of offensive linemen drafted and if a team like Penn St, which is known as "Linebacker U," is living up to its reputation. You can also see which years that teams had heavy and light draft losses and see how it affected the following season's record. You can also see how many #1 DC's a team has had the last ten years or if most of their players picked were in the later rounds.

That is A LOT of information on each team and more than we could fit in the national magazine. Each of the 119 teams gets expanded coverage and this year the non-BCS schools all get FOUR FULL PAGES. We include some of these conferences in with their big brother BCS conference regionals. I am running out of room so I won't go into everything on the 4 full pages, but instead of 3 years of past histories, you will have just the 2006 past histories for the non-BCS schools. That means you get almost all of the same info that you get on the BCS schools. Here is a breakdown of which teams are in which regional magazines.

Big 10 Regional: Big 10, Notre Dame and the MAC
Big 12 Regional: Big 12, MWC and CUSA West
SEC Regional: SEC, Sun Belt and CUSA East
Pac 10 Regional: Pac 10, WAC and EXPANDED IAA
ACC/Big East Regional: 6 full pgs on each tm in both conf and Army & Navy.

If you fill out the questionnaire on the last page of the magazine, I will give you a $5 discount on the purchase of all 5 regionals. They sell for $6.99 and $3 shipping for each separately which would be $49.95 for all 5. Our package price for all 5 is just $29.95 and that includes shipping and handling and you can get all 5 for just $24.95 by filling out the questionnaire. I am very interested in reading your thoughts on this year's magazine.

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 PRESEASON TOP 40

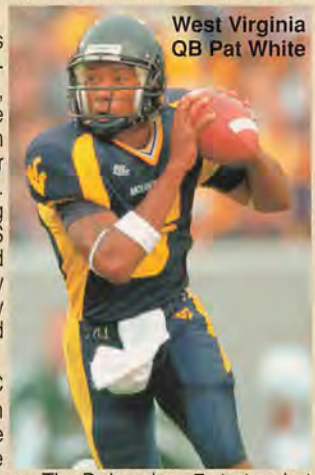
Here is my 2007 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my Power Ratings. As an example- Hawaii is rated #23 in my Power Poll or overall talent rankings but due to a manageable schedule, I have them #12 overall, as all eight sets of my ratings show them with an unbeaten season. I have Texas A&M rated #12 in my Power Poll which is where I would rank them talent-wise, but as you can read in my writeup at #20, they will probably not finish in the top 10 due to a difficult schedule. My Top 25 is based on how I project the teams to finish in the final rankings & these Top 25's have always done quite well. In 2002, I had Ohio St rated higher than any other preseason magazine coming into the year and they won the National Title. Of the Top 40 teams in 2003, an amazing 37 of the 40 were bowl eligible. Also in 2003, my magazine (and Lindy's) had LSU rated higher than any other preseason magazine and they won the BCS Title. In 2004, I was the only major magazine to have Cal (#4 in the final regular season polls) in the Preseason Top 10! Last year I had the only magazine to pick Boise St in the top 20 (I had them going to a BCS bowl) and I also had Arkansas at #13 (they finished the regular season #12) when they entered the year unranked. These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season.

1. USC The Trojans look to have their best defense yet under Pete Carroll and that is a powerful statement as they have had some outstanding D's on their National Title teams. They also have a veteran senior QB in John David Booty and my #6 rated O-line in the country. They do have to play an incredibly difficult schedule (my 2nd toughest) including road trips to Nebraska, Notre Dame, Oregon, California and Arizona St who could all be ranked. USC has my #3 offense and #1 defense and unlike past years they did not lose a single player in the first round of the draft. This year they have a Carroll-era high of 16 returning starters, and are my pick (and probably everyone else's) to win the title.

2. LSU The Tigers had to play the #3, #5, #8 and #5 teams on the road in 2006 and still finished 11-2. In their two losses they outFD'd those opponents by a combined 38-27 margin. They have a much more manageable slate this year with no projected preseason Top 20 teams on their road schedule. They have 8 defensive starters back and my #2 rated D. They did lose the first pick overall in the draft in QB JaMarcus Russell but Matt Flynn has experience and should fill in well with the surrounding talent. Back in 2003 there was a split National Title between LSU and USC and these two could be on a collision course to settle that matter this year.

LSU
OL Herman Johnson

3. Oklahoma Last year I picked the Sooners for the National Title. Over the summer the Sooners lost their starting QB and a starting OL for the season. They were then robbed by the refs in Oregon. They outgained Texas by over 100 yards, but lost and then were done in by trick plays in the Fiesta Bowl and finished with 3 losses. The defending Big 12 champs lose just 10 lettermen and are in better shape at QB heading into the year as they are not scrambling to find an unexpected replacement. When they won their National Title in 2000 not a single starter missed a game due to injuries. If they get similar good fortune (unlike last year) the Sooners may end up at the Top. I have them favored in all 12 games this year which could make the final arguments a lot like 2002 when USC, LSU and OU lobbied to play in the title game.


West Virginia
QB Pat White

4. West Virginia I did not make a lot of friends in Morgantown in 2006 when I called for the Mountaineers to finish in a 2nd place TIE in the Big East, while everyone else had them at the Top of the league. This year the schedule sets up nicely with Rutgers and USF the toughest road trips and their biggest game of the year (Louisville) is at home. The Big East surprised a lot of folks with its strong play last year proving to be worthy of their BCS slot. Injuries to QB White and RB Slaton limited the Mountaineers at the end of last year and if they remain healthy this year the sky is the limit as they have my #4 rated offense and a schedule that could have them favored in all 12.

5. Michigan Had the Wolverines beat USC in the Rose Bowl they would likely have been the preseason #1 team this year. They are loaded on offense with my #4 O-line, and the trio of QB Henne, RB Hart and WR Manningham. The D does lose 7 starters but has 7 players back who had 4 or more starts last year. They need to finally get past Ohio St (3 straight losses) but get them in Ann Arbor and have 8 home games. Only one of their road opponents had a winning record last year, and that will be a key showdown at Wisconsin.

6. Texas Last year the problem was replacing Vince Young but Colt McCoy did a great job and now has a year under his belt. As is usually the case, the Big 12 Title looks to be decided in the Red River Shootout on Oct 6. Texas has my #7 rated offense and even with the loss of DC Chizik, they have my #14 rated defense. RB Charles and WR Sweed give McCoy some Top-notch weapons to work with and the Horns are once again one of the Top National Title contenders.

7. Louisville Had the "Derby City Duo" remained healthy in 2006 the Cards could very well have won the National Title as their lone loss was to Rutgers in a game in which they led 25-7. RB Bush was lost to an injury in the opener and QB Brohm also missed 2 games with inj (KSU, MT) when they lost. This year they have 14 starters back and 5 of my sets of power ratings have them #3 in the country. They are here at #7 because they lost HC Petrino to Atlanta and are learning new schemes on offense. They also must face West Virginia in Morgantown.

Texas
#25 RB Jamaal Charles
#12 QB Colt McCoy

8. Florida St The Seminoles have underachieved the last few years but bring in an all-star staff of coaches in Chuck Amato, Jimbo Fisher and Rick Trickett. They also have a ton of talent. They do have a brutal schedule with Clemson, Alabama, BC, VT and Florida all on the road but 2 of my 8 sets of power ratings call them a Top 5 team.

9. Virginia Tech Everyone will be pulling for VT this year after the tragedy on their campus this spring. VT is my pick to win the ACC and is a very talented team led by my #3 rated defense. They now have an experienced QB and have 16 starters back overall. They do have to play LSU in Baton Rogue in week 2, and later face both Georgia Tech and Clemson on the road. They host Florida St and Miami at home but should win the ACC and a win over LSU would move them up to the Top of the polls.

10. Penn St The Lions had four losses last year and they were all with a young QB and O-line including 3 on the road vs ranked teams. This year they have just one ranked team to face on the road (Michigan) and could be favored in all of their other 11 games. They have dropped 8 straight to Michigan but came within seconds of winning the last time there and could end up Big 10 Champs and at the Top of the polls if they pull off a win in Ann Arbor.

11. Georgia The Dawgs finished #3 in 2002 and with just 9 starters back finished #7 in '03. After another #7 finish in '04, my magazine was the only one to pick them #1 in the SEC East in '05 and they delivered for me. Last year was Richt's worst season and at one point a bowl was in question at just 6-4 but they knocked off the #5, #16 and #14 teams in their last 3 to give them momentum for this year. QB Stafford will be one of the most improved QB's in the NCAA and just like 2005 they are my surprise pick to win the SEC East even with just 11 returning starters.

12. Hawaii Last year I pegged Boise St to make it to a BCS bowl and they finished #5 with their undefeated season. This year Hawaii has the talent and schedule do to the same. They have my #2 rated offense and should put up some incredible numbers approaching 600 ypg offense as they face my #116 schedule. While they lost DC Glanville they will still be stronger on that side and they host Boise St. The scariest game is a road trip to Nevada in the cold, and on a short week but the WAC should bag a second straight BCS bowl bid.

13. South Carolina When Spurrier took over I took a look at the talent on hand and figured he was three years away from being a perennial contender in the SEC East. SC has been a respectable 8-8 in SEC play in his first two years, and got to a bowl each time. This year they are finally on par with the big boys as he has his systems fully implemented, with a veteran QB, and 17 starters back. They do have to play Georgia, LSU, Tenn and Ark on the road but Spurrier is 5-3 on the SEC road at SCar including losses by 1 and 2 pts and that was with weaker personnel.

14. Florida It is tough to put the defending National Champs all the way down here when they have an easier schedule than last year and will be in the Top 5 in the AP poll and should open the year 5-0. They do have just 8 returning starters and lose 9 NFL draft picks which does not even include QB Leak who was not selected. They did have a senior-laden team LY and benefitted from 5 net close wins. This year they have to play South Carolina, LSU and Georgia away from home, but will be reloading as opposed to rebuilding.

Ohio St
QB Malcolm Jenkins

15. Ohio St Jim Tressel lost a little bit of his genius tag in last year's title game. He did do an amazing job with the Buckeyes last year as they had just 2 starters back on D, but still allowed just 12.8 ppg. This year he has 6 starters back and my #4 rated defense. I think the offense will be better than expected even after losing QB Smith, RB Pittman and WR's Ginn and Gonzalez to the NFL as they have solid replacements in the wings, and my #7 O-line. They do have to play Michigan and Penn St on the road.

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JOHN MACKEY AWARD

Phil Steele is very proud to be a participant on the voting committee for the John Mackey Award.

The prestigious John Mackey Award, presented by the Nassau County Sports Commission, is awarded annually to the most outstanding Tight End in Division IA college football. The NCSC presides over the award, managing the watch list, supervising the voting by the distinguished selection committee and honoring the recipient at its annual award dinner. In addition to demonstrating outstanding athletic prowess on the field, the recipient must demonstrate positive sportsmanship-like behavior, be in good academic standing and strive to embody the leadership abilities of John Mackey both on and off the field.

2006 Recipient Matt Spaeth (Minnesota) and the legendary John Mackey.

John Mackey, a native of Roosevelt, NY, was only the second player who was strictly a tight end to be inducted into the National Football League Hall of Fame and is regarded as one of the all-time greats to ever have played that position. Mackey played in the National Football League for 10 years, was elected to the Pro Bowl five times, was a three-time All-NFL Player, was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team and to the league's 50th Anniversary squad. He also played in two NFL Championship games and two Super Bowls, including the victorious Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl V where he caught a pivotal 76 yd TD from Unitas.

During his playing days, the 6-2 225 lb John "Mack Truck" Mackey was known for his tremendous speed and power. His courageous leadership on the field led him into power as President of the NFL Players Association and subsequent improvements in players free agency rights, pension benefits and injury protection programs now enjoyed by all NFL players. Prior to his remarkable NFL career and ground breaking work with the NFLPA, Mackey had attended the alma mater of boyhood idol and fellow Nassau County native Jim Brown at Syracuse.

John Mackey starring for the Baltimore Colts from 1963-71

Throughout his career Mackey has vigorously supported many organizations and has served on the Board of Advisors to the Leukemia Society of America, the Syracuse University Business School and the Board of Directors for the Syracuse University Alumni Association. He has also been Chairman of the Board of Advisors of the Community for Education Foundation and its "Overcoming Obstacles" program.

Sylvia Mackey presents the 2006 John Mackey Award.

The Nassau County Sports Commission is an organization where every dollar raised is another child, senior citizen, or differently-abled athlete experiencing the thrill of sports and competition. Contributions to the NCSC will enrich the quality of life for Nassau County residents, enhance the economy, and aid in the development of events, programs, and facilities.

The non-governmental, non-profit NCSC is dedicated to "improving lives through sports" and operates the "Let's Do It!" children's sports programs. Since its inception in 1992, the NCSC had quietly accomplished many of its original mission objectives, establishing exceptional participatory and educational youth sports programs, partnering with County government to enhance sports facilities and attract sporting events and organizations to the heart of Long Island, Nassau County. The Commission has quietly built an impressive track record of success in providing sports programming and attracting sporting events and businesses to Nassau County.

The Commission has set ambitious goals for the future. These goals involve the advancement of youth, amateur and professional sports from the grassroots to the elite level; the development and dissemination of brochures, such as "How Sports Can Combat Childhood Obesity" for elementary school students and the "Perils of Performance Enhancing Drugs" for middle and high school students; the organization of more conferences, workshops and clinics; the implementation of new initiatives; bringing new sports events and businesses to the County; and most importantly, the expansion of our youth programs to serve a broader spectrum of the community and a greater number of children.

In 2006, Matt Spaeth (University of Minnesota) was awarded the John Mackey Award. Past winners include: 2000 Tim Stratton from Purdue University, 2001 Daniel Graham from the University of Colorado and now playing for the Denver Broncos, 2002 Dallas Clark from the University of Iowa who is currently playing for the Indianapolis Colts, and 2003 Kellen Winslow, from University of Miami, Fl currently playing for the Cleveland Browns. 2004 Heath Miller from the University of Virginia who won a World Championship as a rookie with the Pittsburgh Steelers. 2005 Marcedes Lewis from UCLA currently is with the Jacksonville Jaguars. For more information please visit www.johnmackeyaward.org.

Other Top Awards Winners In 2006

Chuck Bednarik *Top Defensive Player*	**Paul Posluszny, Penn St**
Fred Biletnikoff *Receiver*	**Calvin Johnson, GA Tech**
Dick Butkus *Linebacker*	**Patrick Willis, Ole Miss**
Walter Camp *Top Player*	**Troy Smith, Ohio St**
Lou Groza *Kicker*	**Art Carmody, Louisville**
Ray Guy *Punter*	**Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor**
Heisman *Top Player*	**Troy Smith, Ohio St**
Ted Hendricks *Defensive End*	**LaMarr Woodley, Michigan**
John Mackey *Tight End*	**Matt Spaeth, Minnesota**
Vince Lombardi *Linemen*	**LaMarr Woodley, Michigan**
Maxwell *Best Player*	**Brady Quinn, Notre Dame**
Bronko Nagurski *Top Defender*	**James Laurinaitis, Ohio St**
Davey O'Brien *Quarterback*	**Troy Smith, Ohio St**
Outland *Interior Lineman*	**Joe Thomas, Wisconsin**
Rimington *Top Center*	**Dan Mozes, W Virginia**
Jim Thorpe *Defensive Back*	**Aaron Ross, Texas**
Johnny Unitas *Senior QB*	**Brady Quinn, Notre Dame**
Doak Walker *Running Back*	**Darren McFadden, Arkansas**
Randy Moss *Return Man*	**DeSean Jackson, California**

16. Wisconsin The Badgers have overachieved the last two years but now have their best team in the last 3 years with 16 starters back. In my Top 25 unit rankings (pg 12-15) the Badgers are listed in 7 of the 8 categories. Wisconsin was 12-1 last year and is a stronger team, but may not be as fortunate and add Ohio St to the schedule.

17. Alabama No one will have the Tide ranked but no one had Arkansas ranked last year either except for me, and they finished #12 in the regular season (I had them #13). Alabama was MUCH better than their 6-7 record last year so Saban steps into a great situation and they are a Darkhorse National Title contender.

18. Oregon Mike Bellotti has one of my surprise teams this year, and their home game vs USC may be the Trojans biggest obstacle on their way to an undefeated season. I am looking for huge years out of RB Stewart and QB Dixon and also rate the Ducks as a Darkhorse National Title contender.

19. Missouri The Tigers have one of the top QB's in the country in Chase Daniel and they have 90.8% of their offensive production back from '06. The D has just 5 starters back but has good talent filling in. They have a much easier schedule than the Aggies who I list next.

20. Texas A&M My Power Poll lists the Aggies #12 in the country so why do I have them out of the Top 15? How about a schedule that has road trips to Miami Fl, Texas Tech, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri plus a home game vs Texas! Seven of their 8 positions rank in my Top 25 but the schedule keeps them lower than their talent level.

21. UCLA The Bruins have historically been solid on offense and poor on defense, but switched their M.O. last year with a bruising D and a weak offense. This year they are strong on both sides of the ball and it would not surprise me if they were 11-0 when they face USC in the regular season finale.

22. Nebraska The Huskers are one of 9 teams that rank in my Top 25 in at least 7 of the 8 units in the front of the magazine. They do have to play USC and A&M at home and face Missouri and Texas on the road. I rate them #17 in the Power Poll.

23. TCU The Frogs are my pick to win the MWC and I rate their defense #5 in the country. They must play BYU on the road, but the toughest spot on the schedule is a road trip to Texas on Sept 8. Texas better bring its "A" game as the Frogs upset #7 Oklahoma on the road two years ago.

24. USF I very nearly pulled the trigger and called for the Bulls to win the Big East. Remember they went into West Virginia and won last year and now they get both L'ville and WV at home (USF beat #9 Louisvlle in '05 here).

25. Tennessee I had Tennessee pegged as one of my most improved teams last year and had they not blown 4Q leads vs both Florida and LSU they would have faced the Hogs in the SEC Title game. Despite just 11 returning starters and facing Cal, Florida and Bama on the road, it will be another successful year in Knoxville.

26. Arizona St Dennis Erickson steps into a great situation as he has 9 starters back on an explosive offense and a schedule to get the players to buy into his program with early success. The Sun Devils could open the year at 8-0!

27. Miami, Fl This is a great situation for Randy Shannon as Miami grossly underachieved in '06, and has 7 starters back on his defense from LY which allowed just 256 ypg! The offense has 9 starters back. Road trips to Oklahoma, Florida St and VTech are the reason they are out of the Top 25.

28. California My main set of power ratings (talent) has Cal at #11 but the Bears draw my #8 toughest schedule with road trips to UCLA, Oregon and Arizona St and home games vs USC and Tennessee.

29. Iowa The Hawkeyes were a disappointment last year and finished just 6-7 but make my Most Improved list this year, despite the loss of QB Tate. They have a Top 25 defense and Kirk Ferentz is one of the best HC's in the game. They also do not have to play Ohio St or Michigan this year!

30. Rutgers The Knights nearly appeared in the National Title game last year and just missed out on a BCS bid with their OT loss to West Virginia. It should be a 6-0 start for RU and RB Ray Rice is one of their 13 returning starters.

31. Boise St Last year I pegged Boise to get to a BCS bowl and would like to thank the Broncos for making me look good as they went undefeated and were of course the Fiesta Bowl Champions. This year they have 11 starters back (17 LY) and must play a loaded Hawaii squad on the Island.

32. Memphis Last year I pegged Memphis which had been to 3 straight bowls, dead last in the CUSA East and that is where they finished. This year I call them the most improved team in the country and they could go from double digit losses to double digit wins for the NCAA's biggest turnaround EVER.

33. S Mississippi SM gets my call to win CUSA this year thanks in part to hosting Memphis giving them the tiebreaker edge. They do have to play both Boise St and Tennessee on the road in non-conf play.

34. BYU BYU was much better than its #16 finish in the polls LY as both losses were close, and they beat their opponents by an avg of 37-15! They do lose QB Beck and have just 13 starters back but could repeat as MWC champs.

35. Purdue The Boilers have underachieved the last few years and they now add Ohio St and Michigan to the schedule after not having to face them the last two years. I look for them to overachieve this year with 8 to 10 possible wins.

36. Virginia Al Groh has one of the most improved teams in the NCAA at his disposal, and after missing out on a bowl last year for the first time in 5 years, they will be back this season. They could open as strong as 7-0.

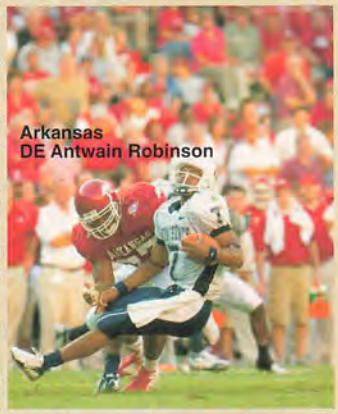
37. Arkansas The Hogs were very good to me last year and have a shot at a 2nd consecutive 10 win season. A key game to moving up in the rankings is Nov 3rd (SC) and they also have to play Tenn, LSU and Bama on the road.

38. Notre Dame The Irish look to be in a rebuilding year with just 9 starters back. They have to face Michigan, Penn St, Purdue and UCLA on the road and also host USC with a young QB.

39. Oregon St Thanks to a last second bowl win the Beavers finished the season a very quiet #21 in polls (did you even know they were ranked?). This year they are stronger with 16 starters back but face five '06 bowl teams on the road.

40. Oklahoma St The Cowboys rank #29 in my Power Poll and were the only team in the Top 30 of my Power Poll not previously listed. Even with road trips to Georgia, Texas A&M, Nebraska, and Oklahoma and facing Texas at home they will move up in the Big 12 South standings.

Arizona St
SS Josh Barrett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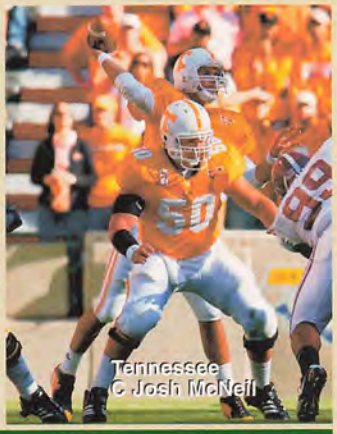
UCLA
RB Chris Markey


Tennessee
C Josh McNeil

Here are some more teams which just missed the cut for the Top 40 but should be in the post season in 2007.

41. Auburn
42. Georgia Tech
43. Illinois
44. Utah
45. Clemson
46. Houston
47. Toledo
48. Troy
49. NC State
50. W Michigan

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SEC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 SEC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	André Woodson, Kentucky	Erik Ainge, Tennessee	Tim Tebow, Florida	Matthew Stafford, Georgia
RB	Darren McFadden, Arkansas	LaMarcus Coker, Tennessee	Keiland Williams, LSU	Ben Tate, Auburn
RB	Felix Jones, Arkansas	BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Miss	Kregg Lumpkin, Georgia	Rafael Little, Kentucky
WR	Marcus Monk, Arkansas	Percy Harvin, Florida	Andre Caldwell, Florida	Mohamed Massaquoi, Georgia
WR	Keenan Burton, Kentucky	D.J. Hall, Alabama	Tony Burks, Miss St	Dicky Lyons Jr, Kentucky
WR	Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt	Early Doucet, LSU	Kenny McKinley, S Carolina	Sean Bailey, Georgia
TE	Jacob Tamme, Kentucky	Chris Brown, Tennessee	Cornellius Ingram, Florida	Andy Boyd, S Carolina
C	Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas	Antoine Caldwell, Alabama	Drew Miller, Florida	Josh McNeil, Tennessee
G	Herman Johnson, LSU	Jim Tartt, Florida	BJ Stabler, Alabama	Christian Johnson, Kentucky
G	Will Arnold, LSU	John Jerry, Miss	Robert Felton, Arkansas	Justin Britt, Alabama
T	Andre Smith, Alabama	Ciron Black, LSU	King Dunlap, Auburn	Eric Young, Tennessee
T	Michael Oher, Miss	Chris Williams, Vanderbilt	Phil Trautwein, Florida	Jamon Meredith, S Carolina
DL	Quentin Groves, Auburn	Titus Brown, Miss St	Curtis Gatewood, Vanderbilt	Eric Norwood, S Carolina
DL	Tyson Jackson, LSU	Myron Pryor, Kentucky	Jeff Owens, Georgia	Marcus Harrison, Arkansas
DL	Glenn Dorsey, LSU	Theo Horrocks, Vanderbilt	JT Mapu, Tennessee	Sen'Derrick Marks, Auburn
DL	Derrick Harvey, Florida	Antwain Robinson, Arkansas	Wallace Gilberry, Alabama	Xavier Mitchell, Tennessee
LB	Ali Highsmith, LSU	Wesley Woodyard, Kentucky	Luke Sanders, LSU	Brandon Miller, Georgia
LB	Jasper Brinkley, S Carolina	Jerod Mayo, Tennessee	Weston Dacus, Arkansas	Freddie Fairchild, Arkansas
LB	Jonathan Goff, Vanderbilt	Darry Beckwith, LSU	Prince Hall, Alabama	Casper Brinkley, S Carolina
CB	Paul Oliver, Georgia	Chevis Jackson, LSU	Matterral Richardson, Arkansas	Bryan Evans, Georgia
CB	Simeon Castille, Alabama	Jonathan Zenon, LSU	Jonathan Wilhite, Auburn	Trevard Lindley, Kentucky
S	Derek Pegues, Miss St	Reshard Langford, Vanderbilt	Craig Steltz, LSU	Marcus McClinton, Kentucky
S	Jonathan Hefney, Tennessee	Tony Joiner, Florida	Kelin Johnson, Georgia	Aairon Savage, Auburn
K	Brandon Coutu, Georgia	Ryan Succop, S Carolina	Joshua Shene, Miss	Lones Seiber, Kentucky
P	Britton Colquitt, Tennessee	Ryan Succop, S Carolina	Tim Masthay, Kentucky	PJ Fitzgerald, Alabama
PR	Rafael Little, Kentucky	Mikey Henderson, Georgia	Derek Pegues, Miss St	Jonathan Hefney, Tennessee
KR	Felix Jones, Arkansas	Tristan Davis, Auburn	Keenan Burton, Kentucky	Marshay Green, Miss

Tennessee
TE Chris Brown

SEC NOTES: Crystal Clear. The answer to the question who is the nation's top football conference in 2006 was crystal clear after the bowl games. Florida throttled Ohio St in the BCS Title game holding them to just 82 total yards! LSU spanked Notre Dame in the SEC's other BCS game. Their 9 bowl squads and 6 bowl wins were the most of any conference. Four of their bowl wins came vs ranked foes (also the best). The SEC was 33-7 vs 1A non conf foes and had 41 players picked in the NFL draft. Once again the best marks of any league and that was 7 more draft picks than the #2 conf. The SEC finished LY with 3 top 10 teams and 6 Top 25 teams which was better than any other conf. I have said it each of the last 2 years but it bears repeating. I grew up in Big 10 country and the B10 was king for me. That all changed once I started my business. I do about 300 radio shows each year promoting my magazine and over half are in SEC country. No conf can match the fervor of the SEC which ALWAYS leads the nation in attendance. Last year was the first time since '88 that there were no new HC's but that changes this year as Nick Saban returns. No SEC team has repeated as champs since 1997-98 (Tenn). I feel the Big 3 of the SEC East (Fla, Georgia, Tenn) will become the Big 4 as Steve Spurrier has awoken the sleeping giant at S Carolina. The SEC is a big reason why my magazine is ranked the most accurate over the last 8 years as I have been fortunate enough to peg the SEC West Title game participant in 4 of the last 6 years and last year while I had Ark #2 in the West only 1 other magazine had them that high with many ranking them 4th. This year the SEC looks to have the top conference once again!

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 SEC FORECAST

SEC WEST 1. LSU - While LSU was 6-2 in the SEC last year, they outgained conf foes by 132.2 ypg which was over 77 ypg more than the #2 team! Despite having just 5 starters back on D in '06, they allowed just 12.6 ppg and 243 ypg. This year they have 8 starters back on D which gives them one of the top D's in the country. The offense will also be potent. Last year they had to face four Top 10 teams on the road. This year the schedule is much more conducive to a winning season as just one of their five road foes even had a winning record last year. The most dangerous road game on the schedule is Nov 3 at Alabama and a win there could not only give the Tigers the SEC West crown but probably an undefeated season.

2. ALABAMA - Last year Arkansas was coming off a 2-6 SEC season in which they actually outgained SEC foes and I pegged them as one of the surprise teams in the country and they took home the SEC West Title. This year I give Alabama the same shot. Much like Arkansas, they were 2-6 in SEC play last season but outgained league foes by 32.3 ypg and could have easily had a much better record. Saban steps into a great situation as they get most of their tough opponents at home including LSU and I almost took the plunge and called for the Tide to top the Tigers this year. It would not surprise me to see Bama playing in Atlanta on Dec. 1st.

3. ARKANSAS - The Hogs were my surprise team in the SEC last year and delivered for me, winning the SEC West crown and their only losses last season were to #1 Florida, #3 LSU, #4 USC and #7 Wisconsin. The LSU loss came with the Hogs having already clinched the SEC West and having the SEC Title game the week following (always a disadvantage). They lose 4 of their top 6 tacklers on defense and Coach Nutt has gone through some offseason turmoil. The Hogs also must face Alabama, Tennessee and LSU on the road but should have another highly successful season. Remember, last year they outgained SEC foes by 54.9 ypg in league play (2nd best).

4. AUBURN - Tommy Tuberville is doing a great job at Auburn and you only need to look at his SEC record over the last 3 years (22-3!) to see that. Auburn was fortunate last year as they benefitted from 5 net close wins, and had very favorable offensive and defensive ypp's (pg 299). Despite their 6-2 record in the SEC, they were outgained by 33.4 ypg (4th worst)! They have just 12 returning starters and a much tougher schedule including road trips to Florida, Arkansas, LSU and Georgia. After losing just a combined 3 SEC games in the last 3 years, they could top that total this year.

5. MISSISSIPPI ST - When Croom signed his first recruiting class, he said they would contend for an SEC Title by the time they left. The Bulldogs are one of the most improved teams in the country and last year they were just 4 plays away from being a 7-5 team. Their defense is much better than the 25.8 ppg allowed indicates as they yielded just 321 ypg. The offense used 4 different starting QB's and should be much stronger with 9 starters back. Despite finishing last in the SEC West, the Bulldogs were -51.9 ypg in conf play which was better than bowl-bound Kentucky and Ole Miss, and they make my Most Improved List (see pg 19).

6. MISSISSIPPI - New HC's usually have their best success in their 3rd year but even Orgeron knows his best team is a couple of years away. They do have 15 returning starters, which ties them for the 3rd most in the conference but were outgained by 107.3 ypg (league worst). A check of their SEC schedule shows their most winnable games are on the road while they have to host teams such as Florida and LSU. I will call for a return to the SEC West cellar because The Egg Bowl is in Starkville.

SEC EAST 1. GEORGIA - Last year Georgia outgained SEC foes by 54.6 ypg (3rd best SEC). They played their best ball at the end of last season as at one point it looked like they would miss out on a bowl at 5-5. They have just 11 returning starters, which is the 2nd fewest in the league and the 24 lettermen lost are the 2nd most. The good news is that they are much improved at QB and WR and always field a top-notch D. They only have 3 games in SEC play that take place in opps' stadiums (Florida at a neutral site) and Richt always has his team at the top. It looks like it will come down to a tie for the top in the SEC East but with Georgia getting S Carolina at home, they could bag their 2nd trip to the SEC Title game in the last 3 years

1. SOUTH CAROLINA - When Steve Spurrier took over, I took a look at the talent and experience levels and noted that new coaches generally have their best success in their 3rd seasons. Spurrier's team had overachieved in his first 2 years earning a pair of bowl berths and a 15-10 overall record. This year he has his squad on par with the big boys of the SEC East and if not for a tough SEC road schedule in which they must face, Georgia, LSU, Tennessee and Arkansas away from home, I would have called for them to win the East outright. This is Spurrier's best squad yet and they are now officially one of the SEC East powers.

3. FLORIDA - Everything went the Gators way in SEC play last year with close wins vs Tenn, Georgia and S Carolina. The Gators were also lucky in the SEC Title game as the momentum shifted their way on a fumbled PR by Ark and star RB McFadden missed most of the game. The Gators did have one of their most dominating performances in the bowl, blowing out the Buckeyes, holding them to just 82 yards. This year the Gators must play LSU, SCar and Georgia all away from home and in fact, only have 3 SEC games in The Swamp. Their 8 returning starters are the fewest in the conf and their 27 lettermen lost are the most. Even in last year's National Championship season they only outgained SEC foes by 42.5 ypg (4th best). The defense is my biggest concern but there is not much difference in the SEC East between #1 and #4.

3. TENNESSEE - Tennessee could have easily been SEC Champs last year as they blew 4Q leads vs both LSU and Florida and also lost QB Ainge for important games vs the Tigers and Razorbacks. This year they only have 11 returning starters (2nd fewest SEC) and they were actually outgained by 26.3 ypg in SEC play last year. There's not much difference between #1 and #4 in the SEC East and while they must play both Florida and Alabama on the road, Tennessee could easily find themselves in Atlanta on Dec 1st.

5. VANDERBILT - Bobby Johnson is doing a great job with the Commodores, very nearly pulling off winning seasons in each of the last two years as they have had some tough losses including 3 net close losses (pg 299) last year. They had just 6 starters back on D last year yet allowed just 23.7 ppg and have 8 back this season. The offense has 10 starters back and should be more potent. I am calling for Vandy to get to their first bowl game since 1982 this year, but it won't be easy as they will be playing in the extremely difficult SEC East.

6. KENTUCKY - The Cats were a great story last year and everything was lined up for a successful season. This year they will be explosive offensively with their "triplets" (QB Woodson, RB Little and WR Burton) returning but the D is still a question mark even with 8 starters back. They allowed 453 ypg last year and benefitted from being +15 in TO's. Most of their winnable SEC games are on the road and despite their overall winning record last year (just 4-4 SEC), they were outgained by 79.6 ypg in conf play (2nd worst). This year's Wildcat team is even stronger than last year's but will not match 2006's record.

2006 SEC vs SEC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
8	LSU	27.5	2	394.1	1	144.1	3	4.19	4	250.0	2	65.6	1	14.3	4	14	6	13	4
14	Florida	22.3	5	347.6	4	143.5	4	4.22	3	204.1	7	61.8	3	15.6	6	16	9	17	7
21	Arkansas	27.6	1	363.9	3	214.3	1	5.29	1	149.6	11	53.5	10	13.2	2	9	1	5	1
23	Tennessee	26.5	3	320.8	9	80.6	12	3.07	11	240.1	3	58.6	6	12.1	1	10	3	15	6
26	S Carolina	18.4	8	341.6	7	120.0	7	3.98	6	221.6	5	61.3	4	18.6	10	15	7	14	5
32	Kentucky	20.4	6	369.4	2	97.1	10	3.08	10	272.3	1	62.2	2	18.1	9	9	1	25	11
43	Georgia	23.1	4	343.5	6	145.6	2	4.38	2	197.9	8	53.9	9	14.9	5	25	12	8	2
48	Auburn	20.3	7	283.1	10	117.3	8	3.28	8	165.9	10	59.9	5	14.0	3	12	5	25	11
49	Alabama	16.6	9	336.4	8	113.4	9	3.26	9	223.0	4	56.3	7	20.2	11	15	7	21	10
55	Vanderbilt	16.4	10	346.6	5	132.5	5	4.19	5	214.1	6	56.2	8	21.2	12	21	11	9	3
96	Miss St	15.9	11	274.6	11	87.1	11	2.82	12	187.5	9	45.9	12	17.3	8	17	10	20	9
97	Mississippi	15.4	12	250.0	12	121.8	6	3.43	7	128.3	12	46.1	11	16.3	7	11	4	18	8

2006 SEC vs SEC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
2	LSU	16.4	2	261.9	1	97.8	2	3.19	3	164.1	1	48.7	1	16.0	7	10	10	24	1
6	Florida	15.8	1	305.1	4	78.3	1	2.88	1	226.9	10	59.0	9	19.4	1	17	3	24	1
15	Georgia	21.0	6	288.9	2	113.8	4	3.47	4	175.1	2	56.9	5	13.8	11	18	2	16	6
16	Auburn	16.6	3	316.5	6	138.1	8	4.14	10	178.4	4	56.7	4	19.0	2	17	3	17	4
19	Tennessee	21.5	7	347.1	9	151.4	11	4.22	11	195.8	6	58.0	7	16.1	6	15	6	10	10
20	Alabama	21.9	8	304.1	3	128.4	6	4.03	8	175.8	3	58.9	8	13.9	10	15	6	7	12
22	Arkansas	16.8	4	309.0	5	116.9	5	3.58	5	192.1	5	51.4	2	18.4	3	7	12	22	3
43	S Carolina	18.3	5	335.0	8	135.5	7	3.94	7	199.5	7	55.8	3	18.4	4	14	9	17	4
46	Miss St	27.8	12	326.5	7	99.5	3	3.06	2	227.0	11	59.6	11	11.8	12	15	6	14	8
59	Mississippi	22.8	9	357.3	10	141.3	9	3.86	6	216.0	8	57.6	6	15.7	8	10	10	10	10
78	Vanderbilt	25.8	10	371.3	11	147.5	10	4.11	9	223.8	9	64.7	12	14.4	9	16	5	16	6
99	Kentucky	25.9	11	449.0	12	169.0	12	4.85	12	280.0	12	59.1	10	17.4	5	20	1	13	9

2006 SEC STANDINGS

EAST	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2006	2005	2004
Florida	7	1	178	126	13	1	416	189	+42.5	+49.2	+63.2
Tennessee	5	3	212	172	9	4	362	254	-26.3	+28.9	+14.5
Kentucky	4	4	163	207	8	5	347	369	-79.6	-142.4	-200.1
Georgia	4	4	185	168	9	4	327	229	+54.6	+54.8	+105.0
S Carolina	3	5	147	146	8	5	346	243	+6.6	-76.3	+30.5
Vanderbilt	1	7	131	206	4	8	264	284	-24.7	-30.1	-77.0
WEST											
Arkansas	7	1	221	134	10	4	404	256	+54.9	+31.3	-68.5
Auburn	6	2	162	133	11	2	322	181	-33.4	+118.6	+107.4
LSU	6	2	220	131	11	2	438	164	+132.2	+93.8	+146.1
Alabama	2	6	133	175	6	7	298	250	+32.3	+64.0	+52.1
Mississippi	2	6	123	182	4	8	188	275	-107.3	-92.3	-55.5
Mississippi St	1	7	127	222	3	9	221	309	-51.9	-99.4	-117.6

Coach of the Year: Houston Nutt, Arkansas
SEC TITLE GAME: Florida 38 Arkansas 28

2005 SEC STANDINGS

EAST	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Georgia	6	2	209	134	10	3	384	213
Florida	5	3	205	178	9	3	343	226
S Carolina	5	3	175	193	7	5	284	279
Vanderbilt	3	5	223	271	5	6	299	321
Tennessee	3	5	147	138	5	6	205	205
Kentucky	2	6	160	277	3	8	239	375
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
LSU	7	1	214	114	11	2	383	185
Auburn	7	1	262	122	9	3	386	186
Alabama	6	2	159	87	10	2	263	128
Arkansas	2	6	173	169	4	7	283	271
Mississippi St	1	7	78	211	3	8	153	259
Mississippi	1	7	97	208	3	8	148	245

Coach of the Year: Mark Richt, UGA; AP: Steve Spurrier, SC
SEC TITLE GAME: Georgia 34 LSU 14

2004 SEC STANDINGS

EAST	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Tennessee	7	1	215	199	10	3	378	295
Georgia	6	2	231	133	10	2	335	198
Florida	4	4	251	187	7	5	382	253
S Carolina	4	4	185	190	6	5	243	229
Kentucky	1	7	106	253	2	9	173	341
Vanderbilt	1	7	133	213	2	9	212	286
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Auburn	8	0	247	96	13	0	417	147
LSU	6	2	220	131	9	3	344	205
Alabama	3	5	152	149	6	6	295	189
Arkansas	3	5	196	215	5	6	328	270
Mississippi	3	5	142	200	4	7	215	278
Miss St	2	6	125	237	3	8	173	280

Coach of the Year: Tommy Tuberville, Auburn
SEC TITLE GAME: Auburn 38 Tennessee 28

2006 SEC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
JaMarcus Russell, LSU	342	232	67.8	8	3129	9.2	28	167.0
André Woodson, Kentucky	**419**	**264**	**63.0**	**7**	**3515**	**8.4**	**31**	**154.5**
Erik Ainge, Tenn	**348**	**233**	**67.0**	**9**	**2989**	**8.6**	**19**	**151.9**
Chris Leak, Florida	365	232	63.6	13	2942	8.1	23	144.9
Syvelle Newton, S Carolina	162	95	58.6	7	1316	8.1	12	142.7
Brandon Cox, Auburn	**271**	**163**	**60.1**	**9**	**2198**	**8.1**	**14**	**138.7**
John Parker Wilson, Alabama	379	216	57.0	10	2707	7.1	17	126.5
Chris Nickson, Vanderbilt	**292**	**160**	**54.8**	**13**	**2085**	**7.1**	**15**	**122.8**
Mitch Mustain, Arkansas	132	69	52.3	9	894	6.8	10	120.5
Matthew Stafford, Georgia	**256**	**135**	**52.7**	**13**	**1749**	**6.8**	**7**	**109.0**
Brent Schaeffer, Miss	**244**	**115**	**47.1**	**10**	**1442**	**5.9**	**9**	**100.7**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Robert Meachem, Tenn	13	71	1298	11	99.8	5.5	18.3
Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt	**12**	**82**	**1146**	**6**	**95.5**	**6.8**	**14.0**
DJ Hall, Alabama	**12**	**62**	**1056**	**5**	**88.0**	**5.2**	**17.0**
Sidney Rice, S Carolina	13	72	1090	10	83.8	5.5	15.1
Keenan Burton, Kentucky	**13**	**77**	**1036**	**12**	**79.7**	**5.9**	**13.5**
Dwayne Bowe, LSU	13	65	990	12	76.2	5.0	15.2
Tony Burks, Miss St	**12**	**35**	**850**	**5**	**70.8**	**2.9**	**24.3**
Craig Davis, LSU	12	56	836	4	69.7	4.7	14.9
Marcus Monk, Arkansas	**14**	**50**	**962**	**11**	**68.7**	**3.6**	**19.2**
Kenny McKinley, S Carolina	**13**	**51**	**880**	**5**	**67.7**	**3.9**	**17.3**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Darren McFadden, Arkansas	**14**	**284**	**1647**	**5.8**	**14**	**117.6**
Felix Jones, Arkansas	**14**	**154**	**1168**	**7.6**	**6**	**83.4**
BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Miss	**12**	**234**	**1000**	**4.3**	**7**	**83.3**
Kenny Irons, Auburn	11	198	893	4.5	4	81.2
Cory Boyd, S Carolina	**12**	**164**	**823**	**5.0**	**8**	**68.6**
Kenneth Darby, Alabama	13	210	835	4.0	0	64.2
LaMarcus Coker, Tenn	**11**	**108**	**696**	**6.4**	**5**	**63.3**
Kregg Lumpkin, Georgia	**13**	**162**	**798**	**4.9**	**6**	**61.4**
Chris Nickson, Vanderbilt	**12**	**146**	**694**	**4.8**	**9**	**57.8**
Anthony Dixon, Miss St	**12**	**169**	**668**	**4.0**	**9**	**55.7**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
André Woodson, Kentucky	**13**	**70**	**-137**	**419**	**3515**	**3378**	**259.8**
JaMarcus Russell, LSU	13	52	142	342	3129	3271	251.6
Erik Ainge, Tenn	**12**	**26**	**-102**	**348**	**2989**	**2887**	**240.6**
Chris Nickson, Vanderbilt	**12**	**146**	**694**	**292**	**2085**	**2779**	**231.6**
John Parker Wilson, Alabama	13	82	83	379	2707	2790	214.6
Chris Leak, Florida	14	77	30	365	2942	2972	212.3
Brandon Cox, Auburn	**13**	**51**	**-177**	**271**	**2198**	**2021**	**155.5**
Matthew Stafford, Georgia	**13**	**47**	**191**	**256**	**1749**	**1940**	**149.2**
Brent Schaeffer, Miss	**12**	**94**	**100**	**244**	**1442**	**1542**	**128.6**
Syvelle Newton, S Carolina	13	86	330	162	1316	1646	126.6

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Patrick Willis, Miss	12	87	50	137	11.4
Wesley Woodyard, Kentucky	**13**	**80**	**42**	**122**	**9.4**
Quinton Culberson, Miss St	12	52	50	102	8.5
Jasper Brinkley, S Carolina	**13**	**85**	**22**	**107**	**8.2**
Marvin Mitchell, Tenn	13	68	36	104	8.0
Rory Johnson, Miss	12	47	47	94	7.8
Jonathan Goff, Vanderbilt	**12**	**67**	**26**	**93**	**7.8**
Tony Taylor, Georgia	13	65	31	96	7.4
Jonathan Hefney, Tenn	**13**	**68**	**28**	**96**	**7.4**
Juwan Simpson, Alabama	12	44	42	86	7.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tristan Davis, Auburn	**28**	**756**	**0**	**27.0**
Marshay Green, Miss	**14**	**353**	**0**	**25.2**
Keenan Burton, Kentucky	**31**	**765**	**1**	**24.7**
Felix Jones, Arkansas	**23**	**554**	**1**	**24.1**
Derek Pegues, Miss St	**29**	**687**	**0**	**23.7**
Mico McSwain, Miss	**14**	**322**	**0**	**23.0**
Asher Allen, Georgia	**19**	**420**	**0**	**22.1**
Alex Washington, Vanderbilt	**19**	**364**	**0**	**19.2**
Javier Arenas, Alabama	**18**	**344**	**0**	**19.1**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Jamaal Anderson, Arkansas	13	92
Derrick Harvey, Florida	**11**	**89**
Quentin Groves, Auburn	**9.5**	**62**
Charles Johnson, Georgia	9.5	55
Antwain Robinson, Arkansas	**8**	**58**
Tyson Jackson, LSU	**8**	**39**
Jarvis Moss, Florida	7.5	60
Titus Brown, Miss St	**7.5**	**54**
Eric Norwood, S Carolina	**7**	**67**
Curtis Gatewood, Vanderbilt	**7**	**48**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Jamaal Anderson, Arkansas	20	106
Charles Johnson, Georgia	19	89
Antwain Robinson, Arkansas	**15**	**80**
Titus Brown, Miss St	**14.5**	**75**
Jasper Brinkley, S Carolina	**14.5**	**37**
Derrick Harvey, Florida	**13.5**	**95**
Casper Brinkley, S Carolina	**13.5**	**76**
Jerod Mayo, Tenn	**12.5**	**51**
Deljuan Robinson, Miss St	12.5	45
Quentin Groves, Auburn	**12**	**68**

*Numbers come from SEC final statistics.

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kody Bliss, Auburn	13	47	2149	45.7
Britton Colquitt, Tenn	**12**	**46**	**2066**	**44.9**
Eric Wilbur, Florida	13	53	2244	42.3
Gordon Ely-Kelso, Georgia	13	51	2007	39.4
Tim Masthay, Kentucky	**13**	**50**	**1959**	**39.2**
Rob Park, Miss	**12**	**58**	**2256**	**38.9**
Blake McAdams, Miss St	**12**	**68**	**2598**	**38.2**
P.J. Fitzgerald, Alabama	**13**	**57**	**2176**	**38.2**
Jacob Skinner, Arkansas	14	61	2327	38.1
Brett Upson, Vanderbilt	**12**	**52**	**1945**	**37.4**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Mikey Henderson, Georgia	**25**	**367**	**2**	**14.7**
Derek Pegues, Miss St	**25**	**350**	**1**	**14.0**
Jonathan Hefney, Tenn	**17**	**206**	**0**	**12.1**
Marshay Green, Miss	**20**	**224**	**1**	**11.2**
Brandon James, Florida	**33**	**363**	**1**	**11.0**
Javier Arenas, Alabama	**31**	**286**	**2**	**9.2**
Kenny McKinley, S Carolina	**17**	**151**	**0**	**8.9**
Chevis Jackson, LSU	**15**	**100**	**0**	**6.7**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Brandon Coutu, Georgia	**6**	**10**	**11**	**90.1**	**55**
John Vaughn, Auburn	13	20	24	83.3	55
Joshua Shene, Miss	**12**	**14**	**17**	**82.4**	**52**
James Wilhoit, Tenn	13	18	22	81.8	51
Ryan Succop, S Carolina	**13**	**16**	**20**	**80.0**	**55**
Jamie Christensen, Alabama	**11**	**13**	**17**	**76.5**	**46**
Colt David, LSU	**13**	**8**	**13**	**61.5**	**45**
Lones Seiber, Kentucky	**11**	**11**	**19**	**57.9**	**48**
Adam Carlson, Miss St	**12**	**6**	**12**	**50.0**	**47**
Bryan Hahnfeldt, Vanderbilt	**12**	**8**	**17**	**47.1**	**51**
Jeremy Davis, Arkansas	**12**	**6**	**13**	**46.2**	**44**
Chris Hetland, Florida	14	6	15	40.0	42

PHIL'S SEC UNIT RANKING

West Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
LSU	8	2	5	2	1	1	2	11	5
Alabama	5	11	2	2	6	4	3	6	7
Arkansas	10	1	5	7	4	4	5	5	7
Auburn	5	5	10	11	5	8	5	9	1
Miss St	10	8	5	8	10	8	9	10	11
Mississppi	12	8	11	4	7	12	12	2	12
East Division	**QB**	**RB**	**REC**	**OL**	**DL**	**LB**	**DB**	**ST**	**CH**
Georgia	3	2	3	8	7	6	1	3	4
S Carolina	5	7	9	8	3	1	7	4	1
Florida	4	8	1	1	9	8	4	6	1
Tennessee	1	4	11	5	2	3	8	8	5
Vanderbilt	8	12	8	6	12	6	10	12	9
Kentucky	2	6	3	12	11	8	11	1	9

LSU TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - JaMarcus Russell (6'6" 260, PS#4) has outstanding size and arm strength. In 2004 he split the starting duties with Marcus Randall. Russell started 4 and threw for 1,053 (50.7%) with a 9-4 ratio. Third stringer Matt Flynn played in the bowl but it was Russell who led the comeback including a TD with :46 left. Russell and Flynn returned in '05 and they signed Ryan Perrilloux (PS#1) who picked LSU over Texas because he wanted to play right away. Russell tore a ligament in his right wrist vs Florida and later separated his shoulder in the SEC Title game. He threw for 2,443 (60.5%) with a 15-9 ratio but dropped passes were a problem. Flynn was the Bowl Off MVP hitting 13 of 22 for 196 (2 TD's). Perrilloux redshirted. Last year Russell won the job and led some late comebacks including vs Tennessee when he completed a crucial 4th & 8 pass then threw a TD with :09 left. His scrambling extended some scoring drives vs Alabama and on 4th down vs Ole Miss his TD pass to Bowe in the final seconds sent that game to OT. Russell threw for 3,129 (67.8%) with a 28-8 ratio. Flynn played in 7 games as a QB hitting 12 of 20 for 133 yards. Perrilloux only played in 5 hitting 1 of 4. Russell opted to leave early for the NFL and became the 2nd #1 overall pick (OAK) in LSU history (Billy Cannon, 1960). While Flynn and Perrilloux have plenty of talent, it will be tough to match Russell's 2006 stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Justin Vincent (PS#9) began the season fifth on the depth chart but finished with four straight 100 yard games and was MVP of both the SEC Title game and bowl, rushing for 1,001 (6.5). True frosh Alley Broussard (PS#8) rushed for 389 (4.6). Vincent lost his starting spot in 2004 but did not pout about his demotion to 3rd string. He simply earned the team's Special Teams MVP Award and also rushed for 322 (4.2). Broussard emerged as a powerful runner and set a school record with 250 yards vs Ole Miss finishing with 867 (6.1). Joseph Addai (PS#17) had 680 (6.7). All three returned in '05 but Broussard was injured and missed the season. Addai was leading the SEC in rushing (107 ypg) when he sprained an ankle vs N Texas and was not 100% again until the bowl when he rushed for 130. The team was 5-0 when he topped 100 yards. Last year they lost Addai (#1DC IND) and their top FB. The unit still appeared loaded but Broussard wasn't at full speed and reported at 255 lbs getting himself in the doghouse. Vincent had torn his ACL in the bowl and was also not 100%. True frosh Keiland Williams (PS#114) wasn't cleared by the NCAA until 8/25 which put him behind, and he also injured an ankle. True frosh Charles Scott was leading in rushing after five but suffered a concussion and played in just 7 (277, 6.0). FB Jacob Hester (PS#38) finished as the team's top rusher with 440 (4.7) and also had 35 rec (7.7). Williams added 436 (5.7) and Broussard had 281 (3.8). Diminutive Trindon Holliday (5'5" 159 So, 4.27 spd) had 172 with a 12.3 ypc, but practiced at WR this spring. Holliday is one of the fastest (if not THE fastest) player in college football. Vincent had 210 (3.7). This year they must replace Vincent but everyone else is back and added to the mix are Richard Murphy (PS#27), FB's Steven Korte (6'1" 223 Jr, PS#41), Donnie Chaucer (5'11" 192 Sr) and Chad Baniecki (6'1" 223 Jr, JC transfer). With so much talent on hand, LSU is likely to have a RB-by-committee again this year, but I expect the team to have higher rushing totals in '07 with Russell gone.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 former HC Saban brought in an incredible frosh class with PS#1, PS#2 and PS#5 WR's but it was soph Craig Davis (PS#30) who led with 43 rec (15.3) and soph Dwayne Bowe had 39 (15.3). Bowe, who is 6'3" with great leaping ability, led in '05 with 41 (17.3) and had 9 TD. In just 6 starts Davis had 35 (16.0) and dangerous returnman Skyler Green had 32 (8.4). Last year they had to replace Green (#4DC) and their #4 rec Bennie Brazell (#7DC). Xavier Carter (PS#2) left school to run track professionally prior to the '06 season. Dropped passes plagued the group in '05 and it was a vastly improved unit in '06. Bowe led again last year with 65 (15.2) and had 12 TD. He and Russell became the most prolific TD rec combo in LSU history with 23 topping Wendell Davis and Tommy Hodson (21). Craig Davis had 56 (14.9). Early Doucet (PS#1, 2 st) led the talented frosh signees with 18 (14.3) in '04 and 26 (15.0) in '05. He emerged with 59 (13.1) last year. TE Keith Zinger played in just 3 due to a stomach ailment and true frosh Richard Dickson (PS#10) started 9 (6 rec). This year they must replace Bowe (#1DC KC), Davis (#1DC SD), TE's Doug Planchard (13 gm) and Andrew Wright (6 gm) but have plenty of VHT's already in the mix so the production will not drop by much. They also add converted RB Trindon Holliday and signed SIX more VHT's this year!

OFFENSIVE LINE - It was surprising that in 2005 with 4 starters returning, the unit only paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing (lowest in 5 years) while allowing 26 sacks (7.2%). Last year they had to replace three starters and a backup. They did have 5 back with starting experience but 2nd Tm SEC LG Will Arnold was lost for the year with injury after 5 starts. Surprisingly the inexperienced unit opened holes for 4.8 ypc rushing. They also improved only allowing 19 sk (5.2%) but QB Russell's scrambling ability did help. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC RG Brian Johnson (11 st, 3Y st'r), RT Peter Dyakowski (13 st), LT Paris Hodges (8 gm) and OG Garett Wibel (6 gm). The OL depth took a hit after spring this year when Miles dismissed backup OT's Kyle Anderson and Zhamal Thomas. The Tigers' OL coach Stacy Searels left for Georgia but Miles brings in Greg Studrawa, who was BG's OC. While I only list 3 returning starters below, they basically have four returning as Johnson filled in for Arnold and now has 11 career starts while Arnold has 18.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year new DL Coach Earl Lane inherited a group that had to replace 3 NFL DC's and one backup. While they did allow 3.2 ypc rush, their highest total in 4 years, they only yielded 97 ypg (have not allowed over 100 ypg rush L4Y) and the defense had 39 sacks. This year they lose DE Chase Pittman (#7DC CLE, 13 st, 5.5 sk), DE Ryan Willis (21 tkl, 3 st), DE Tim Washington (3 tkl) and DT Leo Desselle (1 sk). Naturally this group is loaded with VHT's including 4 with starting experience and this could be the year Kirston Pittman finally returns after missing the last 2 years with injury. This is once again one of the SEC's top D-lines led by DT Glenn Dorsey who turned down an early trip to the NFL (projected 1st round).

LINEBACKERS - The Tigers had to replace 3 of their top 4 LB's last year and the backups consisted of a converted RB and 2 true frosh. This year the only losses are Jason Spadoni (18 tkl) and Michael Ricks (1 tkl). Five of the top six are back including all 3 starters. This year the backups have more seasoning plus the group has 7 VHT's in the 3 deep.

CB Chevis Jackson

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In the last five years the Tigers have finished #6, #1, #5, #5 and #1 in my pass D rankings. Last year they only had to replace one starter. This year they must replace SS Jessie Daniels (11 st, 47 tkl), 1st Tm AA FS LaRon Landry (#1DC WAS, 13 st, 74 tkl, 3 int), CB Sammy Joseph (6 tkl), NB Daniel Francis (3 st, 31 tkl, 3.5 sk) and S Keron Gordon (3 tkl). Interestingly, starting CB's Jonathan Zenon and Chevis Jackson tied for #2 in the SEC last year in passes defended with 16 each. Also SS Craig Steltz is the first player in LSU history to intercept a pass in 4 straight games. LSU has a shot at a 6th consecutive Top 10 finish in my pass D rankings, but this unit is less experienced and Landry is a big loss.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Saban's 5 years here LSU finished #52, #8, #11, #1 and #23 (up from #98 in '99) while Miles' Okla St teams finished #3, #18, #3 and #11. When Miles arrived in '05 basically everyone returned. Chris Jackson finished 5th in the NCAA in net punting (39.0) and hit 10-19 FG's with most of his misses from long range. They moved up to #10 that year. The biggest surprise of '06 was Jackson's net punting plummeting to 32.9 and he had 24 TB on 75 KO. Soph Colt David was awarded a scholarship and hit 8 of 13 FG's with a long of 45. He had a streak of 77 consec xp's snapped vs Ole Miss (#2 in LSU history). Chevis Jackson had 15 PR's (6.7) and Craig Davis had 11 (12.9). Trindon Holliday fumbled a punt in the opener so Miles did not use him as much but he did average 32.4 on 5 KR's and has 4.27 speed. Overall LSU dropped all the way to #80. With Miles' past success on ST's and the large amount of HT's, I look for LSU to make a big jump in my rankings this year.

COACHES - Les Miles did a fine job at Okla St with his resume including two big upsets over rival OU. Those wins helped the Cowboy program gain confidence obtaining 3 straight winning seasons with bowl trips (ending the school's 4-year bowl drought). Jimbo Fisher was the OC for 7 years here but left for Fla St. The new OC is Gary Crowton who was the OC at Oregon the last 2 seasons and the BYU HC from 2001-'04. Bo Pelini was the co-DC at Oklahoma in '04, the Nebraska DC in 2003 and the interim HC in NU's Alamo bowl win. He enters his 3rd year as the DC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Miles is 14-0 vs unranked foes and 8-4 vs ranked opponents at LSU. The lowest ranked team his LSU squad has lost to is #13 UGA in 2005's SEC Title game. Phil Steele's College Football Preview Magazine was the ONLY magazine to forecast LSU to win the SEC West in 2003. I called the Tigers my #2 surprise team and they took home the BCS National Title when they upset an outstanding Oklahoma team in the Sugar Bowl. In 2004, despite a rough schedule including three road games vs Top 15 opp all within a four week span, LSU was 9-2 in the regular season and suffered a tough bowl loss to Iowa on the last play. In 2005 the Tigers had to replace HC Nick Saban and unfortunately had practices (and so much more) disrupted by Hurricane Katrina. They had to postpone their opening game and their second game was moved as they faced Ariz St on the road. The Tigers still won the opener and led Tenn 24-7 in the 4Q, but due to their lack of practice time, many players hobbled off the field cramping. They allowed a late Vol comeback and lost in OT or could have finished the regular season unbeaten. #5 LSU knocked off undefeated #4 Alabama on the road 16-13 in OT (highest ranked foe they have ever beaten on the road) but were throttled in the SEC Title game. With backup QB Flynn starting in the bowl, they waxed #9 Miami (FL), 40-3. 2005 was the first year LSU defeated Auburn, Alabama and Florida in the same season. LSU was -9 in turnovers, but benefitted from 5 net close wins (pg 299). Last year they had 11 returning starters. The 2006 Tiger team was the first since 1982 to beat two Top 10 opp on the road in the same year (Tenn and Ark). Overall, LSU played four Top 10 teams on the road. Last year's squad had 22 seniors and they finished 44-8 which was the best 4-year record in school history. While they had 3 close wins, one of their defeats was a close loss (Aub). ST miscues hurt them in the 13 point loss to Florida (not a close loss - UF didn't even score in 4Q!). They showed their might when they destroyed ND in the Sugar Bowl 41-14. This year they return 6 starters on offense and must replace #1 DC JaMarcus Russell and their top 2 receivers, so it will be tough to top last year's 33.7 ppg. The D has 8 starters back and allowed just 12.6 ppg with 5 starters back last season. While LSU did not appear in the SEC Title game, they outgained conf foes by 132.2 ypg, which was 77 ypg more than the #2 team!! The schedule is much more conducive to a big year as just 1 of their 5 road foes finished with a winning record in '06. Seven of my 8 sets of power ratings call for LSU to have an undefeated year, so they are one of the top National Title contenders.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN PURPLE)

QB 15 Matt Flynn Sr. 6-3 228 **PS#17**. 1 st 3Y, 689 pass (55%) 10-2 ratio, 207 rush. **11 Ryan Perrilloux** (6-3 222 So) **PS#1**. 27 ttl yds rFr (4 att). **4** Jarrett Lee is PS#13.

RB 5 KEILAND WILLIAMS SO. 5-11 223 1 st true, 436 (5.7). **32** Charles Scott (5-11 221 So) PS#7. 1 st true, 277 (6.0). Richard Murphy (6-1 198 rFr) PS#27. Alley Broussard **PS#8.** 1537 yd 3Y.

FB 18 JACOB HESTER SR. 6-0 228 PS#38. 2 st, 321 ttl yd '04-'05. 11 st '06, #1 rush (440, 4.7), 35 rec. **40** Shawn Jordan (5-11 241 Sr) PS#48. **45** Quinn Johnson (6-2 238 Jr) PS#57LB.

WR 1 Brandon LaFell So. 6-3 194 PS#36. 1 st rFr, 5 rec (28.0). **28 RJ Jackson** (6-0 209 So) **PS#12RB**. **87** Jared Mitchell (5-11 192 So) PS#70. 2 rec true. **Terrance Toliver PS#2.**

WR 9 Early Doucet Sr. 6-0 207 **PS#1**. 13 st 3Y, 103 rec (13.8). **86** Chris Mitchell (6-0 176 So) PS#26. 1 rec. Demetrius Byrd PS#30JC. 4.3 spd. **10** Ricky Dixon (6-2 216 rFr) PS#30.

TE 82 RICHARD DICKSON SO. 6-3 237 **PS#10**. 9 st true, 6 rec, **2nd Tm SEC. 89 Keith Zinger** (6-4 259 Sr) **PS#11**. 23 st, 4Y, 12 rec (inj LY). **81** Mit Cole (6-4 258 Sr) PS#25. 2 st, 3 rec 2Y.

C 74 BRETT HELMS JR. 6-2 283 **PS#53**. 2 st LG rFr. 12 st C LY, 695 plays, 108 kd. **63** Ryan Miller (6-6 318 Jr) **PS#13**. 2 st C, 118 snap 2Y. **60** Steven Singleton (6-3 295 rFr) PS#145.

RG 73 WILL ARNOLD SR. 6-4 319 **PS#36**. 7 st '04. 6 st '05. 5 st LY til inj. **2nd Tm SEC '05 & '06.** 550 bench. **65** Lyle Hitt (6-2 284 So) PS#41DL. MIP spg '07. **55** Andrew Decker (6-3 284 Jr).

LG 79 Herman Johnson Jr. 6-7 351 **PS#9**. 1 st, 160 snaps '05. **10 st LY**, 649 snaps, 62 kd. **64** Matt Allen (6-3 285 rFr) **PS#31**. Ernest McCoy PS#29. Robert Smith (6-2 263 Jr).

RT 71 Carnell Stewart Sr. 6-5 311 **PS#32DL**. 11 gm L3Y. 8 gms, 84 plays, 7 kd LY. **66** Max Holmes (6-4 281 So) **PS#85**. 6 games LY. **58** Mick Jeanise (6-2 300 rFr).

LT 70 CIRON BLACK SO. 6-5 314 **PS#21**. 13 st LT rFr, 739 plays, **SEC Fr Tm**, 81 kd. **67** Mark Snyder (6-7 284 rFr) **PS#80**. **52** Cole Louviere (6-5 286 Jr). Move from DL in spg.

K 6 COLT DAVID JR. 5-9 175 4 of 5 FG rFr. 8 of 13 FG LY, long 45, 50-51 xp. Josh Jasper PS#22. 44 FG's in HS, long 54. Andrew Crutchfield PS#15. Chris Reed (5-10 175 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN PURPLE)

DE 90 Ricky Jean-Francois So. 6-3 281 **PS#14. 1 st**, 27 tkl, 3 sk rFr. **84** Rahim Alem (6-3 252 So). **PS#16.** 1 st, 2 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **47** Tremaine Johnson (6-2 273 Jr) PS#42. 9 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y.

DT 72 GLENN DORSEY SR. 6-2 299 **PS#7**. 4 st, 46 tkl '04-'05. 13 st LY, 64 tkl, **1st Tm AA**. Turned down NFL. **97 Al Woods** (6-5 324 So) **PS#3**. 7 tkl true. Kentravis Aubrey PS#57.

DT 99 MARLON FAVORITE JR. 6-1 295 **PS#19**. 4 st LY, 20 tkl, 2 sk. **91** Charles Alexander (6-3 294 Jr) PS#78. 6 st LY, 28 tkl, 2.5 sk. **96** Joseph Barksdale **PS#5**. In for spring.

DE 93 TYSON JACKSON JR. 6-5 292 PS#82. 2 sk '05. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 37 tkl, 8.5 sk. **49** Kirston Pittman (6-4 260 Sr) PS#21LB. 36 tkl, 5 sk '03-'04. Inj L2Y. Pep Levingston (6-4 258 rFr) PS#44.

WLB 35 LUKE SANDERS SR. 6-5 235 **PS#9**. 500 bench! 10 tkl '04-'05. 10 st LY, 35 tkl, 2 sk. **56** Perry Riley (6-1 220 So) **PS#37**. 4 tkl true. **34** Stevan Ridley (5-11 209) **PS#36.**

MLB 48 DARRY BECKWITH JR. 6-1 232 **PS#20**. 8 tkl true. 11 st LY, 65 tkl, 2.5 sk. **54 Jacob Cutrera** (6-4 227 So) **PS#29**. 1 st true, 37 tkl. **Ace Foyil** (6-3 229 Jr) **1 st true,** 18 tkl Tulane '05.

SLB 7 ALI HIGHSMITH SR. 6-1 225 **PS#35**. 2 st true, 21 tkl. 9 st '05, 75 tkl, 4 sk. 13 st LY, 63 tkl, 3 sk, **2nd Tm SEC. 57** Derrick Odom (6-2 202 rFr) **PS#21. 11** Kelvin Sheppard (6-3 228 rFr) PS#90.

CB 19 JONATHAN ZENON SR. 6-0 176 PS#176. 4 st, 2 int '05. 13 st LY, #2 SEC pd (16). **29** Chris Hawkins (6-1 181 So) PS#37. 4 tkl. Phelon Jones PS#19. **23** Renaldo Thompson (5-11 179 Sr).

CB 21 CHEVIS JACKSON SR. 6-0 190 PS#68WR. 13 st '05, 47 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 13 st, 2 int, 14 pbu, #2 SEC pd LY. **4 Jai Eugene** (5-11 184 rFr) **PS#11. 33** Tyson Andrus (6-0 170 So) PS#82WR.

SS 16 Craig Steltz Sr. 6-2 204 **PS#21**. 3 st, 40 tkl '05. 3 st LY, 42 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. **3** Chad Jones **PS#4. 43** Harry Coleman (6-2 205 So) PS#225WR. 12 tkl. **24** Stefoin Francois **PS#20.**

FS 44 Danny McCray So. 6-1 205 PS#48. 30 tkl, 1 int as true. **27** Curtis Taylor (6-3 204 Jr) PS#84. 15 tkl 2Y. MIP spg '07. **17** Shomari Clemons (6-2 220) PS#36 in '06.

P 36 Patrick Fisher Sr. 6-5 253 **PS#2**. 48.0 avg in HS. 3 punts as rFr (36.7). 3 punts '05 (42.7). Andrew Crutchfield PS#15. **38** Brady Dalfrey (6-0 207 Jr) PS#12. 47.9 avg HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Chad Jones 6-3 222 PS#4
WR	Terrance Toliver 6-5 180 PS#2
WR	DeAngelo Benton 6-3 190 PS#3
DL	Joseph Barksdale 6-6 315 PS#5
DL	Sidell Corley 6-4 265 PS#14
WR	Demetrius Byrd 6-2 195 PS#30JC
DB	Phelon Jones 5-11 195 PS#19
DB	Stefoin Francois 6-1 200 PS#20
WR	Ron Brooks 6-0 180 PS#12
QB	Jarrett Lee 6-2 190 PS#13
DL	Will Blackwell 6-4 293 PS#24
TE	Jordan Corbin 6-4 240 PS#10
OL	Ernest McCoy 6-5 333 PS#29
DB	Shomari Clemons 6-2 220 PS#36 '06
DB	John Williams 5-11 175 PS#45
OL	Jarvis Jones 6-6 265 PS#37
LB	Stevan Ridley 5-11 209 PS#36
TE	Mitch Joseph 6-5 243 PS#14
DL	Drake Nevis 6-1 285 PS#48
DL	Kentravis Aubrey 6-3 285 PS#57
OL	T-Bob Hebert 6-3 260 PS#47
OL	Josh Dworaczyk 6-6 275 PS#94
TE	Alex Russian 6-4 230 PS#36
DB	Delvin Breaux 6-2 175 PS#126
K	Andrew Crutchfield 6-1 190 PS#15
K	Josh Jasper 6-0 165 PS#22

LSU TIGERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#52

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score LSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Mississippi St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 8	Virginia Tech	G					
Sep. 15	Middle Tennessee	G					
Sep. 22	South Carolina	G					
Sep. 29	at Tulane	A					
Oct. 6	Florida	G					
Oct. 13	at Kentucky	G					
Oct. 20	Auburn	G					
Oct. 27							
Nov. 3	at Alabama	G					
Nov. 10	Louisiana Tech	G					
Nov. 17	at Mississippi	A					
Nov. 23	Arkansas (Fri)	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Tommy Hodson 9,115 '86-'89	1. Kevin Faulk 4,557 '95-'98	1. Josh Reed 3,001 '99-'01
2. Jeff Wickersham 6,921 '82-'85	2. Dalton Hilliard 4,050 '82-'85	2. Wendell Davis 2,708 '84-'87
3. JaMarcus Russell 6,625 '04-'06	3. Charles Alexander 4,035 '75-'78	3. Eric Martin 2,625 '81-'84

LSU has won 7 straight 14 of L/15 vs MSU, outscoring them 250-43 in the last 6. MSU gained 153 of their 226 total yds in 2H LY vs LSU's 2nd & 3rd string defense.

LSU won 8 home games for the 1st time in their history in 2006. The only other meeting vs Virginia Tech was a 26-8 win by VT in Blacksburg in '02.

Coming into 2007, LSU has won 18 straight non-conference home games. The Tigers are 30-0 all-time vs Sun Belt Conf teams. Average score 46-3.

Tigers' 2006 senior class won the most HG's in school history (26-2 since '03). LSU is 14-2-1 all-time in this series & South Carolina's last win was in 1994.

LSU has 40,000 tickets for this Tulane "home gm". LSU beat ND in Superdome in Jan. Tulane hasn't beaten LSU since 1982 (0-15 since). LSU is 4-1 L/5 before Florida.

LY was the 1st time both schools were ranked in the Top 10 when facing each other. The Tigers have won 2 of the last 3 but has just 4 wins the last 19 games.

LSU outgained Kentucky 546-227 & held QB Woodson to 14 of 37 for 145 yds. Tigers have won 4 straight in the series but the 2 gms at UK were decided by a total of 7 pts.

LSU had 5 drives inside the Auburn territory end in no points in last yr's 7-3 loss. Tigers had a 311-182 yd edge in the game & sacked Auburn QB Cox 4 times.

Tigers have won 6 of the L/7 vs the Tide. LSU was last shutout vs Bama in '02. Despite losing 28-14, Bama's 369 total yds were the most LSU's D allowed in '06.

Tigers have won 15 straight November games coming into the 2007 season. LSU is 16-1 all-time vs LT with the last meeting being a 49-10 Tiger win in 2003.

Tigers trailed 20-7 with 11:13 left, but pulled out a 23-20 win in OT last year. LSU has won 5 in a row in this series, but 4 of those wins were by a FG or less.

McFadden (182) & Jones (137) broke an LSU streak of 15 gms w/o allowing a 100 yd rusher LY. LSU Tigers have won 8 straight home finales. LSU is 10-5 S/Ark joined the SEC in '92.

LES MILES (Career 50–25)

3rd Year at LSU — Miles' Bowl Record: 3-2

Miles' records AT LSU

22-4	Straight Up	4-3	Vs Top 10
13-1	Home	8-4	Vs Top 25
7-2	Away	4-0	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
13-4	Vs Conference	3-0	Off A Loss

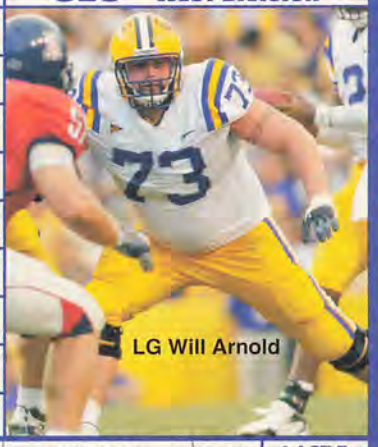
2006 RECORD: (11–2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (24,20,2)
Lost: 21 (9,10,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,212 (#6)

SEC - WEST DIVISION


LG Will Arnold

STADIUM: TIGER STADIUM (92,400) (#6)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	9-3	8-4	12-1	9-2	10-2	10-2	65-18
Home	6-1	5-2	6-1	6-1	7-0	5-1	8-0	43-6
Away	1-3	3-1	2-3	5-0	2-2	5-0	2-2	20-11
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-3	6-3	5-3	8-1	6-2	7-2	6-2	43-16
ATS	5-5	6-6	6-5	10-2	5-5-1	5-5-1	5-7	42-35-2
Home Fav (Nick Saban)	2-2	2-4	4-1	5-1	3-4	1-4	4-4	21-20
Home Dog (Nick Saban)	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2
Away Fav (Les Miles)	0-1	1-1	0-2	4-1	1-0	3-0-1	1-1	10-6-1
Away Dog (Les Miles)	1-2	2-0	2-1	0-0	1-1-1	1-0	0-2	7-6-1
Favorite	2-3	3-5	4-3	10-2	4-4	4-5-1	5-5	32-27-1
Dog	3-2	3-1	2-2	0-0	1-1-1	1-0	0-2	10-8-1
vs Conf	4-4	5-4	4-4	7-2	4-3-1	3-5-1	2-6	29-28-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	1-2	2-0	3-1	13-7
Off SU Win	3-4	4-4	6-2	8-2	3-4-1	3-5-1	2-7	29-28-2
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	9-5

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Cotton	+10'	Texas - #9	20-35
03	Sugar - #2	+7	Oklahoma - #3	21-14
04	Capital One - #12	-6'	Iowa - #11	25-30
05	Peach - #10	+7	Miami, Fl - #9	40-3
06	Sugar - #4	-8'	Notre Dame - #11	41-14

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LSU's All-Time Bowl Record 19–18–1

LSU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	33.7	22	166	4.8	252	66.6	12.4	0	2006	5	12.6	14	97	3.2	146	47.3	19.2
8	29.5	20	150	3.8	224	60.0	12.7	-9	2005	7	14.2	15	92	3.0	175	47.3	18.8
5	28.7	21	194	4.6	202	56.1	13.8	-2	2004	7	17.1	13	100	2.9	157	48.0	15.0
7*	33.9	21	186	4.4	233	63.6	12.3	+5	2003	6	11.0	14	67	2.3	185	44.7	22.9
5	24.8	19	197	4.6	153	47.7	14.1	-1	2002	7	18.3	15	134	3.8	153	45.2	15.7
6	32.2	23	153	4.0	309	58.0	14.4	+4	2001	10	23.2	20	112	3.7	281	56.0	16.9

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jacob Hester	94	457	17	440	6	4.7
Keiland Williams	76	452	16	436	5	5.7
Alley Broussard	74	303	22	281	4	3.8
Charles Scott	46	283	6	277	5	6.0
Justin Vincent	57	219	9	210	0	3.7
Trindon Holliday	14	173	1	172	1	12.3
JaMarcus Russell	52	282	140	142	1	2.7
Matt Flynn	13	105	19	86	1	6.6
Early Doucet	8	59	0	59	2	7.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
JaMarcus Russell	342	232	67.8	3129	28	8
Matt Flynn	20	12	60.0	133	2	1
Ryan Perrilloux	4	1	25.0	10	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dwayne Bowe	65	990	15.2	12	58
Craig Davis	56	836	14.9	4	47
Early Doucet	59	772	13.1	8	58
Jacob Hester	35	269	7.7	3	38
Brandon LaFell	5	140	28.0	2	58
Richard Dickson	6	96	16.0	0	55
Justin Vincent	6	73	12.2	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Jackson	37	1549	41.9	6	32.9	2	5

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Colt David	50-51	4-4	1-2	3-6	0-1	8-13	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
LaRon Landry	74	1	2.5	4	3
Darry Beckwith	65	2.5	1.5	0	1
Glenn Dorsey	64	3	5.5	0	0
Ali Highsmith	63	3	2.5	4	0
Jessie Daniels	47	1	1.5	2	0
Chevis Jackson	46	0	1.5	14	2
Craig Steltz	42	1	1	5	4
Tyson Jackson	37	8.5	1.5	4	1
Jacob Cutrera	37	0	0.5	1	0
Luke Sanders	35	2	0.5	0	0
Daniel Francis	31	3.5	0	3	0
Danny McCray	30	0	0.5	1	1
Charles Alexander	28	2.5	0.5	0	0
Chase Pittman	27	5.5	1	0	0
Jonathan Zenon	27	0	0.5	12	4
Ricky Jean-Francois	27	3	2.5	1	0
Ryan Willis	21	0	1	0	0
Marlon Favorite	20	2	2	0	0
Jason Spadoni	18	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chevis Jackson	15	100	6.7	0
Craig Davis	11	142	12.9	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Early Doucet	12	202	16.8	0
Trindon Holliday	5	162	32.4	1

2006 STATS BY GAME

LSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#8	Louisiana-Lft	24	36 - 170	4.7	17 - 23	299	1	8	35 - 113	3.2	7 - 17	63	3	0
#8	Arizona	21	38 - 231	6.1	16 - 23	230	0	13	21 - 35	1.7	16 - 36	117	3	+1
#6	at Auburn	16	23 - 42	1.8	20 - 37	269	1	13	38 - 72	1.9	11 - 20	110	4	+1
#10	Tulane	21	32 - 172	5.4	18 - 28	201	1	17	35 - 112	3.2	12 - 32	119	4	+3
#9	Mississippi St	22	38 - 108	2.8	19 - 23	338	2	10	21 - 14	0.7	15 - 29	212	5	-1
#9	at Florida	22	25 - 90	3.6	24 - 41	228	1	14	32 - 97	3.0	19 - 28	191	1	-3
#14	Kentucky	28	43 - 268	6.2	19 - 25	278	1	14	23 - 61	2.7	16 - 41	166	2	0
#14	Fresno St	18	32 - 184	5.8	15 - 19	210	3	11	33 - 77	2.3	13 - 20	134	4	0
#13	at Tennessee	28	45 - 231	5.1	24 - 36	247	2	11	20 - 62	3.1	12 - 30	186	2	-3
#12	Alabama	20	34 - 211	6.2	18 - 21	207	1	23	28 - 78	2.8	22 - 36	291	4	+2
#9	Mississippi	17	31 - 85	2.7	20 - 36	223	3	13	44 - 100	2.3	9 - 20	95	4	+1
#9	at Arkansas	15	36 - 118	3.3	14 - 22	210	2	16	39 - 298	7.6	5 - 20	62	2	-1
#4	† Notre Dame	31	37 - 245	6.6	21 - 34	332	1	17	31 - 143	4.6	15 - 35	148	1	0
TOTALS		283	450 - 2155	4.8	245 - 368	3272	19	180	400 - 1262	3.2	172 - 364	1894	39	0
AVERAGES		21.8	35 - 166	4.8	19 - 28	252	1.5	13.8	31 - 97	3.2	13 - 28	146	3.0	0.0

LSU Pre #14 2002 RESULTS

LSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #2
#14	at Virginia Tech - #16	+7	8-26	
#24	The Citadel	NL	35-10	
#25	Miami, Oh	-13	33-7	
#22	Mississippi St	-13'	31-13	
#21	Louisiana-Lft	-27'	48-0	
#18	at Florida - #16	+8'	36-7	
#14	South Carolina	-8	38-14	
#10	at Auburn	-3'	7-31	
#16	at Kentucky	-5	33-30	
#14	Alabama - #10	+1'	0-31	
#21	Mississippi	-9'	14-13	
#18	at Arkansas	+5	20-21	

LSU Pre #14 2003 RESULTS

LSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #2
#14	ULM	-34'	49-7	
#13	at Arizona	-11'	59-13	
#12	W Illinois	NL	35-7	
#11	Georgia - #7	-1'	17-10	
#7	at Mississippi St	-13'	41-6	
#6	Florida	-10	7-19	
#10	at South Carolina	-4	33-7	
#9	Auburn - #17	-3	31-7	
#7	Louisiana Tech	-26'	49-10	
#3	at Alabama	-7	27-3	
#3	at Mississippi - #15	-6'	17-14	
#3	Arkansas	-9'	55-24	
#3	† Georgia - #5	-3	34-13	

LSU Pre #4 2004 RESULTS

LSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #16
#4	Oregon St	-17'	22-21 OT	
#6	Arkansas St	-40	53-3	
#5	at Auburn - #13	+1	9-10	
#13	Mississippi St	-31	51-0	
#13	at Georgia - #3	+2'	16-45	
#24	at Florida - #12	+3'	24-21	
#18	Troy	-24	24-20	
#19	Vanderbilt	-23'	24-7	
#17	Alabama	-7'	26-10	
#14	Mississippi	-20'	27-24	
#14	at Arkansas	-3'	43-14	

LSU Pre #5 2005 RESULTS

LSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #6
#5	at Arizona St - #15	+1	35-31	
#3	Tennessee - #10	-6'	27-30 OT	
#4	at Mississippi St	-14	37-7	
#11	at Vanderbilt	-15'	34-6	
#10	Florida - #11	-6	21-17	
#7	Auburn - #16	-6	20-17 OT	
#7	North Texas	-43'	56-3	
#6	Appalachian St	NL	24-0	
#5	at Alabama - #4	-3	16-13 OT	
#4	at Mississippi	-17	40-7	
#3	Arkansas	-17'	19-17	
#3	† Georgia - #13	-1	14-34	

LSU Pre #8 2006 RESULTS

LSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #3
#8	Louisiana-Lft	-30'	45-3	
#8	Arizona	-16'	45-3	
#6	at Auburn - #3	+3'	3-7	
#10	Tulane	-36	49-7	
#9	Mississippi St	-33'	48-17	
#9	at Florida - #5	+1	10-23	
#14	Kentucky	-26	49-0	
#14	Fresno St	-33	38-6	
#13	at Tennessee - #8	-5	28-24	
#12	Alabama	-17'	28-14	
#9	Mississippi	-27	23-20 OT	
#9	at Arkansas - #5	-2'	31-26	

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Tide had to replace Brodie Croyle (#3DC KC) who left as Bama's all-time career leading passer. Croyle threw for 2,499 (59.6%) with a 14-4 ratio in '05. John Parker Wilson (PS#31) hit 7 of 11 for 98 yards as his backup. He did lead a drive for a TD late vs Auburn. Marc Guillon (PS#24) played in 2 games at Miami, Fl in '02 and started 2 here in '04 but had just 10 snaps in '05. Shula gave most of the snaps in August to Wilson, trying to prepare him for the season. His strength is throwing on the run. In his first road start he hit 16 of 20 for 243 yards and 3 TD's vs Arkansas. Guillon quit the team midseason which left rFr Jimmy Barnes (PS#26) as the backup. Wilson was injured vs Fla Int'l and Barnes hit 6 of 11 for 45 in the 2H. Wilson had an ankle injury which limited his mobility down the stretch but threw for 2,707 (57%) with a 17-10 ratio. Barnes tore his ACL and missed the bowl. True frosh Greg McElroy (PS#27) redshirted. Those three all return and added to the mix are James Denton (6'1" 205 rFr) and true frosh Nick Fanuzzi (PS#22). This unit is far more experienced than last year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Bama lost its top RB (Ray Hudson) to injury after six games (638 yds) and Kenneth Darby (205 lbs) took over. Darby, who does not have break-away speed, was a workhorse down the stretch rushing for 1,062 (4.8). Darby rushed for 1,242 (5.2) in '05 and turned down an early shot at the NFL to attempt to become the first Tide back to top 1,000 yards three times and needed just 1,077 yards to break Shaun Alexander's career rushing record. Darby suffered a hip pointer injury early and was banged up most of the year. After avg 5.1 ypc in his first 3 years, he avg'd just 3.0 after 4 games. He had 162 vs Ole Miss and got his first TD in 14 games vs LSU finishing with 835 (4.0). Jimmy Johns (PS#33QB) moved to RB as a true frosh (202 yds) and rushed for 293 (4.4) last year. This year they lose Darby (#7DC TB) as well as outstanding blocking FB's Le'Ron McClain (13 st, 255 lbs, 64 yds, 5.8 ypc, #4DC BAL) and Tim Castille (1 st, 129, 2.8, UFA ARZ). Battling Johns will be Glen Coffee (PS#62), Roy Upchurch (PS#50), Terry Grant (PS#31), Ali Sharrief (5'9" 212 So, PS#87DB), Miss St transfer Jonathan Lowe (5'6" 180 Jr), true frosh Demetrius Goode (PS#79) who played at Hargrave last year, and Jamar Taylor (PS#42) who was in for the spring. Not listed at FB below is Jacob Vane (6'0" 235 rFr). Last year's production was lower than expected, so even with the loss of Darby, the Tide's rushing numbers could improve.

RECEIVERS - Injuries have hurt this position in the last 2 years. Tyrone Prothro had just 25 rec (13.9) in '04 but emerged as a gamebreaker in 2005. He had 17 (19.1) in just 3 starts including a remarkable catch vs S Miss which was named ESPN's Pontiac Game Changing Performance of the Year. Prothro broke his leg vs Florida and in the last 7 games the offense faltered. DJ Hall (PS#48) who is 6'3" with 4.3 speed, had 48 grabs (14.1) in 8 starts. Keith Brown was the team's deep threat and had 34 (18.9). Last year the entire unit returned but Prothro was forced to RS. Keith Brown started 8 and had 44 rec (13.4) but was injury-plagued. DJ Hall had seven 100 yard receiving performances & set a Bama single season record for receiving yds with 1,056 (62 rec, 17.0). Nikita Stover (PS#15) had 101 yards vs Auburn and finished with 12 rec (16.0). Will Oakley (PS#100) had 6 starts (18, 12.4). In 2005 three frosh TE's were forced to play in Nick Walker (PS#49), Travis McCall (PS#92DL) and Charles Hoke (PS#8). They are all solid blockers who combined for 11 rec (13.1) last year. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Mike McCoy (6'2" 217 So, PS#46), Earl Alexander (6'4" 201 rFr, PS#49QB), Aaron McDaniel (6'0" 188 Jr, PS#128DB), Jake Jones (5'11"177 rFr, PS#143), Reyn Willis (6'4" 212 So) and TE Preston Dial (6'2" 240 rFr, PS#19). Prothro is expected back for fall (did miss spring after another leg surgery) and this is clearly the Tide's best receiving corps in years.

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OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Tide had to replace three starters including a pair of NFL DC's. Their top OL was C JB Closner but he was lost for the year vs Miss St and the Tide managed just 2.4 ypc rushing and allowed 16 sacks (11 vs Aub) in the last three games. Overall the ypc dropped to 3.7 and the sacks allowed climbed to 37. Last year they had to replace Closner and 2 backups. Four full-time starters returned. Andre Smith (6'4" 348, PS#3) was the 7th true frosh to start an opener here S/'72. He had more snaps than any other player. Justin Britt became the 3rd different Britt brother to start on the Bama O-line. Surprisingly the unit only opened holes for 3.5 ypc rush while allowing 28 sacks (7.1%). This year the only loss is RT Kyle Tatum who had a streak of 24 straight starts snapped in LY's opener (0 st, 247 snap). Nine of the top 10 return including all 5 starters (4 started all 13 games). I look for a much improved O-line in 2007.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Tide had 3 starters back on the D-line and allowed just 94 ypg rush (3.1). Last year they had to replace 2 starters including their top sackman, DE Mark Anderson (#5DC CHI). They allowed 4.0 ypc rush, their highest total in the last 2 decades, and the team recorded just 13 sacks. This year they lose DT Jeremy Clark (12 st, 24 tkl, 406 snap, UFA PHI), DT Dominic Lee (8 st, 13 tkl, 310 snap), DE Chris Harris (20 tkl, 189 snap) and DT JP Adams (6 tkl, 195 snap). Not listed in the 3 deep below are DE Charlie Kirschman (6'2" 225 rFr, PS#121LB), Justin Johnson (6'3" 276 Sr) and several VHT true frosh who could step right into the mix. Saban and new DC Kevin Steele have changed the defense from a 4-3 to a 3-4 in the spring due to lack of depth on the DL. This unit is just as experienced as 2006 and can only improve.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 the Tide had to replace two starters with one being a #2DC and the other a 2nd Tm SEC LB. This year they lose Juwan Simpson (12 st, 86 tkl, 6 tfl, UFA GB) and Terrence Jones (11 st, 57 tkl, 2 tfl). With the new defensive aligment, 5 LB's return with starting experience and true frosh Rolando McClain (PS#8) should have an immediate impact. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Oregon transfer Tucker Callahan (6'2" 228 So, PS#221), Eryk Anders (6'2" 221 So, 4 tkl), Justin Dunn (6'0" 225 So), Alex Benson (6'2" 215 So), Kenneth Vandervoort (6'3" 221 Sr) and Travis Sikes (6'3" 195 rF, PS#279WR). Despite the losses, this unit is actually a little more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Bama traditionally finishes high in my pass D rankings and was #8 in 2004. They returned all 4 starters in 2005 and moved up to #3. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a #2 and a #5DC. The Tide dropped some to #20 allowing 55.6% with a 15-16 ratio. This year they lose CB Ramzee Robinson (13 st, 46 tkl, 7 pbu, #7DC DET), SS Jeffrey Dukes (13 st, 86 tkl, 3 int) and SS Bryan Kilpatrick (14 tkl). Not only do two full-time starters return, but five players are back with starting experience and they add PS#14JC Michael Ricks. They will finish near the top once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 the Tide finished #43 in my ST rankings and had everyone back in '04 and, as I projected, they moved into the Top 25 (#14). In '05 they slipped to #74 after incurring some losses. Jamie Christensen had 3 game winning FG's but the last one was the ugliest successful FG I've seen as it was about 12 feet off the ground and went through the upright to beat TTech. He hit 16 of 25 FG's in '05. Tyrone Prothro was the team's top KR and PR in '05 despite missing more than half the year and he sat out '06. They also had to replace their punter in '06. PJ Fitzgerald does not have the biggest leg of the P's but being a rFr, he had the edge on two true frosh. He also got his punts off quicker. He avg 38.2 (net 34.5). Christensen missed the first 2 games with inj and Leigh Tiffin (AA Van's son '83-'86 hit 3 of 4 FG's and both xp's vs Hawaii and a 47 yard FG to beat Vandy with 7:34 left. He did however, miss 3 FG's, 2 of which would have been game winners and an xp in their OT loss to Arkansas and did not kick again until FIU. Tiffin hit 8 of 13 with a long of 47 while Christensen hit 13 of 17 with a long of 46 with 1 miss from 50+. True frosh Javier Arenas took over as PR (9.2) and KR (19.1). Basically everyone returns and Prothro (27.6 KR and 7.4 PR in '05) is also back and they should improve upon '06's #34 ranking.

COACHES - Mike Shula stepped into an extremely rough situation in 2003 (3rd HC in 8 months) and was the first ever SEC coach to take over a team AFTER the spring. After an expected losing season in his first year, they rebounded to get to bowls in each of the last 3 years but he was let go prior to the 2006 bowl after his 4th straight loss to rival Auburn. New HC Nick Saban took LSU to a National Title in 2003 and spent the last two years as HC of the Miami Dolphins. He is the highest paid coach in the NCAA. His OC is Major Applewhite who did a tremendous job as the Rice OC last year. The DC is Kevin Steele who was the LB coach at Florida St the last 4 years and was the Baylor HC from 1999-'02. He was rumored to be Bowden's eventual replacement at FSU.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As mentioned in the Coaches section, Mike Shula did not step into a great situation but actually did a fine job guiding the Tide to 3 straight bowl games. They could easily have had a better record in 2003, as they lost two games in OT, lost to rival Auburn by five, looked past NI (lost by 3) and even outFD'd #1 ranked Oklahoma 19-13 but lost by 7. In 2004 I called them the 2nd most improved team in the country and forecasted that they would get back to a bowl. Once again the team was snakebitten as they lost a total of 31 starts due to injury and had tough losses to Tenn, LSU and Auburn but did make it back to a bowl. In 2005 they were coming off a 6-6 season but I called Bama a darkhorse National Title contender and one of the most improved teams in the country. The Tide proved me right as they opened up 9-0 and were ranked as high as #4 in the polls. Had they not lost their Off MVP WR Prothro (inj'd vs Fla) and their top OL C Closner (inj'd Miss St), they might have knocked off #5 LSU (lost in OT). The next week they lost to rival Aub but finished 10-2 after the bowl win. That Bama team benefited from +8 in turnovers and 3 net close wins. Last year Bama had a much tougher schedule. They had to face eventual SEC West Champ Arkansas, eventual National Champ Florida, eventual #3 LSU and a Tenn team that was ranked (#7) at the time all on the road. Bama could have easily had a much better record with a tough OT loss to Arkansas, two late TO's did them in vs Fla, a 3 point loss to Tenn and losses to Miss St, LSU and Aub despite outFDing each foe. With an interim HC they lost by 3 in their bowl to finish 6-7. Saban steps into a great situation as this year they get most of the tough opponents at home. They have 9 starters back on offense including a veteran QB and will easily top the 22.9 ppg of 2006. The D loses six starters but had just 4 returnees last year and will be tough. Despite Bama's 2-6 record in the SEC, they outgained conf foes by 32.3 ypg, 5th best! Bama gets their crucial game Nov 3rd at home vs LSU and should they win that, I can actually see them going 8-0 in SEC play making them, once again, a surprise darkhorse National Title contender as they were just two short years ago.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 14 JOHN PARKER WILSON JR. 6-2 209 **PS#31**. 5 gm, 101 ttl yd true. 13 st LY, 2707 (57%) 17-10 ratio, 290 rush. **15** Jimmy Barnes (6-5 239 So) **PS#26**. Greg McElroy (6-2 216 rFr) **PS#27.**

RB 29 Terry Grant rFr. 5-9 184 **PS#31. 38** Glen Coffee (6-2 225 So) PS#62. 179 (3.7) true. **10** Jimmy Johns (6-2 227 Jr) **PS#33QB**. 495 yd rush (4.8) 2Y. Roy Upchurch (6-0 191 So).

WR 4 Tyrone Prothro Sr. 5-8 178 **2nd Tm SEC '04-'05**. 58 rec (14.9), 953 ret yd 3Y. **FB** Baron Huber (6-4 252 So) PS#223DL. Will Denniston (6-3 216 Sr) PS#259LB. Jeramie Griffin PS#28.

WR 22 DJ HALL SR. 6-3 186 PS#48. **2nd Tm SEC '05-'06**. 8 st '05, 48 (14.1). 10 st LY, 62 (17.0). **11** Matt Caddell (5-11 189 Sr) PS#27. 11 st 3Y, 46 rec (14.3).

WR 81 KEITH BROWN SR. 6-3 204 PS#109. 10 st '05, 34 (18.9). 8 st LY, 44 (13.4). **7** Will Oakley (6-1 192 Jr) PS#100. 6 st, 18 (12.4) LY. **9** Nikita Stover (6-0 204 Jr) **PS#15**. 12 (16.0) LY.

TE 83 TRAVIS McCALL JR. 6-2 264 PS#92DL. 1 st, 3 rec true. 12 st LY, 8 (13.1). **88** Nick Walker (6-5 270 Jr) PS#49. 11 st '05, 9 (13.3). 1 st, 3 rec LY. **89** Charles Hoke (6-7 251 Jr) **PS#8**. 130 snap.

C 59 ANTOINE CALDWELL JR. 6-4 288 PS#124. 12 st rFr, 772 snap. 13 st C LY. **2nd Tm SEC**, 58 kd, 810 snap. **70** Evan Cardwell (6-2 291 So) PS#104. 13 gm. **74** David Ross (6-2 307 rFr) **PS#42**.

RG 61 BJ STABLER JR. 6-4 307 PS#41. 10 st rFr, SEC Fr Tm. 9 st LY (miss 3 inj), 48 kd. **76** Marlon Davis (6-2 311 Jr) **PS#59**. 5 st 2Y. 415 snap LY. **60** Scott Deaton (6-5 281 So).

LG 50 JUSTIN BRITT SR. 6-4 290 **PS#27DL**. 12 tkl, 2 tfl true. 3 st DT '05, 2 tfl. 13 st LG LY, 55 kd, 734 snaps. **78** Mike Johnson (6-6 303 So) PS#123. 132 snap, 13 gm. Off MIP spg.

RT 72 CHRIS CAPPS SR. 6-7 283 PS#279. 12 st LT '05, 734 snaps. 13 st RT LY, 40 kd, 645 snap. **79** Drew Davis (6-6 268 So) PS#164. 6 snap LY. **68** Taylor Pharr (6-5 265 rFr) **PS#52**.

LT 71 ANDRE SMITH SO. 6-4 335 **PS#3**. 13 st LT true, 62 kd, 871 snap, **SEC Fr Tm**. **75** Cody Davis (6-6 282 Jr) PS#69. 195 snap 2Y. **62** Alex Stadler (6-5 318 rFr) PS#22.

K 86 JAMIE CHRISTENSEN SR. 6-0 183 16 of 25 FG '05, long 45. 13 of 17 FG LY, long 46, 1 miss from 50+. **18** Leigh Tiffin (5-10 170 So). 8 of 13 FG LY. Andrew Friedman (6-1 202 So) PS#18.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 92 WALLACE GILBERRY SR. 6-4 264 28 tkl, 6.5 sk rFr, SEC Fr Tm. 12 st, 37 tkl, 10 tfl '05. 13 st LY, 43 tkl, 10.5 tfl. **95** Brandon Deaderick (6-4 271 So). PS#64 Milton Talbert (6-2 233 rFr) PS#83.

NT 97 Lorenzo Washington So. 6-4 269 PS#64. 7 gm, 32 snap rFr. **66** Brian Motley (6-1 284 rFr) PS#170OL. Moved from OL in spg. **77** Byron Walton (6-3 306 So) PS#173OL. 1 tkl rFr.

DE 93 BOBBY GREENWOOD JR. 6-5 260 PS#60. 15 tkl, 3 sk true. 3 st LY, 27 tkl, 5 tfl, 322 snap. **Luther Davis PS#17.** Brandon Fanney (6-5 253 So) PS#132. 1 snap LY. Josh Chapman is PS#75.

OLB 94 Keith Saunders Sr. 6-3 248 11 tkl, 3 tfl '05. **10 st DE**, 16 tkl, 3 tfl, 423 snap LY. **44** Demarcus Waldrop (5-11 200 Sr) PS#109. 4 st, 59 tkl, 748 snap 3Y. Chavis Williams PS#141DL.

ILB NA Rolando McClain Fr. 6-4 245 **PS#8. 57** Darren Mustin (6-3 237 Sr) Mid Tenn trans. 8 tkl here LY. **6** Marcel Stamps (6-2 199 Sr) 16 tkl 3Y. Jennings Hester (6-3 230 Fr) PS#71.

ILB 21 PRINCE HALL SO. 5-11 255 **PS#45**. 9 st rFr, 77 tkl, 10.5 tfl, **SEC Fr Tm**, 593 snaps. **56** Matt Collins (6-1 245 Sr) 4 st, 26 tkl 3Y. Alex Watkins (6-3 225 Fr) PS#46DL.

OLB 47 Ezekial Knight Sr. 6-4 230 PS#103WR. 3 st, 21 rec '04-'05. 4 tkl (inj'd 9 LY). **46** Zach Schreiber (6-1 211 So) **PS#48**. 6 tkl, 1 sk, 204 snap rFr. **45** Charlie Higgenbotham PS#94. GS.

CB 2 SIMEON CASTILLE SR. 6-1 189 **PS#10**. 2 int, 4 pbu true. 3 st, 28 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu '05. **1st Tm SEC LY**, 13 st, 6 int, 6 pbu. Lionel Mitchell (6-2 184 Jr). 3 st, 4 int LY. Javier Arenas (5-8 176 So).

CB 36 Eric Gray Sr. 6-2 188 PS#109. 241 snap '04-'05, 10 tkl. 2 st LY, 17 tkl. **24** Marquis Johnson (5-11 178 So) PS#95. 7 tkl true. Chris Rogers (5-11 190 So) PS#62. 9 tkl.

SS NA Michael Ricks Jr. 6-2 185 **PS#14JC. 43** Sam Burnthall (6-2 184 So) PS#133. 9 tkl true. Justin Woodall (6-1 213 So) **PS#27**. 6 tkl true. **13** Cory Reamer (6-4 210 Jr) PS#173.

FS 20 MARCUS CARTER SR. 6-0 200 PS#59. 10 st LY, 515 snap, 31 tkl. **49** Rashad Johnson (6-0 186 Jr) 4 st LY. 41 tkl 2Y. Fastest on team. **41** Andy Davis (6-0 196 rFr) PS#46.

P 11 PJ FITZGERALD SO. 5-11 188 57 punts as rFr, 38.2 avg, 34.5 net. **29** Adam Hill (5-10 188 rFr). **35** Patrick Eades (6-2 185 Sr). **23** Justin Martin (5-9 203 So). Heath Thomas (6-3 202 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Michael Ricks 6-2 185 PS#14JC
LB	Rolando McClain 6-4 245 PS#8
DL	Kerry Murphy 6-5 320 PS#12
DL	Luther Davis 6-3 280 PS#17
DB	Chris Lett 6-2 200 PS#44
QB	Nick Fanuzzi 6-3 210 PS#22
RB	Jeramie Griffin 6-0 225 PS#28
LB	Alex Watkins 6-3 225 PS#46DL
WR	Brandon Gibson 6-1 190 PS#35
DL	Nick Gentry 6-1 270 PS#49
DL	Alfred McCullough 6-3 300 PS#56
RB	Jamar Taylor 5-10 200 PS#42
WR	Marquis Maze 5-8 170 PS#40
OL	William Vlachos 6-1 295 PS#67
DL	Josh Chapman 6-1 300 PS#75
OL	Patrick Crump 6-3 285 PS#79
LB	Jennings Hester 6-3 230 PS#71
RB	Demetrius Goode 5-10 200 PS#79 '06
LB	Chavis Williams 6-4 220 PS#141DL
DL	Jeremy Elder 6-3 280 PS#158
DB	Tarence Farmer 6-0 195 PS#274
WR	Darius Hanks 6-0 190 PS#284
DB	Kareem Jackson 5-11 185 PS#443
TE	Chris Underwood 6-4 225 PS#148

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

Tuscaloosa, Alabama
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#51

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Western Carolina	G					
Sep. 8	at Vanderbilt	G					
Sep. 15	Arkansas	G					
Sep. 22	Georgia	G					
Sep. 29	at Florida St	G					
Oct. 6	Houston (HC)	G					
Oct. 13	at Mississippi	A					
Oct. 20	Tennessee	G					
Oct. 27							
Nov. 3	LSU	G					
Nov. 10	at Mississippi St	G					
Nov. 17	ULM	G					
Nov. 24	at Auburn	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brodie Croyle 6,382 '02-'05
2. Andrew Zow 5,983 '98-'01
3. Jay Barker 5,689 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Shaun Alexander 3,565 '96-'99
2. Bobby Humphrey 3,420 '85-'88
3. Kenneth Darby 3,324 '03-'06

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ozzie Newsome 2,070 '74-'77
2. DJ Hall 1,918 '04-Present
3. Freddie Milons 1,859 '98-'01

The Crimson Tide is 16-2 in season openers. Bama is 43-2 vs Div IAA teams. The only other meeting between these 2 teams was a 52-0 Tide win in 2004.

In 02's trip to Nashville, the majority of the 30,407 were Tide fans & UA posted a 30-8 win. Bama has won 19 straight (including '93's forfeit) & 33 of 34.

Alabama has lost to Arkansas in double OT twice in the last 4 years. JPW hit 16 of 20 for 243 yds & 3 TD's in his first road start vs Arkansas last yr.

Georgia has won the last 2 in this series (most recently 37-23 in '03). The Tide is 159-40-5 all-time in the month of September.

Saban will face his former OC, Jimbo Fisher, who is now Florida St's OC. FSU has never beaten the Tide (2-0-1) but their most recent meeting was in '74 (8-7).

Tide is 9-0 all-time vs Houston with their most recent meeting being in '99 (37-10). Alabama is 6-0 vs current Conference USA members since 2001.

Bama is 3-6 all-time in OT gms & beat UM 26-23 in OT LY for their 1st OT win S/'99. UA has won B2B gms vs UM on the last play of the gm & has won 11 of the L/13.

JPW was held to just 13-29 for 158 yds LY vs UT ending his Alabama record streak of seven consecutive 200+ yd passing games. Home team has won L/3.

UA HC Saban faces his former tm where he was 48-16 ('00-'04) & the '03 BCS Champ. JPW hit a career high of 22-35 for 291 yds w/a 2-1 ratio vs LSU. LSU has won 4 straight.

This is the shortest road trip on Bama's SEC slate (less than 90 miles apart). The Crimson Tide hasn't scored an offensive TD in the last 2 years vs Miss St.

Alabama is 15-0 vs current Sun Belt Conference teams, avg score UA 36-9. The Tide had a 444-196 yd edge & a 22-10 FD edge in their 41-7 win last year.

Bama has lost 5 in a row to Auburn for only the 2nd time in history (1954-'58). The Tide hasn't scored a 1Q TD in the Iron Bowl since 1996.

NICK SABAN (Career 91–42–1)

1st Year at Alabama — Saban's Bowl Record: 4-5

Saban's records AT ALABAMA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (6–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (20,24,3)
Lost: 18 (5,12,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,138 (#7)

SEC - WEST DIVISION

WR Keith Brown

STADIUM: BRYANT–DENNY STADIUM (92,138) (#12)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	6-5	10-3	4-9	6-5	9-2	6-6	44-38
Home	3-3	4-3	5-2	3-5	5-2	6-1	6-2	32-18
Away	0-5	2-2	5-1	1-4	1-3	3-1	0-4	12-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	6-2	2-6	3-5	6-2	2-6	26-30
ATS	3-8	5-6	7-5-1	5-8	6-4	3-7-1	5-6-1	34-44-3
Home Fav (Mike DuBose)	2-3	3-3	3-4	2-2	3-2	0-5	2-5	15-24
Home Dog	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-0	1-0-1	0-1	3-6-1
Away Fav (Dennis Franchione)	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	5-7-1
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-1	3-0-1	11-7-1
Favorite (Mike Shula)	2-5	3-5	4-5-1	3-3	4-2	2-6	2-5	20-31-1
Dog	1-3	2-1	3-0	2-5	2-2	1-1-1	3-1-1	14-13-2
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	4-3-1	2-6	4-4	3-4-1	3-4-1	22-31-3
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	3-2	3-2	2-0	0-3	2-2	12-13
Off SU Win	1-2	4-1	5-3-1	1-3	3-2	3-5-1	3-3	20-19-2
Off SU Loss	2-5	1-4	2-1	3-5	2-2	0-1	2-2-1	12-20-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kenneth Darby	210	889	54	835	0	4.0
Jimmy Johns	66	318	25	293	1	4.4
Tim Castille	46	133	4	129	6	2.8
John Parker Wilson	82	290	207	83	0	1.0
Le'Ron McClain	11	64	0	64	0	5.8
DJ Hall	6	48	0	48	0	8.0
Keith Brown	6	47	2	45	0	7.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John Parker Wilson	379	216	57.0	2707	17	10
Jimmy Barnes	11	6	54.5	45	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
DJ Hall	62	1056	17.0	5	78
Keith Brown	44	590	13.4	3	38
Will Oakley	18	223	12.4	0	35
Nikita Stover	12	192	16.0	2	52
Le'Ron McClain	20	175	8.8	3	26
Matt Caddell	16	150	9.4	2	18
Kenneth Darby	23	130	5.7	1	29
Travis McCall	8	105	13.1	1	22
Tim Castille	15	91	6.1	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
PJ Fitzgerald	57	2176	38.2	14	34.5	0	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jamie Christensen	17-18	10-10	2-3	1-3	0-1	13-17	46
Leigh Tiffin	12-13	3-3	3-7	2-3	0-0	8-13	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeffrey Dukes	86	0	2	2	3
Juwan Simpson	86	0	6	0	1
Prince Hall	77	2	8.5	2	0
Simeon Castille	71	1	3.5	6	6
Terrence Jones	57	1	1	2	0
Ramzee Robinson	46	0	1.5	7	2
Wallace Gilberry	43	3.5	7	1	0
Rashad Johnson	33	0	1.5	0	0
Marcus Carter	31	0	1	0	0
Bobby Greenwood	27	2.5	2.5	0	0
Lionel Mitchell	25	0	0	1	4
Jeremy Clark	24	0	0	1	0
DeMarcus Waldrop	21	0	0	0	0
Chris Harris	20	0	1	0	0
Eric Gray	17	0	0	2	0
Keith Saunders	16	1	2	2	0
Bryan Kilpatrick	14	0	0	1	0
Dominic Lee	13	0	2	0	0
Matt Collins	11	1	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Javier Arenas	31	286	9.2	2
Simeon Castille	3	22	7.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Javier Arenas	18	344	19.1	0
DJ Hall	7	139	19.9	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Orange - #5	-1	Michigan - #8 (OT)	34-35
01	Independence	-6	Iowa St	14-13
04	Music City	-1	Minnesota	16-20
05	Cotton - #13	+3'	Texas Tech - #18	13-10
06	Independence	+2'	Oklahoma St	31-34

Alabama's All-Time Bowl Record 30–21–3

ALABAMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9	22.9	19	123	3.5	213	57.0	14.7	+7	2006	4	19.2	15	125	4.0	173	55.6	15.5
7*	21.9	19	143	3.7	216	59.5	16.4	+8	2005	9	10.7	14	94	3.1	161	49.7	23.9
6*	24.6	16	185	4.4	142	55.9	13.3	+6	2004	8	15.8	14	132	3.3	113	43.4	15.6
6	25.5	18	159	4.0	192	52.1	13.8	+1	2003	5	25.6	19	132	3.7	228	57.9	14.1
7*	28.2	20	213	4.5	190	56.1	14.3	+15	2002	8	15.4	15	80	2.7	177	49.5	16.7
7*	26.5	19	220	5.2	178	55.2	15.0	+3	2001	7	19.3	19	114	3.3	255	58.5	19.1

2006 STATS BY GAME

UA 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Hawaii	20	36 - 125	3.5	16 - 29	253	1	18	15 - 22	1.5	30 - 44	350	3	+3
–	Vanderbilt	23	40 - 134	3.4	18 - 29	207	1	12	23 - 80	3.5	16 - 24	155	0	+1
–	ULM	22	43 - 219	5.1	15 - 23	225	1	10	30 - 123	4.1	10 - 21	73	0	+1
–	at Arkansas	20	52 - 118	2.3	16 - 20	243	5	15	31 - 172	5.5	7 - 22	97	1	+2
–	at Florida	20	30 - 83	2.8	21 - 40	240	3	17	33 - 133	4.0	15 - 21	197	1	-1
–	Duke	20	34 - 134	3.9	18 - 30	220	2	14	41 - 201	4.9	7 - 18	74	1	+2
–	Mississippi	21	42 - 228	5.4	16 - 28	206	2	17	35 - 119	3.4	14 - 21	168	0	0
–	at Tennessee	11	30 - 53	1.8	13 - 29	158	3	17	21 - 57	2.7	28 - 46	302	0	+3
–	Florida Int'l	14	30 - 107	3.6	14 - 24	117	1	6	27 - 40	1.5	9 - 26	135	1	+2
–	Mississippi St	17	26 - 101	3.9	19 - 39	187	1	13	38 - 131	3.4	9 - 23	143	2	0
–	at LSU	23	28 - 78	2.8	22 - 36	291	4	20	34 - 211	6.2	18 - 21	207	1	-2
–	Auburn	18	30 - 112	3.7	18 - 33	252	2	14	40 - 124	3.1	6 - 14	137	2	-3
–	† Oklahoma St	18	34 - 108	3.2	18 - 33	168	2	23	41 - 207	5.0	15 - 30	212	1	-1
TOTALS		247	455 - 1600	3.5	224 - 393	2767	28	196	409 - 1620	4.0	184 - 331	2250	13	+7
AVERAGES		19.0	35 - 123	3.5	17 - 30	213	2.2	15.1	31 - 125	4.0	14 - 25	173	1.0	0.5

2002 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Middle Tenn	-17	39-34
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+12	27-37
–	North Texas	-21	33-7
–	S Mississippi	-7	20-7
–	at Arkansas	+6'	30-12
#22	Georgia - #7	-4'	25-27
#24	Mississippi - #21	-11	42-7
#19	at Tennessee - #16	+2	34-14
#12	at Vanderbilt	-22	30-8
#11	Mississippi St	-21'	28-14
#10	at LSU - #14	-1'	31-0
#9	Auburn	-10'	7-17
#14	at Hawaii	-11'	21-16

2003 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	USF	-15	40-17
–	Oklahoma - #1	+7'	13-20
–	Kentucky	-13'	27-17
#21	N Illinois	-13'	16-19
–	Arkansas - #9	+1'	31-34 2OT
–	at Georgia - #11	+12	23-37
–	S Mississippi	-10'	17-3
–	at Mississippi	+4	28-43
–	Tennessee - #22	+3	43-51 5OT
–	at Mississippi St	-10'	38-0
–	LSU - #3	+7	3-27
–	at Auburn	+7'	23-28
–	at Hawaii	-2'	29-37

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Utah St	-26	48-17
–	Mississippi	-11'	28-7
–	W Carolina	NL	52-0
–	at Arkansas	+4'	10-27
–	South Carolina	-2'	3-20
–	at Kentucky	-6	45-17
–	S Mississippi - #24	-7	27-3
–	at Tennessee - #11	+7	13-17
–	Mississippi St	-17'	30-14
–	at LSU - #17	+7'	10-26
–	Auburn - #3	+10	13-21

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Middle Tenn	-21'	26-7
–	S Mississippi	-12'	30-21
–	at South Carolina	-2	37-14
#20	Arkansas	-15	24-13
#15	Florida - #5	+3	31-3
#6	at Mississippi	-14	13-10
#5	Tennessee - #17	-3'	6-3
#5	Utah St	-34	35-3
#4	at Mississippi St	-15'	17-0
#4	LSU - #5	+3	13-16 OT
#8	at Auburn - #11	+7	18-28

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Hawaii	-15	25-17
–	Vanderbilt	-15'	13-10
–	ULM	-24'	41-7
–	at Arkansas	+2'	23-24 2OT
–	at Florida - #5	+15	13-28
–	Duke	-28'	30-14
–	Mississippi	-16	26-23 OT
–	at Tennessee - #7	+10'	13-16
–	Florida Int'l	-34	38-3
–	Mississippi St	-14	16-24
–	at LSU - #12	+17'	14-28
–	Auburn - #15	+3	15-22

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 the Hogs had to replace athletically gifted Matt Jones (#1DC JAX). Jones had thrown for 2,073 (57.2%) and was the team's top rusher. Robert Johnson (PS#35, 4.5 spd) got a lot of work with the 1st team in practice in '04 due to Jones' injuries and beat out Alex Mortensen (PS#25). Johnson started the first 7 and threw for 876 (56.3%) with a 5-6 ratio. True frosh Casey Dick had been running the scout team and took off his RS vs SC becoming the first Arkansas true frosh to ever start his first game. Dick was previewed as a more effective passer and he led the team to a 2-2 record. Johnson averaged 124.7 ypg (56.4%) in his starts, while Dick averaged 21.3 ypg more per start (146) with a lower completion % (53.5). Mortensen opted to transfer so Dick and Johnson battled super recruit Mitch Mustain (PS#1) last year. Mustain's HS coach was hired as the OC LY, so he seemed to be a shoo-in for the starting job. Dick missed most of August so Johnson started the opener but hit just 12 of 25 for 110. Mustain became the earliest true frosh starting QB ever at UA in his second game (Houston Nutt 4th game in 1976). Johnson was moved to WR after the opener. Mustain was 8-0 as a starter but threw an int on the first series vs SC and Dick took the rest of the snaps hitting 11 of 19 for 228. Dick started the final 5 and they also ran the "Wildcat" package with RB McFadden (7 of 9 for 69 yds, 3 TD's) taking direct snaps in the shotgun. After the season, Mustain transferred to USC. Dick is 4-5 as a starter but 4 of the 5 losses have been to ranked teams. Walk-on Nathan Emert (6'2" 203 Jr) set 18 school passing records at Missouri Southern and was named conf Frosh of the Year throwing for 3,406 (62.3%) in 2004. Two true frosh, including Casey's brother Nathan (PS#42) will compete with Emert for the backup spot in fall. The Hog QB's did have 19 TD passes last year throwing for nearly 2,000 yards. It will be interesting to see if they can top those totals.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 De'Arrius Howard (PS#7) was leading the SEC in rushing after two games and was the Hogs' top rusher after four. Two true frosh then took over in Darren McFadden (PS#9), who is 215 lbs with 4.3 speed, and Felix Jones (PS#48). McFadden played the entire year with a partially torn cartilage in his left knee, but still easily beat Cedric Cobbs' school frosh rushing record (662 in '99) rushing for 1,113 (6.3) despite starting just the last 8 (1st Tm SEC). Jones finished #2 in the nation in KR average and added 626 (6.3). Both returned last year as did super blocking FB Peyton Hillis (PS#9). McFadden dislocated his toe in August and was not 100% early. McFadden also was banged up at the end of the year and was only 80% in the bowl getting tackled from behind on a long run. He still was arguably the best player in the country. He became the Hogs' first Heisman Trophy finalist (#2 in the voting) setting the school's single season rushing record with 1,647 (5.8). Jones had 1,168 (7.6). Hillis missed the final four and the Hogs lost 3 of them. This squad has great depth as everyone returns. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Michael Smith (5'7" 174 So, PS#150) who rushed for 247 (7.1), JUCO Brandon Barnett (5'10" 190 PS#148), Torian Wilkins (5-9 190 rFr) and this year's true frosh. This looks like the best set of RB's in the NCAA.

RECEIVERS - The Hogs had all of their top receivers back last year and also brought in an excellent crop of true frosh in Damian Williams (PS#11), Ben Cleveland (PS#22TE) and London Crawford (PS#57). Their best receiver is Marcus Monk, who is 6'6" and catches anything thrown near him leading the team with 50 rec (19.2) and setting a Hog record with 11 TD grabs LY. Williams started 5 and had 19 (12.4). Cleveland played WR & TE while working on his blocking skills and had 12 (8.6). Converted QB Robert Johnson added 6 (16.0). Cedric Washington, who had 27 (13.5) in '05, suffered a concussion and only had six (11.5). Williams (SEC All-Frosh team) opted to transfer. They also lose Washington and TE Wes Murphy (11 st, 2 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are John Aaron Rees (6'0" 203 Jr, PS#180), Lucas Miller (6'3" 191 So, 1 st, 1 rec), Sean Penix (6'0" 170 Jr), Marques Wade (6'3" 184 rFr) and TE's Lance Thompson (6'4" 242 Jr) and Allen Gardner (6'6" 210 rFr). Despite the losses, with Monk turning down an early shot at the NFL (proj'd #3DC), they could improve upon 2006's numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Hogs have led the SEC in rushing 4 of the last 5 years. In 2004, Ark had zero returning starters on the O-line but still were #2 in the SEC in rushing (4.4, 14 sk) as OL Coach Mike Markuson molded a top-notch unit. In 2005 they had 3 starters back and the veteran unit opened holes for 5.0 ypc. They did use 5 different OL starting combinations and allowed 22 sacks (7.9%). Last year they had 8 of the top 10 returning. The line paved the way for 5.9 ypc rush, their best in school history, and trimmed the sack total to 9 (3.0%!). This year they lose 1st Tm SEC RT Zac Tubbs (14 st), 3rd Tm AA LT Tony Ugoh (14 st, 3Y st'r, #2DC IND), 2nd Tm SEC LG Stephen Parker (13 st, 3Y st'r), Jeremy Harrell (1 st, 12 gm) and G Chase Pressley. This will still be a top-notch unit but it is less experienced than last year, and it will be tough to match the outstanding 2006 numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hogs' rush D did not allow over 4.0 ypc from '91-'03 but an inexperienced D in 2004 yielded 4.6. They had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups in 2005 and improved to 3.6 ypc despite losing DE Anthony Brown after 6 starts. They burned DE Antwain Robinson's redshirt with just 3 games to go. Last year DE Desmond Sims was moved to LB so 7 of the top 8 were back. DE Brown moved to WR at one point and then returned to the defense (14 tkl). The D allowed 3.5 ypc despite DT Marcus Harrison (knee) not being 100%. Harrison suffered a torn ACL in the spring and is questionable for the '07 season. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC DT Keith Jackson (14 st, 79 tkl, #7DC STL), 1st Tm SEC DE Jamaal Anderson (14 st, 65 tkl, **13.5 sk!**, #1DC ATL) who left early for the NFL and Brown. Jackson was the #1 DL tackler in the SEC. Not listed below is Charles Alexander (6-3 275 So, PS#352). Three players return with 9 or more career starts. This should be another fine front and it is almost as experienced as last year.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Hogs were in their 2nd season of the 4-3 and had to replace two players who combined for 12 starts. Starting DE Desmond Sims moved to LB so they basically had 3 returning starters. Freddie Fairchild (9 st '05) tore his ACL after two starts. Sims only started two before losing his spot to Weston Dacus so after 3 game just one starter remained but that was 1st Tm SEC Sam Olajubutu (13 st, 115 tkl, 10 tfl). This year the only losses are Olajubutu and Sims (2 st, 56 tkl). Two players return with 8 or more career starts.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - As expected in 2004 when the Hogs had to replace almost the entire 2 deep, they dropped from #27 in my pass D rankings to #101. In 2005 the Hogs had 3 starters back and moved back up to #26. Last year they had to replace a #7DC but had 7 of the top 8 back. CB Chris Houston, who benches 450 lbs, had a fine year and held Vandy's Earl Bennett to 4 rec (7.8). They did lose the secondary's fastest player, FS Michael Grant (41 tkl, 3 int LY), after 9 starts to injury and another CB who started 8 in '05 transferred prior to the season. They still moved up to #11 allowing 49.7%. This year they must replace 2nd Tm SEC CB Houston (14 st, 13 pbu, left early for NFL - #2DC ATL), SS Randy Kelly (13 st, 100 tkl), CB John Johnson (2 st, 15 tkl) and CB Darius Vinnett (3 st, 21 tkl). Six players return with starting experience but this unit is slightly less experienced than last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2005 true frosh Felix Jones was #2 in the NCAA in KR (31.9) and Darren McFadden was not far behind (29.0). P Jacob Skinner who lost his job in '04 won it back in '05 and had a 38.8 net. The Hogs finished #13 in my ST rankings in '05 and last year only had to replace their K. Skinner saw his net drop to 32.6 and Jones' and McFadden's KR avg dropped to 24.1 and 26.2 respectively. Jeremy Davis hit just 6 of 13 FG's with a long of 44. The Hogs dropped all the way down to #88. This year the only loss is Skinner but Jeremy Davis (PS#30) avg 39.2 as a true. I look for the Hogs to make a good-sized climb in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Houston Nutt was the 2001 SEC Coach of Year and won it again last season. Nutt is a Little Rock native and his teams are 20-2 in games played there. This year the new OC is David Lee who was the Dallas Cowboys' quality control coach from '03-'06 and Ark QB coach in '01-'02 and '84-'88. Nutt brought in Reggie Herring as DC in '05. Herring's NCSt D improved from allowing 421 ypg in '03 to #1 in the NCAA allowing just 221.4 ypg in 2004. His first unit here improved by 55 ypg and last year improved another 42 ypg.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2004, Arkansas went to six consecutive bowls matching a school record set by Lou Holtz ('77-'82) and Ken Hatfield ('84-'89). The Hogs are 47-15 at home under Houston Nutt. In 2002 Arkansas was pegged for 5th in the SEC West preseason poll but I called for them to win the crown and they did just that getting to the SEC Title game. The defending SEC West champs had 17 starters back in 2003 but finished 4th in a tough division. They beat #6 Texas and moved as high as #7, their best ranking in 14 years at 4-0. They suffered 3 straight tough losses but went 5-1 down the stretch to finish 9-4. Nutt almost took the job at Nebraska but opted to stay in what was clearly a rebuilding season. They had the fewest amount of returning starters in the country (4) as five juniors left early for the NFL and had benefitted from +11 in turnovers in '03 (see page 312). I said if Nutt got 2004's team above .500 it would be one of his best coaching feats yet. He nearly did so but came up just short at 5-6 despite playing #7 Texas to the wire. The Hogs were outgained by 68.5 ypg in SEC play. In 2005 they had to replace QB Matt Jones but still were a more veteran team. Unfortunately for just the 3rd time in 61 years ('52-'53 and '96-'97), they suffered back-to-back losing seasons. Despite their 2-6 record in SEC play, they outgained conf foes by 31.3 ypg and outscored them by a total of 4 points! They outgained #4 UGA 332-217 but came up 3 points short on the road and thanks to a pair of missed FG's, lost to #3 LSU by 2 on the road. Ark used the most true frosh in the nation in 2005 (18). Last year they had the most returning starters in the league (18) and that had me very high on the Hogs. I picked the Hogs #13 in the country coming off a 4-7 season with the majority of the other magazines and polls not even having them ranked. The combined average of all of the other preseason magazines had them at #45. When RB McFadden injured his toe in August, Nutt had his RB's refrain from contact which seemed to affect them vs USC and they were -5 in TO's. The key game was a win over #2 Auburn on the road in which they had a 366-213 yard edge. They were 10-1 and #5 in the polls. Ark faced rival LSU the week after clinching their first outright SEC West Title since '95 and the week before the SEC Championship game. With LSU having a great situational edge, Ark lost a close game by 5. In the SEC Title game, a costly fumbled PR hurt them and RB McFadden sprained his ankle early. They just missed winning their first SEC Title since joining the league in '92. They outgained Wisconsin 368-201 in the bowl but came up short finishing 10-4. The Hogs' defeats were to #1 Fla, #3 LSU, #4 USC and #7 Wisc!! Ark did suffer some turmoil in the offseason and QB Mustain, WR Williams and OC Malzahn have all moved on. This year they have 6 starters back on offense and have the best RB's in the country and should come close to 2006's 28.9 ppg. The D has 6 starters back but must replace 4 of their top 6 tacklers. They allowed 18.3 ppg which was their best since '99 and figure to still be tough. The Hogs outgained SEC foes by 54.9 ypg (2nd best) and it was their highest final ranking (#15) S/'89. Arkansas will have another successful season, but probably will not match 2006's final ranking.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 11 **CASEY DICK JR.** 6-2 216 9 starts, 2Y. 1575 (51%). 16-10 ratio, 26 rush. **16** Nathan Emert (6-2 203 Jr) 3406 (62%) 24-17. Set 18 school rec MO Southern. Conf Fr Yr.

RB 5 **DARREN McFADDEN JR.** 6-2 215 **PS#9**. 8 st true, 1113 (6.3). **1st Tm SEC L2Y**. 14 st LY 1647 (5.8). Felix Jones (6-0 207 Jr) PS#48. **2nd Tm SEC L2Y**. 8 st 2Y, 1794 rush (7.1) 1097 KR.

FB 22 **PEYTON HILLIS SR.** 6-2 243 **PS#9**. 21 starts FB 3Y. 612 (4.3), 69 rec (9.5). **33** Farod Jackson (6-0 230 Sr) PS#61. 5 st LY, 48 ttl yd. Hezekiah Smith (5-11 217 So) PS#118.

WR 85 **MARCUS MONK SR.** 6-6 220 **PS#85**. 31 st 3Y. 122 rec (16.5). Turn down NFL. **19** Carlton Salters (6-0 192 rFr) PS#56. **28** Chris Baker (6-1 200 Sr) PS#25. 4.27 spd, 14 rec 3Y.

WR 18 **Robert Johnson Sr.** 6-2 209 PS#35QB. 9 st 3Y, 1195 yd pass, 7 rec. London Crawford (6-2 200 So) PS#57. 5 rec true. Rod Coleman (6-1 190 So) PS#94. Andrew Norman PS#65.

TE 86 **Ben Cleveland So.** 6-4 250 PS#22. 1 st true, 12 (8.6). **80** Mason Templeton (6-7 275 Sr) 5 st 2Y 9 (10.8). Andrew Davie (6-5 265 So) 2 st, 2 (6.5). Grant Freeman PS#9.

C 63 **JONATHAN LUIGS JR.** 6-4 307 PS#179. 10 st rFr, SEC Fr Tm. 14 st LY, **3rd Tm AA**. Joey Crossland (6-6 324 So) **PS#76**. **LS** Rhett Richardson (PS#606). Nathan Huffer (5-11 238 Sr).

RG 61 **ROBERT FELTON SR.** 6-4 328 PS#114. 5 st, 344 snap rFr, SEC Fr Tm. 11 st '05. 13 st RG LY, 54 kd. **65** DeMarcus Love (6-5 307 rFr) PS#272. Kareem Crowell (6-4 315 Fr) PS#122 LY.

LG 56 **Colin Tucker So.** 6-5 286 PS#113. Added 22 lbs RS yr. **66** Mitch Petrus (6-4 295 Jr) 9 gm at OG as true. 14 gm FB LY, 1 yd. **62** Mike Aguirre (6-6 313 So) PS#294.

RT 75 **Nate Garner Sr.** 6-7 319 PS#130. 5 gm rFr. 11 gm '05. 1 st RG LY, 3 letter. **72** Cody Green (6-4 332 Jr) PS#161. Injured L/2Y. Seth Oxner is PS#52. Grant Cook is PS#70.

LT 78 **Jose Valdez Jr.** 6-5 307 **PS#81**. 1 gm true. 5 gm LY. **76 Jim Hart** (6-5 300 rFr) **PS#33**. **73** Ray Dominguez (6-4 307 rFr). **64** Mike Moffitt (6-2 287 Sr). N Ariz trans. Work C Spring.

K NA **Alex Tejada Fr.** 6-1 200 **PS#7**. Ark HS rec 174 xp. 7-17 FG but 7 of 10 miss 47+, L/55 in HS. Brian Vavra (5-11 175 Jr) 21 TB on 72 KO. Jeremy Davis 6-13 FG LY, L/44.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 96 **Malcolm Sheppard So.** 6-3 272 PS#269. 2 st true, 12 tkl, 8 qbh. **94** Chris Wade (6-5 258 Sr) PS#58JC. 15 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 qbh here LY. **36** Van Stumon (6-3 245 rFr). PS#31LB.

DT 55 **MARCUS HARRISON SR.** 6-3 307 PS#108. **ACL spg, ? '07.** 10 st true. 9 st '05. 5 st LY (inj). **93 Marcus Shavers** (6-3 275 Jr) **PS#20**. 5 gm LY, inj. Fred Bledsoe (6-3 314 Sr) PS#79OL. 3 tfl true.

DT 90 **Ernest Mitchell Jr.** 6-2 296 **PS#67**. 9 st LY, 41 tkl, 9 tfl, 9 qbh. **98** Cord Gray (6-1 292 Jr) PS#77. 20 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **88** Jonathan Riddell (6-2 261 So). Brandon Lampkin is PS#174.

DE 97 **ANTWAIN ROBINSON JR.** 6-2 255 PS#71LB. 5 tkl true, 3 tfl. 13 st LY, 68 tkl, **8.5 sk**, 6 tfl, 7 pbu, 15 qbh. **54** Donnell Sanders (6-3 225 rFr) PS#246. **53** Adrian Davis (6-4 235 So) PS#354DB. 19 tkl true.

WLB 45 **Desmond Williams Jr.** 6-2 214 **PS#43DB**. 3 tkl, 2Y. Tim Dial is PS#64. 4.4 speed. **41** Ryan Powers (6-1 210 rFr). 3 gm as true but RS. **48** Tommy Rehg (6-0 219 So).

MLB 30 **WESTON DACUS SR.** 6-2 230 PS#63RB. 1 st '05. 26 tkl, 1.5 sk. 11 st LY, 95 tkl, 8 tfl, 7 qbh. **47** Wendel Davis (6-1 220 So) PS#141. 20 tkl, 2 tfl true. **49** Mark Bonner (6-1 200 Jr) 11 tkl 2Y.

SLB 44 **Freddie Fairchild So.** 6-3 220 PS#168. **9 st '05**. 59 tkl, 6 tfl. 2 st LY until ACL, 12 tkl. **42** Chip Gregory (6-3 225 rFr) **PS#61DB**. Jermaine Love PS#82. Matt Stoltz PS#41. ACL spg.

CB 29 **Jamar Love Jr.** 6-1 191 PS#63WR. 2 tkl true. 1 st LY, 16 tkl. **27** Jerell Norton (6-0 184 So) PS#216WR. 4.38 spd. 15 tkl true. **26** Ramon Broadway (5-9 182 rFr) **PS#59**.

CB 9 **MATTERRAL RICHARDSON SR.** 6-0 197 PS#219. 13 tkl true. 8 st '05, 44 tkl, 6 pbu. 14 st LY, 63 tkl, 10 pbu. **17** Shedrick Johnson (5-10 185 Jr) PS#262. 9 tkl 2Y. Bret Harris is PS#161.

SS 31 **MATT HEWITT SR.** 6-3 215 PS#204JC. 8 st at LY, 63 tkl, 3 tfl. Elston Forte (6-1 202 Jr) PS#93. 19 tkl 2Y. John West (6-2 195 Jr) PS#59JC. Dallas Washington (6-0 213 Jr) 25 tkl 2Y.

FS 8 **MICHAEL GRANT SR.** 5-11 182 PS#32. AR 4x100 Nat'l Track Champ. 1 st true. 49 tkl, 8 pbu '04-'05. **3** Kevin Woods (5-10 194 Sr). 23 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 12 tkl '05. 4 st LY FS, 45 tkl, 2 int.

P 50 **Jeremy Davis Jr.** 5-9 195 PS#30. 25 punts (39.2) as true '04. RS '05. 46-48 xp LY. Mitchell Smith (5-11 220 So) PS#87. **34** Stephen Arnold (6-0 194 Jr). 4-5 xp LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

TE	Grant Freeman 6-7 250 PS#9
OL	Seth Oxner 6-4 285 PS#52
RB	DJ Williams 6-2 240 PS#18TE
OL	Grant Cook 6-6 310 PS#70
LB	Tim Dial 6-3 215 PS#64
QB	Nathan Dick 6-4 210 PS#42
DB	Walner Leandre 6-2 215 PS#140JC
RB	Brandon Barnett 5-10 190 PS#148JC
WR	Crosby Tuck 6-1 185 PS#79
K	Alex Tejada 6-1 200 PS#7
LB	Jermaine Love 5-11 220 PS#82
RB	Michael Harris 5-9 190 PS#72
DL	Jake Bequette 6-5 252 PS#112
QB	Joe Chaisson 6-3 185 PS#64
OL	Kareem Crowell 6-4 315 PS#122 '06
DB	Bret Harris 6-0 205 PS#161
DL	Damario Ambrose 6-5 250 PS#147
OL	Wade Grayson 6-4 280 PS#200
DL	Brandon Lampkin 6-5 255 PS#174
DB	Jerry Franklin 6-2 210 PS#171WR
DL	Adrian Campbell 6-5 250 PS#184
LB	Freddy Burton 6-2 190 PS#170
RB	Juwan Franklin 6-1 210 PS#184
DL	Patrick Jones 6-2 280 PS#225
DB	Isaac Madison 6-0 180 PS#443
DB	Greg Gatson 5-11 170 PS#467
LS	Rhett Richardson 6-1 215 PS#606OL

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

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HOUSTON NUTT (Career 72-50) (Div IAA 31-16)
10th Year at ARKANSAS Houston's Bowl Record: 2-5

Nutt's records AT ARKANSAS

67-44	Straight Up	4-16	Vs Top 10
47-15	Home	13-25	Vs Top 25
18-22	Away	3-7	Vs BCS Teams
2-7	Neutral	8-6	Off A Bye
38-36	Vs Conference	14-18	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (10–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (23,24,2)
Lost: 20 (9,9,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 69,328 (#20)

SEC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#65

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	Troy	G						The only other meeting between these 2 teams was a 23-0 win by Ark in 2002. Arkansas has had 5 TO's in each of their season openers the last 2 years.
Sep. 8								
Sep. 15	at Alabama	G						UA swept the Alabama schools for just the 3rd time in school history LY (1st time S/'98). Arkansas is 6-1 all-time in OT games & last year beat Bama 24-23 in 2OT's.
Sep. 22	Kentucky	G						Ark swept their SEC East reg ssn gms LY for the 1st time since joining the SEC in '92. The last meeting between these 2 tms was a 71-63 win by UA in 7OT's in '03.
Sep. 29	North Texas	G						Arkansas is 8-0 all-time vs NT with the last meeting being in 2003 (31-7). The Razorbacks are 21-0 vs current Sun Belt Conference teams.
Oct. 6	Chattanooga (Little Rock)	A						The Mocs finished 3-8 in 2006 as a member of the Div IAA Southern Conf. Hogs are 20-2 in War Memorial Stadium under Houston Nutt (Little Rock is his hometown).
Oct. 13	Auburn	G						UA's 27-10 win over #2 Aub LY was the highest ranked opp the Hogs have beaten S/'81. Houston Nutt is 6-3 as a head coach vs Tommy Tuberville.
Oct. 20	at Mississippi	A						Last year's 38-3 win by Ark was the most lopsided win in this 53 game series. The Razorbacks have won 5 of the last 6 in this series.
Oct. 27	Florida Int'l (HC)	G						This is the first meeting between Arkansas & Florida International. Coming into 2007, Ark is 27-3 vs non-conf opps in the reg season under Nutt.
Nov. 3	South Carolina	G						RB Darren McFadden (219 yds, 2 TD's) & WR Marcus Monk (8 rec, 192 yds) both had career days in Arkansas' 26-20 win last year.
Nov. 10	at Tennessee	G						Arkansas was 2-4 vs teams that finished the season ranked in 2006. Razorbacks have only won 2 of the last 11 games in this series.
Nov. 17	Miss St (Little Rock)	A						Arkansas was outrushed by MSU 154-128, but still managed a 28-14 win has (only happened 9 times in Nutt era). McFadden was held to 84 yds on 26 carries.
Nov. 23	at LSU (Fri)	G						UA's 4 losses LY (USC, LSU, FL & Wisky) came vs tms that finished ranked in the Top 7. LSU has won 10 of L/13 gms in this series & have played their reg ssn finale vs LSU S/'92.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Clint Stoerner 7,422 '96-'99
2. Matt Jones 5,857 '01-'04
3. Barry Lunney 5,782 '92-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ben Cowins 3,570 '75-'78
2. Dickey Morton 3,317 '71-'73
3. Cedric Cobbs 3,018 '99-'03

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Anthony Lucas 2,879 '95-'99
2. Anthony Eubanks 2,440 '94-'97
3. George Wilson 2,151 '00-'03

STADIUM: RAZORBACK (72,000) GRASS (#25)
WAR MEMORIAL (LITTLE ROCK 53,727) ASTROPLAY

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	9-4	8-4	5-6	4-7	10-3	49-33
Home	5-2	6-1	6-2	5-2	4-3	3-3	6-2	35-15
Away	1-3	1-3	3-1	3-2	1-3	1-4	4-0	14-16
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-4	4-4	3-5	2-6	7-2	28-30
ATS	5-5	6-4	6-7	6-6	6-5	6-4	4-8	39-39
Home Fav (Houston Nutt)	1-1	1-2	3-5	3-4	3-1	2-2	2-3	15-18
Home Dog	2-2	3-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	0-2	7-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	4-4
Away Dog	2-2	2-2	2-0	1-2	1-2	4-1	1-0	13-9
Favorite	1-1	1-2	4-6	5-4	3-2	2-2	3-5	19-22
Dog	4-4	5-2	2-1	1-2	3-3	4-2	1-3	20-17
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	4-5	30-28
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-1	0-3	9-11
Off SU Win	2-3	6-1	2-7	5-3	2-3	2-2	4-5	23-24
Off SU Loss	3-2	0-2	3-0	1-2	3-2	4-2	0-2	14-12

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darren McFadden	284	1714	67	1647	14	5.8
Felix Jones	154	1225	57	1168	6	7.6
Michael Smith	35	252	5	247	3	7.1
Hezekiah Smith	9	61	0	61	0	6.8
Peyton Hillis	13	57	0	57	1	4.4
Casey Dick	8	23	35	-12	0	-1.5
Mitch Mustain	13	24	44	-20	1	-1.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Casey Dick	132	65	49.2	991	9	6
Mitch Mustain	132	69	52.3	894	10	9
Robert Johnson	27	12	44.4	110	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marcus Monk	50	962	19.2	11	56
Damian Williams	19	235	12.4	2	46
Peyton Hillis	19	159	8.4	0	21
Darren McFadden	11	149	13.5	1	70
London Crawford	5	117	23.4	2	45
Felix Jones	15	107	7.1	3	29
Ben Cleveland	12	103	8.6	2	22
Robert Johnson	6	96	16.0	0	28
Cedric Washington	6	69	11.5	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jacob Skinner	61	2327	38.1	10	32.6	2	26

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeremy Davis	46-48	4-5	1-2	1-5	0-1	6-13	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Sam Olajubutu	115	2.5	7.5	2	0
Randy Kelly	100	2	4	1	0
Weston Dacus	95	3.5	4.5	1	1
Keith Jackson	79	2.5	5	3	2
Antwain Robinson	68	8.5	6	7	1
Jamaal Anderson	65	13.5	6	6	0
Matterral Richardson	63	0	0.5	10	1
Matt Hewitt	63	0	3	1	0
Desmond Sims	56	0.5	0	1	0
Chris Houston	45	0	1.5	13	3
Kevin Woods	45	0	0.5	2	2
Marcus Harrison	42	1.5	2	1	0
Ernest Mitchell	41	1	8	1	0
Michael Grant	41	0	1	3	3
Darius Vinnett	21	0	0.5	4	1
Wendel Davis	20	0	2	1	0
Cord Gray	20	0	1	0	0
Adrian Davis	19	0	0.5	0	0
Jamar Love	16	0	0	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Fish	16	98	6.1	0
Cedric Washington	8	33	4.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Felix Jones	23	554	24.1	1
Darren McFadden	10	262	26.2	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Las Vegas	+1	UNLV	14-31
01	Cotton	+13	Oklahoma - #10	3-10
02	Music City - #25	-7'	Minnesota	14-29
03	Independence	-2'	Missouri	27-14
06	Capital One - #12	-2'	Wisconsin - #6	14-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Arkansas' All-Time Bowl Record 11-21-3

ARKANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	28.9	18	229	5.9	150	51.0	13.1	-4	2006	8	18.3	17	115	3.5	185	49.7	16.4
6	25.7	19	217	5.0	144	53.6	14.0	-1	2005	7	24.6	18	133	3.6	209	50.9	13.9
1*	29.8	20	187	4.4	211	56.6	13.3	-3	2004	3	24.5	19	180	4.6	217	59.9	16.2
9*	33.5	21	242	5.0	189	54.9	12.9	+11	2003	8	23.5	19	157	4.0	187	53.4	14.7
7	26.4	18	219	4.8	135	49.5	13.4	+17	2002	7	19.8	19	114	3.2	235	55.3	17.6
6	24.5	17	166	3.7	136	48.0	12.3	+4	2001	8	23.3	18	139	3.7	223	55.8	15.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

UA 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	USC	16	27-130	4.8	16-32	157	1	27	42-192	4.6	25-38	280	2	-5
–	Utah St	18	38-279	7.3	11-22	178	1	18	39-135	3.5	11-28	114	0	-1
–	at Vanderbilt	17	39-170	4.4	13-20	224	1	17	37-240	6.5	12-26	124	1	-1
–	Alabama	15	31-172	5.5	7-22	97	1	20	52-118	2.3	16-20	243	5	-2
–	at Auburn	17	45-279	6.2	7-10	87	0	16	31-60	1.9	17-29	153	6	0
#17	SE Missouri St	22	41-381	9.3	13-23	149	1	8	23-31	1.3	9-33	113	3	+2
#15	Mississippi	15	37-141	3.8	14-18	205	1	14	31-102	3.3	13-36	143	2	0
#13	ULM	23	40-331	8.3	10-23	97	0	18	38-114	3.0	14-26	147	2	+3
#12	at South Carolina	23	50-267	5.3	11-20	228	0	20	15-51	3.4	22-40	289	2	-1
#11	Tennessee	18	45-259	5.8	11-16	166	0	19	29-92	3.2	16-34	174	4	0
#5	at Mississippi St	14	38-128	3.4	9-18	128	0	19	30-154	5.1	15-36	201	0	+1
#5	LSU	16	39-298	7.6	5-20	62	2	15	36-118	3.3	14-22	210	2	+1
#8	† Florida	18	35-132	3.8	12-26	179	0	17	30-202	6.7	17-31	194	2	-2
#12	† Wisconsin	18	34-232	6.8	15-32	136	1	15	28-(-5)	-0.2	14-34	206	6	+1
TOTALS		250	539-3199	5.9	154-302	2093	9	243	461-1604	3.5	215-433	2591	37	-4
AVERAGES		17.9	39-229	5.9	11-22	150	0.6	17.4	33-115	3.5	15-31	185	2.6	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Boise St	-7'	41-14
–	USF	-13'	42-3
–	Alabama	-6'	12-30
–	at Tennessee - #10	+11	38-41 6OT
–	at Auburn - #24	+5'	38-17
–	Kentucky	-10'	17-29
–	Mississippi	-8	48-28
–	Troy	-24	23-0
–	at South Carolina	-4'	23-0
–	Louisiana-Lft	-34	24-17
–	at Mississippi St	-11'	26-19
–	LSU - #18	-5	21-20
#22	† Georgia - #4	+8	3-30

2003 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Tulsa	-37'	45-13
–	at Texas - #6	+13'	38-28
#14	North Texas	-21	31-7
#9	at Alabama	-1'	34-31 2OT
#7	Auburn	-6	3-10
#11	Florida	-4'	28-33
#21	at Mississippi	+1	7-19
–	at Kentucky	-4'	71-63 7OT
–	South Carolina	-7'	28-6
–	New Mexico St	-30	48-20
–	Mississippi St	-27	52-6
–	at LSU - #3	+9'	24-55

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	New Mexico St	-21	63-13
–	Texas - #7	+12	20-22
–	ULM	-31	49-20
–	Alabama	-4'	27-10
–	at Florida - #16	+7'	30-45
–	at Auburn - #4	+12'	20-38
–	Georgia - #10	+8'	14-20
–	at South Carolina	+3'	32-35
–	Mississippi	-9'	35-3
–	at Mississippi St	-10	24-21
–	LSU - #14	+3'	14-43

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Missouri St	NL	49-17
–	Vanderbilt	-10'	24-28
–	at USC - #1	+30	17-70
–	at Alabama - #20	+15	13-24
–	ULM	-26	44-15
–	Auburn - #21	+7'	17-34
–	at Georgia - #4	+19'	20-23
–	South Carolina	-4'	10-14
–	at Mississippi	+1'	28-17
–	Mississippi St	-13'	44-10
–	at LSU - #3	+17'	17-19

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #15 Score
–	USC - #6	+8	14-50
–	Utah St	-28'	20-0
–	at Vanderbilt	-5'	21-19
–	Alabama	-2'	24-23 2OT
–	at Auburn - #2	+15	27-10
#17	SE Missouri St	NL	63-7
#15	Mississippi	-20'	38-3
#13	ULM	-35	44-10
#12	at South Carolina	-2'	26-20
#11	Tennessee - #13	-5'	31-14
#5	at Mississippi St	-14'	28-14
#5	LSU - #9	+2'	26-31
#8	† Florida - #4	+3	28-38

AUBURN TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 the Tigers had to replace the SEC Off POY, Jason Campbell (#1DC WAS). Brandon Cox grayshirted in 2002, redshirted in '03 and was the backup in 2004 throwing for 357 (64.7%). Cox, a left-handed QB, had 4 int vs GT in the '05 opener but improved as the season went on throwing for 2,324 (57.8%) with a solid 15-8 ratio. Blake Field (PS#103) was his backup, starting one game (played 5) and throwing for 237 (54.8%) with a 3-0 ratio. Last year Cox was banged up all season and after his left knee finally healed, he injured the right knee vs Miss. Auburn also ran a more conservative offense and Cox saw his numbers drop to 2,198 (60.1%) with a 14-9 ratio. Field played in 5 games hitting 8 of 9 passes. This year both return and they add a pair of talented rFr in Neil Caudle (PS#14) and Steven Ensminger (6'3" 207, PS#50). Tuberville compares true frosh Kodi Burns (PS#17) to Dameyune Craig and says he may play to add a new dimension to the offense (Cox is pocket passer). Cox (19-5 as a starter) does lose his favorite receiver but should remain healthier and have a stronger 2007 season.

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RUNNING BACKS - Auburn had the best set of RB's in the country in 2004. Cadillac Williams and Ronnie Brown combined for over 2,000 yards rushing and both were taken in the first five picks of the 2005 NFL draft. Kenny Irons opened 2005 as the 3rd string RB and had just 1 carry in the first game. Tre Smith (PS#27) suffered an MCL injury and Brad Lester (PS#30) and Carl Stewart (6'2" 224 Sr, PS#128) were also banged up. Irons took over and rushed for 1,293 (5.1) while Lester had 339 (6.5). Much was expected of Irons last year and he was leading the SEC in rushing before the Arkansas game. Irons was banged up all year and missed most of 4 games. He still rushed for 893 (4.5). Lester rushed for 510 (4.9) with his best game being 94 yards vs Florida. True frosh Ben Tate almost redshirted but had the best ypc of the backs (392, 7.3). Tate has been called a "Ronnie Brown clone" and is a little bigger than Irons. Smith had 107 (4.9) and Stewart was the starting FB rushing for 98 (3.6). This year they lose Irons (#2DC CIN) and Smith, but add Mario Fannin (PS#16QB) who was impressive on the scout team. Tristan Davis (5'10" 201 Jr), who moves over from DB (2 st, 13 tkl LY), did contribute to the run game in '05 avg 19.0 ypc on 11 carries. They also add some promising true frosh including PS#4 Enrique Davis. Backing up FB Stewart is Danny Perry (6'2" 244 Sr). Despite the loss of Irons, I look for more production from this group.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Courtney Taylor (PS#272) beat out a couple of VHT WR's leading the team with 43 rec (17.1) but dropped to #4 in 2005 with 22 (12.6). Last year they had to replace their top 3 receivers but Taylor became Cox's favorite target by far with 54 (13.0). Big things were expected out of Cole Bennett who is the team's best blocking TE, but he was injured and forced to redshirt. Auburn had a pair of VHT TE's step in for him in rFr Tommy Trott (PS#6, 10 rec) and Gabe McKenzie (PS#12, 13 rec). Walk-on WR Rodgeriqus Smith was last year's surprise as he avg 17.4 ypc (26 rec). This year they lose Taylor (12 st, #6DC SEA) and Lee Guess (2 st, 6 rec) but everyone else is back. The biggest addition figures to be Tim Hawthorne (PS#7) who redshirted LY. Taylor finished as the school's all-time reception leader with 154 (Karsten Bailey 150). Despite the loss, this unit is more experienced and could be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Auburn had a veteran O-line in 2005 paving the way for 4.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 21 sacks (6.2.%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters including 1st Tm AA Marcus McNeill but had six players back with starting experience. Starting C Joe Cope missed 4 with injury but the unit remained fairly healthy. Surprisingly the ypc dropped to 4.1. In SEC play Auburn averaged just 3.3 ypc and their 35 sacks allowed were the 2nd worst in the SEC. This year the unit is much less experienced. They lose Cope (9 st, 2Y st'r), RG Tim Duckworth (12 st, 1st Tm SEC, 2Y st'r), 1st Tm SEC LG Ben Grubbs (13 st, #1DC BAL) and RT Jonathan Palmer (13 st). This is the least experienced O-line Tuberville has fielded here and is the team's biggest question mark for '07.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The last 2 seasons the Tigers have fielded inexperienced D-lines with just one starter returning. Last year the Tigers allowed 4.1 ypc in SEC play (3rd worst). This year they must replace DE Marquies Gunn (10 st, 35 tkl, 8.5 tfl) and DE Christopher Browder (23 tkl, 6 tfl). The big news is Quentin Groves turned down an early shot at the NFL and needs just 4 sacks to become Auburn's career leader (Gerald Robinson is #1, '82-'85). I list the 3 deep below and this group is much more experienced than 2006.

LINEBACKERS - Tuberville's LB units always emphasize speed over size. Auburn had all 3 starters back at LB in 2005. Last year they had to replace two starters but moved starting FS Will Herring to SLB basically giving them two starters back. They were thin at the beginning as Tray Blackmon (PS#3DB) was suspended the first six and Kevin Sears (12 st '04) the first 3. True frosh Craig Stevens worked his way into the rotation in the first 3 but was injured and redshirted. Steve Gandy, who had 5 starts at SS in 2005, moved to LB LY but missed 3. Herring set the school record for most consecutive starts (49) and earned 2nd Tm SEC honors. This year they lose Herring (13 st, 72 tkl, 9.5 tfl, #5DC SEA) as well as Karibi Dede (12 st, 59 tkl, 2 tfl) and Kevin Sears (13 tkl, 7 gm). Blackmon was not enrolled in the spring but is expected back giving them three players with starting experience. This group looks a step below the 2006 edition.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tigers finished just #41, #53 and #56 in my pass D rankings from 2003-'05. Last year they had 3 starters back and moved up to #29 allowing 54.6% with a 13-10 ratio. They improved despite being banged up with just one DB starting all 13. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC CB David Irons (13 st, 12 pbu, 2 int, #6DC ATL) and SS Brant Haynie (3 tkl). I list the 3 deep below and although this unit has just 3 VHT's, they do have 7 of the top 8 back and should continue to improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tuberville's teams almost always rank in the upper half of my ST rankings including finishes of #18 in '01, #39 in '03, #19 in '04 and #31 in '05. Last year Tuberville had his best ever ST unit (#3). A name not many know is KO specialist Matt Clark but he boomed an NCAA best 51 TB on 66 KO! P Kody Bliss (PS#7) was amazing with a 45.7 avg and a 38.6 net. John Vaughn was almost automatic on FG's hitting 20 of 24 with a long of 55 with 1 miss from 53. Tristan Davis was the top KR (27.0) and the only reason this unit did not finish #1 was the PR's (tm avg'd 5.5). This year they must replace all 3 specialists and Vaughn leaves as the school's all-time leading kicker. Tuberville should fashion a solid unit, but I still expect a significant drop in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Tommy Tuberville put himself on the hotseat in 2003 by saying, "We will win a National Championship in a few years". Prior to the 2003 Iron Bowl, Auburn's president, AD and former L'ville HC Petrino, had a clandestine meeting and it appeared that Tuberville's days were numbered. He survived and actually had his contract extended for five years. The Tigers won their next 15 games finishing '04 undefeated and perhaps should have won that National Title he spoke of. Tuberville inherited a team that went 3-8 in '98 and after just missing out on a winning season in his first year, has won or shared part of the SEC West Title 5 of the last 7 years. In 2004 Al Borges became the fourth OC in as many years and has now brought stability to that spot (4th yr). They lost their DC two straight years but Tuberville brought in a great hire last season with Will Muschamp. Muschamp was the DC at LSU from 2001-'04 and the asst def HC with the Dolphins in 2005. He guided LSU's National Title D in 2003 which allowed just 11.0 ppg and 252 ypg, both tops in the NCAA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As mentioned in the coaching section, Tommy Tuberville's team has now won or shared the SEC West Title 5 of the last 7 years. In 2004 Auburn felt it was the best team in the country but was not allowed to play in the National Title game. Instead they finished #2 in the polls at 13-0. Despite coming into 2005 ranked just #16 in the AP poll, many felt at the end of the season that Auburn was the best team in the SEC. They tied LSU atop the SEC West at 7-1 and had the best ypg (+118.6) and ppg (+17.5) in conf play but were not able to play in the SEC Title game (tough OT loss to LSU cost them). That 2005 squad had to replace four 1st round NFL DC's and had the 2nd fewest amount of returning starters in the SEC (12). The inexperience hurt them in the opener with a loss to GT due to -4 turnovers, and their only other regular season loss was that OT battle vs LSU. Their weakest performance of the season came in the bowl vs Wisconsin in which they were outgained 548-236. Last year they had 12 starters back including 23 seniors and their previous high for seniors was 18 in their undefeated 2004 season. All of their tough games were at home and Aub appeared to have the schedule to run the table. The Tigers beat 2 Top 10 teams at home LY and were the only team to beat Nat'l Champ Florida. Tuberville has now won 7 of the last 8 games vs Top 10 teams. However, they were dominated by both Arkansas and UGA at home. Aub beat Nebraska in the bowl despite being outFD'd 17-12 and finished 11-2, ranked #9. Last year's team did benefit from an amazing 5 net close wins (pg 299). Despite their 6-2 SEC record, they were outgained by 33.4 ypg in conf play, 4th worst in the league!! This year the schedule gets tougher with SEC road games vs Florida, Arkansas, LSU and UGA. They have just 5 starters back on offense and must replace their top RB and WR. OC Borges says they were less aggressive in '06 due to injuries to Cox and Irons and the offense will be more freewheeling this year, but they also have the least experienced O-line since Tuberville arrived. The D does have 7 starters back and allowed just 13.9 ppg in '06. A big question is the special teams unit which suffers some significant losses. Auburn has just 12 scholarship seniors this year. The Tigers should be bowl eligible once again but unlike the last 3 years, don't figure to be prime contenders in the SEC West.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 12 BRANDON COX SR. 6-2 209 **PS#20**. 24 st, 3Y, 4879 (59%), 33-19 ratio, 124 rush. 16 Blake Field (6-2 203 Jr) PS#103. 284 pass yds (62.5%) 2Y. Neil Caudle (6-2 195 rFr) PS#14.

RB 44 Ben Tate So. 5-11 215 **PS#11**. 392 (7.3) true. 1 Brad Lester (5-11 191 Jr) PS#30. 870 (5.2) 3 st, 3Y. 27 Mario Fannin (5-11 214 rFr) PS#16QB. 9 Tristan Davis (5-10 201 Jr) PS#49DB.

WR 15 PRECHAE RODRIGUEZ SR. 6-4 204 PS#43JC. 1 st, 27 rec (15.1) 2Y. 84 Montez Billings (6-3 184 So) **PS#20.** 3 rec rFr. **FB 32 Carl Stewart** (6-2 224 Sr) PS#128. 7 st, 3Y, 433 rush, 25 rec (15.9).

WR 13 Tim Hawthorne rFr. 6-3 207 **PS#7**. 3 Robert Dunn (6-0 177 Jr) 7 rec, 27 PR (5.8) 2Y. 82 James Swinton (6-0 177 Jr) PS#123. 2 rec 2Y. 21 Alex Rose (6-2 177 rFr) PS#107.

WR 80 RODGERIQUS SMITH JR. 6-2 184 6 rec rFr. 13 st '06, 26 (17.4). 81 Terrell Zachery (6-0 197 rFr) PS#18. Chris Slaughter (6-3 180 Fr) PS#19 in '06. Quindarius Carr is PS#120.

TE 5 TOMMY TROTT SO. 6-5 254 **PS#6**. 10 st rFr, 10 (9.4). 87 Cole Bennett (6-5 261 Sr) PS#37. 7 st, 4Y, 18 rec (11.3). 83 Gabe McKenzie (6-4 253 So) PS#12. 2 st, 13 rec rFr.

C 68 Jason Bosley Jr. 6-2 280 PS#363. GS '04. 2 gm true '05. 4 st C LY (7 gm). 66 Mike Berry (6-3 329 rFr) PS#124. Ryan Pugh is **PS#17**. **LS 60** Robert Shiver (6-3 206 Jr).

RG 72 Leon Hart Sr. 6-4 297 **PS#3**. 12 gm true. 1 st RG '05, 12 gm. 1 st, 13 gm LY. 73 **Lee Tilley** (6-6 303 rFr) **PS#21**. 65 Nathan Farrow (6-4 296 Jr) 1 tkl DL '05. 4 gm '06.

LG 71 Tyronne Green Jr. 6-2 307 PS#298DL. 4 gm rFr. 13 gm LY. 53 Bart Eddins (6-4 275 rFr) **PS#12DL**. 57 Byron Isom (6-3 282 rFr) PS#134DL. 67 Michael Hatter (6-3 288 Jr) 1 gm rFr.

RT NA Lee Ziemba Fr. 6-7 295 **PS#2**. 75 Andrew McCain (6-6 302 So) PS#149. 1 sk DT true. Moved to OL LY & RS. 70 Antwoin Daniels (6-6 287 Jr) PS#280. 7 gm rFr. 9 gm LY.

LT 77 KING DUNLAP SR. 6-9 321 PS#208. 13 gm as rFr. 1 st at LT '05. 13 st at LT LY. 78 Oscar Gonzalez (6-7 294 So) PS#174. 2 gm as rFr. Jared Cooper is PS#56.

K 18 Zach Kutch So. 5-9 173 **PS#12**. 2 TB 14 KO true. RS '06. 52 yd FG HS. Ross Gornall (5-11 191 rFr). Wes Byrum PS#12. 79 TB in HS, 11-15 FG. Tyler DiPace (6-1 217 Sr) BC trans.

DE 94 Sen'DERRICK MARKS SO. 6-2 287 13 st DT as rFr, 38 tkl, 3.5 sk, 7.5 tfl, SEC Fr Tm. 49 Michael Goggans (6-3 258 rFr) PS#44TE. 90 Octavius Balkcom (6-4 260 Jr) PS#104LB. 8 tkl 2Y.

NG 97 JOSH THOMPSON SR. 6-0 295 PS#109. 27 tkl '04-'05. 13 starts LY, 44 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 99 Tez Doolittle (6-3 292 Sr) **PS#43**. 19 tkl, 3Y, 1.5 sk. 91 Jermarcus Ricks (6-4 294 So) 1 tkl true.

DT 95 Pat Sims Jr. 6-4 304 PS#77. 16 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl LY. 96 **Greg Smith** (6-2 325 Jr) **PS#30JC**. 425 lb bench. RS here LY. 93 Mike Blanc (6-3 274 rFr). Tim Lamb is PS#111.

DE 54 QUENTIN GROVES SR. 6-4 254 **PS#27**. 2 st, 13.5 sk 1st 2Y. 13 st LY, 37 tkl, 9.5 sk, **1st Tm SEC**. 52 Antonio Coleman (6-2 250 So) PS#57. 18 tkl rFr. 98 Zach Clayton (6-3 272 rFr) PS#226.

SLB 42 Patrick Trahan So. 6-2 220 **PS#59DB**. 14 tkl rFr. 46 Craig Stevens (6-3 210 rFr) PS#56. 6 tkl true (inj, RS). 56 Courtney Harden (6-0 229 Jr) PS#151. 11 tkl 2Y. Carlton Johnson PS#39.

MLB 55 MERRILL JOHNSON JR. 6-0 213 PS#207. 21 tkl rFr. 6 st LY, 35 tkl, 3 tfl. 59 Chris Evans (6-0 220 Jr) PS#376. 15 tkl 2Y. Joshua Bynes **PS#23**. Bo Harris PS#45 '06, Milford LY.

WLB 10 Tray Blackmon So. 6-0 205 **PS#3DB**. 4 st rFr, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 26 Steve Gandy (6-2 201 Jr) PS#57DB. 5 st SS rFr, 31 tkl. 1 st LB LY, 12 tkl. Eltoro Freeman PS#37. Brian Summerhill (6-1 223 So).

CB 20 Patrick Lee Sr. 6-0 195 PS#153. 9 st, 48 tkl, 10 pbu 3Y. 22 Zach Gilbert (5-10 183 Sr) 26 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu, 3Y. 6 Walter McFadden (6-0 179 So) **PS#153.** 11 gm, 2 tkl.

CB 24 JONATHAN WILHITE SR. 5-11 182 **PS#74JC.** 7 st, 47 tkl, 7 pbu '05. 10 st LY, 24 tkl, 5 pbu. 8 Jerraud Powers (5-9 177 So) PS#78. 26 tkl, 4 pbu rFr. Ryan Williams is PS#53.

SS 33 ERIC BROCK SR. 6-1 204 PS#175DL. 7 st, 35 tkl '05. 11 st, 50 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu LY. 4 Zac Etheridge (6-0 191 rFr) PS#159. 28 Blake Shrader (5-10 196 Jr) PS#153.

FS 2 AAIRON SAVAGE SO. 5-11 191 PS#183. 11 st rFr, 53 tkl, 4 tfl, 1 int. Michael McNeil is **PS#21.** 14 Lorenzo Ferguson (6-2 203 Jr) 2 st, 11 tkl LY. 39 Josh Hebert (5-11 196 Sr) 7 tkl, 2Y.

P 4 Ryan Shoemaker rFr. 6-0 187 PS#42. 39.5 avg as Sr, 42.5 as Jr in HS, 12 of 18 FG's, long 48. 18 Zach Kutch PS#12. Avg 43.5 in HS. 14 KO's true. Dan Caldwell 40.3 avg spg gm.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Lee Ziemba 6-7 295 PS#2
RB	Enrique Davis 5-11 212 PS#4
DB	Michael McNeil 6-2 200 PS#21
OL	Ryan Pugh 6-2 275 PS#17
QB	Kodi Burns 6-2 195 PS#17
WR	Chris Slaughter 6-3 180 PS#19 '06
LB	Joshua Bynes 6-2 212 PS#23
LB	Eltoro Freeman 5-11 199 PS#37
LB	Carlton Johnson 6-2 225 PS#39
DB	Ryan Williams 5-11 182 PS#53
TE	Bailey Woods 6-4 240 PS#16
OL	Chaz Ramsey 6-3 285 PS#53
OL	Jared Cooper 6-4 287 PS#56
TE	Brent Slusher 6-3 221 PS#17
LB	Bo Harris 6-2 235 PS#45 '06
DB	Johnnie Lee Dixon 5-11 176 PS#89
RB	John Douglas 6-2 235 PS#78
DL	Tim Lamb 5-11 315 PS#111
OL	Nick Fairley 6-4 257 PS#154
WR	Quindarius Carr 6-0 164 PS#120
DL	Kyle Coulahan 6-4 305 PS#132
DL	Antoine Carter 6-4 226 PS#133
K	Wes Byrum 6-3 195 PS#12
DB	Michael Slade 6-2 185 PS#188
DL	Wilfred Journet 6-3 242 PS#191
OL	Brandon Earl 6-4 298 PS#255
LB	Adam Herring 6-2 218 PS#235
DL	AJ Greene 6-5 250 PS#242
OL	Jermaine Johnson 6-6 290 PS#426
DL	Chris Zinn 6-3 239 PS#411

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#22

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score AU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Kansas St	G					
Sep. 8	USF	G					
Sep. 15	Mississippi St	G					
Sep. 22	New Mexico St	G					
Sep. 29	at Florida	G					
Oct. 6	Vanderbilt	G					
Oct. 13	at Arkansas	G					
Oct. 20	at LSU	G					
Oct. 27	Mississippi	G					
Nov. 3	Tennessee Tech (HC)	G					
Nov. 10	at Georgia	G					
Nov. 17							
Nov. 24	Alabama	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Stan White 8,016 '90-'93	1. Bo Jackson 4,303 '82-'85	1. Terry Beasley 2,507 '69-'71
2. Jason Campbell 7,299 '01-'04	2. Carnell Williams 3,831 '01-'04	2. Tyrone Goodson 2,283 '93-'97
3. Pat Sullivan 6,284 '69-'71	3. James Brooks 3,523 '77-'80	3. Karsten Bailey 2,174 '95-'98

The Tigers are 87-25-2 all-time in season openers but just 2-3 since 2002. Auburn is 28-5 in September games under Tuberville.

The Tigers have gone 10-1 in second of back-to-back home games. Auburn is 5-1-1 vs current Big East teams. This is the first meeting between these 2 teams.

Auburn has won their SEC opener 14 years in a row. The Tigers have won 6 in a row vs Miss St including back-to-back shutouts.

Auburn is 22-6 vs non-conference opponents since 1998. The only other meeting between these two was a Auburn 55-14 win in 1993.

These old rivals played 58 consec seasons prior to SEC's new schedule format in '03. AU didn't score an offensive TD in LY's 27-17 win over #2 UF. HT has won 4 straight.

The Tigers didn't allow a rushing TD until the 6th game last year. Auburn is 15-4 vs SEC East teams the L6Y. AU has won 7 straight prior to Ark.

Arkansas outrushed Auburn 279-60 in last yr's 27-10 upset win by the Tigers. Auburn has won 3 of the last 4 in this series. Visitor has won 4 of 5.

Last year's 7-3 Auburn win was the lowest scoring game at Auburn since 1973. The HT has won 7 in a row in this series. AU is 2-5 in B2B conf road games.

Auburn HC Tuberville is 3-1 at home vs his former team & has won 6 of 7 overall. Aub had 428-256 yd & 25-15 FD edges in last year's game but only won by 6.

This is the 1st meeting between these 2 teams. Golden Eagles finished 4-7 as a member of Ohio Valley Conf in '06. TT's last gm vs a IA ('05) resulted in a loss to N Illinois (42-3).

UGA had 446 yds total off in their 37-15 upset LY, the most yds allowed by AU all yr. AU has only allowed 30 pts twice in their L/58 games. Visitor is 11-3-1 in series.

Auburn has won 5 in a row vs Bama which matches the longest Tiger win streak in the series. Tuberville is now 4-0 as Auburn's head coach vs Alabama at home.

TOMMY TUBERVILLE (Career 96-49)

9th Year at Auburn — Tuberville's Bowl Record: 5-3

Tuberville's records AT AUBURN

71-29	Straight Up	13-10	Vs Top 10
44-12	Home	19-16	Vs Top 25
22-13	Away	6-8	Vs BCS Teams
5-4	Neutral	5-3	Off A Bye
45-21	Vs Conference	14-9	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 5* DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN: Returning: 51 (22,27,2) Lost: 23 (10,9,4)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,063 (#11)

SEC - WEST DIVISION

QB Brandon Cox

STADIUM: JORDAN-HARE STADIUM (87,451) (#10)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	7-4	8-4	7-5	12-0	9-2	10-2	62-20
Home	7-0	5-1	5-2	5-2	7-0	6-1	6-2	41-8
Away	2-2	2-3	3-2	2-3	4-0	3-1	4-0	20-11
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	6-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	9-0	7-1	6-2	43-15
ATS	6-6	4-7	8-3	5-6	7-4-1	8-2	5-7	43-35-1
Home Fav	4-3	2-3	2-2	3-3	4-2-1	5-1	2-5	22-19-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-1
Away Fav	1-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	2-1	1-1	2-2	9-7
Away Dog	1-2	1-2	3-0	1-2	1-0	2-0	0-0	9-6
Favorite	5-3	2-5	4-2	4-4	6-4-1	6-2	4-7	31-27-1
Dog	1-3	2-2	4-1	1-2	1-0	2-0	1-0	12-8
vs Conf	5-4	3-5	6-2	4-4	6-2-1	7-1	4-4	35-22-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-3	8-13
Off SU Win	5-4	2-5	4-3	3-2	7-3-1	6-1	2-7	29-25-1
Off SU Loss	0-2	1-2	3-0	2-3	0-0	2-0	2-0	10-7

Tommy Tuberville

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kenny Irons	198	941	48	893	4	4.5
Brad Lester	**104**	**523**	**13**	**510**	**9**	**4.9**
Ben Tate	**54**	**400**	**8**	**392**	**3**	**7.3**
Tre Smith	22	128	21	107	1	4.9
Carl Stewart	**27**	**98**	**0**	**98**	**3**	**3.6**
Courtney Taylor	8	73	3	70	0	8.8
Brandon Cox	**51**	**40**	**217**	**-177**	**1**	**-3.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brandon Cox	**271**	**163**	**60.1**	**2198**	**14**	**9**
Blake Field	**9**	**8**	**88.9**	**47**	**0**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Courtney Taylor	54	704	13.0	2	57
Rodgeriqus Smith	**26**	**452**	**17.4**	**4**	**62**
Carl Stewart	**13**	**239**	**18.4**	**2**	**54**
Prechae Rodriguez	**14**	**168**	**12.0**	**1**	**22**
Gabe McKenzie	**13**	**137**	**10.5**	**1**	**25**
Lee Guess	6	114	19.0	0	38
Tommy Trott	**10**	**94**	**9.4**	**2**	**27**
Brad Lester	**6**	**87**	**14.5**	**1**	**36**
Kenny Irons	10	78	7.8	0	15
Robert Dunn	**5**	**52**	**10.4**	**0**	**14**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kody Bliss	47	2149	45.7	4	38.6	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Vaughn	34-34	7-8	7-8	4-5	2-3	20-24	55

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Herring	72	1.5	8	2	2
Karibi Dede	59	1	1	1	1
Aairon Savage	**53**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Eric Brock	**50**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**2**
Josh Thompson	**44**	**1**	**3.5**	**0**	**0**
David Irons	42	0	3	12	2
Sen'Derrick Marks	**38**	**3.5**	**7.5**	**2**	**0**
Quentin Groves	**37**	**9.5**	**2.5**	**0**	**0**
Marquies Gunn	35	4	4.5	1	0
Merrill Johnson	**35**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Jerraud Powers	**26**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**0**
Patrick Lee	**25**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**1**
Jonathan Wilhite	**24**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**
Christopher Browder	23	2	4	0	0
Tray Blackmon	**18**	**0.5**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Antonio Coleman	**18**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Pat Sims	**16**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Patrick Trahan	**14**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Tristan Davis	**13**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Robert Dunn	**22**	**120**	**5.5**	**0**
Tre Smith	5	23	4.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tristan Davis	**28**	**756**	**27.0**	**0**
Brad Lester	**6**	**158**	**26.3**	**0**

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Capital One - #19	+7	Penn St - #10	13-9
03	Music City	-3'	Wisconsin	28-14
04	Sugar - #3	-6	Virginia Tech - #9	16-13
05	Capital One - #7	-10	Wisconsin - #21	10-24
06	Cotton - #10	-2	Nebraska - #22	17-14

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AUBURN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	24.8	17	148	4.1	173	60.6	13.0	+5	2006	6	13.9	17	124	3.7	168	54.6	21.0
6	32.2	21	194	4.8	216	57.5	12.7	-3	2005	6	15.5	16	116	3.5	199	56.1	20.3
7*	32.1	21	183	4.3	237	68.5	13.1	+4	2004	6	11.3	14	104	3.3	173	54.5	24.6
8*	26.3	19	184	4.4	192	62.5	14.3	+1	2003	8	16.3	15	93	2.7	189	53.3	17.3
6*	29.8	19	204	4.7	184	58.2	13.0	+9	2002	8	17.8	18	142	3.9	186	55.3	18.5
5	21.2	18	141	3.6	202	59.2	16.2	-1	2001	6	23.4	17	137	3.9	207	53.7	14.7

2006 STATS BY GAME

AU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#4	Washington St	21	44-293	6.7	11-19	191	4	17	28-124	4.4	17-33	150	5	+1
#3	at Mississippi St	20	36-111	3.1	22-32	277	1	11	33-79	2.4	12-25	82	4	+1
#3	LSU	13	38-72	1.9	11-20	110	4	16	23-42	1.8	20-37	269	1	-1
#2	Buffalo	19	36-261	7.3	10-14	153	1	14	39-87	2.2	12-24	111	3	-1
#2	at South Carolina	16	35-127	3.6	13-19	180	3	24	34-109	3.2	21-35	240	4	+1
#2	Arkansas	16	31-60	1.9	17-29	153	6	17	45-279	6.2	7-10	87	0	0
#11	Florida	19	40-133	3.3	18-27	182	5	18	28-171	6.1	9-17	108	3	+2
#8	Tulane	19	41-220	5.4	16-19	212	0	18	27-106	3.9	20-39	283	0	+2
#7	at Mississippi	25	41-175	4.3	21-34	253	0	15	28-86	3.1	9-17	170	3	0
#6	Arkansas St	16	28-148	5.3	12-22	251	0	14	35-88	2.5	12-22	89	2	-2
#5	Georgia	9	25-136	5.4	4-12	35	4	20	46-227	4.9	14-20	219	0	-1
#15	at Alabama	14	40-124	3.1	6-14	137	2	18	30-112	3.7	18-33	252	2	+3
#10	† Nebraska	12	35-67	1.9	10-21	111	5	17	38-104	2.7	14-27	126	2	0
TOTALS		219	470-1927	4.1	171-282	2245	35	219	434-1614	3.7	185-339	2186	29	+5
AVERAGES		16.8	36-148	4.1	13-22	173	2.7	16.8	33-124	3.7	14-26	168	2.2	0.4

AU Rank Pre- 2002 RESULTS — Post #14

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at USC - #18	+7'	17-24
–	W Carolina	NL	56-0
–	Vanderbilt	-20'	31-6
–	at Mississippi St	-3	42-14
–	Syracuse	-15	37-34 3OT
#24	Arkansas	-5'	17-38
–	at Florida	+8	23-30 OT
–	LSU - #10	+3'	31-7
–	at Mississippi	-4	31-24
–	ULM	-35	52-14
#24	Georgia - #7	+2'	21-24
–	at Alabama - #9	+10'	17-7

AU Rank Pre #6 2003 RESULTS — Post -

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#6	USC - #8	-3'	0-23
#17	at Georgia Tech	-8'	3-17
–	at Vanderbilt	-12	45-7
–	W Kentucky	NL	48-3
–	Tennessee - #7	-1	28-21
–	at Arkansas - #7	+6	10-3
#18	Mississippi St	-21	45-13
#17	at LSU - #9	+3	7-31
–	ULM	-37	73-7
–	Mississippi - #20	-8	20-24
–	at Georgia - #7	+6'	7-26
–	Alabama	-7'	28-23

AU Rank Pre #17 2004 RESULTS — Post #2

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#17	ULM	-38	31-0
#18	at Mississippi St	-13'	43-14
#13	LSU - #5	-1	10-9
#9	The Citadel	-46	33-3
#8	at Tennessee - #11	+2	34-10
#6	Louisiana Tech	-26	52-7
#4	Arkansas	-12'	38-20
#3	Kentucky	-30'	42-10
#3	at Mississippi	-16'	35-14
#3	Georgia - #8	-3'	24-6
#3	at Alabama	-10	21-13
#3	† Tennessee - #15	-14'	38-28

AU Rank Pre #16 2005 RESULTS — Post #14

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#16	Georgia Tech	-7'	14-23
–	Mississippi St	-15	28-0
–	Ball St	-36'	63-3
–	W Kentucky	NL	37-14
–	South Carolina	-14'	48-7
#21	at Arkansas	-7'	34-17
#16	at LSU - #7	+6	17-20 OT
#19	Mississippi	-20'	27-3
#17	at Kentucky	-22'	49-27
#15	at Georgia - #9	+3	31-30
#11	Alabama - #8	-7	28-18

AU Rank Pre #4 2006 RESULTS — Post #9

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#4	Washington St	-14	40-14
#3	at Mississippi St	-21	34-0
#3	LSU - #6	-3'	7-3
#2	Buffalo	-41	38-7
#2	at South Carolina	-13'	24-17
#2	Arkansas	-15	10-27
#11	Florida - #2	+2	27-17
#8	Tulane	-31	38-13
#7	at Mississippi	-18'	23-17
#6	Arkansas St	-31'	27-0
#5	Georgia	-11'	15-37
#15	at Alabama	-3	22-15

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 returning starter Omarr Conner tied a school record with 4 TD passes vs Murray St but suffered numerous injuries throughout the season. Michael Henig, who can throw a ball 70 yards, came off the bench in the 2Q vs Kentucky and hit 16 of 31 for 200. Conner's shoulder was not 100% and Henig started the rest of the year with Conner moving to WR. Henig threw for 621 (44.4%) with a 2-5 ratio. Conner threw for 903 (51.5%) with an 8-5 ratio. This was probably the most beat-up QB unit in the country in 2006. Four different times they lost their starting QB to injury and it was the 1st time S/'92 that 3 different QB's started in the same year here (Greg Plump, Sleepy Robinson, Todd Jordan). Henig was the clear-cut starter with Conner at WR. Unfortunately Henig broke his collarbone in the 2Q of the opener and Tray Rutland (PS#99), who was recruited by Ohio St, Auburn and Tenn, started the next two. He was replaced by Conner vs Tulane and Conner sparked a near comeback (led MSU to 29 pts in 3 pt loss) hitting 15 of 25 for 241 with 71 yd rushing. Both Conner and Rutland (lost for year) were inj'd vs W Virginia but thankfully Henig was healthy enough to play. Henig started the next 5 and vs Kentucky hit 22 of 41 for 384 (4th best single gm pass yds in MSU history). He also helped engineer the upset of Alabama. Henig was injured vs Arkansas and Conner returned but was not 100% in the finale. I list the QB stats to the right and the three QB's combined for just 48.3% with a 10-16 ratio. Even 4th string QB Ty Evans saw action. This year both Conner and Rutland (transfer) depart but added to the mix are Zack Harrington (6'0" 185 So), Robert Ambers (5'11" 181 So, PS#145) and this year's true frosh. They also bring in PS#23 JUCO Josh Riddell. This unit can only be healthier and than last year should put up much better stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Bulldogs had to replace their career leading rusher, Jerious Norwood. Norwood was just the 2nd Bulldog to have back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons and had a fine 2006 season with the Atlanta Falcons. Brandon Thornton (PS#113) was #2 with 225 (4.8). I projected true frosh Anthony Dixon (PS#28) as the starter and he rushed for 64 vs SC but broke his hand in practice. He still played all 12 starting five and rushed for 668 (4.0) with 9 TD (set MSU true frosh records for yds, att's and rush TD's) with 335 in the final 3 (all vs SEC). Croom did bemoan the lack of speed at RB and at midseason said that if they had a Norwood-type in the backfield, they would have had a 4-2 record. The backups all suffered injuries. Brandon Thornton played in just 7 rushing for 230 (3.8). True frosh Arnil Stallworth (5'10" 205) played in just 8 (3 st) with 137 rush (3.3) and was #4 in rec's (14). Grambling transfer Justin Williams (5'10" 207 Sr) added 89 (2.8). Their top 2 FB's, Bryson Davis (4 st, 8 yd, out yr - knee inj) and Casey Rogers (2 st), were also banged up. Tulane transfer Christian Ducré (6'0" 215 So, PS#123) missed the beginning of the season waiting for NCAA clearance. This year everyone returns except for Davis, Rogers and Thornton (moved to DB) plus Croom has added true frosh Robert Elliott (PS#19) for much needed speed.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Miss St had a very inexperienced receiving corps as soph Will Prosser led with 24 (13.7). TE Eric Butler made the All-SEC Frosh team and set a school record for TD's by a TE (4). In '05 Prosser broke his foot and only recaptured 80% of his speed but still led with 28 (10.2). Butler had 14 (13.4). Omarr Conner, who moved from QB late in the year, had 9 (12.9). Last year they had to replace their #2 receiver. Aubrey Bell (PS#115) was suspended for the first 6 but avg 18.9 on 8 grabs. Their go-to man, 6'4" JUCO Tony Burks (7 st), led with 35 and an SEC leading 24.3 ypc. Walk-on Lance Long was the leading receiver after 6 games with 21 but grabbed just 4 more. Butler injured his toe and only started 6 (13, 16.2). Conner moved to backup QB in Wk 2 (still had 6 rec in that game) but played little WR after that. Prosser's numbers dropped to 11 (12.3). Not listed in the three deep below are Tyler Threadgill (5-10 195 Sr, 1 st, 4.38 spd, PS#111QB), Alex Carpenter (6-0 182 rFr, PS#110), Ben Shelton (5-11 196 Sr), Ryan Mason (6-5 217 Jr, PS#132JC), Joey Sanders (6-0 215 Sr, PS#149) and TE Brandon Henderson (6-1 240 rFr). This year they must replace Conner and Prosser (4 st) but they add VHT JUCO Co-Eric Riley (PS#12) and Brandon McRae, who led Morehead St in receiving in 2005 as a true frosh!

OFFENSIVE LINE - Croom inherited a veteran O-line in 2004 and the team improved its ypc rushing from 3.8 to 4.3. In 2005 they had to replace 3 starters. The OL coach said it was the youngest O-line he had ever seen and Croom called it the biggest weakness heading into 2005. The ypc dropped to 3.9 (36 sk). Last year 2.5 starters returned but then projected starter Calvin Wilson quit. Florida transfer Mike Brown missed the first 6 (elig) and the Bulldogs struggled. They played their best ball in the final 3 taking on the tough D's of Ala, Ark and Miss as they averaged 4.2 ypc (just 2.4 ypc first 9). This year they lose RG Brian Anderson (12 st, 3 yr st'r) and Wilson (2 gm, PS#37). Seven players have starting experience including 6 with 5 or more starts. This will be Croom's best O-line yet.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulldogs' rush D has improved each year. In 2005 they allowed 3.7 ypc rush (30 sk). Last year they had to replace DE Willie Evans, who led the SEC in sacks (15), but had 3 starters returning and a group loaded with 4 top-notch seniors. Gone this year are DT Deljuan Robinson (8 st, 34 tkl, 12.5 tfl), NT Andrew Powell (11 st, 34 tkl, 2 tfl), DE Michael Heard (12 st, 37 tkl, 6.5 sk) and DT Antonio Johnson (21 tkl, 4 tfl, #5DC TEN). Their top sack man Titus Brown (7.5) returns and there is a spattering of talent including 3 VHT's that I list in the 3 deep below. This unit goes from a strength to a question mark due to inexperience.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 the Bulldogs began with 3 junior starters but by year's end they had one soph who had been moved from S and two frosh starting. In 2005 basically 3 starters returned although MLB Titus Brown was moved to DE. Gabe O'Neal (PS#83) started the last 5 as a true but was not 100% and didn't earn the starting job until the last 5 again in 2005. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 5 starts but had 5 of the top six back. The star, by far, was Quinton Culberson (1st Tm SEC, 102 tkl). Unfortunately Culberson moves on (12 st) with the only other losses being Carlton Rice (15 tkl) and Brad Horton (1 tkl). Four players are back for '07 with starting experience. Even with the loss of their top guy, they should come close to last year's unit.

FS Derek Pegues

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Croom's first secondary was fairly experienced and was #65 in my pass D rankings. In 2005 they had to replace both starting safeties and slipped to #71. Last year they lost a starting CB then starting SS Demario Bobo received a medical RS so just 2 starters were back. CB Derek Pegues had 4 int, two of which he ret'd for TD's, and was named 2nd Tm SEC. Surprisingly MSU finished just #76. This year they lose CB David Heard (12 st, 45 tkl, 8 pbu, 3Y st'r), FS Jeramie Johnson (12 st, 72 tkl, 5 pbu) and CB Leron Yarbrough (2 tkl). Pegues moves to FS and Bobo is back. This unit actually is a little more experienced in 2007.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bulldogs have finished #81, #114 and #100 in my ST rankings in Croom's first three years. True frosh Blake McAdams avg'd 41.9 on punts and Keith Andrews had 11 TB on 26 KO in '05 but missed the last 4 with injury (groin). Return defense turned out to be a major problem for the Bulldogs in 2006 as they allowed 3 TD's. McAdams avg'd 38.2 (31.7 net). Adam Carlson (PS#30) hit 6 of 12 FG's with a long of 47 but had a miss from 51 vs Ole Miss. A bright spot of the unit was returnman Derek Pegues who was the #5 SEC KR (23.7) and #2 SEC PR (14.0). This year the only losses are Andrews and 4 year LS Russell Cook. I expect improvement in the kicking game and coverage units. I look for a significant rise in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Sylvester Croom was the GB Packers' RB coach from 2001-'03 and became the first African American HC in the SEC. Croom coached at Alabama under Bear Bryant and Ray Perkins from '76-'86. His OC, Woody McCorvey, had been the RB coach at Tennessee from 1999-2003 and has 16 years of experience in the SEC. Ellis Johnson took over as the DC in '04. He had previously been the HC at The Citadel for 3 years and the DC at Alabama from 1997-2000. Another asst with HC experience is Coordinator of FB Operations Rockey Felker, who was MSU's HC from '86-'90.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2001 the Bulldogs actually had the best record of all SEC West schools over the previous 4 years! The last 3 years of Jackie Sherrill's tenure did not go well as the team managed just a 3-21 SEC record. In 2002 they outgained their opponents by 13 ypg but somehow finished 3-9. Surprisingly when Sherrill announced he would retire, the team mailed it in down the stretch in 2003 and were outgained by 182.9 ypg in league play. Croom inherited a 2-10 team that was -21 in turnovers and instilled more discipline. While they went just 3-8 in his first season, they upset #20 Florida, only trailed Alabama 20-14 in the 4Q and Arkansas needed a 76 yd blocked FG return for a TD to get past the Bulldogs. The school was put on four years probation and lost 4 scholarships in '05 and '06. Croom did have 5 players make the SEC Frosh Team in '04. In 2005 they had 16 starters back but had very few winnable home games and actually blew one of those in a 28-16 home loss to Houston. MSU had just 9 seniors and 74 scholarship players in 2005. In Croom's first 2 years, 20 players either quit or were kicked off the team. Hurricane Katrina ravaged Mississippi but MSU still opened 2005 at 2-1. They lost to 4 ranked foes and were just 2-8 when they whipped Mississippi 35-14, stopping a streak of 19 straight losses vs the SEC West (since 2001). Last year they had 8 starters back on offense but had to replace star RB Jerious Norwood. They had another tough schedule and I projected that they would have improved play but would suffer their 6th straight losing season. The Bulldogs did play better than their final record of 3-9 indicates. They finished last in the SEC West but were only outgained by 51.9 ypg which was better than bowl-bound Kentucky and rival Ole Miss. They upset Alabama, ending a streak of 23 straight SEC road losses. They trailed UGA by 3 in the 4Q and got to the 23 but fumbled. They outplayed SEC West Champ Arkansas with a 355-256 yard edge but were SOD at the 14, int'd in the EZ and allowed 92 & 87 yard return TD's. MSU was 4 plays away from being a 7-5 team in '06 despite starting 3 different QB's due to injury. While their D allowed 25.8 ppg, defensive and ST points hurt as they yielded just 321 ypg, their best since 1999. This year 9 starters are back on offense. Hopefully their QB's will remain healthier and they should easily top 2006's 18.4 ppg. The D has just 5 starters back but will be solid. Croom promised his first recruiting class that they would contend for an SEC Title by the time they left (some will be leaving this year). The Bulldogs make my Most Improved List meaning I give them a shot at a bowl in 2007.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Jesse Bowman 6-1 315 PS#11JC
WR	Co-Eric Riley 6-2 200 PS#12JC
QB	Josh Riddell 6-1 195 PS#23JC
OL	Derek Sherrod 6-5 298 PS#11
RB	Robert Elliott 6-0 188 PS#19
DL	Jazzmen Guy 6-4 260 PS#39
DB	Antwon Dixon 6-1 185 PS#61
LB	Antonio White 6-2 240 PS#47
DB	Jasper O'Quinn 5-10 185 PS#102JC
DL	LaMarcus Williams 6-1 290 PS#80
DL	KJ Wright 6-3 200 PS#94
LB	Jamie Jones 6-0 215 PS#76
DL	Jimmie Holmes 6-3 225 PS#205JC
OL	Colton Jenkins 6-4 286 PS#119
LB	Dominic Douglas 6-2 217 PS#218JC
DB	Chris Nance 5-10 188 PS#227JC
DB	Mike Hunt 6-2 210 PS#119
DB	Wade Bonner 5-10 180 PS#123
DL	Quentin Saulsberry 6-3 275 PS#148OL
QB	Chris Relf 6-3 211 PS#87
OL	DJ Looney 6-1 290 PS#176
QB	Wesley Carroll 6-2 190 PS#92
DB	Damein Anderson 5-11 175 PS#169
OL	Addison Lawrence 6-4 250 PS#57TE
RB	Ethan Stockett 6-1 250 PS#165
DB	Zach Smith 6-0 180 PS#125QB
RB	Marcus Green 6-2 220 PS#193
LB	Terrell Johnson 6-2 210 PS#213
WR	O'Neal Wilder 6-5 190 PS#226
DL	Korentheus Bailey 6-3 272 PS#251
K	Eric Richards 6-4 227 PS#41
OL	Dakota Merritt 6-5 290 PS#332
LB	Karlin Brown 5-9 205 PS#274
LB	Maurice Crutison 6-2 210 PS#299

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 MICHAEL HENIG JR. 6-1 190 PS#221. 9 st, 2Y, 1822 (44%), 9-14 ratio. **6 Josh Riddell (6-1 195) PS#23JC.** 3360 (59%) JC LY. **16** Ty Evans (6-3 197 So) PS#212. 2 gms LY.

HB 24 ANTHONY DIXON SO. 6-1 240 PS#28. 5 st true, 668 (4.0) despite inj. Robert Elliott **PS#19. 30** Arnil Stallworth (5-10 205 So) 3 st, 137 (3.3), 14 rec. **29** Christian Ducré PS#123.

FB 48 Dezmond Sherrod Sr. 6-3 245 10 st TE 3Y, 7 rec. Excellent blocker. **35** Brandon Hart (5-11 235 Jr) 1 st, 39 ttl yd 2Y. Jeremy Jones (6-2 275 Jr) PS#44TE. Eric Hoskins (5-11 230 Jr).

WR NA CO-ERIC RILEY JR. 6-2 200 **PS#12JC.** 79 rec 2Y JC. **87** Aubrey Bell (6-3 220 Jr) PS#115. 3 st, 10 rec 2Y (susp 6 LY). **81** Brandon McRae (6-4 200) Morehead St trans.

WR 4 TONY BURKS SR. 6-4 217 PS#74JC. 7 st, 35 rec, **#1 SEC 24.3 ypc. 89** Jamayel Smith (6-0 183 Jr) 4 st, 20 (16.8). **86** Lance Long (5-11 186 Sr) Toledo trans. 4 st, 32 rec 2Y.

TE 88 ERIC BUTLER SR. 6-3 255 9 st rFr, 15 (11.1), SEC Fr Tm. 8 st '05, 14 (13.4). 6 st LY, 13 (16.2). **82** Jason Husband (6-3 230 Sr) PS#99WR. 5 st, 15 rec 3Y.

C 76 ROYCE BLACKLEDGE SR. 6-4 293 L/6 st RG '05. 12 st C LY, every snap 9 gm. **58** Johnny Carpenter (6-2 285 So) PS#144. 3 gm rFr. Chris Spencer (6-3 295 So) PS#190. 1 gm rFr.

RG 60 JD HAMILTON SR. 6-4 295 **PS#62JC.** 6 st LT. **78** Michael Gates (6-4 305 Jr) 6 gm true. 6 st LG, 1 st RG LY (inj). **72** Anthony Dunning (6-3 302 So) PS#125. 1 st true. RS LY.

LG 53 Anthony Strauder Jr. 6-3 295 PS#110DL. 11 st LG rFr. 6 st LG LY. **66** JC Brignone (6-1 290 rFr) PS#183DL. 385 bench. HS wrestling champ. John McMillan (6-2 285 rFr).

RT 75 CRAIG JENKINS SO. 6-4 315 **PS#82.** 12 st RT rFr. **74** Mark Melichar (6-5 275 rFr) PS#280. **67** Roland Terry (6-7 298 Jr) PS#146. 2 gm rFr. Inj LY.

LT 77 MICHAEL BROWN JR. 6-5 300 **PS#40DL.** Miss 1st 6 LY (elig), L/5 st LT. Florida trans. Derek Sherrod PS#11. Dave Ross (6-3 301 Jr). **LS 52** Aaron Feld (6-1 225 rFr).

K 37 ADAM CARLSON JR. 6-4 195 PS#30. 2 of 4 FG's rFr, 7-7 xp. 6 of 12 FG LY, long 47. Eric Richards is PS#41. 8 of 12 FG in HS LY. Dylan Lanphere (6-0 205 rFr).

DE 54 TITUS BROWN SR. 6-3 250 5 st MLB true, 59 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 2 st DE '05, 30 tkl. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm SEC.** 7.5 sk, 7 tfl. Charles Burns (6-3 262 Jr) PS#107. 2 st, 5 tkl 2Y. Rodney Prince (6-3 248 rFr) PS#178.

DT 99 Quinton Wesley So. 6-4 300 PS#115LB. 9 gm rFr (inj). **90** Cortez McCraney (6-4 262 Jr) 10 tkl **Memphis** '05. Kyle Love (6-1 320 So) 7 tkl true. **57** Chris Herrera (6-3 280 rFr) PS#238OL.

NT 94 Jesse Bowman Jr. 6-1 315 **PS#11JC** in spg. Reggie Odom (6-0 295 rFr) **PS#51.** LaMarcus Williams PS#80. Brandon Cooper (6-3 240 rFr) PS#291. Anthony Smith (5-9 278 So).

DE 51 Avery Hannibal Sr. 6-1 245 PS#177. 24 tkl, 4 sk 3Y. Jazzmen Guy is **PS#39.** Jimmie Holmes PS#205JC. 4.7 spd. Quentin Saulsberry is PS#148OL. James Evans (6-0 267 Jr).

SLB 5 GABE O'NEAL SR. 6-1 220 PS#83. 5 st true, 29 tkl. 5 st '05, 34 tkl. 6 st LY, 40 tkl. **47** Dominic Douglas (6-2 217 Jr) PS#218JC in spg. KJ Wright PS#94DL. Mark Brown (5-11 225 So).

MLB 22 JAMAR CHANEY JR. 6-1 236 **PS#59.** 3 st true, 31 tkl. 11 st LY, 66 tkl, 2.5 sk. **39** Tim Bailey (6-3 241 Jr) 4.6 spd. 7 tkl LY. Army National Guard. JUCO. Antonio White is PS#47.

WLB 36 Jamon Hughes So. 6-0 230 PS#136. 330 bench. 1 st. 17 tkl true. **56** Anthony Littlejohn (6-1 225 Jr) PS#201. 12 st, 2Y, 41 tkl, 6.5 tfl. Jamie Jones PS#76. Braxton Stowe (6-0 225 So).

CB 11 Anthony Johnson So. 5-10 194 PS#47WR. Hargrave '05. 12 tkl, 1 pbu true. **9** Keon Humphries (5-10 180 Jr) **7 st WR** 2Y, 13 rec. Chris Nance PS#227JC. Tay Bowser (6-3 185 So) 9 gm rFr.

CB 18 Marcus Washington So. 5-10 180 PS#293. 6 tkl true. **6** Demario Bobo (6-0 180 Jr) PS#180. **9 st**, 38 tkl **SS** in '05. Jasper O'Quinn PS#102JC. 37 tkl, 5 pbu as true at Delta St.

SS 1 KEITH FITZHUGH JR. 5-11 206 PS#42. 13 tkl true. 10 st SS LY, 59 tkl, 3 pbu. **De'Mon Glanton** (6-1 190 Jr) **7 st**, 38 tkl, 6 pbu 2Y. Brandon Thornton (5-9 194 Jr) PS#113RB. 533 ttl yds 2Y.

FS 3 DEREK PEGUES JR. 5-10 196 **PS#17.** 14 tkl true. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm SEC CB!** 32 tkl, 4 int, 1037 ret yds. Anthony Summers (6-2 188 So) **PS#27.** Jarvis Kyles (6-0 185 So) PS#121WR.

P 43 BLAKE McADAMS JR. 5-10 190 43.4 avg in HS. 69 punts true, 41.9 & SEC Fr Tm. 68 punts LY, 38.2 avg, net 31.7. Adam Carlson 41.3 avg in HS. Brad Moore (5-9 179 rFr).

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

Starkville, Mississippi
Weather (662) 325-2915

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#29

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	LSU (Thur)	G					
Sep. 8	at Tulane	A					
Sep. 15	at Auburn	G					
Sep. 22	Gardner-Webb	G					
Sep. 29	at South Carolina	G					
Oct. 6	UAB (HC)	G					
Oct. 13	Tennessee	G					
Oct. 20	at West Virginia	A					
Oct. 27	at Kentucky	G					
Nov. 3							
Nov. 10	Alabama	G					
Nov. 17	at Arkansas (Little Rock)	A					
Nov. 23	Mississippi (Fri)	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Wayne Madkin 6,336 '98-'01
2. Kevin Fant 5,631 '00-'03
3. Derrick Taite 5,232 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Jerious Norwood 3,222 '02-'05
2. Walter Packer 2,820 '73-'76
3. Michael Davis 2,721 '91-'94

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mardye McDole 2,214 '77-'80
2. David Smith 2,168 '68-'70
3. Eric Moulds 2,022 '93-'95

Mississippi St is just 1-14 vs LSU since 1992. The average score of the last 6 games has been LSU 42-7. The Bulldogs have lost 7 straight SEC openers.

Three of the last 4 games in this series have been decided by a TD or less. Miss St has won 12 of the last 16 in this series S/'82 but lost 32-29 last year.

AU has won 6 in a row in this series & has posted 2 shutouts in a row vs MSU. Mississippi St has lost 7 consecutive SEC road openers avg loss by 33 pts.

Miss St is just 2-4 at home vs non-conference opponents but 33-6-1 vs Div IAA. Runnin' Bulldogs were 6-5 last year in the Big South Conference.

The 15-0 loss last year was MSU's 1st shutout loss in an opener since 1967. Gamecocks have won 4 in a row in this series with MSU's last win in 1999.

The Bulldogs rushed for a season high 166 yds (3.8) last year vs UAB. This is the 3rd meeting in this series (tied 1-1) with the visitor winning both.

Tennessee has won the last 4 in a row & 7 of the last 8 in this series. Mississippi St is 1-10 vs ranked teams under Croom (win '04 vs #20 Florida).

West Virginia rushed for 314 yds last yr, the most allowed by MSU under Croom. Coming into 2007, Mississippi St is 3-19 the last 22 games on the road.

WR Burks (7-192, 2 TD's) & QB Henig (22-41, 384 yds, 3 TD) had career days in LY's 34-31 loss. Kentucky has won 4 of the last 5 games in this series.

Bonus: MSU is just 2-16 in November games the last 5 years. HC Croom played at Bama, was an asst coach there & interviewed for the HC job but lost out to Shula.

MSU ended a 23 gm SEC road losing streak with their 24-16 win over Bama LY. The Bulldogs have held Bama without an offensive TD the last 2 years.

The Bulldogs have dropped 8 straight & 11 of the last 12 to Arkansas. MSU outgained SEC West Champ Arkansas, 355-256 despite losing 28-14.

Last year RB Dixon rushed for a career high 125 yds (5.0) in MSU's 20-17 loss. MSU outgained UM 314 to 200 (season best) & had a 19-10 FD edge in the loss.

SYLVESTER CROOM (Career 9–25)

4th Year at Mississippi St — Croom's Bowl Record: 0-0

Croom's records AT MISSISSIPPI ST

9-25	Straight Up	0-7	Vs Top 10
6-14	Home	1-10	Vs Top 25
3-11	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-4	Off A Bye
4-20	Vs Conference	6-17	Off A Loss

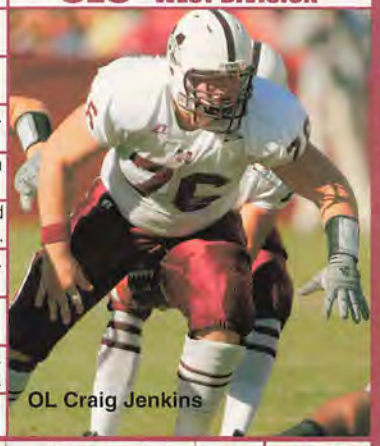
2006 RECORD: (3–9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (23,18,2)
Lost: 22 (6,13,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,527 (#53)

SEC - WEST DIVISION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STADIUM: DAVIS WADE STADIUM (55,082) (#49)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	3-8	3-9	2-10	3-8	3-8	3-9	24-56
Home	4-1	3-4	2-4	2-4	3-4	2-4	1-6	17-27
Away	3-3	0-4	1-5	0-6	0-4	1-4	2-3	7-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	0-8	1-7	2-6	1-7	1-7	11-45
ATS	6-5	6-5	3-8	2-10	5-5	4-6	5-5-1	31-44-1
Home Fav (Jackie Sherrill)	2-2	1-3	0-1	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	7-8
Home Dog	1-0	2-1	1-3	0-4	2-2	2-2	1-4	9-16
Away Fav (Sylvester Croom)	3-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	4-6
Away Dog	0-0	3-1	2-4	0-4	1-3	1-2	4-0-1	11-14-1
Favorite	5-5	1-3	0-1	2-2	2-0	1-2	0-1	11-14
Dog	1-0	5-2	3-7	0-8	3-5	3-4	5-4-1	20-30-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	2-6	1-7	4-4	3-5	4-3-1	22-33-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-1	1-1	1-2	9-11
Off SU Win	4-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	1-1	3-0	14-9
Off SU Loss	1-2	3-4	2-5	1-8	2-4	3-5	2-4-1	14-32-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Dixon	169	707	39	668	9	4.0
Brandon Thornton	60	246	16	230	2	3.8
Arnil Stallworth	42	150	13	137	1	3.3
Omarr Conner	37	169	68	101	2	2.7
Justin Williams	32	96	7	89	0	2.8
Michael Henig	18	69	51	18	0	1.0
Tray Rutland	18	33	93	-60	0	-3.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Michael Henig	74	169	43.8	1201	7	9
Omarr Conner	76	135	56.3	943	3	3
Tray Rutland	20	48	41.7	151	0	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tony Burks	35	850	24.3	5	78
Jamayel Smith	20	335	16.8	2	41
Eric Butler	13	210	16.2	1	28
Lance Long	25	177	7.1	1	15
Aubrey Bell	8	151	18.9	0	49
Will Prosser	11	135	12.3	0	20
Arnil Stallworth	14	97	6.9	0	22
Jason Husband	9	89	9.9	1	17
Omarr Conner	8	70	8.8	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Blake McAdams	68	2598	38.2	7	31.7	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Carlson	27-27	0-0	3-6	3-5	0-1	6-12	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Quinton Culberson	102	1	8	6	2
Jeramie Johnson	72	0	3	5	0
Jamar Chaney	66	2.5	5	0	0
Keith Fitzhugh	59	0	0.5	3	1
David Heard	45	0	3	8	2
Gabe O'Neal	40	0	3	0	0
Titus Brown	38	7.5	7	1	0
Michael Heard	37	6.5	4.5	0	0
Deljuan Robinson	34	1.5	11	0	0
Andrew Powell	34	0.5	1.5	0	0
Derek Pegues	32	0	1.5	5	4
De'Mon Glanton	24	0	1	3	2
Antonio Johnson	21	0	4	0	0
Anthony Littlejohn	19	1	1	0	0
Jamon Hughes	17	0	0	1	0
Carlton Rice	15	0	1	0	0
Anthony Johnson	12	0	0	1	0
Avery Hannibal	8	1	1	0	0
Adron Chambers	7	0	0	0	1
Kyle Love	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derek Pegues	25	350	14.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derek Pegues	29	687	23.7	0
Christian Ducré	3	39	13.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	Peach - #24	-1'	North Carolina - #19	17-21
94	Peach - #16	-6	NC State - #23	24-28
98	Cotton - #25	+6'	Texas - #20	11-38
99	Peach - #15	+3	Clemson	17-7
00	Independence	+1'	Texas A&M (OT)	43-41

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Miss St's All-Time Bowl Record 6-6

MISSISSIPPI ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	18.4	16	95	2.9	192	47.5	15.6	-5	2006	7	25.8	16	115	3.4	206	57.9	12.5
8*	13.9	15	138	3.9	139	48.3	19.9	+2	2005	8	23.5	19	140	3.7	195	61.4	14.2
6	15.7	15	159	4.3	145	50.5	19.3	-1	2004	6	25.5	19	190	4.4	174	58.5	14.3
5*	18.8	16	119	3.8	202	52.4	17.1	-21	2003	7	39.3	24	190	4.3	283	62.2	12.1
5	18.9	18	119	3.4	218	51.1	17.8	-15	2002	7	28.3	18	170	3.9	154	49.6	11.5
7*	17.8	17	129	3.6	215	52.7	19.3	-4	2001	5	26.2	20	157	3.9	215	54.7	14.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

MSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	South Carolina	11	33-79	2.4	8-23	82	5	10	29-81	2.8	15-27	193	4	-1
–	Auburn	11	33-79	2.4	12-25	82	4	20	36-111	3.1	22-32	277	1	-1
–	Tulane	18	32-98	3.1	18-35	252	1	17	36-129	3.6	16-24	298	2	-1
–	at UAB	19	44-166	3.8	14-23	115	1	14	32-94	2.9	12-26	116	1	0
–	at LSU	10	21-14	0.7	15-29	212	5	22	38-108	2.8	19-23	338	2	+1
–	West Virginia	25	37-56	1.5	17-35	250	6	20	44-314	7.1	6-10	92	2	-2
–	Jacksonville St	14	34-125	3.7	11-25	183	1	13	32-52	1.6	12-26	149	3	0
–	at Georgia	15	33-64	1.9	14-31	234	3	17	28-103	3.7	20-32	267	0	+2
–	Kentucky	16	24-24	1.0	22-41	384	0	22	38-106	2.8	19-29	284	4	-1
–	at Alabama	13	38-131	3.4	9-23	143	2	17	26-101	3.9	19-39	187	1	0
–	Arkansas	19	30-154	5.1	15-36	201	0	14	38-128	3.4	9-18	128	0	-1
–	at Mississippi	19	35-152	4.3	16-34	162	1	10	27-58	2.1	10-23	142	2	-1
TOTALS		190	394-1142	2.9	171-360	2300	29	196	404-1385	3.4	179-309	2471	22	-5
AVERAGES		15.8	33-95	2.9	14-30	192	2.4	16.3	34-115	3.4	15-26	206	1.8	-0.4

2002 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Oregon - #15	+13	13-36
–	Jacksonville St	NL	51-13
–	Auburn	+3	14-42
–	at LSU - #22	+13'	13-31
–	at South Carolina	+4'	10-34
–	Troy	-11	11-8
–	at Memphis	+2'	29-17
–	Kentucky	+5	24-45
–	at Alabama - #11	+21'	14-28
–	Tennessee	+7	17-35
–	Arkansas	+11'	19-26
–	at Mississippi	+8	12-24

2003 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	Oregon	+3'	34-42
–	at Tulane	-3	28-31
–	at Houston	-4'	35-42
–	LSU - #7	+13'	6-41
–	Vanderbilt	-4'	30-21
–	Memphis	-4	35-27
–	at Auburn - #18	+21	13-45
–	at Kentucky	+10	17-42
–	Alabama	+10'	0-38
–	at Tennessee - #9	+23'	21-59
–	at Arkansas	+27	6-52
–	Mississippi - #17	+19	0-31

2004 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	Tulane	-6'	28-7
–	Auburn - #18	+13'	14-43
–	Maine	NL	7-9
–	at LSU - #14	+31	0-51
–	at Vanderbilt	+13	13-31
–	UAB	+12	13-27
–	Florida - #20	+24'	38-31
–	Kentucky	-3'	22-7
–	at Alabama	+17'	14-30
–	Arkansas	+10	21-24
–	at Mississippi	+5'	3-20

2005 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	Murray St	NL	38-6
–	at Auburn	+15	0-28
–	at Tulane	-2'	21-14
–	Georgia - #7	+15	10-23
–	LSU - #4	+14	7-37
–	at Florida - #13	+27'	9-35
–	Houston	-2	16-28
–	at Kentucky	-1	7-13
–	Alabama - #4	+15'	0-17
–	at Arkansas	+13'	10-44
–	Mississippi	+1'	35-14

2006 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	South Carolina	+7	0-15
–	Auburn - #4	+21	0-34
–	Tulane	-11	29-32
–	at UAB	+10	16-10 OT
–	at LSU - #9	+33'	17-48
–	West Virginia - #4	+21	14-42
–	Jacksonville St	NL	35-3
–	at Georgia	+17	24-27
–	Kentucky	+1	31-34
–	at Alabama	+14	24-16
–	Arkansas - #5	+14'	14-28
–	at Mississippi	+3	17-20

MISSISSIPPI REBELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Eli Manning set or tied 47 school records. In '04 Micheal Spurlock (PS#42), who was called a "mini-Steve McNair," battled Robert Lane (PS#5) and Eathan Flatt. Last year the Rebels had to replace Spurlock and Flatt and Lane moved to TE. The team only avg'd 208 ypg passing (53.1%) with a 9-18 ratio, so they figured to be vastly upgraded as HC Ed Orgeron brought in Brent Schaeffer (PS#2JC). In 2004, Schaeffer (4.4 spd) was at Tennessee and was the first true frosh QB to start an opener in the SEC since 1945. At JUCO he threw for 2,970 yards with 40 TD's and had 860 yds rushing. Unfortunately, Schaeffer was not cleared until fall camp had already opened and did not have a great year. He completed just 47.1% with a 9-10 ratio and "only" 305 rush yards. They started to work backup Seth Adams, who was also a JC transfer, into the lineup. Adams came in for the 3Q vs LSU (Schaeffer ret'd in OT) and also played in the 4Q vs Miss St (0 FD). Adams threw for just 177 (54.8%). Both return to battle for the starting job along with Michael Herrick (6'1" 170 rFr, PS#30). I look for vastly improved play from the Rebel QB's this year. Adams did finish spring as the starter ahead of Schaffer.

RUNNING BACKS - Mico McSwain (4.29 spd) played WR and DB before moving to RB just before the 2005 opener. He rushed for 612 (4.9) in just six starts, missing most of 3 games with an injury, but still set an Ole Miss frosh rushing record (Joe Gunn, 547 in 1998). McSwain returned in 2006 but Indiana transfer BenJarvus Green-Ellis won the starting job. Green-Ellis, who rushed for 1,732 yards in two years as a Hoosier, is a big and powerful back. He had a fine season but rushed for just 37 vs Miss St in the season finale and finished unofficially with 999. Team officials later found an extra yard for him and he became just the third player to rush for 1,000 yards in school history (Kayo Dottley - twice, and Deuce McAllister). McSwain moved to WR at the end of the year and the #2 RB was JUCO Bruce Hall (182, 5.7) who was PS#106QB at Wake Forest in '03. Orgeron signed Cordera Eason (PS#19) but surprisingly he had just 7 carries in 10 games. The FB position took a hit when Jason Cook was injured vs Vandy and they moved LB Quentin Taylor there (4 st LB, 1 st FB) vs Alabama. He quit the team two games later and true frosh Andy Hartmann (5'10" 230 So) was elevated to 1st string. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Derrick Davis (6'0" 232 rFr, PS#45), Reggie Hicks (6'2" 240 rFr, PS#102), Hiram White (5'10" 184 Sr) and true frosh Johnny Brown (PS#36). This year everyone returns and I look for more production from Eason who got a lot stronger in the offseason.

RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis

RECEIVERS - The Rebels had to replace four of their top five receivers last year. Converted QB Robert Lane (PS#5) had moved to FB/TE at the end of '05 and almost transferred but OC Dan Werner's offense features the TE so he opted to stay. Lane had 11 rec (14.1). The star early on was Dexter McCluster who wears McAllister's #22 and had 268 all-purp yards vs Memphis (86 rec, 60 rush, 122 KR). Werner devised plays specifically for McCluster's game breaking ability but he was injured and missed six (finished with 15, 15.5). Mike Wallace (PS#131) led the team with 24 (17.1) and frosh Marshay Green had 19 (9.2). RB McSwain moved to WR late in the year (2 st). The unit was plagued by dropped passes all year. This season the only losses are TE Lawrence Lilly (PS#27, 3 rec, 8 st) and backup TE Keith Houston (12 gm). Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE Billy Tapp (6'4" 230 So) and WR's Billy Dobbs (6'0" 155 rFr), Robinson Gurney (5'11" 181 rFr), Josh Zettergren (6'1" 210 Sr), Jacarious Lucas (6-2 180 Jr, PS#379JC), Kelvin Rolack (6'0" 185 rFr) and Andy Johnson (6'2" 193 rFr). I look for improved production from this year's group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, the Rebels had to replace three longtime starters including #1 and #2 NFL DC's. Michael Oher (PS#11) became the first true frosh starter on the O-line since Terrence Metcalf ('97). The backups did not play a lot and all five OL's took every snap vs Tenn. The Rebels only avg'd 73 ypg rushing (2.4), their worst in more than a decade and allowed 27 sacks (7.3%). Last year they had to replace two starters and brought in former Miami, FL OL coach Art Kehoe. VHT John Jerry was not cleared until late August but showed great athleticism for his size and started all 12 as a "true" (Hargrave '05). RT Darryl Harris went down with a leg injury and his backup, David Traxler, was also injured so Maurice Miller started the final seven. Ole Miss still managed to improve the ypc to 3.6 but allowed 29 sks (10.4%). This year the only losses are LG Andrew Wicker (12 st) and backup OG James McCoy. I list a talented 3 deep below with more experience than 2006.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Orgeron's first year they had 4 senior starters and reduced the rush ypc allowed from 4.5 to 3.7 (19 sk). Last year this unit was the biggest question mark on the team as they lost all 4 starters. Jeremy Garrett drew a lot of praise but injured his knee and missed half of the season. For the 2nd year in a row they expected PS#2 Jerrell Powe to contribute but he DNQ. OL Daverin Geralds moved to the D-line in Wk 2 and Peria Jerry missed 4 and was not 100% in others. The D slipped to 4.2 ypc rush allowed and recorded just 14 sacks. This year the only loss up front is DT Hayward Howard (4 st, 10 tkl) but he missed most of the 2H of the season. Basically the top 8 return and there are 5 VHT's in the group.

LINEBACKERS - The Rebels had one of the most underrated LB corps in the country last year led by Butkus Award winner and SEC Def POY Patrick Willis. JUCO Rory Johnson (PS#19) did not enroll until late August but still was the #2 tackler with 94 (7 st). Willis is the Rebels' first defensive 1st RD DC (SF) since 1994 (Tim Bowens) and only the 3rd UM LB taken in the 1st round since 1985. He was scheduled to be the only loss but the unit suffered a lot of attrition with 5 of Orgeron's recruits gone, including WLB Johnson who left early for the NFL (UFA GB). Besides Willis and Johnson, also gone are WLB Quentin Taylor (4 st, 27 tkl) and SLB Garry Pack (7 st, 48 tkl) who was dismissed midseason. How this unit fares will depend heavily on some newcomers and I project 3 JC transfers (2 VHT) as starters. UM's 2007 LB unit has only 7 career tackles returning making this one of the biggest question marks on the team.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004, the Rebels were #30 in my pass D rankings allowing just 47.3%. In 2005, they had to replace just one starter and returned a pair of CB's who were #1 and #2 in the SEC in pd. With a weaker defensive front 7, the Rebels surprisingly dropped to #72. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back. The 2005 group only had 6 int but last year's more veteran unit surprisingly had the fewest int in the NCAA (3) and allowed the 2nd highest pass % in the SEC (59.6) finishing #86. This year they must replace CB Trumaine McBride (#7DC CHI, 12 st, 3Y st'r), FS Charles Clark (12 st, 65 tkl) and SS Bryan Brown (5 st, 36 tkl). SS Jamarca Sanford was forced to move to LB when Pack was dismissed and returns to SS this year. CB Nate Banks also returns and I project a pair of VHT's in the other starting spots. The group is less experienced but will snag more than 3 int.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Orgeron was so impressed with ST Coach Chris Rippon when he coached with him at Syracuse that he hired him in his first season at UM. The Rebels were #37 and #31 in my ST rankings in '03 and '04 thanks to an excellent K and P but Rippon had to replace them in his first year. The Rebels struggled in '05 and dropped to #91. Last year Joshua Shene missed a 53 yarder vs UGA and then connected on 9 straight hitting 14 of 17 on the season with a long of 52. P Rob Park improved his net from 33.5 to 34.2 as a soph. Will Moseley had 24 TB on 38 KO in '05 and with the shorter tee had 18 of 44 last year. McCluster was the top KR (21.1) early, but after he was injured McSwain (23.0) and true frosh Green (25.2) took over. Green was also the team's top PR (11.2). Rippon's teams are known for blocking punts and had 3 last year although only 1 counted (penalties). Ole Miss finished #26 in my ST rankings and with everyone back the Rebels are poised for a potential Top 10 ST finish.

COACHES - In '05, Orgeron came over from National Champion USC where he spent the previous 7 years and is considered one of the top DL coaches in the country. He was also the DL coach at Miami, Fl for four successful seasons. Last year he brought in new OC Werner who was the Miami, Fl OC the previous 2 years and has full control of the offense here. Orgeron, like Pete Carroll, was his own DC the first 2 years but this year he brings in John Thompson who he played for at Northwestern St. Thompson is a highly thought of DC with previous DC stints at Florida, Arkansas, LSU, Memphis, Southern Miss and LTech. He was the co-DC at South Carolina in 2005 and the HC of East Carolina for two years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into 2004, Ole Miss was the only team in the SEC West to be bowl eligible for 7 straight years but ironically, they are the only West team without a trip to the SEC Championship game. Ole Miss' last SEC Title was in 1963. From 1954-1971, Ole Miss went to 17 bowls including 9 appearances in either the Sugar or Cotton Bowl. From 1972 to 1996, they were in just 5 bowls with only one New Year's Day game. Scholarships were short when David Cutcliffe took over but he finally got the team to its full allotment in 2002. In '03, I said Ole Miss had its best team in over a decade and called for them to notch at least 9 wins. They went 10-3 led by QB Eli Manning including a win in the Cotton Bowl over Okla St. In 2004, it looked like a rebuilding year losing Manning, and having just 4 starters back on defense. The team was also hit by the injury bug and went 4-7. Stunningly, they opted to fire HC David Cutcliffe and I talked about them possibly being "Baylored." (pg 309). As expected, in 2005 Ole Miss suffered back-to-back losing years for the first time since 1987-'88 as they had just 12 starters back and 13 players quit or were dismissed following the coaching change. The 3-8 record was their worst record since 1987. In Orgeron's home opener they took on a Wyoming team that finished just 4-7 and were outFD'd 18-10. One of their 3 victories came over a IAA team and another vs a Memphis team that lost their starting QB on the 3rd play. Their 40-7 home loss to LSU was their worst home defeat since 1949. They were also blown out 35-14 by rival Miss St. Last year they only had 10 returning starters (2nd fewest in SEC). UM had 7 close games and in the Best Case/Worst Case Scenario article in my SEC Regional Magazine, I note that they could have finished as strong as 8-4 or as weak as 1-11. They staggered to a 1-3 start but almost upset #10 UGA at home. They got a fortunate win vs Vandy as they were outFD'd 23-7, but took Bama to OT (3 pt loss) on the road the following week. After losses to ranked Ark and Aub, their record was just 2-7. They beat a IAA opponent and then nearly upset LSU leading by 13 in the 4Q. In the season finale they were outgained 314-200 by Miss St but prevailed, escaping the SEC West cellar. They were 2-6 in the SEC and outgained by 107.3 ypg (worst in conf). They played 17 true frosh last year and new coaches usually fare well in their 3rd year when their own recruits start to dominate the lineup. Orgeron said this spring that his best team is still 2 years away and I agree. Most of their winnable SEC games are on the road which has me calling for a 4th consecutive losing season for the Rebels.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 19 SETH ADAMS SR. 6-4 225 JUCO. 177 pass in 6 gm LY. **7 Brent Schaeffer** (6-2 205 Sr) PS#20 in '04. 3 st Tenn true. **PS#2JC** (2970 pass, 860 rush JC). 12 sts here '06.

RB 6 BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS SR. 5-11 225 14 st Indy 2Y, 1732 (3.8). 11 st here '06, 1000 (4.3). **25** Cordera Eason (6-1 235 So) PS#19. **23** Bruce Hall (5-11 210 Sr) PS#164JC. 182 (5.7) LY.

WR NA AJ Jackson Jr. 6-5 210 PS#31JC. Schaeffer's top WR at JC. **80** Shay Hodge (6-1 195 So) PS#127. 2 st true, 16 (12.1). **FB 44** Jason Cook (6-0 240 Jr) 9 st FB 2Y, 63 ttl yd.

WR 2 MIKE WALLACE JR. 6-0 180 PS#131. 4 KR true. 12 st LY, #1 rec, 24 (17.1). **40** Mico McSwain (6-1 203 Jr) 9 st 2Y (7RB, 2WR), 752 rush (5.0), 12 rec (8.4). 405 KR yd.

WR 22 DEXTER McCLUSTER SO. 5-9 165 5 start true, #1 rec 15 (15.5) when inj, 13 KR (21.1). **21** Marshay Green (5-10 170 So) PS#70RB. 786 all-purp. Michael Hicks (6-3 215 So) PS#167. 2 st rFr.

TE 15 ROBERT LANE SR. 6-3 240 **PS#5QB**. 11 st 3Y, QB/HB/TE/FB. 321 pass, 385 rush, 28 rec (13.1). **85** Robert Hough (6-4 230 Sr) PS#141DL. 5 st. 15 rec 2Y. David Rue PS#48.

C 51 COREY ACTIS SR. 6-5 290 **PS#34JC**. 12 st C '06. 365 bench. **60** Thomas Eckers (6-2 300 Sr) PS#245. 4 st '05. 1 st LG LY. **LS 68** Preston Powers (6-0 240 So) 12 gm true.

RG 77 JOHN JERRY SO. 6-5 360 PS#60DL. Hargrave '05. 12 st RG "true". Athletic for size (360!) **65** Mark Jean-Louis (6-2 360 So) PS#113JC. In for spg. Rishaw Johnson **PS#49**.

LG 71 REID NEELY SO. 6-6 300 **PS#85**. 10 gm rFr. **50 Darryl Harris** (6-4 300 Sr). 1 st LT rFr. **9 st C '05**. 3 st RT LY until injury. **62** Don Mosley (6-1 300 rFr) PS#471.

RT 79 Maurice Miller Jr. 6-3 350 PS#415. Last 7 st RT LY. Strongest on team. **88** David Traxler (6-6 260 Jr) PS#126. 2 st LG '05. 1 st RT LY. **67** Paul Hurd (6-4 280 Jr).

LT 74 MICHAEL OHER JR. 6-5 325 **PS#11**. 10 st RG true, **SEC Frosh Tm**. 12 st LT LY, **2nd Tm SEC**. **76** Marcus Cohen (6-5 290 Sr) **PS#39**. 12 gm 2Y. **63** Terry Freeman (6-3 330 Jr).

K 93 JOSHUA SHENE SO. 5-9 170 PS#31. Hit 14 of 17 FG as true, long of 52, **SEC Frosh Tm**. **34** Justin Sparks **PS#7**. 12-17 FG's in HS, long of 49. Jon Eilertsen (5-11 170 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 86 GREG HARDY SO. 6-5 255 PS#201. 9 st true, 49 tkl, 3 sk. On basketball tm. **95 Chris Bowers** (6-2 245 Jr) **PS#30**. 7 st 2Y, 30 tkl, 5 tfl. Cecil Frison (6-3 240 rFr) PS#260DL.

DT 98 PERIA JERRY JR. 6-2 300 PS#108. 6 st '06, 22 tkl, 1 sack (missed 4 inj). **90 Brandon Jenkins** (6-4 300 Sr) PS#141. 3 st, 18 tkl '04-'05. 7 st NT LY, 21 tkl, 4.5 tfl.

DT 54 JEREMY GARRETT SR. 6-1 290 2 st, 10 tkl '05. 3 st '06 (miss 6 inj) 26 tkl, 3 tfl. **72** Daverin Geralds (6-2 305 So) **PS#63OL**. 3 gm as true. Ted Laurent is PS#33.

DE 92 MARCUS TILLMAN SO. 6-4 260 **PS#6**. 11 st true, 22 tkl, 5 tfl. **46** Kentrell Lockett (6-5 225 rFr) **PS#42**. **56** Viciente DeLoach (6-3 260 Sr) 3 st, 11 tkl LY. **99** David Densmore (6-1 245 So).

SLB 20 Ashlee Palmer Jr. 6-2 214 **PS#20JC**. In for spring. **Chris Strong is PS#2!** **33** Antonio Turner (6-1 235 Jr) PS#127RB. 86 yd '05. LaDerrick Vaughn PS#191RB LY. GS.

MLB NA Tony Fein Jr. 6-2 245 **PS#25JC**. 24 years old (3.5 yrs Army, 1Y Iraq). **42** Jonathan Cornell (6-1 220 So) PS#49. 1 st, 6 tkl. **41** Brandon Thomas (5-11 245 Jr) PS#72. 4 gm '06.

WLB 45 Jamie Phillips So. 6-0 220 PS#224. JC. In for spg. Lamar Brumfield (6-2 235 So) PS#124JC. **14** Bryan Kendricks (5-11 202 So) PS#253DB. **55** Don Hargroder (6-0 210 So) ULL trans.

CB 28 NATE BANKS SR. 5-11 180 PS#177RB. 4.4 spd. 2 st, 28 tkl '04-'05. 10 st LY, 43 tkl, 6 pbu. **12** Dustin Mouzon (5-11 175 Jr) 2 st, 42 tkl, 4 pbu 2Y. **39** Kyle Hill (5-10 180 Sr) PS#445WR.

CB 5 Terrell Jackson Jr. 5-10 200 **PS#23**. 1 st, 16 tkl 2Y. **24** Cassius Vaughn (5-11 180 So) PS#114RB. 5 tkl true. **17** Rob Campbell (5-10 160 So) ULL trans. George Helow (5-9 175 rFr).

SS 13 JAMARCA SANFORD JR. 5-10 200 10 st '05, **SEC Frosh Tm**, 58 tkl. 11 st '06 (7SS, 4 LB) 64 tkl. **16** Markeith Summers (6-2 190 rFr) **PS#37WR**. **27** Jamal Harvey (6-3 200 So) PS#134.

FS 9 Allen Walker rFr. 6-1 200 **PS#13**. Practiced at LB in spg. **1** Kendrick Lewis (6-1 185 So) PS#54WR. 5 rec true. Jamison Hughes PS#72. Jamariey Atterberry PS#175.

P 36 ROB PARK JR. 6-0 185 PS#33. 43 punt (38.2) true. 58 punts in '06 (38.9) net 34.2. **34** Justin Sparks (6-2 170 So) PS#7. 41.7 avg in HS. **29** Will Foster (5-11 189 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Jevan Snead 6-3 215 PS#4 '06
LB	Chris Strong 6-2 245 PS#2
LB	Ashlee Palmer 6-2 214 PS#20JC '06
LB	Tony Fein 6-2 245 PS#25JC
WR	AJ Jackson 6-5 210 PS#31JC
DL	Ted Laurent 6-2 285 PS#33
RB	Johnny Brown 6-1 180 PS#36
OL	Rishaw Johnson 6-3 315 PS#49
WR	Roderick Davis 6-0 193 PS#44
DB	Jamison Hughes 6-1 200 PS#72
OL	Mark Jean-Louis 6-2 360 PS#113JC
LB	Lamar Brumfield 6-2 235 PS#124JC
OL	Bradley Sowell 6-6 330 PS#81
LB	Scottie Williams 6-1 210 PS#97
WR	Lionel Breaux 6-1 188 PS#121
DL	Justin Sanders 6-4 280 PS#137
TE	David Rue 6-4 245 PS#48
WR	Jacarious Lucas 6-2 180 PS#379JC
DB	Jamariey Atterberry 5-11 170 PS#175
LB	Isaiah Smith 6-1 220 PS#153
OL	Alex Washington 6-4 348 PS#196
LB	LaDerrick Vaughn 6-2 195 PS#191RB '06
DB	Fon Ingram 5-11 190 PS#193
LB	Jamie Phillips 6-0 220 PS#224 '06
DL	Lawon Scott 6-1 305 PS#330
DB	Colby Arceneaux 5-9 185 PS#467

MISSISSIPPI REBELS

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#48

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	at Memphis	A					RB Green-Ellis (127, 2 TD's) & WR McCluster (268 all-purp yds) led Ole Miss to a 28-25 win over Memphis in their Ole Miss debuts last year.
Sep. 8	Missouri	A					Missouri QB Daniel had 332 yds total off while Ole Miss had just 162 total yds in LY's gm. Rebels are 7-16 vs current the B12 tms. Missouri is 0-4 the L29Y hosting non-conf BCS tms.
Sep. 15	at Vanderbilt	G					VU had a 400-179 yd edge & a 23-7 FD edge in last year's game but lost 17-10. Ole Miss has won 6 of the last 7 games in this series. UM leads 46-33-2 all-time.
Sep. 22	Florida	A					In the L/2 meetings between these 2 tms, Ole Miss has upset ranked UF tms (#24 UF in '03, 20-17 & #6 UF in '02, 17-14). The last UF win in this series was 1995.
Sep. 29	at Georgia	G					Ole Miss has lost 7 in a row in this series vs Georgia. UGA leads 29-12-1 all-time. RB Green-Ellis rushed for 135 yds in the 14-9 loss to Georgia last year.
Oct. 6	Louisiana Tech (HC)	A					Coming into 2007, Ole Miss is 19-8 vs non-conference opponents since 1999. Ole Miss is 7-1 all-time vs LT with the last meeting in 1992 (13-6 win by UM).
Oct. 13	Alabama	A					Mississippi has lost 2 years in a row to Alabama by a FG. Alabama has won 11 of the L/13 in this series with UM's last win in 2003 (43-28).
Oct. 20	Arkansas	A					Ole Miss held McFadden to 65 yds on 17 carries last year, but still lost 38-3. Arkansas has won 3 in a row in this series & 5 of the last 6.
Oct. 27	at Auburn	G					Despite a 428-256 yd edge & a 25-15 FD edge, Auburn only escaped with a 23-17 win last year. Six of the last 8 meetings have been decided by single digits.
Nov. 3	Northwestern St	A					HC Orgeron was a 4 year starting DL at Northwestern St graduating in 1984. LY Ole Miss had 401 total yds vs Northwestern St, the most in the Orgeron era.
Nov. 10							
Nov. 17	LSU	A					LSU has won 5 in a row in this series with the Rebels' last win in 2001. Four of the last 5 in this series have been decided by a FG or less.
Nov. 23	at Mississippi St (Fri)	G					This is the 80th meeting of the "Battle for the Golden Egg" which started in 1927. Mississippi has won 4 of the last 5 in this series vs instate rival Mississippi St.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Eli Manning 10,119 '00-'03
2. Romaro Miller 6,311 '97-'00
3. Kent Austin 6,184 '81-'85

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Deuce McAllister 3,060 '97-'00
2. Joe Gunn 2,749 '98-'01
3. Kayo Dottley 2,654 '47-'50

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chris Collins 2,621 '00-'03
2. Willie Green 2,274 '86-'89
3. Grant Heard 2,029 '96-'00

ED ORGERON (Career 7-16)

3rd Year at Mississippi (Orgeron's Bowl Record: 0-0)

Orgeron's records AT MISSISSIPPI

7-16	Straight Up	0-6	Vs Top 10
6-7	Home	0-8	Vs Top 25
1-9	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
3-13	Vs Conference	5-10	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (26,18,3)
Lost: 17 (5,11,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 53,801 (#37)

SEC - WEST DIVISION

STADIUM: VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY STADIUM (60,580) (#44)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	6-6	9-3	4-7	3-8	4-8	40-40
Home	5-2	4-2	6-1	5-2	3-3	2-4	4-3	29-17
Away	2-2	3-2	0-5	4-1	1-4	1-4	0-5	11-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	3-5	7-1	3-5	1-7	2-6	24-32
ATS	4-6-1	4-6	6-6	8-4	4-7	3-7	5-4-2	34-40-3
Home Fav (David Cutcliffe)	2-4	1-3	3-2	4-2	1-3	0-3	0-1-2	11-18-2
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	3-0	9-3
Away Fav	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	3-6-1
Away Dog (Ed Orgeron)	0-2	1-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	2-2	2-3	11-13
Favorite	3-4-1	2-5	3-2	5-4	1-4	0-4	0-1-2	14-24-3
Dog	1-2	2-1	3-4	3-0	3-3	3-3	5-3	20-16
vs Conf	3-4-1	3-5	4-4	6-2	4-4	2-6	5-2-1	27-27-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	2-2	2-2	0-3	1-1	0-2-1	7-13-1
Off SU Win	2-4	3-3	3-2	5-3	2-1	1-2	2-1	18-16
Off SU Loss	1-2-1	1-3	3-3	3-0	2-5	1-5	3-3-1	14-21-2

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	234	1035	35	1000	7	4.3
Bruce Hall	32	187	5	182	1	5.7
Mico McSwain	27	147	7	140	1	5.2
Brent Schaeffer	94	305	205	100	1	1.1
Dexter McCluster	8	73	5	68	1	8.5
Marshay Green	3	35	0	35	0	11.7
Seth Adams	9	6	25	-19	0	-2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brent Schaeffer	244	115	47.1	1442	9	10
Seth Adams	31	17	54.8	177	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Mike Wallace	24	410	17.1	2	55	
Dexter McCluster	15	232	15.5	1	49	
Shay Hodge	16	193	12.1	0	21	
Marshay Green	19	174	9.2	2	47	
Michael Hicks	9	165	18.3	0	51	
Robert Lane	11	155	14.1	0	41	
Robert Hough	8	69	8.6	1	27	
Bruce Hall	5	48	9.6	1	22	
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	8	43	5.4	0	19	
Kendrick Lewis	5	31	6.2	0	14	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Rob Park	58	2256	38.9	10	34.2(t)	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joshua Shene	20-20	8-9	4-5	1-1	1-2	14-17	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Patrick Willis	137	3	8.5	7	0
Rory Johnson	94	0.5	2.5	3	0
Charles Clark	65	0	1	4	2
Jamarca Sanford	64	1.5	0	3	0
Greg Hardy	49	3	2	3	0
Trumaine McBride	48	0	2	9	0
Garry Pack	48	0	1.5	1	0
Nate Banks	43	1.5	1.5	6	0
Bryan Brown	36	0	3.5	1	0
Dustin Mouzon	28	0	0.5	3	1
Quentin Taylor	27	0	0.5	0	0
Jeremy Garrett	26	0	3	0	0
Marcus Tillman	22	2	3	0	0
Peria Jerry	22	1	0	0	0
Brandon Jenkins	21	1	3.5	1	0
Chris Bowers	18	1	3	1	0
Viciente DeLoach	11	0	1	1	0
Hayward Howard	10	0	1	0	0
Terrell Jackson	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marshay Green	20	224	11.2	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marshay Green	14	353	25.2	0
Mico McSwain	14	322	23.0	0
Dexter McCluster	13	274	12.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Independence	+9'	Texas Tech	35-18
99	Independence	+4	Oklahoma	27-25
00	Music City	-3'	West Virginia	38-49
02	Independence	+7	Nebraska	27-23
03	Cotton - #16	-2'	Oklahoma St - #21	31-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Mississippi's All-Time Bowl Record 19-12

MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	15.7	15	125	3.6	136	47.9	16.7	-3	2006	5	22.9	20	159	4.2	195	59.6	15.4
5*	13.5	15	73	2.4	208	53.1	20.9	-5	2005	7	22.3	19	153	3.7	179	56.6	14.9
6	19.5	20	159	4.0	192	50.9	18.0	-3	2004	4	25.3	19	185	4.5	206	47.3	15.4
8*	34.0	23	147	3.9	286	62.8	12.7	+6	2003	8	21.9	19	102	3.2	276	56.2	17.3
7*	27.0	21	94	3.0	264	58.2	13.3	+5	2002	7	25.5	18	160	4.0	187	51.9	13.6
6	35.5	24	144	3.8	271	63.1	11.7	-1	2001	5	28.2	19	214	5.0	161	49.5	13.3

2006 STATS BY GAME

UM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Memphis	20	45 - 240	5.3	7 - 16	97	1	24	37 - 149	4.0	23 - 31	225	2	+1
–	at Missouri	10	28 - 72	2.6	13 - 29	90	3	26	42 - 218	5.2	25 - 41	253	1	-2
–	at Kentucky	17	39 - 205	5.3	13 - 26	190	2	21	33 - 87	2.6	22 - 34	293	2	-4
–	Wake Forest	19	31 - 26	0.8	21 - 40	211	5	18	53 - 240	4.5	4 - 5	43	0	0
–	Georgia	15	42 - 156	3.7	6 - 15	87	4	14	33 - 133	4.0	11 - 28	115	1	-1
–	Vanderbilt	7	38 - 148	3.9	3 - 9	31	1	23	41 - 129	3.1	21 - 33	271	0	+3
–	at Alabama	17	35 - 119	3.4	14 - 21	168	0	21	42 - 228	5.4	16 - 28	206	2	0
–	at Arkansas	14	31 - 102	3.3	13 - 36	143	2	15	37 - 141	3.8	14 - 18	205	1	0
–	Auburn	15	28 - 86	3.1	9 - 17	170	3	25	41 - 175	4.3	21 - 34	253	0	0
–	Northwestern St	24	34 - 192	5.6	16 - 28	209	2	11	34 - 170	5.0	10 - 18	91	1	-1
–	at LSU	13	44 - 100	2.3	9 - 20	95	4	17	32 - 91	2.8	19 - 35	217	3	0
–	Mississippi St	10	27 - 58	2.1	10 - 23	142	2	19	35 - 152	4.3	16 - 34	162	1	+1
TOTALS		181	422 - 1504	3.6	134 - 280	1633	29	234	460 - 1913	4.2	202 - 339	2334	14	-3
AVERAGES		15.1	35 - 125	3.6	11 - 23	136	2.4	19.5	38 - 159	4.2	17 - 28	195	1.2	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	ULM	-31'	31-3
–	Memphis	-8'	38-16
–	at Texas Tech	+3'	28-42
–	Vanderbilt	-21	45-38
–	Florida - #6	+13'	17-14
#25	Arkansas St	-29	52-17
#21	at Alabama - #24	+11	7-42
–	at Arkansas	+8	28-48
–	Auburn	+4	24-31
–	at Georgia - #7	+15	17-31
–	at LSU - #21	+9'	13-14
–	Mississippi St	-8	24-12

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post #13 Score
–	at Vanderbilt	-13	24-21
–	at Memphis	-8	34-44
–	ULM	-28	59-14
–	Texas Tech	-3	45-49
–	at Florida - #24	+12'	20-17
–	Arkansas St	-26	55-0
–	Alabama	-4	43-28
–	Arkansas - #21	-1	19-7
#20	South Carolina	-7	43-40
#20	at Auburn	+8	24-20
#15	LSU - #3	+6'	14-17
#17	at Mississippi St	-19	31-0

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Memphis	-4	13-20
–	at Alabama	+11'	7-28
–	Vanderbilt	-6'	26-23 OT
–	at Wyoming	-3'	32-37
–	Arkansas St	-18'	28-21
–	at South Carolina - #25	+16'	31-28
–	Tennessee - #13	+10	17-21
–	Auburn	+16'	14-35
–	at Arkansas	+9'	3-35
–	at LSU - #14	+20'	24-27
–	Mississippi St	-5'	20-3

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Memphis	+2'	10-6
–	at Vanderbilt	+3	23-31
–	Wyoming	-2	14-24
–	at Tennessee - #10	+21	10-27
–	The Citadel	NL	27-7
–	Alabama - #6	+14	10-13
–	Kentucky	-10	13-7
–	at Auburn - #19	+20'	3-27
–	Arkansas	-1'	17-28
–	LSU - #4	+17	7-40
–	at Mississippi St	-1'	14-35

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Memphis	-3	28-25
–	at Missouri	+10	7-34
–	at Kentucky	+3'	14-31
–	Wake Forest	-2'	3-27
–	Georgia - #10	+18'	9-14
–	Vanderbilt	+1'	17-10
–	at Alabama	+16	23-26 OT
–	at Arkansas - #15	+20'	3-38
–	Auburn - #7	+18'	17-23
–	Northwestern St	NL	27-7
–	at LSU - #9	+27	20-23 OT
–	Mississippi St	-3	20-17

GEORGIA BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 the Dogs had to replace the SEC's career leading passer David Greene. He had an outstanding 20-4 ratio as a senior (#3DC SEA). Most expected a large drop off in '05 but I expected big things from DJ Shockley and he stunned many by earning 1st Tm SEC honors throwing for 2,588 (55.8%) with an outstanding 24-5 ratio (427 rush) despite missing parts of two games. His completion % would have been close to 60% if not for dropped passes. Joe Tereshinski (PS#21) started the Florida game while Shockley was injured and threw for 371 (51%) on the year. Last year Tereshinski was the frontrunner to win the starting job due to his experience but the fans were talking about Matthew Stafford (PS#2) who earned the nickname "Howitzer" based on his arm strength. Stafford was in for the spring but a RS was a possibility as he was just #3 on the post-spring depth chart. Tereshinski started the opener but dropped passes plagued the Dogs again as he hit just 7 of 17 for 90 yards. Stafford entered and led a couple of 4Q TD drives. Tereshinski started game 2 but was injured. Stafford started vs UAB and Colorado but Joe Cox (PS#8) had to bail the team out with 2 TD passes in the last 9:11 for the 1 pt win over the Buffaloes. Cox started Gm 5 vs Ole Miss but Stafford led the team to two 2H TD's. Tereshinski started Gm 6 but had a couple of costly int's. He started the loss to Vandy the following week before losing the job to Stafford. Stafford had just a 4-12 ratio after Kentucky but finished with a 3-1 ratio vs three of the toughest D's in the country (Aub, GT, VT), and UGA won all 3. This year Tereshinski moves on but Stafford and Cox return along with Blake Barnes (PS#19) and Jonathan deLaureal (6'2" 213 rFr) who was the Off Scout Tm POY. I will call for Stafford to be one of the most improved QB's in the country this year.

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RUNNING BACKS - Surprisingly UGA has had just one 1,000 yard back here since 1992! In 2003 Kregg Lumpkin (PS#3) had 523 (4.7) despite missing 2. He then suffered an ACL injury in '04. Thomas Brown (PS#3) rushed for 875 (5.1) as a true frosh and Danny Ware (PS#97) added 692 (5.0). All three returned in '05 but Lumpkin was not 100% and Brown led with 736 (5.0). Ware had 492 (4.9) and Lumpkin 335 (5.1). Last year all 3 returned again and Brown started the first four but struggled (2.9). Lumpkin took over in Wk 5 and had his first career 100 yard game. His problem was pass protection which caused him to lose his spot to Brown for VU. Brown was having his best game vs Vanderbilt with 75 in the 1H but tore an ACL. Lumpkin regained the starting job after the injury and later rushed for 105 vs Auburn. Lumpkin led with 798 (4.9). Ware, knowing that the team would have Lumpkin and Brown back plus rFr Knowshon Moreno (PS#14) and this year's true frosh, left early for the NFL (UFA TEN). Not listed at FB below are Jason Johnson (5'9" 203 Sr), Shaun Chapas (6'2" 227 rFr, PS#143) and Fred Munzenmaier (6'2" 243 rFr, PS#137). This is a loaded backfield and should easily improve on last year's 3.9 ypc.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 true frosh Mohamed Massaquoi (PS#5) only had one drop and became the team's go-to guy in the 2H of the season. He was #3 in yards with 505 (13.3) behind TE Leonard Pope (541) and WR Bryan McClendon (529). Last year three of the top 4 receivers were gone (Bailey tore ACL) and Massaquoi suffered from a sophomore jinx, losing his starting job a couple of times. Injuries also plagued the unit. The entire unit was plagued by drops which hurt the QB completion %. Richt said in a midseason radio show that if you are a WR recruit and can be physical, you could play right away at UGA in '07. TE Martrez Milner led with 30 (14.2), the lowest total for a #1 UGA receiver since 1990. Milner had his share of drops but backup TE Tripp Chandler was not ready for a starting role (2 rec). Massaquoi was #2 with 30 (12.2) and Kenneth Harris was #3 with 15 (20.3). Surprisingly AJ Bryant (PS#10QB) only had 14 (17.9). This year they must replace Milner (10 st, #4DC ATL), WR Mario Raley (6 st, 8 rec) and TE Trahern Holden (1 gm). In 2006 the Bulldogs' receiving corps underachieved. This year I look for Massaquoi to regain his 2005 form and for speedy Mikey Henderson (5'10" 150 Sr) to make more of an impact at WR in his 2nd year on offense (former CB). They also get back Sean Bailey from injury giving them a big boost for a much improved group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UGA's O-line has performed as expected the last four years. In 2003 they had to replace five senior starters and allowed an SEC high 47 sacks (3.4 ypc). With 3 starters back in 2004 they improved to 4.1 ypc (21 sk). In 2005 the entire 2 deep returned and the ypc increased to 4.6 as they allowed the 2nd fewest sacks in the SEC (20). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and only had 5 healthy eligible OL ready for the opener (2 susp). Naturally the rushing numbers dropped to 3.9 ypc (17 sk). This year they lose 1st Tm SEC TT Daniel Inman (4Y st'r, 11 st LY), 2nd Tm SEC C Nick Jones (4Y st'r, 13 st), ST Ken Shackleford (13 st, #6DC STL), Michael Turner (4 st), Chris Abbott (3 gm), Zeb McKinzey (Inj LY, 12 gms '05) and Seth Watts (12 gm). UGA also loses OC/OL coach Neil Callaway to UAB. The new OL coach is Stacy Searels (LSU). They have the same experience as they had coming into 2006 but signed 2 JUCO's and have 6 VHT's in the PSL below, so I look for improved numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Bulldogs returned 7 of the top 8 but had to replace SEC Def POY David Pollack and surprisingly allowed 3.8 ypc rush, their highest since 1994. Last year they had to replace three starters and 2 backups but luckily Quentin Moses turned down an early entrance to the NFL. Moses said in the preseason that his cohort at DE, Charles Johnson, was even better than him and they combined for 14 sacks, 17 tfl and 62 qbh with Johnson finishing 2nd in the SEC in tfl. This year they lose Moses (13 st, 3rd Tm AA, #3DC OAK), Johnson (13 st, 2nd Tm SEC, #3DC CAR), DT Ray Gant (6 st, 18 tkl, 3 sk), DT Dale Dixson (2 st, 10 tkl) and DT Marquis Elmore (3 tkl). This group is just as experienced as 2006 and 2 VHT JUCO's and 2 VHT rFr are added to the mix this year.

LINEBACKERS - After having an inexperienced LB corps in 2005, the Bulldogs returned their entire 2 deep in '06. Tony Taylor won the team MVP award with the LB's being a big reason for the Bulldogs' defensive resurgence (allowed 55 ypg less). This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC WLB Taylor (13 st, #1 tkl'r), MLB Jarvis Jackson (12 st, 71 tkl), SLB Danny Verdun Wheeler (9 st, 37 tkl, 4 tfl) and PS#7 rFr Akeem Hebron who is suspended for '07. Verdun Wheeler shared snaps at SLB with Brandon Miller (5 st, 23 tkl), but Miller moved to MLB this spring. There are four VHT's in the PSL below and while this looks like a quality group, it is clearly far less experienced than the top-notch 2006 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With 7 of their top 8 back in 2005, the Bulldogs were #27 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace three starters (#2, #5, #5 DC's) with all 3 earning 1st Tm SEC honors. Projected starting FS Antavious Coates was then lost for the season. Backup CB Thomas Flowers was suspended for the first 2 and then was injured and lost for the year. CB Ramarcus Brown, who has 4.3 speed and CB Paul Oliver (PS#7) took over the starting spot. Oliver held SC WR Sidney Rice to just 3 rec and later held GT's Calvin Johnson to 2 rec for 13 yards! With an excellent front seven, UGA managed to move up to #8. Fortunately Oliver turned down a shot an early shot at the NFL so 3 starters are back this year. UGA has a history of producing NFL safeties and Richt commented last year that rFr Quintin Banks (PS#60) and Reshad Jones (PS#6) were the hardest hitting safeties on the team. This year the only loss is 3rd Tm AA ROV Tra Battle (58 tkl, 6 int). This is one of the top secondaries in the NCAA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UGA was #13 in my ST rankings in 2001 and in Richt's first season moved up to #5. They surprisingly dropped to #56 in 2003, rose to #32 in '04 and then achieved the #2 spot in 2005. P Gordon Ely-Kelso was a Ray Guy semifinalist (38.7 net). K Brandon Coutu hit 23 of 29 including 3 from 50+ (long 58). PR Thomas Flowers avg 13.7. Heading into the '06 season, they only had to replace their top KR, but a major loss was Coutu going down to an injury at the beginning of October. They lost a couple of close games in which missed FG's hurt them. Andy Bailey hit 5 of 8 FG's (long 34) and missed 2 xp's and was replaced by P Ely-Kelso who missed 1 xp and 1 FG. Coutu returned for the bowl and finished the season hitting 10 of 11 FG's with a long of 55 and hit a 51 yrd'r in the bowl. Ely-Kelso started out strong at P avg 43.3 over the first 5 but only finished with a 39.4 avg (net 33.3) and departs as the career leader in punting yards here. Asst coach Jon Fabris has had success with PR wherever he has gone and UGA is the only school in the country to rank in the Top 15 in PR in each of the last 3 years. Coutu is back this year along with both returnmen, Mikey Henderson (and Asher Allen. As long as the new P fares well and Coutu stays healthy, the Bulldogs should be back in the Top 10 of my ST rankings after finishing #24 last year.

COACHES - Mark Richt was the 2002 and 2005 SEC Coach of the Year. Last year he received an 8 yr $16 million contract. Richt turned the play calling over to Mike Bobo prior to GT last season. Bobo, who was a QB here, became the youngest coordinator in the SEC (32) when he was promoted to OC replacing Neil Callaway (UAB HC). In 2005 DB coach Willie Martinez took over the DC spot and enters his 3rd year. Martinez was pursued by Fla Int'l and Rice for HC jobs but opted to stay.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mark Richt is doing an incredible job here. In 2002 UGA won their first SEC Title in 20 years setting a school record with 13 wins to finish #3. They had just 9 starters back in 2003 and despite a spate of injuries and suspensions, somehow lost just 3 including 2 to eventual BCS Champ LSU. UGA outgained SEC foes by a league best 121.8 ypg and finished 11-3 and #7. In 2004 Richt had his most veteran squad including QB David Greene and finished 10-2. They also beat Florida for the first time since 1997 and outgained SEC foes by 105 ypg to once again finish #7. In 2005 they had 12 senior starters and had to replace just 15 lettermen but six of those were NFL DC's. My publication was the ONLY one in the country to call for UGA to win the SEC East as everyone else had them finishing 3rd! I called the Bulldogs one of my surprise teams. They very nearly went undefeated but QB Shockley was injured and they lost to Florida by 4 without him. With Shockley not 100% the next week, they lost to Auburn by 1. They throttled LSU in the SEC Title game but came up short in the Sugar Bowl with -3 in turnovers to finish 10-3 and #10. Only UGA and USC finished in the Top 10 each year from 2002-'05. UGA's defense has finished in the Top 20 for six straight years. Richt became just the 5th SEC coach to win 10+ games in 4 straight years (Bryant, Dooley, Fulmer, Spurrier). Last year they had just 9 returning starters and struggled at the all-important QB position. The D was dominant early with back-to-back shutouts of SC and UAB and they opened the year 5-0 getting as high as #9. The D, which was allowing 6.8 ppg, yielded 51 to Tennessee (#2 all-time Between The Hedges), a game they led 24-7 late 2Q. They lost the next week vs Vandy (1st time they had lost consecutive home games since 1995) and then barely got past Miss St. A loss to UF and another upset loss to UK dropped them to 6-4 and a bowl bid looked doubtful with remaining games vs Auburn and ACC Coastal Champ GT. They manhandled Auburn on the road with a 446-171 yard edge and got a TD with 1:45 left to get past GT to finish 8-4 and earn their 10th straight bowl bid. They trailed VT 21-3 in the bowl but rebounded for a 7 point win. What looked to be a possible non-bowl season turned into a 9-4 year and they finished #23 in the AP poll. UGA had a lot of close games in 2006 and in my 2007 SEC Regional Magazine I explained that they could have been as strong as 12-1 or as weak as 5-9. Last year's offense struggled greatly in the 1H of the year and even in the bowl in which they put up 31 points, as they had just 9 FD's. They avg'd just 25 ppg, their worst S/'98 but have 7 starters back. They have just 4 starters back on D and lose 6 of their top 9 tacklers but Martinez should come up with another top-notch unit. UGA outgained SEC foes by 54.6 ypg last year (3rd best) and have a great shot at winning their 2nd SEC Title in 3 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 7 MATTHEW STAFFORD SO. 6-3 237 **PS#2.** 8 st (6-2 record) true, 1749 (53%) 7-13 ratio, 274 rush. **14** Joe Cox (6-1 210 So) **PS#8.** 225 (61%) 2-1, 1 st rFr. **15** Blake Barnes (6-3 230 Jr) **PS#19.**

RB 6 KREGG LUMPKIN SR. 6-1 222 **PS#3.** 10 st 3Y, 1656 (4.9), 36 rec (6.1). **24 Knowshon Moreno** (5-11 207 rFr) **PS#14. Thomas Brown** (5-8 200 Sr) **PS#3.** 20 st 3Y, 1867 (4.9), 29 rec.

WR 18 AJ BRYANT SR. 6-2 200 **PS#10QB.** 11 st '06. 22 rec (17.9) 3Y. **27** Mikey Henderson. **1st Tm SEC ST. FB 36 Brannan Southerland** (6-0 240 Jr) PS#61. 14 st, 359 ttl yd 2Y.

WR 4 SEAN BAILEY SR. 6-1 174 **PS#6.** 12 st, 36 rec (18.2) in 3Y. RS LY. **16** Kris Durham (6-5 193 So) **PS#34.** 2 st as true, 8 rec (10.2). Israel Troupe (6-1 205 Fr) is PS#18.

WR 1 MOHAMED MASSAQUOI JR. 6-2 198 **PS#5.** 13 st 2Y, 68 (12.8). **85** Demiko Goodman (6-2 190 Jr) PS#56. 2 st ACL LY, 13 (14.4) **88** Kenneth Harris (6-3 205 Jr) 3 st, 26 rec 2Y.

TE 86 Tripp Chandler Jr. 6-6 259 PS#38. 1 st LY, 2 rec. **84** Coleman Watson (6-6 253 Sr) **PS#17.** 1 rec, 8 gm LY. **81 NaDerris Ward** (6-5 255 rFr) **PS#5.** Mitchell Lane (6-5 221 rFr) PS#171.

C 75 FERNANDO VELASCO SR. 6-4 328 PS#163. 11 gm true. 1 st, 12 gm '04. 13 st SG LY. MIP Award. **74** Kevin Perez (6-3 274 rFr) **PS#50. LS 65** Jeff Henson (6-3 254 Sr) 13 gm LY.

RG 70 Scott Haverkamp Jr. 6-4 310 PS#163JC. PS#183 at Kansas '04. In for spg. Chris Little **PS#12. 64** Ian Smith (6-3 295 So) PS#71. 10 gm rFr. Susp 3 gms LY and first 6 in '07.

LG 63 Chris Davis rFr. 6-4 292 PS#40TE. +14 lbs TY. **54** Tanner Strickland PS#38, in for spg. Ben Harden was PS#89 LY. Hargrave. **69** Alex Speight (6-1 286 rFr).

RT 67 CHESTER ADAMS SR. 6-4 330 PS#237. 9 gm true. 13 gm '05, 2nd string '04 & '05. 11 st TG LY (inj 2). **79** Justin Anderson **PS#12** in '06. Hargrave. **73** Micky White (6-3 320 rFr).

LT 77 Trinton Sturdivant Fr. 6-5 286 PS#4. In for spring. **72** Vince Vance (6-8 330 So) PS#35JC. In for spring. Huge. **78** Josh Davis (6-6 293 rFr) PS#147. Clint Boling is PS#117.

K 96 BRANDON COUTU SR. 6-0 200 PS#26. 23-29 FG's '05, **1st Tm SEC**, 3 of 5 from 50+, long 58. 10-11 FG LY inj'd 7 gm. **93** Andy Bailey (6-2 223 Sr) PS#28. 19-28 FG 3Y, long 46.

DE 99 Jarius Wynn Jr. 6-5 275 PS#8JC. In for spg. **41** Roderick Battle (6-4 256 So) PS#67. 6 qbh, 2 sk rFr. **58** Demarcus Dobbs (6-2 263 rFr) PS#23TE. Michael Lemon (6-4 260 rFr) PS#151.

DT 91 Kade Weston So. 6-5 315 **PS#8.** 6 st DT rFr, 13 tkl, 2 pbu. Geno Atkins (6-1 275 So) PS#202. 9 tkl true. **98** Ricardo Crawford (6-1 297 rFr) PS#161. **96** Andrew Gully (6-4 270 So).

DT 95 JEFF OWENS JR. 6-3 292 PS#22. 2.5 sk, 12 qbh true. 12 st LY, 26 tkl, 1 sk. **90** Corvey Irvin is PS#62JC. **92** Kiante Tripp (6-6 272 rFr) PS#33. **98** Tripp Taylor (6-1 258 So).

DE 38 Marcus Howard Sr. 6-2 220 PS#49LB. 3 tkl as rFr, 24 tkl, 1.5 sk '05. 11 tkl LY. **97** Brandon Wood (6-1 275 rFr) **PS#23. 55** Jeremy Lomax (6-4 233 Jr) PS#191. Neland Ball PS#53.

SLB 52 Darius Dewberry So. 6-3 230 **PS#21** '05, Hargrave. 6 tkl true. **51** Akeem Dent (6-2 218 rFr) PS#82. Rennie Curran PS#28. Charles Krauth (6-1 223 Jr). Justin Fields (6-1 244 rFr) PS#311.

MLB 12 Brandon Miller Sr. 6-4 257 **PS#10DL.** 9 tkl true. 10 st '05, 41 tkl, 4 tfl. 5 st LY, 23 tkl, 2 tfl. **44** Marcus Washington (6-0 245 Jr) 15 tkl 2Y. **53** Chris Gaunder (6-0 220 Sr) 9 tkl 3Y.

WLB 33 Dannell Ellerbe Jr. 6-1 232 PS#87DB. 15 tkl, 2 sk as rFr. 7 tkl, 3 qbh, 10 gm last year. **50** Darryl Gamble (6-2 240 rFr) PS#53DB. Charles White (6-1 212 Fr) is PS#45.

CB 3 BRYAN EVANS SO. 5-11 179 **PS#11.** 4 st (Last 3) rFr, 26 tkl, 6 pbu. **11 Ramarcus Brown** (5-11 165 Jr) PS#73RB. 9 st LY, 39 tkl, 3 pbu. **23** Prince Miller (5-8 182 So) PS#22. 10 tkl true.

CB 8 PAUL OLIVER SR. 6-0 201 **PS#7.** 2 st, 28 tkl, 3 int '05. 13 st LY, 57 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu. **2** Asher Allen (5-10 192 So) PS#23. 24 tkl true. **29** Thomas Flowers (5-10 186 Sr) 720 PR yds 3Y.

SS 30 KELIN JOHNSON SR. 6-1 194 1 st, 28 tkl '04-'05. 13 st at FS '06, 60 tkl, 2 int. **31** Quintin Banks (6-2 197 rFr) PS#60. **47** Andrew Williams (6-0 197 Sr) 21 tkl 3Y. John Knox is PS#76.

FS 9 Reshad Jones rFr. 6-2 194 **PS#6. 5** CJ Byrd (6-2 190 Jr) **PS#10.** 16 tkl 2Y. **10** Donavon Baldwin (6-2 190 So) PS#118. 4 tkl rFr. **17** Antavious Coates (6-4 211 So) PS#99LB.

P NA Drew Butler Fr. 6-2 195 PS#21. 42.1 avg HS. Father (Kevin) is only K in College Football HOF. **26** Brian Mimbs (5-11 205 Jr) PS#85. 3 gm LY. **99** Erick Murphy (6-2 180 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Jarius Wynn 6-5 275 PS#8JC
OL	Trinton Sturdivant 6-5 286 PS#4
RB	Caleb King 5-11 205 PS#7
OL	Justin Anderson 6-5 335 PS#12 '06
OL	Chris Little 6-6 330 PS#12
OL	Vince Vance 6-8 330 PS#35JC
WR	Israel Troupe 6-1 205 PS#18
QB	Logan Gray 6-2 185 PS#19
LB	Rennie Curran 5-11 202 PS#28
DL	Corvey Irvin 6-4 286 PS#62JC
TE	Aron White 6-4 215 PS#12
OL	Tanner Strickland 6-5 318 PS#38
DL	Neland Ball 6-6 218 PS#53
LB	Charles White 6-1 212 PS#45
DB	John Knox 6-2 194 PS#76
TE	Bruce Figgins 6-4 238 PS#23
OL	Ben Harden 6-3 290 PS#89 '06
OL	Scott Haverkamp 6-4 310 PS#163JC
WR	Walter Hill 6-4 205 PS#76
DL	Justin Houston 6-3 224 PS#103
OL	Clint Boling 6-5 270 PS#117
DB	Vance Cuff 5-11 180 PS#156
K	Drew Butler 6-2 195 PS#21

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#23

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UGA	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	Oklahoma St	G				
Sep. 8	South Carolina	G				
Sep. 15	Western Carolina	G				
Sep. 22	at Alabama	G				
Sep. 29	Mississippi	G				
Oct. 6	at Tennessee	G				
Oct. 13	at Vanderbilt	G				
Oct. 20						
Oct. 27	† Florida *(Jacksonville)*	G				
Nov. 3	Troy (HC)	G				
Nov. 10	Auburn	G				
Nov. 17	Kentucky	G				
Nov. 24	at Georgia Tech	G				
Dec. 1						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. David Greene 11,528 '01-'04
2. Eric Zeier 11,153 '91-'94
3. Quincy Carter 6,447 '98-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Herschel Walker 5,259 '80-'82
2. Garrison Hearst 3,232 '90-'92
3. Lars Tate 3,017 '84-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terrence Edwards 3,093 '99-'02
2. Fred Gibson 2,884 '01-'04
3. Brice Hunter 2,373 '92-'95

Georgia is 25-2 vs non-conf opponents under Richt with both losses in bowls. Bulldogs are 6-0 in their opening gm under Richt & GA has won 10 straight overall.

Last year Georgia shutout SC 18-0 for the Dawgs 1st road shutout since 1982. UGA has won 5 in a row in this series & 4 of the L/6 have been decided by 6 pts or less.

Catamounts had a 2-9 record in 2006 finishing the season with 9 straight losses. The only meeting between these 2 teams was a 48-0 win by Georgia in 1991.

The Bulldogs are 1-7 all-time in Tuscaloosa & 3-10-1 the last 14 trips at Bama. In their only trip here under Richt, the Dawgs won 27-25 in 2002.

Georgia has won 7 in a row vs Mississippi. Georgia has won 13 straight prior to Tenn. Ole Miss hasn't won in Athens S/'96 & UGA is now 14-2 L/16 at home in this series.

The Georgia Bulldogs are 3-0 in Knoxville under Richt & the HT has won 4 straight. UT became just the 2nd tm to score 50+ pts between the hedges in their 51-33 win LY.

Vandy hasn't beaten UGA in consecutive yrs since a 3 gm win streak from '56-'58. Vanderbilt ended an 11 gm losing streak in this series with a 24-22 win last year.

Bulldogs have lost 15 of 17 in this series. Each of the L/5 meetings have been decided by a TD or less with UF winning 4 of the L/5. UGA has scored 14 pts or less in 7 of 9 gms.

This is the 1st meeting between these 2 tms. Coming into 2007, UGA has won 17 straight non-conf HG's. Georgia is 6-0 vs current Sun Belt Conf teams all-time.

UGA OC Mike Bobo & Auburn DC Will Muschamp were former UGA teammates. Georgia outgained Auburn 446-171 & held the ball for 38:00 in LY's 37-15 upset win.

UK snapped a 9 game losing streak to Georgia with last year's 24-20 win. Last yr was the 1st time since '73 that UGA lost to Vandy & UK in the same season.

UGA has won 6 in a row in this series. UGA has ended its reg ssn vs GT in 53 of L54Y. GT RB Choice rushed for 146 yds on 23 carries LY, the most allowed by Dawgs all yr.

MARK RICHT (Career 61-17)
7th Year at Georgia — Richt's Bowl Record: 4-2

Richt's records AT GEORGIA

61-17	Straight Up	5-4	Vs Top 10
32-6	Home	19-12	Vs Top 25
22-3	Away	13-2	Vs BCS Teams
7-8	Neutral	9-2	Off A Bye
36-15	Vs Conference	10-4	Off A Loss

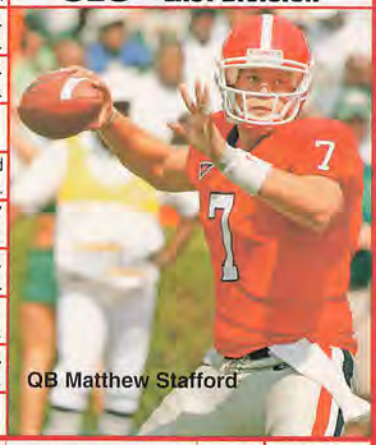
2006 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (19,23,3)
Lost: 24 (13,10,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,746 (#5)

SEC - EAST DIVISION


QB Matthew Stafford

STADIUM: SANFORD STADIUM (92,746) (#5)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	12-1	10-3	9-2	10-2	8-4	64-19
Home	5-1	4-2	7-0	6-0	5-1	5-1	5-2	37-7
Away	2-2	4-0	4-0	4-1	3-1	4-0	3-1	24-5
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-1	0-1	3-7
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	8-1	6-3	6-2	7-2	4-4	41-18
ATS	4-6	6-5	9-3	7-6	4-6	6-5-1	4-6-1	40-37-2
Home Fav	3-1	1-4	4-2	4-2	2-3	2-4	1-3-1	17-19-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-3
Away Fav	1-2	1-0	3-0	3-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	12-8
Away Dog	0-1	3-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	6-3
Favorite	4-3	2-4	8-3	7-4	4-5	4-5	2-5-1	31-29-1
Dog	0-3	4-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	2-0-1	2-1	9-8-1
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	7-2	5-4	4-4	4-4-1	3-5	31-27-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	2-1	1-1-1	9-10-1
Off SU Win	2-5	4-3	9-1	4-6	3-5	4-4-1	3-3-1	29-27-2
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-3	9-8

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2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kregg Lumpkin	162	853	55	798	6	4.9
Danny Ware	81	343	17	326	3	4.0
Thomas Brown	62	278	22	256	1	4.1
Matthew Stafford	47	274	83	191	3	4.1
Brannan Southerland	46	128	8	120	8	2.6
Joe Tereshinski	8	14	32	-18	0	-2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matthew Stafford	256	135	52.7	1749	7	13
Joe Tereshinski	57	32	56.1	423	3	2
Joe Cox	28	17	60.7	225	2	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Martrez Milner	30	425	14.2	3	41
Mohamed Massaquoi	30	366	12.2	2	39
Kenneth Harris	15	305	20.3	0	41
AJ Bryant	14	251	17.9	0	53
Demiko Goodman	13	187	14.4	0	32
Danny Ware	14	184	13.1	0	29
Brannan Southerland	14	157	11.2	2	27
Kregg Lumpkin	17	116	6.8	1	19
Mario Raley	8	111	13.9	2	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Gordon Ely-Kelso	51	2007	39.4	17	33.3	2	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brandon Coutu	17-17	1-1	4-4	3-3	2-3	10-11	55
Andy Bailey	12-14	4-4	1-2	0-2	0-0	5-8	34

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tony Taylor	96	3	4.5	2	7
Jarvis Jackson	71	1	1.5	0	1
Kelin Johnson	60	2.5	3	1	2
Tra Battle	58	2	2.5	7	6
Paul Oliver	57	2	4.5	6	3
Charles Johnson	44	9.5	9.5	10	0
Ramarcus Brown	39	0	1	3	0
Danny Verdun Wheeler	37	0	4	0	0
Quentin Moses	33	4.5	7.5	1	0
Bryan Evans	26	1	2	6	0
Jeff Owens	26	1	0.5	3	0
Asher Allen	24	0	1.5	0	0
Brandon Miller	23	0	2	2	0
Ray Gant	18	3	0.5	1	0
Kade Weston	13	0	0	2	0
Andrew Williams	12	0	0	0	0
Marcus Howard	11	0	0	0	0
Dale Dixson	10	0	1.5	1	0
Prince Miller	10	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mikey Henderson	25	367	14.7	2
Asher Allen	4	54	13.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Asher Allen	19	420	22.1	0
Thomas Brown	15	379	25.3	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Sugar - #4	-8	Florida St - #16	26-13
03	Capital One - #11	-3'	Purdue - #12 (OT)	34-27
04	Outback - #8	-8	Wisconsin - #16	24-21
05	Sugar - #8	-6	West Virginia - #11	35-38
06	Chick-fil-A	+3	Virginia Tech - #14	31-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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GEORGIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
4	25.2	17	127	3.9	184	53.8	12.4	-1	2006	5	17.6	15	108	3.2	150	53.2	14.7
7	29.5	20	162	4.6	229	55.4	13.2	+11	2005	7	16.4	18	144	3.8	170	57.2	19.1
8*	27.9	20	157	4.1	248	55.4	14.5	-2	2004	6	16.5	16	107	3.0	182	55.2	17.5
3*	26.5	20	135	3.4	245	59.4	14.4	+11	2003	6	14.5	15	102	3.1	175	54.4	19.1
8*	32.1	21	140	3.6	245	57.8	12.0	+8	2002	5	15.1	17	114	3.0	190	55.1	20.0
7	27.6	22	159	4.1	272	57.8	15.6	-3	2001	7	19.0	20	116	3.2	241	59.1	18.8

2006 STATS BY GAME

UGA 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#15	W Kentucky	16	27 - 136	5.0	12 - 25	159	1	12	35 - 67	1.9	12 - 27	126	4	0
#12	at South Carolina	19	39 - 198	5.1	10 - 22	189	0	15	22 - 35	1.6	23 - 33	220	1	0
#10	UAB	18	38 - 146	3.8	11 - 19	125	2	15	36 - 69	1.9	12 - 21	94	4	+1
#9	Colorado	16	27 - 54	2.0	18 - 29	230	2	17	39 - 173	4.4	14 - 27	140	2	0
#10	at Mississippi	14	33 - 133	4.0	11 - 28	115	1	15	42 - 156	3.7	6 - 15	87	4	+1
#10	Tennessee	14	27 - 145	5.4	14 - 25	175	1	27	34 - 115	3.4	25 - 38	268	1	-4
#16	Vanderbilt	21	35 - 136	3.9	20 - 30	237	2	17	29 - 101	3.5	15 - 29	190	0	+1
–	Mississippi St	17	28 - 103	3.7	20 - 32	267	0	15	33 - 64	1.9	14 - 31	234	3	-2
–	† Florida	14	26 - 64	2.5	13 - 33	151	4	15	35 - 156	4.5	14 - 28	163	0	-3
–	at Kentucky	21	32 - 159	5.0	16 - 29	230	0	20	42 - 147	3.5	23 - 32	204	3	-1
–	at Auburn	20	46 - 227	4.9	14 - 20	219	0	9	25 - 136	5.4	4 - 12	35	4	+1
–	Georgia Tech	18	37 - 84	2.3	16 - 29	171	2	12	35 - 146	4.2	6 - 22	42	4	+2
–	† Virginia Tech	9	31 - 71	2.3	9 - 21	129	2	9	26 - 42	1.6	14 - 27	147	3	+3
TOTALS		217	426 - 1656	3.9	184 - 342	2397	17	198	433 - 1407	3.2	182 - 342	1950	33	-1
AVERAGES		16.7	33 - 127	3.9	14 - 26	184	1.3	15.2	33 - 108	3.2	14 - 26	150	2.5	-0.1

2002 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	Post #3 Score
#8	Clemson	-8'	31-28
#9	at South Carolina	-5'	13-7
#8	Northwestern St	NL	45-7
#8	New Mexico St	-27	41-10
#7	at Alabama - #22	+4'	27-25
#6	Tennessee - #10	-4	18-13
#5	Vanderbilt	-25'	48-17
#5	at Kentucky	-5	52-24
#5	† Florida	-1'	13-20
#7	Mississippi	-15	31-17
#7	at Auburn - #24	-2'	24-21
#5	Georgia Tech	-9	51-7
#4	† Arkansas - #22	-8	30-3

2003 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #11 Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
#11	at Clemson	-3	30-0
#8	Middle Tenn	-29	29-10
#8	South Carolina - #25	-13'	31-7
#7	at LSU - #11	+1'	10-17
#11	Alabama	-12	37-23
#8	at Tennessee - #13	-2'	41-14
#4	at Vanderbilt	-25	27-8
#4	UAB	-29	16-13
#4	† Florida - #23	-2'	13-16
#7	Auburn	-6'	26-7
#6	Kentucky	-19	30-10
#5	at Georgia Tech	-8'	34-17
#5	† LSU - #3	+3	13-34

2004 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #3 Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
#3	Georgia Southern	NL	48-28
#3	at South Carolina	-7'	20-16
#3	Marshall	-18'	13-3
#3	LSU - #13	-2'	45-16
#3	Tennessee - #17	-12'	14-19
#12	Vanderbilt	-23	33-3
#10	at Arkansas	-8'	20-14
#10	† Florida	-6'	31-24
#8	at Kentucky	-24	62-17
#8	at Auburn - #3	+3'	6-24
#8	Georgia Tech	-15	19-13

2005 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
#13	Boise St - #18	-7	48-13
#9	South Carolina	-17'	17-15
#7	ULM	-39	44-7
#7	at Mississippi St	-15	23-10
#5	at Tennessee - #8	+3	27-14
#5	at Vanderbilt	-16	34-17
#4	Arkansas	-19'	23-20
#4	† Florida - #16	+4	10-14
#9	Auburn - #15	-3	30-31
#14	Kentucky	-25'	45-13
#13	at Georgia Tech - #20	-4	14-7
#13	† LSU - #3	+1	34-14

2006 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #15 Opponent	Line	Post #23 Score
#15	W Kentucky	NL	48-12
#12	at South Carolina	-3	18-0
#10	UAB	-17	34-0
#9	Colorado	-27	14-13
#10	at Mississippi	-18'	14-9
#10	Tennessee - #13	+2	33-51
#16	Vanderbilt	-14'	22-24
–	Mississippi St	-17	27-24
–	† Florida - #9	+13'	14-21
–	at Kentucky	-7	20-24
–	at Auburn - #5	+11'	37-15
–	Georgia Tech - #16	-3	15-12

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Lou Holtz had mostly option-style QB's and the closest fit to HC Spurrier's offense was Blake Mitchell (PS#15). Mitchell won the starting job in '05 and attempted more passes (23) in the opener than he had attempted the previous year (9 of 22, 86 yd). His 330 yards were the most ever for a first time starter at SC. He was injured and backup Antonio Heffner (PS#43) played vs Auburn. Mitchell returned and played the rest of the year but Spurrier also worked in Syvelle Newton (PS#7). Newton had 6 starts at WR and got playing time at both QB and TB. He was lost for the season after a huge game vs Vandy in which he was the SEC Off POW. Mitchell threw for 2,370 (59%) with a 17-12 ratio. Spurrier's recruit, true frosh Cade Thompson (PS#64), needed to add weight at 180 lbs and redshirted. Mitchell added 15 lbs last year but was outplayed by Thompson in the spring game. True frosh Chris Smelley (PS#13) hit 34 of 53 for 509 yards and with a 6-0 ratio in 3 August scrimmages. Smelley played in the first 2 hitting 9 of 15 for 112 yards but bruised his heel and redshirted. Mitchell hurt his hand then was suspended for Wofford, but Newton started over Thompson. Overall Newton started 7 at QB and performed well. His 5 TD's vs FAU tied a school record and his running ability juiced up a stagnant offense. Newton suffered a concussion vs Tenn and was pulled after the 1H vs Ark and moved to SAF for the last 4 games. Mitchell almost guided a comeback vs the Hogs and started the final 4. In those final 4.5 games, he threw for 1,467 (69.4%) with a 10-5 ratio. Thompson played in 2 (4 att) and Tommy Beecher (6'1" 221 So, PS#72) played in 3 (2 att). This year they lose Newton who threw for 1,316 (58.6%) with 451 rush and Thompson who transferred. Mitchell is back and he will have to hold off Smelley and Spurrier's top QB recruit at SCar, Stephen Garcia (PS#10). If Garcia cleans up his act (susp spring), he could challenge for playing time as a true. Spurrier has his best QB's yet at SC this year.

QB Blake Mitchell

RUNNING BACKS - Cory Boyd (PS#44) had 232 yards (4.0) as a true frosh in '03 and in 9 starts in '04 had 309 (5.0) and 35 rec (9.9). Boyd was suspended for '05 which left SC with a pair of true frosh in Spurrier's first year. Mike Davis (PS#31) led with 666 (4.6) and Bobby Wallace (5'7" 196 Jr, PS#76) had 135 (3.3). SC did not have a 100 yard rusher until Davis had 111 vs Clemson and then had 104 in the 1H vs Missouri. All 3 were back in '06. Davis had a foot infection and missed much of Aug's practice. Boyd was injured vs Wofford and missed FAU but had back-to-back 113 yard efforts vs UK and Vandy and later 106 vs Clemson. Wallace had 98 yards (3 att) vs MT and avg 21.4 on his 5 carries for the season. Boyd led with 823 (5.0) and Davis added 474 (4.7). Taylor Rank (PS#54) had 99 (4.9). All 4 return and with 2 HT true frosh signees, this is the best RB corps in Spurrier's 4 years here.

RECEIVERS - SC had a very inexperienced WR corps in '05 and rFr Sidney Rice (PS#25) was #1 by far with 1,143 yards (16.3). He came up 1 shy of the NCAA record for TD's in a frosh season (13) but set an Independence Bowl record with 12 grabs for 191 yards. Last year the unit was much more experienced. The #2 WR, Syvelle Newton, moved to QB and had just 12 (8.2) while becoming just the 4th player in NCAA history to top 600 yards rushing, passing and receiving in a career. Kenny McKinley (PS#107DB) had a huge increase from 25 (11.6) to 51 (17.3). Noah Whiteside (PS#57) was suspended the first 3 and had 8 (14.2). Mike West (PS#51JC) is actually the strongest and one of the fastest WR's (4.35 spd). He was the team's leading returning tackler and was moved to WR but was banged up (9 gm, 6 rec). This year they must replace Whiteside (3 st), Newton (7 st at QB), OJ Murdock (1 rec) and their biggest loss, Sidney Rice, who opted to leave early for the NFL (13 st, 72 rec, #2DC MIN). Not listed below are TE Foxy Foxworth (6'3" 245 rFr, PS#50), WR's Scott Spurrier (5'4" 164 So), Leon Gamble (5'10" 179 Jr), Paul Haile (5'11" 193 So) and this year's fine class of true frosh. VHT Larry Freeman (PS#37JC) joined in the spring and should be an impact player. I also look for a bigger contribution by West. Spurrier has plenty of talent to work with, but it will be tough to replace Rice's size and production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 they brought in OL Coach John Hunt and installed new zone pass blocking techniques. Due to injuries and some shuffling, they had six different starting OL lineups in the first six weeks. The unit paved the way for just 3.1 ypc rush while allowing 30 sacks (8.5%). Last year they had to replace three starters but had five players back with starting experience and Spurrier felt the unit would be stronger and better conditioned. He was were hoping to plug in JUCO Clarence Bailey (PS#45) at LT but he DNQ. The same 5 players started the 1st 2 games, but the line was shuffled again several times with only one player starting all 13 at the same position (C Chris White). Nine different players earned starts but SC did open holes for 49 more ypg rushing, improving the ypc to 4.5. This year they must replace C White (4Y st'r), G Thomas Coleman (11 st) and G Seth Edwards (8 st). Eight players return with starting experience including former DT Lemuel Jeanpierre who Spurrier expects to be a starter by the opener. Spurrier also has a solid class of frosh to plug in. I look for continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 SC had to replace all 4 starters up front and allowed 174 ypg (4.1) rushing, their worst total since 1998. Surprisingly, that unit increased the sack total from 12 in 2004 to 32. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 27 starts, so they basically had two starters back. DT Marque Hall (PS#10) looked like their top DL but he was lost with a season-ending injury in Wk 2. Returning starting NT Stanley Doughty did not report in shape and only managed 3 starts (17 tkl). The only other returning starter, Jordin Lindsey, did not regain his starting spot until the final five. They allowed 27 ypg less rushing (4.1) with 31 sacks led by Casper Brinkley and Eric Norwood who each had 7. The 2007 DL is by far Spurrier's best at SC. The only losses are NT Doughty, DE Casper Brinkley who moved to LB in spring and DT Lemuel Jeanpierre who moved to OG in spring. The moves were made possible by 4 outstanding newcomers including true frosh Clifton Geathers (PS#5), Travian Robertson (PS#26), Ladi Ajiboye and JUCO Jonathan Williams (PS#72) who all joined the team in the spring. Also look for a bigger contribution from Kenrick Ellis who slimmed down to 327 lbs. This looks like a legitimate SEC D-line.

LINEBACKERS - What a difference a year makes. Last year the Gamecocks had to replace their top 4 LB's then lost starter Cody Wells to a torn bicep so inexperience reigned supreme. Prior to the season Spurrier projected that Marvin Sapp would lead in tackles and even though he lost his starting spot, he still finished #2 with 51. This year the unit is ridiculously deep. Not only does the entire 2 deep return, including 1st Tm SEC MLB Jasper Brinkley who turned down an early entry to the NFL, but they move in his brother, Casper. They also get Wells back from injury and Dustin Lindsey (4 st '05, 58 tkl) who missed 2006. Not even listed in the THREE deep below are Dakota Walker (6'3" 237 Jr, PS#148) who made the All-SEC Frosh team in 2005 (3.5 sk), Curtis Rice (6'0" 237 Sr, PS#133), Greg Wright (5'10" 224 Sr), John Guerry (6'0" 221 So) and Marcus Davis (5'9" 219 Sr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Even with an inexperienced group in 2004, SC's secondary finished #32 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace one starter in 2005 and moved up to #22. Last year two starters opted to leave early for the NFL draft (#1, #4 DC's) and they also had to replace one other starter. Four players from the 2 deep missed the season and the less experienced unit dropped to #50. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC CB Fred Bennett (11 st, 37 tkl, 2 int, 11 pbu, #4DC HOU), FS Syvelle Newton (3 st FS, 18 tkl) who moved to DB when Mitchell regained the starting QB spot, and SS Jerod June (7 tkl). Six players return with starting experience and former WR Carlos Thomas is now in his second year at DB. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Ranzino Valentine (5'8" 175 Sr) and Douglas Peterson (6'1" 204 Jr). While I do not see any superstars in the group, the DB's are more experienced and have a stronger front 7 in front of them and should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Spurrier's final year with the Gators, they finished #6 in my ST rankings. SC finished #108 in Holtz's final season but climbed to #83 in Spurrier's first year. Last year Kenny McKinley had 17 PR (8.9). Ryan Succop hit an outstanding 16 of 20 FG's with a long of 55 including 2 from 50+ but had 2 blocks (cost SC win vs FL) and one hit the upright. He also had 29 TB on 73 KO. Succop did not have a single TB on his punts (36.0 net). Spurrier has added Shane Beamer (Frank's son) to co-coordinate the ST this year. After finishing #50 LY, SC has a chance to make the Top 25 in '07.

COACHES - Steve Spurrier took Florida to six SEC Title games. In 2005 Spurrier hired co-DC's including Tyrone Nix who played for S Miss and became the youngest coordinator in Div IA. He was the DC at S Miss from '01-'04. Nix took over the defensive play calling for the last 5 games in '05 as SC won 3 and he became the sole DC in 2006. Spurrier is his own OC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

SC's last conf title came in the ACC in 1969. SC had just one combined win in 1998 and 1999 but Holtz then guided them to consecutive Outback Bowl victories over Ohio St in 2000 and 2001. After opening 2002 at 5-2, an injury-plagued SC team dropped their final 5 and missed a bowl. In 2003 with the fewest returning starters in the SEC (9), they nearly broke through. Needing just one win, they lost their final four (5-7). In 2004 they had 17 starters back and got off to a 5-2 start and this time actually became bowl-eligible but due to a brawl vs Clemson, did not go to a bowl. In 2005 Spurrier had just 8 (fewest SEC) returning starters and was switching from a run-based attack to a pass attack. They set a school record with 62,618 season tickets sold. This program was a sleeping giant and Spurrier, who has guided his teams to bowls in 14 out of 17 years, has done an amazing job. Despite having lost 8 straight games to ranked teams, they knocked off #23 Tenn and #12 Florida (1st win over UF since 1939!!). If UGA had lost to Kentucky, SC would have been the SEC East Champ. They also had 5 straight SEC wins for the first time ever. SC led the Independence Bowl 28-7 but lost and finished 7-5. Despite their 5-3 record in the SEC, they were outgained by 76.4 ypg in SEC play. Last year SC had 12 returning starters and Spurrier was not happy with the attendance during summer workouts. Despite being tied for 2nd in the SEC East in '05, they were (for the 5th straight year) picked 4th in the SEC preseason poll. It was a very interesting year for the Gamecocks as they had an amazing 8 close games. If you read my SEC Regional Magazine, you see they could have finished as strong as 12-1 but also could have finished as weak as 4-9. They won their first 3 SEC road games giving them 5 straight SEC road wins (school record). They suffered an excruciating loss to Florida with 2 blk'd FG's and a blk'd xp costing them in a 1 point game. Spurrier became the first coach to guide SC to back-to-back bowls in his first 2 years. This time SC managed to win the bowl in a shoot-out vs Houston. New coaches generally have their most success in the 3rd year when many of their first year recruits are in the lineup. SC has 7 starters back on offense (26.6 ppg in '06) and should continue to improve despite the loss of WR Rice. The defense had just 5 starters back last year yet allowed a paltry 18.7 ppg (best since 2000). This year they have 10 starters back and 15 of the top 16 tacklers and should be one of the SEC's top units. SC must face Georgia, LSU, Tenn and Ark on the road but Spurrier has proven his ability to win SEC road games and that has me calling for SC to finish tied for the SEC East Title.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Clifton Geathers 6-7 270 PS#5 '06
DB	Mark Barnes 6-2 189 PS#18
QB	Stephen Garcia 6-2 212 PS#10
WR	Larry Freeman 6-1 209 PS#37JC
DL	Cliff Matthews 6-4 234 PS#22
OL	Quintin Richardson 6-4 276 PS#20
DL	Travian Robertson 6-4 250 PS#26
RB	Brian Maddox 5-11 225 PS#23
WR	Dion LeCorn 5-11 208 PS#40DB
TE	Weslye Saunders 6-5 283 PS#13
DL	Jonathan Williams 6-2 273 PS#72JC
DB	Addison Williams 5-9 170 PS#70
RB	Eric Baker 5-11 184 PS#56
OL	Kyle Nunn 6-6 269 PS#91
WR	Chris Culliver 6-1 194 PS#88DB
DB	Akeem Auguste 5-10 181 PS#91
DB	Sam Pope 6-0 186 PS#165JC
WR	Joseph Hills 6-4 194 PS#80
DB	Antonio Allen 6-1 191 PS#104
DL	Donte'e Nicholls 6-1 307 PS#110
WR	Michael Bowman 5-10 170 PS#107
WR	Jason Barnes 6-3 203 PS#111
LB	Melvin Ingram 6-2 250 PS#106
DB	Alonzo Winfield 6-0 200 PS#130
WR	Matt Clements 6-0 173 PS#119
DB	Jamire Williams 5-10 179 PS#192
RB	Patrick DiMarco 6-1 224 PS#172
TE	Mat Williams 6-5 226 PS#84
DB	Arkee Smith 6-3 182 PS#303
DL	Byron McKnight 6-5 220 PS#275
DL	Ryan Broadhead 6-5 271 PS#359 '06
DL	Ladi Ajiboye 6-1 294 PS#292

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 12 BLAKE MITCHELL SR. 6-3 211 **PS#15**. 11 st '05. 6 st LY. 4245 yds (61%), 28-21 ratio, 190 rush 3Y. **7** Chris Smelley (6-1 221 rFr) **PS#13**. Stephen Garica is **PS#10**.

TB 3 CORY BOYD SR. 6-1 214 PS#44. 16 st, 3Y, 1364 rush (4.8), 81 rec (11.1). **25 Mike Davis** (5-9 212 Jr) **PS#31**. 14 st 2Y, 1140 (4.6), 26 rec. **20** Taylor Rank (6-0 215 So) PS#54.

FB 39 LANARD STAFFORD SR. 5-9 247 1 st FB '05. 8 st LY. 4 rec 2Y. **43 Ryan Brown** (6-0 256 Sr) PS#39LB. 1 st LB '05. 8 st DE LY. 39 tkl, 8.5 tfl 3Y. **46** Bryan Kingrey (6-0 226 Jr).

WR 8 Larry Freeman Jr. 6-1 209 PS#37JC. PS#97QB '04. QB/WR JC, in for spg. **23** Mike West (6-0 219 Sr) 8 st LB '05, 47 tkl. **82** Freddie Brown (6-2 211 So) PS#91. 4 st, 14 rec rFr.

WR 11 KENNY McKINLEY JR. 6-0 181 PS#107DB. 6 st true, 25 (11.6). 13 st LY, 51 (17.3). **84** Jared Cook (6-5 236 So) PS#109. 4.37 spd, 6 (18.8) LY. **9** Moe Brown (6-0 180 So) PS#86. 9 rec.

TE 80 ANDY BOYD SR. 6-4 267 PS#44. 5 st LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 2 rec. **93** Robert Pavlovic (6-4 255 Sr) 5 st 2Y, 6 rec. **19** Nick Prochak (6-3 226 rFr) PS#94QB. RS LY (inj).

C 71 William Brown Sr. 6-4 291 PS#131. 4 st G '05 until inj. 3 st LG LY (inj 2). **76** Jeremy Burgess (6-4 297 Jr) PS#119. **65** Ryan Broadhead PS#359 in '06. Grayshirt.

RG 67 James Thompson Sr. 6-3 320 PS#37. 2nd string true, 3 gm. 3 st RG '05. 3 gm LY. **57** Lemuel Jeanpierre (6-3 295 So) PS#81DL. 1 st, 6 tfl LY. Kevin Young (6-4 320 rFr) **PS#39.**

LG 70 Garrett Anderson So. 6-4 300 PS#142. 4 st, 13 gm true. **60** Matt Raysor (6-3 315 Jr) PS#109DL. 1 tkl DT LY. **62** Pierre Andrews (6-2 287 rFr) PS#72. Kyle Nunn PS#91.

RT 78 JUSTIN SORENSON JR. 6-7 323 Canadian. 3 gm rFr. Last 6 st RT LY. **66** Hutch Eckerson (6-6 286 So) PS#143. 5 st LT as true. **74** Heath Batchelor (6-7 304 rFr) PS#114.

LT 77 JAMON MEREDITH JR. 6-5 295 PS#95DL. 4 st RT rFr. 13 st LY (7 RT, 6 LT).

HM SEC. 75 Gurminder Thind (6-4 293 Jr) 2 st LT LY until inj. Quintin Richardson **PS#20.**

K 14 RYAN SUCCOP JR. 6-2 213 PS#18. 29 TB on 59 KO true. 16 of 20 FG LY, long 55, **2nd Tm SC**. **88** Thomas Hooper (5-6 154 Sr). Jordan Dodds (5-10 199 So) 2-2 xp's.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 96 CLIFTON GEATHERS FR. 6-7 270 **PS#5** '06. In for spring. **41 Jordin Lindsey** (6-3 254 Sr) PS#186LB. 15 st, 2Y (L/5 '06), 66 tkl, 10 tfl. 2006 Bowl Def MVP. Cliff Matthews is **PS#22.**

DT 79 MARQUE HALL JR. 6-3 302 **PS#10**. 4 starts, 23 tkl in '04-'05. 2 st LY until inj. **98 Joel Reaves** (6-1 294 Sr) PS#430JC. 8 st, 21 tkl, 3 tfl last year. Donte'e Nicholls is PS#110.

NT 95 NATHAN PEPPER JR. 6-1 290 PS#114. 12 st LY, 25 tkl, 5 tfl. **Kenrick Ellis** (6-5 327 rFr) **PS#16**. Ladi Ajiboye PS#292. Hargrave. **81** Terrence Campbell (6-2 282 rFr) PS#378.

DE 85 ERIC NORWOOD SO. 6-0 264 PS#93LB. 30 tkl true, **7 sk**, 2 tfl. Jonathan Williams (6-2 273 Jr) PS#72JC. In spg. **42** Travian Robertson (6-4 250 Fr) PS#26. James Green (6-2 286 Sr).

SLB 51 CASPER BRINKLEY SR. 6-2 257 PS#220JC. 13 st DE LY, 44 tkl, 7 sk, 6.5 tfl. **24 Cody Wells** (5-10 217 Sr) PS#170DB. 9 st 2Y (inj 4 '06) 54 tkl, 7 tfl. Yvan Banag (5-10 223 Jr) 2 st, 22 tkl LY.

MLB 52 JASPER BRINKLEY SR. 6-2 262 PS#49JC. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 107 tkl, 5 sk, 9.5 tfl, 13 st. Dustin Lindsey (6-3 239 Jr) 4 st, 58 tkl, 6.5 tfl '05. Vandaral Shackleford (6-0 238 So) PS#125. 5 tkl true.

WLB 45 RODNEY PAULK SO. 6-0 217 PS#53. 10 st true, 36 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **53 Marvin Sapp** (5-11 222 Jr) **PS#29**. #2 tkl'r LY. 4 st, 74 tkl 2Y. **31** Gerrod Sinclair (6-0 233 So) PS#51DB.

CB 5 CARLOS THOMAS JR. 5-11 192 **PS#22WR**. 3 st, 9 rec true. **4.34 spd**. 10 st LY at CB, 27 tkl, 2 int. **18** Chris Hail (5-10 195 So) PS#185WR. 3 tkl true. Sam Pope is PS#165JC.

CB 1 CAPTAIN MUNNERLYN SO. 5-9 180 5 st true (including L/4). 36 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu, **4.3 spd. 36 Stoney Woodson** (5-11 196 Jr) 1 st CB '05. **9 st FS** LY, 47 tkl, 3 int. Addison Williams PS#70.

SS 21 EMANUEL COOK SO. 5-10 216 PS#111RB. 5 st true, 47 tkl, 5 tfl. **33 Chris Hampton** (5-11 194 Sr) 5 st '05, 28 tkl. **11 st LY** (3FS, 8 SS) 36 tkl. Antonio Allen (6-1 191 Fr) PS#104.

FS 26 Brandon Isaac Sr. 6-2 201 **PS#49JC**. 2 st '05, 34 tkl, 3 pbu. RS LY. **Mark Barnes is PS#18**. Darian Stewart (5-11 218 So) PS#175. Ty Erving (5-10 195 Sr) 10 tkl 2Y.

P 14 RYAN SUCCOP JR. 6-2 213 PS#18. 29 punts in '06, 43.7 avg, 0 TB, net 36.0, 7 in 20, 1 rush, 16 yd. **87** Spencer Lanning (5-10 157 So) PS#85. **97** Nate Spurrier (6-2 233 So).

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

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STEVE SPURRIER (Career 157-50-2)
3rd Year at S Carolina Spurrier's Bowl Record: 7-7

Spurrier's records AT S CAROLINA

15-10	Straight Up	0-4	Vs Top 10
8-6	Home	3-6	Vs Top 25
6-3	Away	1-2	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	2-0	Off A Bye
8-8	Vs Conference	5-3	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (23,30,1)
Lost: 12 (7,3,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 75,630 (#19)

SEC - EAST DIVISION

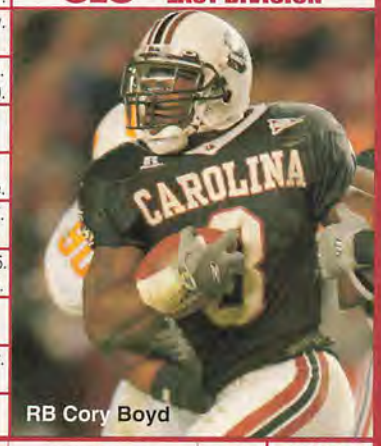
Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#30

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SC	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	Louisiana-Lft	G						SC is 10-2 in their L/12 season openers. LY's home opener was a loss to UGA 18-0. The Gamecocks are 5-0 vs current Sun Belt Conference teams all-time.
Sep. 8	at Georgia	G						LY's 18-0 shutout loss to UGA was only the 2nd shutout loss of Spurrier's coaching career. These 2 have played every year since 1992 & SC has won only 4 of the last 15.
Sep. 15	S Carolina St	G						Gamecocks face former RB Coach ('99-'01) Buddy Pough (HC at SC St S/'02). The Bulldogs were 7-4 last year finishing tied for 2nd in the MEAC.
Sep. 22	at LSU	G						SC is 2-14-1 vs LSU with an average score of LSU 24-10. The Gamecocks' only win (1-9) in Baton Rouge was in 1994 (18-17).
Sep. 29	Mississippi St	G						The Gamecocks lost all 4 of their SEC home games in 2006. SC has won 4 in a row vs MSU including a shutout in the season opener last year.
Oct. 4	Kentucky (Thur)	G						Spurrier achieved career win #200 vs UK last year & is 14-0 all-time vs Kentucky. South Carolina has won 7 in a row in this series & is 11-6-1 all-time.
Oct. 13	at North Carolina	G						These 2 head coaches faced off in the 2000 Sugar Bowl (37-20 Miami, Fl win). South Carolina was 5-0 vs non-conference opponents in 2006 & 22-7 since 2000.
Oct. 20	Vanderbilt	G						SC overcame 4 TO's & outgained Vanderbilt 327-253 in last year's 31-13 win. The Gamecocks have won 7 in a row & 14 of the last 16 in this series.
Oct. 27	at Tennessee	G						All five of the Gamecocks' losses last year were to ranked teams. In 2005, SC won their 1st game ever in Knoxville (16-15) & are 1-12 there all-time.
Nov. 3	at Arkansas	G						LY SC all'd McFadden to rush for 219 yds, the 1st 200+ yd rusher all'd by SC S/'97. The Gamecocks are 7-14 the last 6 years in November (2-2 LY).
Nov. 10	Florida	G						QB Mitchell hit 24-33 for 275 yds with 0 int's vs UF LY. Spurrier beat his old tm 30-22 in '05. South Carolina is 3-11 prior to a bye since 1992. Home team has won 4 of L/5.
Nov. 17								
Nov. 24	Clemson	G						S Carolina snapped a 4 gm losing streak to Clemson with their 31-28 win last year. Clemson has won 8 of the last 10 in this series with an average score 30-18.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Todd Ellis 9,953 '86-'89
2. Steve Taneyhill 8,782 '92-'95
3. Anthony Wright 5,681 '95-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. George Rogers 5,204 '77-'80
2. Brandon Bennett 3,055 '91-'94
3. Harold Green 3,005 '86-'89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Sterling Sharpe 2,497 '83, '85-'87
2. Zola Davis 2,354 '95-'98
3. Sidney Rice 2,233 '05-'06



RB Cory Boyd

STADIUM: WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,250) (#19)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	5-7	5-7	6-5	7-4	7-5	45-35
Home	5-1	6-1	3-3	5-3	3-3	5-2	3-4	30-17
Away	2-3	2-2	2-4	0-4	3-2	2-2	4-1	15-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	3-5	2-6	4-4	5-3	3-5	27-29
ATS	8-3	5-4-1	3-9	5-7	4-7	6-5	8-3	39-38-1
Home Fav (Lou Holtz)	3-0	2-2-1	2-1	1-4	1-4	2-2	2-0	13-13-1
Home Dog	2-1	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-0	1-2	1-3	7-11
Away Fav (Steve Spurrier)	2-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	3-0	7-4
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	1-3	2-2	1-2	3-1	2-0	12-10
Favorite	5-0	3-3-1	2-3	1-4	2-5	2-2	5-0	20-17-1
Dog	3-3	2-1	1-6	4-3	2-2	4-3	3-3	19-21
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	2-6	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-3	28-28
vs Non-Conf	3-0	0-1-1	1-3	2-2	1-2	1-2	3-0	11-10-1
Off SU Win	5-2	4-3	2-3	3-2	2-4	4-3	4-2	24-19
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-1	1-5	2-4	1-3	2-1	3-1	12-16

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cory Boyd	164	846	23	823	8	5.0
Mike Davis	100	490	16	474	6	4.7
Syvelle Newton	86	451	121	330	3	3.8
Bobby Wallace	5	107	0	107	1	21.4
Taylor Rank	20	113	14	99	0	4.9
Blake Mitchell	25	96	49	47	1	1.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Blake Mitchell	202	135	66.8	1789	10	6
Syvelle Newton	162	95	58.6	1316	12	7
Chris Smelley	15	9	60.0	112	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sidney Rice	72	1090	15.1	10	46
Kenny McKinley	51	880	17.3	5	44
Cory Boyd	35	406	11.6	2	54
Freddie Brown	14	147	10.5	0	21
Noah Whiteside	8	114	14.2	1	28
Jared Cook	6	113	18.8	1	26
Syvelle Newton	12	99	8.2	1	22
Mike Davis	11	94	8.5	0	18
Moe Brown	9	74	8.2	0	21
Mike West	6	66	11.0	2	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Succop	29	1267	43.7	4	36.0	0	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Succop	37-39	2-2	6-7	6-8	2-3	16-20	55

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jasper Brinkley	107	5	9.5	4	0
Marvin Sapp	51	1	1.5	1	0
Stoney Woodson	47	0	2	1	3
Emanuel Cook	47	0	5	0	0
Casper Brinkley	44	7	6.5	0	0
Jordin Lindsey	37	1	3.5	2	1
Fred Bennett	37	0	1	11	2
Rodney Paulk	36	1	2.5	0	0
Captain Munnerlyn	36	0	0	5	2
Chris Hampton	36	1	2	3	2
Eric Norwood	30	7	2	1	0
Carlos Thomas	27	0	1	0	2
Nathan Pepper	25	1	4	0	1
Cody Wells	23	1	2.5	0	0
Yvan Banag	22	2	0	0	0
Joel Reaves	21	1.5	1.5	0	0
Syvelle Newton	18	0.5	0	3	0
Ryan Brown	18	0	5	1	0
Stanley Doughty	17	0	3	0	0
Lemuel Jeanpierre	17	2	4	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kenny McKinley	17	151	8.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Carlos Thomas	15	284	18.9	0
Captain Munnerlyn	12	278	23.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
94	Carquest	+2	West Virginia	24-21
00	Outback	+6'	Ohio St - #19	24-7
01	Outback - #14	-1	Ohio St - #22	31-28
05	Independence	-4	Missouri	31-38
06	Liberty	-5	Houston	44-36

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.6	21	144	4.5	251	62.5	14.8	-2	2006	5	18.7	18	147	4.1	190	54.3	18.0
4	23.7	17	95	3.1	221	60.0	13.3	+2	2005	4	23.2	20	174	4.1	187	55.9	15.5
9*	22.1	18	169	4.0	200	56.8	16.7	+1	2004	8	20.8	16	138	4.1	177	53.0	15.1
3	22.3	19	161	4.2	194	49.7	15.9	+7	2003	6	26.2	19	166	4.3	203	61.9	14.1
5	18.8	17	167	4.2	152	53.6	17.0	-5	2002	4	21.8	19	165	4.1	187	59.2	16.1
9*	25.8	19	181	4.5	178	55.8	13.9	+8	2001	7	19.2	18	138	3.6	194	57.5	17.3

2006 STATS BY GAME

SC 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Mississippi St	10	29-81	2.8	15-27	193	4	11	33-79	2.4	8-23	82	5	+1
–	Georgia	15	22-35	1.6	23-33	220	1	19	39-198	5.1	10-22	189	0	0
–	Wofford	13	31-165	5.3	12-20	196	3	17	61-290	4.8	5-11	67	1	-1
–	Florida Atlantic	25	38-200	5.3	19-34	292	3	13	35-138	3.9	8-25	105	3	+2
–	Auburn	24	34-109	3.2	21-35	240	4	16	35-127	3.6	13-19	180	3	-1
–	at Kentucky	21	39-190	4.9	15-23	193	2	17	27-62	2.3	18-32	289	3	0
–	at Vanderbilt	18	39-194	5.0	11-18	133	1	16	36-133	3.7	11-25	120	3	-1
–	Tennessee	23	35-165	4.7	16-30	230	0	17	23-71	3.1	21-29	254	1	-2
–	Arkansas	20	15-51	3.4	22-40	289	2	23	50-267	5.3	11-20	228	0	+1
–	at Florida	23	28-135	4.8	24-34	275	0	28	32-147	4.6	19-29	254	2	+1
–	Middle Tenn	25	28-154	5.5	22-29	391	1	12	32-81	2.5	6-19	119	4	-1
–	at Clemson	28	35-208	5.9	24-37	284	0	15	33-181	5.5	13-19	191	3	-2
–	† Houston	25	41-189	4.6	19-29	323	3	27	33-135	4.1	27-40	392	3	+1
TOTALS		270	414-1876	4.5	243-389	3259	24	231	469-1909	4.1	170-313	2470	31	-2
AVERAGES		20.8	32-144	4.5	19-30	251	1.8	17.8	36-147	4.1	13-24	190	2.4	-0.2

2002 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre #22 Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#22	New Mexico St	-23'	34-24
#22	at Virginia	-4'	21-34
–	Georgia - #9	+5'	7-13
–	Temple	-16'	42-21
–	at Vanderbilt	-9'	20-14
–	Mississippi St	-4'	34-10
–	at Kentucky	+4	16-12
–	at LSU - #14	+8	14-38
–	Tennessee - #25	+1'	10-18
–	Arkansas	+4'	0-23
–	at Florida - #20	+14'	7-28
–	at Clemson	+4	20-27

2003 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Louisiana-Lft	-24	14-7
–	Virginia - #15	+3	31-7
#25	at Georgia - #8	+13'	7-31
–	UAB	-14	42-10
–	at Tennessee - #8	+16	20-23 OT
–	Kentucky	-7'	27-21
–	LSU - #10	+4	7-33
–	Vanderbilt	-15'	35-24
–	at Mississippi - #20	+7	40-43
–	at Arkansas	+7'	6-28
–	Florida - #15	+7	22-24
–	Clemson	-1/E	17-63

2004 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Vanderbilt	-3'	31-6
–	Georgia - #3	+7'	16-20
–	USF	-12'	34-3
–	Troy	-14	17-7
–	at Alabama	+2'	20-3
#25	Mississippi	-16'	28-31
–	at Kentucky	-13	12-7
–	Tennessee - #11	-1	29-43
–	Arkansas	-3'	35-32
–	at Florida	+7	14-48
–	at Clemson	+3	7-29

2005 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	UCF	-21	24-15
–	at Georgia - #9	+17'	15-17
–	Alabama	+2	14-37
–	Troy	-20	45-20
–	at Auburn	+14'	7-48
–	Kentucky	-12'	44-16
–	Vanderbilt	-8'	35-28
–	at Tennessee - #23	+13'	16-15
–	at Arkansas	+4'	14-10
–	Florida - #12	+4	30-22
#19	Clemson	+3	9-13

2006 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Mississippi St	-7	15-0
–	Georgia - #12	+3	0-18
–	Wofford	NL	27-20
–	Florida Atlantic	-28'	45-6
–	Auburn - #2	+13'	17-24
–	at Kentucky	-4'	24-17
–	at Vanderbilt	-3'	31-13
–	Tennessee - #8	+3'	24-31
–	Arkansas - #12	+2'	20-26
–	at Florida - #6	+13'	16-17
–	Middle Tennessee	-15'	52-7
–	at Clemson - #24	+5'	31-28

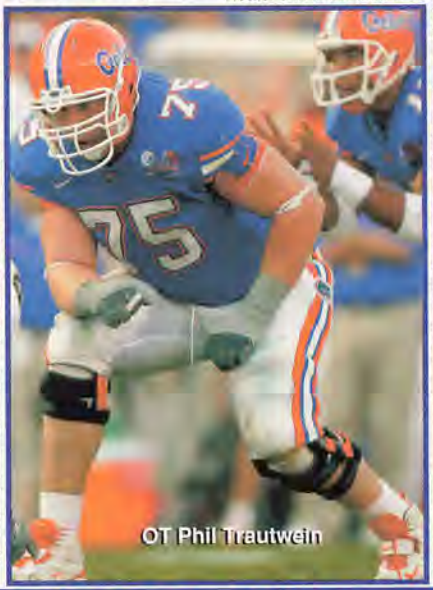
FLORIDA GATORS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Chris Leak was the SEC Frosh of the Year in 2003 and 2nd Tm SEC in 2004. Leak, who is more of a pocket passer, was not deemed a good fit for the Meyer spread option offense and struggled in the first seven of 2005. He did, however, break Steve Spurrier's record for consecutive completions (16 in 1966) with 17. Leak had his best games down the stretch and threw for 2,639 (62.8%) with a 20-6 ratio. Backup Josh Portis (PS#14) transferred, so the new backup in '06 was true frosh Tim Tebow (PS#3) who has outstanding size, speed and strength. He was inserted early in some games (mostly as a runner) but was allowed to run more of the offense as the season progressed. Leak threw for 2,942 (63.6%) with a 23-13 ratio while Tebow hit 22 of 33 (358 yds) with a 5-1 ratio and rushed for 469 net yds (5.3). This year Leak departs as the school's all-time career leading passer (11,213). Jarred Fayson (PS#9) is primarily used as a WR, but could line up at QB or RB. Tebow's backup figures to be either JUCO Bryan Waggener (PS#41JC) who competed 57.6% with a 10-12 ratio at JC last year or true frosh Cameron Newton (PS#21). Both joined the team in the spring, but Waggener broke his foot and missed most of the practices so Newton got a lot of valuable reps. Tebow should have a fine soph season as QB for the defending National Champs.

RUNNING BACKS - DeShawn Wynn did not live up to his PS#8 billing for the first 3 years, although he led the team in rushing in 2005 with 621 (4.8). Meyer was disappointed with the entire RB corps in the spring of '06 and wondered if a feature back would emerge. The light went on for Wynn over the summer and he became a hard worker but then suffered through an injury-plagued 2006. Although he led again with 699 (4.9), WR/RB Percy Harvin (PS#1WR) had 428 (10.4 ypc!). Kestahn Moore (PS#35) had 282 (5.2) and true frosh Mon Williams added 101 (7.8). This year the only losses are Wynn (#7DC GB) and FB Billy Latsko (10 st, 4 rec). Mon Williams (6'1" 204 So) was competing for the starting job this spring before suffering a torn ACL, and now Moore is the likely starter. Meyer has plenty of VHT's who were recruited for this specific system including this year's top true frosh RB Chris Rainey (PS#15). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Brandon James (5'5" 178 So, PS#81).

RECEIVERS - The Gator receiving corps was banged up in 2005 in the first year of the new spread offense and at one point they were forced to play a QB and a walk-on in the 5 receiver set. Last year they had to replace Chad Jackson (#2DC NE). Andre Caldwell (PS#1) was the fastest player on the team in '05 (4.29) but missed most of '05 with a broken leg. He returned last year and had 57 (10.1) in just 9 starts. Dallas Baker was the #2 receiver in '05 (52, 13.4) and had 406 yards and 4 TD's after the first 4 games. He did not maintain that pace but still led the team with 60 (15.3). Jemalle Cornelius had 34 (15.4) and was the only player named permanent team captain. The most talked about WR was true frosh Percy Harvin (PS#1, 4.22 spd). Harvin had 34 rec (12.6) and also 428 yards rushing. This year they lose Baker (12 st, #7DC PIT), Cornelius (10 st) and Kenneth Tookes (4 rec). Not listed below is Cam Brewer (5'7" 174 Jr). Even with the losses, this unit could be just as dangerous as last year's group.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OFFENSIVE LINE - Florida had 3 starters returning on the O-line in 2005 but surprisingly allowed 35 sacks (9.1%) with 3.9 ypc rush. Last year they had to replace four veteran starters and while they did have 4 back with starting experience, they combined for just 15 starts including one at TE in 2005. Surprisingly the ypg rush increased by 13 to 160 ypg and the ypc to 4.7, but QB Tebow and WR Harvin were big factors in that increase. They did trim the sack total to 23 (5.8%). This year the unit returns almost intact with the only loss being 1st Tm SEC C Steve Rissler (14 st, 2Y st'r) and the 3 deep is made up almost entirely of VHT's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Gators had all four starters back and while they lost one to injury they allowed just 3.1 ypc. Last year they only had to replace one starter. Star DT Marcus Thomas only started 4 before he was dismissed but Meyer said the D-line was the key to their win over Ohio St. The Gators allowed just 73 ypg rush (2.7), their best ypg since 1997 while recording 34 sacks. The 2007 DL is the least experienced UF DL in years with 4 NFL DC's lost. They do return top sack man (PS#4) Derrick Harvey (11) who was 2nd Tm SEC. The rest of the returning DL combined for only 16 tackles and 2 sacks last year. This year they must replace DT Joe Cohen (12 st, 26 tkl, #4DC SF), DT Steven Harris (5 st, 4.5 tfl), DT Marcus Thomas (26 tkl, 4 sk, #4DC DEN), DE/DT Ray McDonald (14 st, 36 tkl, 3 sk, #3DC SF), DE Jarvis Moss (13 st, 56 tkl, 7.5 sk, HM SEC, #1DC DEN) and DE Darryl Gresham (1 tkl). This unit remains loaded with VHT's, but won't match 2006's great season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year was the most veteran Gator LB corps since 2001 as they only had to replace one starter with Brandon Siler turning down an early shot at the NFL. With Siler and Earl Everett banged up, true frosh Dustin Doe and Brandon Spikes started vs W Car. This year they lose 1st Tm SEC WLB Everett (13 st, 85 tkl, 6 tfl), 3rd Tm AA Siler (13 st, 77 tkl, 10 tfl, #7DC SD), SLB Brian Crum (11 st, 31 tkl, 3 tfl) and Darryon Robinson (3 tkl, 1 tfl). This is by far the least experienced unit on the entire team (with Doe and Spikes starts vs WCar being the only career starts among the returning LB's). Of the 11 LB's I've listed below, 5 are soph and 6 are frosh (4 true).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Gators usually finish near the top of my pass D rankings and Meyer calls CB Coach Chuck Heater one of the best in the business. After a #16 finish in 2003, they had to replace all four starters in 2004 but only dropped to #26. They lost 2 starters in 2005 and still moved up to #13. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but brought in Utah transfer CB Ryan Smith who took one spot so they had 6 players back with starting experience. They moved up to #3 allowing 53.3% with a 10-21 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm AA FS Reggie Nelson (14 st, 51 tkl, 6 int, #1DC JAX), CB's Reggie Lewis (14 st, 4 int, 6 pbu), 2nd Tm AA Ryan Smith (14 st, 54 tkl, 8 int, 8 pbu, #6DC TEN), Tremaine McCollum (2 st, 26 tkl, 1 int), Jermaine McCollum (1 st, 8 tkl) and Nick Brooks (13 tkl). The starting S's look strong with Tony Joiner and Kyle Jackson combining for 27 career starts but Jackson lost his FS spot last year. They add RB Markus Manson (PS#16RB) at CB and 4 VHT true frosh including 2 who were in for the spring. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Lorenzo Campbell (6'1" 205 Jr), Miguel Carodine (5'10" 191 rFr), Cody Worton (6'2" 198 rFr), Moise Paul (6'0" 240 Sr) and John Curtis (6'2" 210 Jr). This should be another top-notch secondary but will drop some in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Meyer was the ST coach at ND and plays a lot of starters on this unit. UF finished #42 in my ST rankings in 2004. In Meyer's first year the team moved up to #26 helped by K Chris Hetland who hit 13 of 16 FG's with a long of 47 in '05. Hetland was also the key reason the Gators dropped to #55 last year as he hit just 6 of 15 FG's with a long of 42. The Gators did set a school record with 8 blocked kicks and P Eric Wilbur has had outstanding nets of 38.1 and 37.7 the last two years. Brandon James set a school record for PR yards in a game with 155 vs W Car. Hetland and Wilbur must be replaced, but LS James Smith (6'1" 235 Jr) is back. With Meyer's history of outstanding ST units and most of the key returnmen back, as long as the new P proves to be adequate, they should climb in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Urban Meyer became a HC in 2001 at Bowling Green and achieved a 17-6 record in two seasons. He moved on to Utah (22-2) including an unbeaten 2004 season in which the team finished its highest ever in the polls at #4. In Meyer's second season at UF, his team took home the National Title. His OC/QB coach is Dan Mullen who was his QB coach at both BG and Utah. Meyer has solid co-DC's in Greg Mattison and Charlie Strong. Mattison was the DC at Michigan from '95-'96 (one of 5 finalists for the Broyles Award in '96) and was the DC at ND from '97-'01. He was the DL coach at ND '02-'04. Strong was the DC at S Carolina from '99-'02 and now enters his 5th year as the DC here. He was also the interim HC of UF in the 2004 Peach Bowl.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UF had some amazing accomplishments under Steve Spurrier. They were one of just two schools to have 9 wins or more for 12 straight years and UF appeared in 7 of the first 10 SEC Title games. They ranked in the Top 15 for 12 straight years, won the National Title in 1996, and just missed out on playing for the National Title in 2001, finishing #3. The Gators' last losing season was in 1979 and last non-bowl year was 1990. Ron Zook was never a fan favorite until his final few games as it's very tough to replace a legend. His first team was 5-0 in the SEC East and his recruiting laid the foundation for last year's National Championship. In 2004 Zook actually beat Fla St on the road (Spurrier 0-5-1 in Tallahassee). The Gators had just 5 home losses under Spurrier but lost six times in The Swamp in just 3 years under Zook. Meyer inherited a veteran team with 15 starters returning. He was 6-0 at home in his inaugural season and swept Fla St, Tenn and UGA for just the 4th time in school history. He also became the first coach in school history to beat 4 ranked foes in his first year at UF. Meyer did lose to Spurrier at SC which was SC's first win over UF since 1939 and had advantages vs UGA (QB Shockley out) and FSU (looking ahead to ACC Title game). Meyer's team finished 9-3 (#12). Last year the Gators had 12 returning starters and had a magical season in which everything went their way. A pair of late turnovers helped them get past Alabama. LSU had a 22-14 FD edge but suffered 5 TO's and a blocked punt. They beat SC by 1 with UF blocking 2 FG's and a crucial xp. In the SEC Title game they benefitted from a PR trying to field a punt over his shoulder and fumbling it into the EZ for a TD to turn the momentum. Also, vs Arkansas star RB McFadden sprained his ankle early 1Q. They played their most impressive game of the season vs Ohio St limiting the Bucks to 82 yards ttl offense. This year the Gators have 6 starters back on offense, but lose QB Leak, their top RB and WR. They also have just 2 starters back from the D that allowed 13.5 ppg (best since 1983). Eleven of their top 13 tacklers are gone. UF did have a tough schedule last year having to face Tenn, Aub, UGA, Fla St, Ark and Ohio St all away from The Swamp. This year most of the tough opponents are at home but a couple of things trouble me. UF benefitted from 5 net close wins last year (pg 299) and is a lot less experienced than last year's senior-laden team. They also lose a ton of talent to the NFL (see Draft Day Party Hangover, pg 308). Even with the heavy graduation losses, the Gators are clearly still one of the best teams in the country but it will be very difficult to repeat as National Champs having to face LSU, Georgia and SCar away from The Swamp.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

QB 15 Tim Tebow So. 6-3 234 **PS#3**. 4.5 spd. Bench 225 24x. 358 yd pass (67%) 5-1 ratio, 478 rush true. **13** Cameron Newton PS#21. In for spg. **10** Bryan Waggener PS#41JC.

RB 33 Kestahn Moore Jr. 5-10 208 PS#35. 7 st 2Y, 559 rush (5.5), 21 rec. **Chris Rainey PS#15**. Chevon Walker (5-10 204 rFr) PS#37. Bo Williams PS#33. In for spg (shoulder surg).

WR 5 ANDRE CALDWELL SR. 6-0 198 **PS#1**. 19 rec (9.2), 22 KR (20.6) true. 12 st '04, 43 (16.0). Inj '05. 9 st LY, 57 (10.1). **4.29 spd**. **87** Justin Williams (6-1 195 rFr) PS#22.

WR 1 PERCY HARVIN SO. 5-11 181 **PS#1. 4.22 spd**. 5 st true, 34 (12.6), 428 rush (10.4). **9** Louis Murphy (6-2 199 Jr) PS#92. 2 st, 2 rec LY. 8 rec spg gm '07. Deonte Thompson **PS#4.**

WR 11 Jarred Fayson So. 6-0 200 **PS#9QB**. 13 gm true. 5 rec '07 spring game. **86** Riley Cooper (6-3 207 So) **PS#15DB**. 4 rec true. **83** David Nelson (6-4 208 So) **PS#19.**

TE 7 Cornelius Ingram Jr. 6-4 221 **PS#9QB**. 2 st LY TE, 30 (12.7). **84** Tate Casey (6-6 235 Sr) **PS#9**. 12 st 3Y, 24 rec (12.8). **81** Aaron Hernandez **PS#1**. In for spg. Derek Baldry (6-6 252 Jr).

C 67 DREW MILLER SR. 6-5 297 **PS#8**. 4 st RG '05. 14 st RG LY, **2nd Tm SEC**. **69** Eddie Haupt (6-4 298 So) **PS#26**. ACL '05. 3 gm LY. **68** Jim Barrie (6-5 300 rFr) **PS#27.**

RG 70 Ronnie Wilson So. 6-3 316 **PS#25.** Broke ankle, missed first 6. 1 st LG rFr, 6 gm. **James Wilson PS#3. 74** Maurice Hurt (6-2 317 rFr) PS#104. Kyle Newell (6-7 302 So).

LG 63 JIM TARTT JR. 6-3 312 **PS#38**. 3 st rFr until inj. 13 st LG LY. **71** Corey Hobbs (6-3 299 rFr) PS#13DL. **65** Brad Hiers (6-6 290 So). **55** James Pouncey is **PS#44.**

RT 75 PHIL TRAUTWEIN SR. 6-6 298 **PS#32**. 6 gm true. 1 st TE '05. 14 st LT LY, **2nd Tm SEC. 77** Jason Watkins (6-6 304 Jr) **PS#48**. 12 gm rFr. 2 st TE LY. **78** Marcus Gilbert (6-5 299 rFr) **PS#30.**

LT 73 CARLTON MEDDER SR. 6-5 318 PS#129. 12 gm '05. 14 st RT LY. **57 Carl Johnson** (6-5 339 rFr) **PS#2. 78** Simon Codrington (6-6 313 So) PS#79. **56 LaShawn Pouncey PS#32.**

K 38 Jonathan Phillips Jr. 5-10 207 18 of 21 FG inside 45 in high school. 5-5 on xp here last year. **98** Joey Ijjas (6-2 202 Sr) 11 TB on 65 KO. **85** Andrew Fritze (6-0 183 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

DE 81 DERRICK HARVEY JR. 6-4 245 **PS#4**. 6 tkl, 1 sk rFr. 5 st LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 35 tkl, **11 sk**, Def MVP bowl. **Carlos Dunlap is PS#4. 80** Trent Pupello (6-2 275 rFr) PS#74.

DT 98 Clint McMillan Sr. 6-1 275 PS#214. 1 st, 9 tkl, 1.5 tfl 3Y. **92** Terron Sanders (6-1 304 rFr) PS#69. **John Brown is PS#6. 99** Lutrell Alford (6-1 306 Sr) 6 tkl, 1 sk 2Y.

DT 93 Javier Estopinan Jr. 6-1 270 **PS#25LB**. 2 tkl true. ACL '05, 2 st in '06 (inj), 5 tkl. **47** Brandon Antwine (5-11 265 So) PS#73. 4 tkl true. **Torrey Davis PS#2. 58** John Fairbanks (6-4 260 rFr).

DE 49 Jermaine Cunningham So. 6-3 230 PS#36. 2 tkl true. **90** Lawrence Marsh (6-5 284 rFr) PS#85. Broke hand. RS LY. **Justin Trattou is PS#11LB.** Jerry "Jay" Howard is PS#23.

WLB 32 Dustin Doe So. 6-0 219 PS#57. 1 st true, 22 tkl, 1 tfl. 14 gm. **41** Ryan Stamper (6-1 227 So) PS#91. 4 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. Lorenzo Edwards is PS#16DB. **50** Chris Pintado (5-11 216 rFr).

MLB 51 Brandon Spikes So. 6-3 241 **PS#6**. 1 start true, 9 games, 15 tkl, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. John Jones (6-3 205 Fr) PS#54DL. 23 sk as HS Jr. **54** Roderick Blackett (5-8 225 So) 4 tkl rFr.

SLB 16 AJ Jones rFr. 6-1 206 **PS#41.** Broke bone in foot as true so RS. Brandon Hicks is **PS#19**. Steven Wilks is PS#236DB. **53** Jamaal Deveaux (5-11 232 So).

CB 14 Markihe Anderson So. 5-9 175 PS#165. 8 tkl true. **2 Markus Manson** (5-11 207 Jr) **PS#16RB**. 2 st, 380 rush RB 2Y. 4.3 spd. **Joe Haden PS#11QB.** In for spg. Curtis Carr (5-10 184 Jr).

CB 23 Jacques Rickerson rFr. 5-9 172 **PS#49. 4** Wondy Pierre-Louis (6-1 184 So) PS#201. 37"VL. 7 tkl true. **22** Ahmad Black is PS#59. In for spg. Moses Jenkins is PS#116.

SS 19 TONY JOINER SR. 5-11 217 PS#45. 1 st, 33 tkl '04-'05. 14 st SS LY, 59 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **Major Wright is PS#13. 20** Dorian Munroe (5-11 200 So) PS#77. 16 tkl rFr.

FS 3 Kyle Jackson Sr. 6-1 201 **PS#5**. 5 st true, 2 int. 7 st '05, 34 tkl, 2 int. 11 tkl LY, 0 st. **7 Jamar Hornsby (6-2 195 rFr) PS#10. 31** Bryan Thomas (6-1 203 rFr) PS#85.

P NA Chas Henry Fr. 6-4 200 PS#20. Avg 45.1 on punts as senior in HS. 46.0 as Jr, 52 yd FG. **92** Bobby Kane (6-0 183 So). **98** Joey Ijjas is an East Carolina transfer.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

TE	Aaron Hernandez 6-2 239 PS#1
QB	John Brantley 6-3 195 PS#4
OL	James Wilson 6-5 305 PS#3
DL	Torrey Davis 6-4 285 PS#2
WR	Deonte Thompson 5-11 186 PS#4
DL	Carlos Dunlap 6-6 240 PS#4
DL	John Brown 6-1 285 PS#6
DB	Major Wright 6-1 204 PS#13
DB	Jerimy Finch 6-1 203 PS#15
LB	Lorenzo Edwards 6-2 221 PS#16DB
DL	Justin Trattou 6-4 250 PS#11LB
DB	Joe Haden 5-11 183 PS#11QB
RB	Chris Rainey 5-9 156 PS#15
DL	Jerry "Jay" Howard 6-5 230 PS#23
QB	Bryan Waggener 6-2 226 PS#41JC
LB	Brandon Hicks 6-2 205 PS#19
QB	Cameron Newton 6-5 242 PS#21
OL	LaShawn Pouncey 6-4 310 PS#32
RB	Bo Williams 6-0 208 PS#33
OL	James Pouncey 6-4 310 PS#44
DL	Duke Lemmens 6-5 238 PS#50
LB	John Jones 6-3 205 PS#54DL
DB	Ahmad Black 5-9 173 PS#59
WR	Paul Wilson 6-0 182 PS#64
DB	Moses Jenkins 6-2 175 PS#116
K	Chas Henry 6-4 200 PS#20
LB	Steven Wilks 6-2 195 PS#236DB

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#21

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UF	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	W Kentucky	G					WKU finished 6-5 LY in their 11th consecutive winning season & final IAA year. The Gators have won 17 consecutive season openers.
Sep. 8	Troy	G					UF is 9-0 vs non-conf opps under Meyer (including bowls) with an avg win of 38-9. Coming into 2007, Florida has won 15 games in a row at the Swamp.
Sep. 15	Tennessee	G					The home team is just 2-5 in this series. Florida held Tennessee to -11 yds rushing in last year's 21-20 win, which was the lowest ever in the Fulmer era.
Sep. 22	at Mississippi	A					Gators haven't played in Oxford S/'02 when UM pulled a 17-14 upset over #6 ranked UF. In fact, UM has won 2 in a row in this series & UF's last win was in '95.
Sep. 29	Auburn	G					Florida's L/2 losses in the series was when they were ranked #1 & #2 including last year's lone loss. UF has won 8 of L/10 in this series, but just 1 of the L/3.
Oct. 6	at LSU	G					LSU had a 22-14 FD edge & a 318-288 yd edge, but lost 23-10 LY as UF had a 5-2 TO edge in the game. Both tms were held below 100 yds rushing (LSU 90, UF 97).
Oct. 13							
Oct. 20	at Kentucky	G					Gators have won 20 in a row over the Wildcats. UF has dropped 3 straight prior to UGA. Meyer's tms are 21-2 coming into this season with more than a wk to prepare.
Oct. 27	† Georgia *(Jacksonville)*	G					The Gators have won 8 of the last 9 & 15 of 17 in this series. UF swept the "Big 3" (Tenn, GA & FSU) 2 yrs in a row for the 1st time last year.
Nov. 3	Vanderbilt (HC)	G					Florida has won 16 in a row vs Vanderbilt with the last loss in 1988. Gators have won 18 straight Homecoming gms. UF has won 20 straight after UGA.
Nov. 10	at South Carolina	G					UF blocked a last second 48 yd FG to pull out the 17-16 win last year. South Carolina's 30-22 win in '05 was their 1st win over Florida since 1939.
Nov. 17	Florida Atlantic	G					This is the first meeting between these two teams. Florida is 19-1 prior to FSU. Florida is 9-0 vs current Sun Belt Conference members since 1958.
Nov. 24	Florida St	G					UF has won 3 in a row vs FSU for the 1st time since their 6 gm win streak ('81-'86). WR Caldwell had a career high 124 rec yds & tied his personal best with 8 rec vs FSU LY.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chris Leak 11,213 '03-'06	1. Errict Rhett 4,163 '90-'93	1. Carlos Alvarez 2,563 '69-'71
2. Danny Wuerffel 10,875 '93-'96	2. Emmitt Smith 3,928 '87-'89	2. Jabar Gaffney 2,375 '00-'01
3. Shane Matthews 9,287 '89-'92	3. Neal Anderson 3,234 '82-'85	3. Reidel Anthony 2,274 '94-'96

URBAN MEYER (Career 61-12)

3rd Year at Florida — Meyer's Bowl Record: 4-0

Meyer's records AT FLORIDA

22-4	Straight Up	5-1	Vs Top 10
13-0	Home	8-3	Vs Top 25
4-4	Away	4-0	Vs BCS Teams
5-0	Neutral	3-0	Off A Bye
13-4	Vs Conference	4-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: **(13-1)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (21,13,4)
Lost: 27 (8,16,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 90,409 (#9)

SEC - EAST DIVISION

DE Derrick Harvey

STADIUM: BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (88,548) (#9)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	9-2	8-4	8-4	7-4	8-3	12-1	62-20
Home	6-0	5-1	5-2	3-3	5-1	6-0	7-0	37-7
Away	2-2	3-1	2-2	4-1	2-2	1-3	3-1	17-12
Neutral	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-0	8-1
vs Conf	8-1	6-2	6-2	6-2	4-4	5-3	8-1	43-15
ATS	9-3	7-4	4-8	5-6	7-4	4-6-1	4-7-1	40-38-2
Home Fav	5-1	4-2	2-5	1-3	4-2	3-3	3-2-1	22-18-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Away Fav	2-1	3-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-3	0-4	6-14
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	7-2
Favorite	9-2	7-4	2-7	1-5	5-3	3-6-1	4-7-1	31-34-2
Dog	0-1	0-0	2-1	4-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	9-4
vs Conf	8-1	5-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-5-1	2-6-1	27-29-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-3	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	13-9
Off SU Win	7-2	6-3	3-5	3-5	4-2	3-4	3-6-1	29-27-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	0-1	0-3	1-1	2-2	1-1-1	0-1	6-9-1

Steve Spurrier / Ron Zook / Urban Meyer

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Outback - #22	+1	Michigan - #12	30-38
03	Outback - #17	-3'	Iowa - #13	17-37
04	Peach - #20	+4	Miami, FI - #14	10-27
05	Outback - #16	E	Iowa - #25	31-24
06	BCS Championship - #2	+7'	Ohio St - #1	41-14

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Florida's All-Time Bowl Record 16-18

FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	29.7	20	160	4.7	236	63.9	13.3	+5	2006	6	13.5	15	73	2.7	183	53.3	18.9
7*	28.6	20	147	3.9	227	62.6	13.1	+18	2005	8	18.8	17	95	3.1	205	52.3	15.9
5*	31.8	21	156	4.5	271	59.7	13.4	+4	2004	4	21.1	20	142	3.7	204	55.4	16.4
6	30.0	20	146	4.2	245	60.1	13.0	+7	2003	3	20.8	20	159	3.9	209	55.1	17.6
5*	25.8	23	136	3.8	271	57.1	15.7	-9	2002	5	21.5	16	163	4.0	162	51.1	15.2
8*	44.8	27	129	4.4	409	64.7	12.0	-6	2001	8	14.8	15	100	3.1	196	55.4	20.0

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeShawn Wynn	143	721	22	699	6	4.9
Tim Tebow	89	478	9	469	8	5.3
Percy Harvin	41	437	9	428	3	10.4
Kestahn Moore	54	289	7	282	2	5.2
Jarred Fayson	14	126	0	126	1	9.0
Andre Caldwell	21	126	24	102	1	4.9
Mon Williams	13	101	0	101	0	7.8
Chris Leak	77	238	208	30	3	0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Leak	365	232	63.6	2942	23	13
Tim Tebow	33	22	66.7	358	5	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dallas Baker	60	920	15.3	10	33
Andre Caldwell	57	577	10.1	6	66
Jemalle Cornelius	34	523	15.4	3	34
Percy Harvin	34	427	12.6	2	58
Cornelius Ingram	30	380	12.7	1	38
Riley Cooper	4	92	23.0	3	55
David Nelson	5	76	15.2	0	23
Kestahn Moore	8	58	7.2	1	16
Tate Casey	6	58	9.7	2	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Eric Wilbur	53	2244	42.3	12	37.7	2	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Hetland	43-45	3-3	1-7	2-4	0-1	6-15	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Earl Everett	85	1	5	2	0
Brandon Siler	77	3	7	3	0
Tony Joiner	59	0	4.5	6	2
Jarvis Moss	56	7.5	3.5	4	0
Ryan Smith	54	0	3.5	8	8
Reggie Nelson	51	0	2	5	6
Ray McDonald	36	3	1.5	5	0
Derrick Harvey	35	11	2	0	0
Brian Crum	31	0.5	2.5	1	0
Reggie Lewis	27	0	1.5	6	4
Tremaine McCollum	26	0	0	1	1
Joe Cohen	26	0.5	1.5	1	0
Marcus Thomas	26	4	1.5	1	0
Dustin Doe	22	0	1	0	0
Dorian Munroe	16	0	1	0	0
Steven Harris	15	1.5	3	2	0
Brandon Spikes	15	0	1	2	0
Nick Brooks	13	0	0	0	0
Kyle Jackson	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon James	33	363	11.0	1
Reggie Nelson	12	93	7.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon James	21	383	18.2	0
Kestahn Moore	4	63	15.8	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UF 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#7	S Mississippi	21	29 - 143	4.9	21 - 30	248	2	17	25 - 119	4.8	17 - 37	176	0	+2
#7	UCF	27	36 - 204	5.7	25 - 38	433	0	11	24 - 21	0.9	17 - 36	132	2	-4
#7	at Tennessee	22	41 - 121	3.0	15 - 25	199	3	13	23 - (-11)	-0.5	18 - 33	231	2	+1
#5	Kentucky	24	38 - 235	6.2	16 - 28	279	3	17	22 - 39	1.8	26 - 38	210	6	-2
#5	Alabama	17	33 - 133	4.0	15 - 21	197	1	20	30 - 83	2.8	21 - 40	240	3	+1
#5	LSU	14	32 - 97	3.0	19 - 28	191	1	22	25 - 90	3.6	24 - 41	228	1	+3
#2	at Auburn	18	28 - 171	6.1	9 - 17	108	3	19	40 - 133	3.3	18 - 27	182	5	-2
#9	† Georgia	15	35 - 156	4.5	14 - 28	163	0	14	26 - 64	2.5	13 - 33	151	4	+3
#7	at Vanderbilt	18	33 - 88	2.7	19 - 28	242	4	19	23 - 93	4.0	27 - 44	298	3	-2
#6	South Carolina	28	32 - 147	4.6	19 - 29	254	2	23	28 - 135	4.8	24 - 34	275	0	-1
#3	W Carolina	27	34 - 282	8.3	19 - 24	300	0	4	28 - 24	0.9	5 - 12	35	1	0
#4	at Florida St	16	32 - 105	3.3	21 - 35	283	1	11	18 - 46	2.6	18 - 43	189	2	+2
#4	† Arkansas	17	30 - 202	6.7	17 - 31	194	2	18	35 - 132	3.8	12 - 26	179	0	+2
#2	† Ohio St	21	43 - 156	3.6	26 - 37	214	1	8	23 - 47	2.0	4 - 14	35	5	+2
TOTALS		285	476 - 2240	4.7	255 - 399	3305	23	216	370 - 1015	2.7	244 - 458	2561	34	+5
AVERAGES		20.4	34 - 160	4.7	18 - 29	236	1.6	15.4	26 - 73	2.7	17 - 33	183	2.4	0.4

2002 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#6	UAB	-32	51-3	
#6	Miami, FI - #1	-2'	16-41	
#12	Ohio	-41'	34-6	
#10	at Tennessee - #4	+5	30-13	
#7	Kentucky	-19	41-34	
#6	at Mississippi	-13'	14-17	
#16	LSU - #18	-8'	7-36	
–	Auburn	-8	30-23	OT
–	† Georgia - #5	+1'	20-13	
#23	at Vanderbilt	-21'	21-17	
#20	South Carolina	-14'	28-7	
#15	at Florida St - #23	+3'	14-31	

2003 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Score	Post #24
–	San Jose St	-24	65-3	
#21	at Miami, FI - #3	+14	33-38	
#20	Florida A&M	NL	63-3	
#17	Tennessee - #12	-3'	10-24	
#25	at Kentucky	-10	24-21	
#24	Mississippi	-12'	17-20	
–	at LSU - #6	+10	19-7	
–	at Arkansas - #11	+4'	33-28	
#23	† Georgia - #4	+2'	16-13	
#17	Vanderbilt	-23'	35-17	
#15	at South Carolina	-7	24-22	
#11	Florida St - #9	+1	34-38	

2004 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #11 Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#11	E Michigan	-37	49-10	
#11	at Tennessee - #13	+3	28-30	
#16	Kentucky	-19	20-3	
#16	Arkansas	-7'	45-30	
#12	LSU - #24	-3'	21-24	
#22	Middle Tennessee	-28'	52-16	
#20	at Mississippi St	-24'	31-38	
–	† Georgia - #10	+6'	24-31	
–	at Vanderbilt	-12'	34-17	
–	South Carolina	-7	48-14	
–	at Florida St - #10	+7	20-13	

2005 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #10 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #12
#10	Wyoming	-24	32-14	
#10	Louisiana Tech	-29'	41-3	
#6	Tennessee - #5	-6'	16-7	
#5	at Kentucky	-23	49-28	
#5	at Alabama - #15	-3	3-31	
#13	Mississippi St	-27'	35-9	
#11	at LSU - #10	+6	17-21	
#16	† Georgia - #4	-4	14-10	
#13	Vanderbilt	-19'	49-42	2OT
#12	at South Carolina	-4	22-30	
#19	Florida St - #23	-3'	34-7	

2006 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #7 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #1
#7	S Mississippi	-20'	34-7	
#7	UCF	-23	42-0	
#7	at Tennessee - #13	-3'	21-20	
#5	Kentucky	-26'	26-7	
#5	Alabama	-15	28-13	
#5	LSU - #9	-1	23-10	
#2	at Auburn - #11	-2	17-27	
#9	† Georgia	-13'	21-14	
#7	at Vanderbilt	-17	25-19	
#6	South Carolina	-13'	17-16	
#3	W Carolina	NL	62-0	
#4	at Florida St	-9	21-14	
#4	† Arkansas - #8	-3	38-28	

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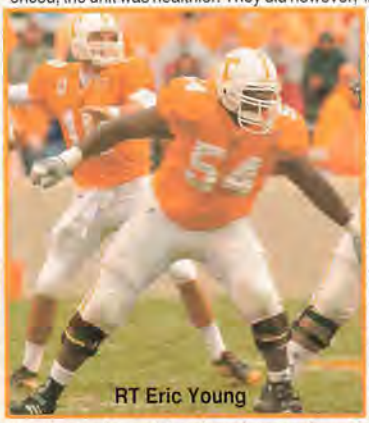
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Tennessee has had some fine QB's including Peyton Manning. In 2004 they had to replace their #2 career leader in passing, Casey Clausen. Casey's brother, Rick (PS#38), who transferred from LSU, battled two true frosh in Brent Schaeffer (PS#20) and Erik Ainge (PS#22). Schaeffer (4.4 spd) was the first true frosh QB to start an SEC opener since 1945 but split time with Ainge. Ainge, who is a prototypical QB like Manning, took over in the 2H vs Florida and then saw the bulk of the time. He was #4 in the NCAA in pass efficiency (64.3%, 8-1 ratio) in his first 3, but over the next 6 he hit 51.4% with a 9-8 ratio before separating his shoulder vs ND. Clausen took over the rest of the year and Schaeffer transferred following the season. In 2005 Clausen hit 77% in 3 August scrimmages and Ainge completed just 54%, but Ainge was named the starter for the opener. He guided the team to two scores on their first 2 poss but then was pulled. Ainge never regained his confidence as both QB's were replaced often and played looking over their shoulders. Ainge threw for just 737 (45.5%) with a 5-7 ratio in 5 starts while Clausen threw for 1,441 (57.4%). Last year Ainge had the job to himself and OC David Cutcliffe was rehired to tutor him. I called for him to be the most improved QB in the country and that he was. Ainge went from the bottom of the pass efficiency charts to the top throwing for 2,989 (67%) with a 19-9 ratio despite missing most of 2 games (LSU & Ark). Ainge had a pass efficiency of 135.9 as a frosh, dropped to 89.9 as a soph but was back to 152.0 (#14 NCAA) in '06. Jonathan Crompton (PS#3) played in 7 (1 st) throwing for 401 (47%) with a 4-2 ratio. They both were aided by the game-breaking skills of WR Meachem who turned many short passes into big plays. This year both QB's return and adding depth is Nick Stephens (6'4" 215 rFr, PS#41). Ainge did suffer a knee inj in spring but should be 100% this fall and I expect him to have his best season yet.

RUNNING BACKS - Tennessee usually has a star RB. In 2000 they had to replace current NFL star Jamal Lewis. Travis Henry took over and rushed for 1,494 (5.5) and left as the school's all-time leading rusher (#2DC). Travis Stephens then passed Henry's UT record for rushing in a season with 1,502. After two rare years without a 1,000 yard rusher, they had TWO in 2004 as Gerald Riggs Jr (PS#3) had 1,107 (5.7) and Cedric Houston (PS#11) added 1,005 (5.6). Riggs had the job all to himself in '05 and after six games was leading with 530 (4.2) but was lost for the year. RFr Arian Foster (PS#143) tied Chuck Webb's school record for consecutive 100 yard rushing games by a frosh (5). His best game was 223 vs Vandy. Last year they only had to replace Riggs but Foster suffered an ankle injury vs Air Force, had just 2 carries vs Florida, and then missed the next two. He was also suspended the 1H vs Ark and finished with just 322 (3.5). RFr LaMarcus Coker (PS#18) emerged with 696 (6.4) despite missing 2. Montario Hardesty (PS#22) added 384 (3.6). This year the only losses are FB Cory Anderson (5 st, 12 ttl yd) and TB David Yancey (60 yds). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Roy Olasimbo (5'10" 195 Sr) who is an Alabama St transfer. This unit should remain healthier and with good depth, should put up better numbers.

RECEIVERS - Tennessee has the reputation of being "WR U" as they've produced plenty of NFL WR's. It was an injury-plagued group in 2005 that also struggled with dropped passes as the top two WR's were Robert Meachem (29, 13.2) and Jayson Swain (27, 14.1). They both returned in '06 and Meachem finally lived up to his PS#5 billing. In the opener vs Cal he had a pair of 5 yard catches which he turned into 42 and 80 yard TD's. He broke the school record for receiving yards in a season (Marcus Nash, 1,170 '97) with 1,298 (18.3) and had 11 TD's. Swain (PS#7) missed some time with an ankle injury but had 49 (14.0). Bret Smith (PS#10) had 39 (11.6). This year all 3 depart as Meachem opted to leave early for the NFL (#1DC NO). Quintin Hancock was the star of last August but was injured and only played in 5 games and should have a big impact this year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE Brandon Warren (6'3" 230 So, PS#4) who started 9 games at Fla St last year and is appealing for a hardship to play this season and Georgia transfer TE Brett Thomason (6'0" 248 Jr). OC Cutcliffe can't remember a WR corps he fielded that was less experienced, but the Vols bring in 4 VHT WR's who could all play right away.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The OL was hit hard by injuries in '05 and not a single player managed to start all 11 at the same spot. The Vols avg'd just 3.5 ypc (worst S/'96) but did allow just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but LT Arron Sears turned down an early shot at the NFL. Despite being less experienced, the unit was healthier. They did however, improve the ypc to just 3.7 including a dismal 3.07 in SEC play (#11) and avg'd only 108 ypg rush (worst S/'64) with 19 sacks. This year they lose their star 1st Tm AA LT Sears (13 st, Jacobs Award which honors the SEC's top blocker, #2DC TB) and LG David Ligon (13 st) but do have 8 of the top 10 returning and 4 projected starters have Top 10 OL PS#'s. Despite the loss of Sears, this unit could be stronger.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DEFENSIVE LINE - After having inexperienced defensive fronts for 3 straight years, 7 of their top 8 were back in 2005 and the Vols (despite a 5-6 record) were #2 in the NCAA in rush D allowing just 2.5 ypc. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 3rd Tm AA and two 2nd Tm SEC DE's. JT Mapu (PS#18) who had 11 starts in '03 returned from a mission, but as is usually the case, he was out of shape (8 tkl). The lone returning starter, Justin Harrell was lost for the year with injury after 3 starts. DC Chavis said they were using more players on the D-line than they ever had since he took over the D ('95). The Vols allowed 4.1 ypc rush, their worst total since 1990 (17 sk). They had trouble with mobile QB's due to a lack of speed at DT after Harrell went out. This year they lose Harrell (3 st, 7 tkl, #1DC GB), 1st Tm SEC DT Turk McBride (13 st, 68 tkl, 8.5 tfl, #2DC KC) and DT Matt McGlothlin (12 st, 14 tkl). Despite the losses, this unit is much more experienced than '06.

LINEBACKERS - Tennessee has had a LB selected in the NFL draft in 8 of the last 9 years. In 2005 the Vols had 3 starters back but last season their starting LB's combined for just 3 starts prior to the season. Jerod Mayo, in his first year as a starter, was the Walter Camp Def Nat'l POW vs Cal and the SEC Def POW twice. This year he figures to move inside to replace MLB Marvin Mitchell (13 st, #1 tkl'r, 10.5 tfl). The Vols add VHT true frosh Chris Donald (PS#5). Mitchell (#7DC NO) is the only loss as 5 of the top 6 return for '07 including backup '06 Rico McCoy who Fulmer said could have the most talent among the LB's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With an inexperienced secondary in 2004, the Vols finished #73 in my pass D rankings. They had 7 players back with starting experience in 2005 and moved up to #29. Last year they had to replace #1 DC Jason Allen who only started 5 in '05 (inj) and 7 of their top 8 were back. Inky Johnson became their top CB but suffered a career-ending injury vs Air Force. Roshaun Fellows (11 career st) was injured in the spring and missed the season. That still left them with 3 returning starters, but surprisingly they dropped to #37. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC CB Jonathan Wade (13 st, 4 int, 13 pbu, #3DC STL), CB Antwan Stewart (13 st, 3 int), SS Demetrice Morley (10 st, 51 tkl, 7 tfl, 6 pbu), Johnson (2 st, 10 tkl) and Ben Greene (7 tkl). Fellows was dismissed after the spring, but Fulmer brought in a pair of JUCO's as well as PS#1 true frosh Eric Berry. Their one returning starter is FS Jonathan Hefney who led all SEC DB's in tackles (96). Even though the unit is less experienced, they may move up in my pass D rankings with an improved front 7.

SPECIAL TEAMS - After finishing #24 in my ST rankings in 2002 and #26 in '03, the Vols surprisingly dropped to #49 in '04. The bottom fell out in 2005 (#88) and this unit probably cost them a bowl bid. Last year they had the best specialists in the SEC in K James Wilhoit (PS#2) who hit 18 of 22 FG's with a long of 51 and P Britton Colquitt (PS#21) who was #7 in the NCAA with a 44.9 avg (37.6 team net). Surprisingly with the plethora of VHT's, the Vols have not topped 19.8 on KR's as a team the last 3 years (16.1 '06). PR Hefney (12.1) was a semifinalist for the Randy Moss Returnman Award. This year they lose Wilhoit (1st Tm SEC, 37 TB on KO) but everyone else is back so the Vols could come close to 2006's finish (#29).

COACHES - Phillip Fulmer currently has a 137-41 record (77%), which is the best in the major college ranks amongst coaches with 10+ years of service. Fulmer has zero SEC Titles and just 2 Top 10 finishes in the last 8 years. DC John Chavis enters his 13th year. Only 6 opposing ball carriers have rushed for at least 100 yards in the last 37 games vs his defenses. Fulmer made an excellent OC hire bringing back David Cutcliffe who was the HC at Ole Miss for six years after being the Tenn OC from 1993-'98. UT scored 30+ ppg in each of his first 6 years as the OC and went from 18.6 to 27.8 ppg last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Vols' 2004 season of 10-3 was very misleading. They were 7-1 in SEC play and yet only outgained SEC foes by an avg of 14.5 ypg (7th best). I pointed out in my SEC Regional Magazine that in the worst case scenario Tenn could have actually been a 4-9 team in 2004. I did not make a lot of friends in Knoxville in 2005. UT was ranked #3 in both preseason polls and was the preseason choice to win the SEC Title by the SEC media. I had them #3 as well but it was in the SEC East as mine was the only magazine that called for Georgia to win the SEC and the ONLY magazine that did NOT have UT in first place. UT lost 4 games in a row for the first time since 1988 as their streak of 16 consecutive bowls was snapped. Since needing a win in the 2001 SEC Championship to go to the National Title game (lost to LSU), the team went into last year just 34-18. Fulmer's previous worst season was 2002's 8-5 but they were just 5-6 in 2005. Last year I pointed out many reasons why I thought UT would rebound. Despite their 3-5 SEC mark in 2005, they outgained SEC foes by 28.9 ypg. Cutcliffe returned as OC and had 7 offensive starters back. I felt that Ainge would be the most improved QB in the country as I pegged the Vols as one of my surprise teams. UT was actually an underdog at home vs #9 Cal but dominated leading 35-0 late 3Q. Injuries hurt the squad as after SC they had 12 players in walking boots. Another key injury was to Ainge who started vs LSU but hobbled around only hitting 1 of 6 then missed Ark which were both crucial losses. The Vols had 4Q leads vs Fla and LSU and had they won those two, they would have taken home the SEC East Title. They put up 51 points Between the Hedges vs Georgia. Fulmer did have a disappointing bowl loss to Penn St and since his National Title is just 2-5 in bowl games with just one BCS bowl. They played a tough schedule in '06 with 5 foes ranked in the Top 13 and 9 of UT's opponents earned bowl bids with 7 winning. Last year's offense had 71% of their yards through the passing game, the highest % since '97 (Peyton Manning). The 108 ypg rushing was their lowest S/'64! A key to Ainge's success last year was the excellent WR play but the top 3 have departed. They have 6 offensive starters back but I still look for them to get back to the 30 ppg range. The D has just 5 starters back but is stronger in the front 7. The Vols were outgained by 26.3 ypg in SEC play. This year they play Fla, Cal and Bama on the road, but I give them a solid shot at topping 2006's 9-win total.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

QB 10 **ERIK AINGE SR.** 6-6 220 PS#22. 11 st '04-'05, 2189 (51%) 22-16 ratio. 12 st LY, 2989 (67%) 19-9. Jonathan Crompton (6-4 230 So) **PS#3.** 1 st, 401 (47%) rFr. Nick Stephens PS#41.

RB 22 **LaMARCUS COKER SO.** 5-11 195 **PS#18.** 4 st rFr, 696 (6.4). 2 **Montario Hardesty** (6-0 205 So) **PS#22.** 5 st, 384 (3.6) LY. 27 **Arian Foster** (6-1 225 Jr) 9 st 2Y, **1201** (4.4). **Lennon Creer PS#6.**

WR 12 **Lucas Taylor Jr.** 6-0 185 **PS#21.** 508 ret yards as true. 14 rec (7.2) in '06. 21 Austin Rogers (6-2 185 So) PS#54. 1 st, 5 rec, 3 gm LY til inj. **FB David Holbert** (6-1 250 Sr) PS#33.

WR NA **Ahmad Paige Fr.** 6-3 175 **PS#9.** 87 Quintin Hancock (6-3 200 So) PS#69. 2 rec true. 81 Josh Briscoe (6-3 183 Jr) **PS#26.** 9 rec, 2Y. **Slick Shelley** (6-4 195 So) **PS#9.** Inj rFr.

WR NA **Kenny O'Neal Jr.** 6-0 195 PS#27JC. 4.31 spd. 2 st, 613 all-purp yd Fla St '05. **Gerald Jones PS#2DB.** Brent Vinson PS#89 in '06. 85 Casey Woods (6-5 215 Sr) 13 gms LY.

TE 28 **CHRIS BROWN SR.** 6-3 250 PS#30. 25 st, 51 rec (8.9) 3Y. 86 **Brad Cottam** (6-8 270 Sr) PS#33. 6 st, 14 (13.0) LY. 80 Jeff Cottam (6-8 260 So) PS#7. Luke Stocker (6-6 235 rFr) PS#55.

C 50 **JOSH McNEIL SO.** 6-4 280 **PS#9.** L/9 st at C rFr, All SEC Fr Tm. Michael Frogg (6-4 290 Sr) 1st 4 st C LY. Cameron Mayo (6-4 275 Jr) PS#74. **LS** Morgan Cox (6-4 225 So).

RG 75 **ANTHONY PARKER JR.** 6-3 305 PS#171. 1 st at C rFr. 12 st RG LY. Vladimir Richard (6-4 297 So) **PS#46DL.** 3 gm rFr. Jarrod Shaw (6-4 345 rFr) PS#68DL. Ben Weisensel (6-4 300 Jr).

LG 65 **Jacques McClendon So.** 6-3 330 **PS#9.** 1 st RG true (bowl), 12 gm. Ramon Foster (6-6 325 Jr) PS#106. 2 st rFr. 11 gm LY. Darris Sawtelle PS#26. In spg. Kirk Swearingen (6-5 280 Jr).

RT 54 **ERIC YOUNG SR.** 6-4 305 **PS#4.** 2 st LT '05. 13 st RT LY. 71 Steven Jones (6-4 305 Sr) PS#51DL. 10 gm, 3Y. 70 Darius Myers (6-6 315 rFr) PS#107. Cory Sullins (6-1 285 So).

LT 79 **Chris Scott So.** 6-5 305 **PS#7.** 7 gm as rFr. Lost 60 lbs since enrolling. 72 Ramone Johnson (6-5 310 rFr) PS#32. 84 pncks as Sr HS. John Vandergriff (6-4 295 rFr).

K 26 **Daniel Lincoln rFr.** 6-0 204 PS#48. 94% TB's in HS, 52 yd FG. Chad Cunningham (6-3 210 rFr) PS#8. 47 Britton Colquitt 52 yd FG in HS. 95% TB's. 38 David Campbell (6-2 200 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

DE 93 **XAVIER MITCHELL SR.** 6-2 255 **PS#35.** 15 tkl, 2.5 sk '04-'05. 11 st LY, 43 tkl, 4 sk, 13 qbh. Wes Brown (6-4 256 So) **PS#32.** 17 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **Ben Martin PS#1LB.** Phillip Tritapoe (6-5 250 Jr).

DT 98 **JT Mapu Sr.** 6-4 290 **PS#18.** 35 tkl, 5 tfl '02-'03. Mission. 8 tkl LY. 55 Dan Williams (6-3 310 So) PS#97OL. 2 tkl, 1 sk LY. 58 Donald Langley PS#62. Victor Thomas (6-4 265 rFr) PS#127.

DT 96 **Demonté Bolden Jr.** 6-6 290 **PS#6.** 1 gm true. 22 tkl, 4 tfl LY. 95 Walter Fisher (6-3 265 Jr) PS#42JC. 8 tkl, 2 tfl LY. Chase Nelson (6-4 256 So) PS#105. Rolando Melancon PS#21.

DE 89 **ANTONIO REYNOLDS SR.** 6-3 270 PS#38LB. 21 tkl, 3 tfl '04-'05. 11 st LY, 37 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 91 Robert Ayers (6-3 260 Jr) **PS#14LB.** 2 st, 30 tkl, 2 sk 2Y. 46 Andre Mathis (6-2 255 So) 2 tkl rFr.

SLB 39 **RYAN KARL SR.** 6-0 218 13 tkl '05. 13 st LY, 66 tkl, 9 tfl. 48 Adam Myers-White (6-2 215 Jr) **PS#12DB.** 9 tkl LY. 42 LaMarcus Thompson (6-1 203 rFr) PS#167. Chris Walker PS#38.

MLB 7 **JEROD MAYO JR.** 6-2 230 **PS#22.** 1 st, 13 tkl rFr. 11 st WLB LY, 83 tkl, 12.5 tfl. 35 Ellix Wilson (5-10 225 Jr) PS#77DB. 20 tkl, 2Y. Savion Frazier is PS#90RB.

WLB 5 **Rico McCoy So.** 6-1 215 **PS#8.** L/2 st rFr, 38 tkl, 3 tfl, SEC Fr Tm. **Chris Donald PS#5.** 34 Dorian Davis (6-2 215 So) PS#120. 4 tkl true. Stephen Dorning (6-3 215 Jr).

CB NA **DeAngelo Willingham Jr.** 6-0 195 PS#65JC. 5 int JC LY. 31 Marsalous Johnson (5-9 180 So) PS#130. 2 tkl as rFr. Steven Hensley (5-10 185 So). In for spring.

CB NA **Eric Berry Fr.** 5-11 195 **PS#1.** 37 Antonio Gaines (5-9 180 Sr) PS#143RB. 10 tkl 3Y. 23 Ricardo Kemp (5-11 190 So) PS#116WR. 11 tkl rFr. 25 Art Evans is PS#94. In for spg.

SS NA **Nevin McKenzie Jr.** 6-2 210 PS#50JC. 19 Jarod Parrish (6-3 200 Sr) PS#211. 11 tkl 3Y. 15 Sinclair Cannon (6-2 215 Jr) PS#74WR. 2 tkl 2Y. Ja'Kouri Williams (5-10 190 Jr) PS#15RB.

FS 32 **JONATHAN HEFNEY SR.** 5-9 185 12 st CB true, 10 pbu. 11 st FS '05, 65 tkl, 3 int. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 96 tkl, 5 int. 33 Antonio Wardlow (6-0 185 So) PS#34. 1 st SS, 6 tkl rFr.

P 47 **BRITTON COLQUITT JR.** 6-3 205 59 punts (41.2) rFr. 46 punts LY, #7 NCAA w/ 44.9 avg, team net 37.6, **1st Tm SEC.** 30 Chad Cunningham (6-3 210 rFr) **PS#8.** 46.0 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB Eric Berry 5-11 195 PS#1
DL Ben Martin 6-5 230 PS#1LB
WR Gerald Jones 6-0 185 PS#2DB
LB Chris Donald 6-2 225 PS#5
RB Lennon Creer 6-1 202 PS#6
WR Ahmad Paige 6-3 175 PS#9
WR Kenny O'Neal 6-0 195 PS#27JC
DL Rolando Melancon 6-2 260 PS#21
OL Darris Sawtelle 6-6 295 PS#26
DB Nevin McKenzie 6-2 210 PS#50JC
DL Rae Sykes 6-4 240 PS#37
DB CJ Fleming 5-10 173 PS#27WR
WR Todd Campbell 6-0 180 PS#29
DB DeAngelo Willingham 6-0 195 PS#65JC
LB Chris Walker 6-3 220 PS#38
DL Donald Langley 6-2 295 PS#62
WR Darnius Moore 6-1 185 PS#53
DB Dashaun Barnes 6-2 190 PS#71
WR Tyler Maples 6-2 190 PS#59
WR Anthony Anderson 6-0 175 PS#60
DL Rufus Williams 6-3 225 PS#87
DB Art Evans 6-1 185 PS#94
RB Kevin Cooper 6-1 240 PS#76
RB Daryl Vereen 6-0 196 PS#85
QB BJ Coleman 6-4 205 PS#65
LB Savion Frazier 6-2 210 PS#90RB
WR Brent Vinson 6-2 190 PS#89 '06
OL Cody Pope 6-5 270 PS#124 '06
RB Dennis Rogan 5-10 182 PS#95
RB Josh Hawkins 6-0 195 PS#123
DL William Brimfield 6-6 300 PS#199
DL Cory Hall 6-5 260 PS#317

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PHILLIP FULMER (Career 137-41)
16th Year at Tennessee — Fulmer's Bowl Record: 7-7

Fulmer's records AT TENNESSEE

137-41	Straight Up	15-20	Vs Top 10
77-16	Home	41-30	Vs Top 25
49-16	Away	21-10	Vs BCS Teams
11-9	Neutral	19-11	Off A Bye
89-29	Vs Conference	24-8	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: **(9-4)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (20,23,1)
Lost: 26 (13,11,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 105,789 (#3)

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#18

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	at California	A					UT outgained Cal 514-336 & led 35-3 after 3Q's last year in Tennessee's 35-18 win. Vols have won 12 straight season openers. First ssn opener on the road S/'98.
Sep. 8	S Mississippi	G					Tennessee has a 48-12 record vs non-conference opponents under Fulmer. The Vols are 11-0 since 1998 vs current members of CUSA & 4-0 vs S Miss.
Sep. 15	at Florida	G					The loser of this game hasn't made it to the SEC Championship since 1997. Six of the last 9 games in this series have been decided by 4 pts or less.
Sep. 22	Arkansas St	G					Tenn led the SEC in attendance for the 33rd consec season avg 105,789 in 7 HG's. This is the1st meeting between these 2 tms. UT's asst coach Caldwell played DE for ASU.
Sep. 29							
Oct. 6	Georgia	G					Both tms have been ranked each of L5Y. UT QB Ainge is 2-0 as a starter vs UGA. The Vols came from behind 24-7 late 1H to win 51-33 in Athens last year.
Oct. 13	at Mississippi St	G					Tennessee has won 4 straight & 7 of the last 8. The average score of the last 4 in this series is UT 43-17. Tennessee is just 2-5 prior to Alabama.
Oct. 20	at Alabama	G					This rivalry is traditionally played on "The Third Saturday in October". Phillip Fulmer has won 10 of the last 12 games vs Alabama as a head coach.
Oct. 27	South Carolina	G					Fulmer is 4-8 against Spurrier lifetime, but 3-3 in the last 6 games. Tennessee has won 13 of the last 14 games vs South Carolina.
Nov. 3	Louisiana-Lft (HC)	G					The only previous meeting was a 38-3 win by Tennessee in 1992. Tennessee is 79-9 in November since 1985 (just 2-2 last year).
Nov. 10	Arkansas	G					QB Ainge missed the Arkansas game LY with an ankle injury. Tenn's loss LY gives them a 12-3 series edge. Tenn has lost 7 of 8 HG's vs ranked SEC opponents.
Nov. 17	Vanderbilt	G					Vandy had it's 1st sellout S/'99 for this gm LY, but at least half of the crowd were Vols' fans. UT outgained Vandy 429-218 despite running 2 less plays in their 39-10 win.
Nov. 24	at Kentucky	G					Vols will face their former OC Randy Sanders (UK QB coach & recruiting coordinator). Tenn has won 22 in a row in this series. UT has won 24 straight reg ssn finales.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Peyton Manning 11,201 '94-'97
2. Casey Clausen 9,577 '00-'03
3. Andy Kelly 6,397 '88-'91

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Travis Henry 3,078 '97-'00
2. James Stewart 2,890 '91-'94
3. Johnnie Jones 2,852 '81-'84

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Joey Kent 2,814 '93-'96
2. Marcus Nash 2,447 '94-'97
3. Peerless Price 2,298 '95-'98

RB LaMarcus Coker

STADIUM: NEYLAND STADIUM (104,079) (#3)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Phillip Fulmer

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	10-2	8-4	10-2	9-3	5-6	9-3	59-23
Home	5-1	5-1	5-3	6-1	5-2	3-3	5-2	34-13
Away	3-2	5-0	2-1	4-1	4-0	2-3	4-1	24-8
Neutral	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2
vs Conf	5-3	7-2	5-3	6-2	7-2	3-5	5-3	38-20
ATS	5-6	5-7	6-6	6-6	5-7	3-8	8-4	38-44
Home Fav	4-1	2-4	3-4	2-4	2-5	0-6	1-3	14-27
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-3
Away Fav	1-3	2-2	2-0	2-0	0-2	1-0	4-0	12-7
Away Dog	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-0	2-2	0-1	7-6
Favorite	5-4	4-7	6-4	4-4	2-7	1-6	5-3	27-35
Dog	0-2	1-0	0-2	2-2	3-0	2-2	3-1	11-9
vs Conf	4-4	3-6	4-4	5-3	3-6	3-5	5-3	27-31
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-2	1-3	2-1	0-3	3-1	11-13
Off SU Win	3-4	3-7	3-4	5-4	3-6	0-4	5-3	22-32
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	1-1	3-3	2-1	12-9

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Citrus - #8	-3	Michigan - #17	45-17
02	Peach	+1	Maryland - #20	3-30
03	Peach - #6	-4'	Clemson	14-27
04	Cotton - #15	+4'	Texas A&M - #22	38-7
06	Outback - #17	-4'	Penn St	10-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Tennessee's All-Time Bowl Record 24-22

TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	27.8	19	108	3.7	264	63.9	13.4	+1	2006	4	19.5	18	147	4.1	181	57.4	16.8
8*	18.6	18	128	3.5	198	52.2	17.5	-7	2005	9	18.6	17	82	2.5	216	59.9	16.0
5	29.1	21	186	4.7	213	55.9	13.7	+6	2004	3	22.7	20	120	3.5	236	60.8	15.7
8*	28.1	20	138	3.9	233	56.4	13.2	+3	2003	3	18.4	19	138	3.7	186	55.6	17.6
5*	22.8	19	151	3.8	203	61.2	15.5	+2	2002	5	17.5	16	129	3.4	156	48.7	16.3
7*	30.8	19	150	4.0	260	65.1	13.3	+5	2001	7	19.3	17	87	2.7	220	53.3	15.9

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LaMarcus Coker	108	717	21	696	5	6.4
Montario Hardesty	107	419	35	384	4	3.6
Arian Foster	91	359	37	322	5	3.5
David Yancey	13	60	0	60	2	4.6
Bret Smith	4	44	0	44	0	11.0
Jonathan Crompton	16	46	28	18	0	1.1
Erik Ainge	26	14	116	-102	1	-3.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Erik Ainge	348	233	67.0	2989	19	9
Jonathan Crompton	66	31	47.0	401	4	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Robert Meachem	71	1298	18.3	11	84
Jayson Swain	49	688	14.0	6	51
Bret Smith	39	453	11.6	5	39
Chris Brown	31	239	7.7	1	53
Brad Cottam	14	182	13.0	0	45
LaMarcus Coker	13	168	12.9	1	48
Lucas Taylor	14	101	7.2	0	45
Arian Foster	11	88	8.0	0	15
Austin Rogers	5	69	13.8	0	28
Montario Hardesty	6	54	9.0	0	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Britton Colquitt	46	2066	44.9	8	37.6	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
James Wilhoit	42-43	8-8	3-4	6-9	1-1	18-22	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marvin Mitchell	104	1	9.5	3	1
Jonathan Hefney	96	0	3	3	5
Jerod Mayo	83	5	7.5	1	0
Turk McBride	68	1	7.5	1	0
Ryan Karl	66	1	8	4	0
Jonathan Wade	52	0	6	13	4
Demetrice Morley	51	1	6	6	2
Antwan Stewart	46	0	1	3	3
Xavier Mitchell	43	4	4	3	0
Rico McCoy	38	0	3	1	0
Antonio Reynolds	37	1	3.5	0	0
Robert Ayers	25	1	2	1	0
Demonte' Bolden	22	1	3	0	0
Wes Brown	17	0	2	0	0
Matt McGlothlin	14	0	0	0	0
Ellix Wilson	13	0	0	0	0
Ricardo Kemp	11	0	0.5	1	0
Inquoris Johnson	10	0	1	1	1
Adam Myers-White	9	0	0	0	0
Walter Fisher	8	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonathan Hefney	17	206	12.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
LaMarcus Coker	9	180	20.0	0
Lucas Taylor	7	118	16.9	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#23	California	19	41 - 216	5.3	13 - 20	298	0	15	23 - 64	2.8	20 - 42	272	3	0
#11	Air Force	24	32 - 79	2.5	24 - 29	333	0	22	51 - 281	5.5	7 - 9	127	1	-1
#13	Florida	13	23 - (-11)	-0.5	18 - 33	231	2	22	41 - 121	3.0	15 - 25	199	3	-1
#15	Marshall	19	24 - 176	7.3	18 - 27	258	2	16	48 - 126	2.6	8 - 14	110	3	+1
#15	at Memphis	25	52 - 205	3.9	25 - 29	361	0	5	20 - 42	2.1	11 - 17	79	0	-1
#13	at Georgia	27	34 - 115	3.4	25 - 38	268	1	14	27 - 145	5.4	14 - 25	175	1	+4
#7	Alabama	17	21 - 57	2.7	28 - 46	302	0	11	30 - 53	1.8	13 - 29	158	3	-3
#8	at South Carolina	17	23 - 71	3.1	21 - 29	254	1	23	35 - 165	4.7	16 - 30	230	0	+2
#8	LSU	11	20 - 62	3.1	12 - 30	186	2	28	45 - 231	5.1	24 - 36	247	2	+3
#13	at Arkansas	19	29 - 92	3.2	16 - 34	174	4	18	45 - 259	5.8	11 - 16	166	0	0
#22	at Vanderbilt	18	26 - 163	6.3	21 - 30	266	2	14	34 - 109	3.2	11 - 24	109	0	+1
#19	Kentucky	23	34 - 96	2.8	19 - 33	240	3	24	30 - 128	4.3	26 - 39	282	1	-1
#17	† Penn St	17	23 - 83	3.6	25 - 37	267	2	19	40 - 183	4.6	14 - 25	197	0	-3
TOTALS		249	382 - 1404	3.7	265 - 415	3438	19	231	469 - 1907	4.1	190 - 331	2351	17	+1
AVERAGES		19.2	29 - 108	3.7	20 - 32	264	1.5	17.8	36 - 147	4.1	15 - 25	181	1.3	0.1

2002 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Score	Post-#4
#4	Wyoming	-30'	47-7	
#4	Middle Tennessee	-22	26-3	
#4	Florida - #10	-5	13-30	
#11	Rutgers	-41	35-14	
#10	Arkansas	-11	41-38 OT	
#10	at Georgia - #6	+4	13-18	
#16	Alabama - #19	-2	14-34	
#25	at South Carolina	-1'	18-10	
–	Miami, Fl - #2	+9	3-26	
–	at Mississippi St	-7	35-17	
–	† Vanderbilt	-17'	24-0	
–	Kentucky	-8'	24-0	

2003 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #15
#12	Fresno St	-20	24-6	
#12	Marshall	-19'	34-24	
#12	at Florida - #17	+3'	24-10	
#8	South Carolina	-16	23-20 OT	
#7	at Auburn	+1	21-28	
#13	Georgia - #8	+2'	14-41	
#22	at Alabama	-3	51-43 3OT	
#19	Duke	-24	23-6	
#18	at Miami, Fl - #6	+12'	10-6	
#9	Mississippi St	-23'	59-21	
#9	Vanderbilt	-21	48-0	
#7	at Kentucky	-11'	20-7	

2004 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #13
#13	UNLV	-19	42-17	
#14	Florida - #11	-3	30-28	
#11	Louisiana Tech	-23	42-17	
#11	Auburn - #8	-2	10-34	
#17	at Georgia - #3	+12'	19-14	
#13	at Mississippi	-10	21-17	
#11	Alabama	-7	17-13	
#11	at South Carolina	+1	43-29	
#9	Notre Dame	-7	13-17	
#15	at Vanderbilt	-12'	38-33	
–	Kentucky	-24	37-31	
#16	† Auburn - #3	+14'	28-38	

2005 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre #3 Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
#3	UAB	-21'	17-10	
#5	at Florida - #6	+6'	7-16	
#10	at LSU - #3	+6'	30-27 OT	
#10	Mississippi	-21	27-10	
#8	Georgia - #5	-3	14-27	
#17	at Alabama - #5	+3'	3-6	
#23	South Carolina	-13'	15-16	
–	at Notre Dame - #8	+8'	21-41	
–	Memphis	-18'	20-16	
–	Vanderbilt	-11	24-28	
–	at Kentucky	-8'	27-8	

2006 RESULTS

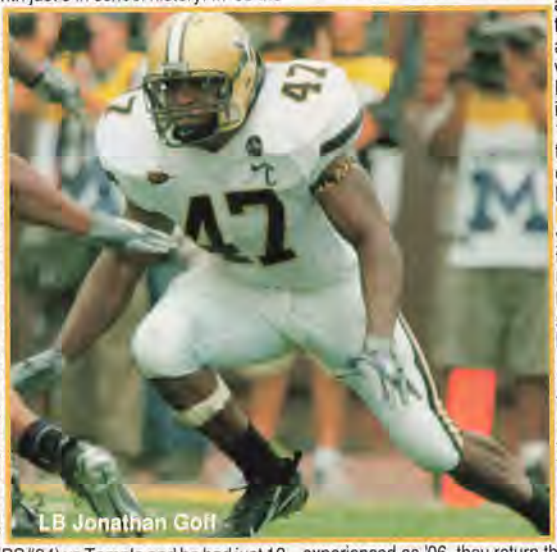
UT Rank	Pre #23 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #25
#23	California - #9	+3	35-18	
#11	Air Force	-20	31-30	
#13	Florida - #7	+3'	20-21	
#15	Marshall	-21	33-7	
#15	at Memphis	-13	41-7	
#13	at Georgia - #10	-2	51-33	
#7	Alabama	-10'	16-13	
#8	at South Carolina	-3'	31-24	
#8	LSU - #13	+5	24-28	
#13	at Arkansas - #11	+5'	14-31	
#22	at Vanderbilt	-7'	39-10	
#19	Kentucky	-20'	17-12	

VANDERBILT COMMODORES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Greg Zolman left as the school's all-time leader after 2001. In 2002 Bobby Johnson brought in an option-oriented offense similar to the one he ran at Furman. Jay Cutler, a rFr who almost moved to WR or DB in 2001, ended up becoming the first ever rFr QB to start an opener at Vandy. He also became the first QB to top 100 yards rushing and 200 passing in a game here since Eric Jones (1987). In his first year, Cutler threw for 1,433 (48.6%) with a 10-9 ratio (561 rush) and became a much more proficient passer each year. In 2005, Chris Nickson (PS#71), who was Alabama's 2003 Mr. Football, became the backup. Cutler broke almost every VU career passing record and led the SEC in passing with 3,073 (59.1%) with a 21-9 ratio (443 rush). He was also voted AP SEC POY and became Vandy's first, 1st Tm SEC QB since Kurt Page in 1984. Nickson (6 gm) att'd just 3 passes (67 yds rush). Cutler started for the Denver Broncos last year and Nickson had to battle Mackenzi Adams (PS#73) and Arizona transfer Richard Kovalcheck (PS#23). Kovalcheck had 11 starts at Arizona in two years throwing for 2,390 (52.8%) with a 16-18 ratio. Nickson was not named the starter until opening day vs Michigan. He was sacked six times by the Wolverines and it could have been worse if he was not mobile. He had a baptism by fire playing against the Wolves and Tide in his first two starts but improved as the season went on. Nickson had 994 pass yards in his first 8 but threw for 994 in the next three (Duke, Fla, UK). He was just 4 of 15 with 2 int vs SC, but had 517 total yards vs Kentucky. His 694 net yards rushing set a school single season QB record (Eric Jones 665, 1987). Nickson completed 54.8% with a 15-13 ratio. Adams played in 12 throwing for 224 (51.7%) and Kovalcheck played in three (63 yd). All three return so this unit is vastly more experienced than LY. Keep an eye on rFr Jared Funk (6'2" 200, PS#67) and true frosh Larry Smith (PS#32).

RUNNING BACKS - Vanderbilt has not had a 1,000-yard rusher since 1995 with just 3 in school history. In '05 the top returning RB was Jeff Jennings who had one start and 135 (2.9) as a true frosh. Jennings rushed for 448 (3.6) and Cassen Jackson-Garrison had some big runs of 71, 60, 50 and 40 yards and led with 539 (5.6). Each back topped 100 yards in a game just once. Jennings tore his ACL vs UK in '05 and redshirted in '06. Last year Jackson-Garrison had his appendix removed in mid-August and only rushed for 2 yds in the opener. He had 142 vs Temple but that was his only 100+ yard game. Jared Hawkins (PS#155) had 298 and an impressive 6.9 ypc. Surprisingly Johnson took the redshirt off of true frosh Gaston Miller (PS#94) vs Temple and he had just 13 att on the season. FB/TE Steven Bright started 2 but fractured his leg vs SC (18 rec). This year everyone returns except for Bright and not listed in the 3 deep below are Kennard Reeves (5'11" 195 rFr) and this year's true frosh. The Commodores' rush attack should be stronger in 2007.


LB Jonathan Goff

RECEIVERS - In 2005 Vandy had to replace their #1 receiver but returned Erik Davis who had 19 starts (78 rec) in two years and Marlon White (6'4") who had 50 in that span. Davis suffered through an injury-plagued season but was still leading the team when he was lost for the year with an injury vs Florida. True frosh Earl Bennett emerged and in the last 4 had 49 of his 79 rec and tied an SEC record with 5 TD rec vs Kentucky. Last year they had to replace Davis and TE Dunning (35, 11.1). Bennett had an incredible stretch in games 9-11 snagging 33 rec for 561 yards and led with 82 (14.0) on the year. White added 25 (12.5) and soph George Smith had 21 (14.9). Sean Walker (PS#146) has great speed but had 0 rec in '05 coming off of an offseason knee injury. Walker improved greatly LY with 16 (12.8). Johnson said in the first couple of years, they ran out of healthy WR's towards the end of the season. This year they only lose White (12 st) making it the deepest receiving corps in the Johnson era.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Due to injuries in 2005, Vandy only had two returning starters to the offensive front and only paved the way for 3.5 ypc rush, their lowest total since 2000 (24 sk). Last year they had to replace two starters but got back Mac Pyle who had 23 career starts. Pyle, coming off an injury, did not take over the starting spot until the final four while 2nd Tm SEC RT Brian Stamper was lost for the year (back surgery) after 5. The added mobility of QB Nickson aided the OL stats and the slightly more experienced group opened holes for 4.7 ypc (19 sk). The only losses are RG Pyle (4 st) and RT Elliot Hood (6 st). Six players return with starting experience and hopefully this unit will avoid losing any key starters as they have in the past two years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Vandy had an inexperienced front and allowed 4.5 ypc rush while the D had just 14 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup and then projected starter David Carter transferred after the spring. They still improved allowing 4.1 ypc and increased the sack total to 25. This year they lose DE Chris Booker (12 st, 37 tkl) and DT Ray Brown (12 st, 36 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back and three of the backups were frosh last year. Vandy's D-line accounted for 8 sacks in 2005 and upped that to 17.5 last year. I look for continued improvement as every DL who recorded a sack last year returns.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Vandy had to replace their outstanding 1st Tm SEC LB Moses Osemwegie who led the team in tackles 3 straight years. Jonathan Goff became the new team leader. He had 15 career starts heading into 2006 and earned 2nd Tm SEC LY with 93 tkls. He turned down an early shot at the NFL to return this year. They must replace OLB Kevin Joyce (12 st, 59 tkl, 2Y st'r) but have 5 of the top 6 back. While this group is just as experienced as '06, they return their star this time.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Commodores have finished as high as #59 ('03) in my pass D rankings but in 2004 and 2005 they finished just #103 and #94. Last year they had to replace two starters and three frosh started 9 or more games, but they still climbed to #82. Senior FS Ben Koger started 3 but fractured his fibula and senior CB Sean Dixon had 1 start (4 tkl). Those two must be replaced along with SS Funtaine Hunter (14 tkl) and Adrian Reif (1 tkl). Six players return with starting experience and Johnson has consistently brought in underrated, but talented players. This is the most experienced VU secondary in years and should make a good-sized climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bobby Johnson's last ST unit at Furman had 4 KR TD's and 3 blocked punts as he puts an emphasis on this unit. In his first year at Vandy, they finished #48 in my ST rankings but surprisingly have finished just #108 #111, #109 and #99 the next 4 years! True frosh Bryant Hahnfeldt (PS#58) hit 12 of 17 FG's including a 48 yarder (into the wind vs MT) and 4 of his 5 misses were blocks in '05. He avg'd 41.1 on punts (but Vandy was last in SEC in net punting) and had 18 TB on 52 KO. Unfortunately he tore his ACL in the finale and missed last spring. Hahnfeldt hit just 8 of 17 FG's LY with a long of 51 and saw his TB on KO drop to 7. True frosh Brett Upson (PS#18) had a great 1H of the year with 10 punts inside 20 but had just two in the 2H and also saw his average drop. Alex Washington was the top PR (5.6) and KR (19.2). Basically everyone returns and I will call for Vandy to make significant strides in the ST rankings especially with Hahnfeldt a year removed from his ACL surgery.

COACHES - Bobby Johnson was 60-36 in 8 years at Furman and was the '01 IAA Nat'l Coach of the Year there. Both coordinators enter their 6th year here. OC Ted Cain was the OC at NCSt from '86-'96 and HC at VMI for 2 years. The DC is Bruce Fowler, who spent 16 years as an asst at Furman (the last 3 as a DC there).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Vanderbilt has now had 24 consecutive losing seasons with their last bowl coming in 1982. With Vandy's strict academic standards and playing in a tough conference, they've won just 10 SEC games in the last 11 years and have had just one winning SEC record in the last 46 years. Vandy fielded very young units in each of Bobby Johnson's first two seasons but had 20 starters returning in '04. Expectations were high. VU lost an amazing 5 close games (by a combined 15 pts) and while they could have easily been a 7-4 squad they finished just 2-9. It was their 4th straight 2-win season. In 2005 expectations were lower but VU appeared on the verge of a rare winning season. They had 103 players in August, the most since the mid-1980's. They got a TD with 1:48 left vs WF to clinch the first road win in Johnson's tenure and the first season-opening win since 1997. They then got their first road win in an SEC opener since 1984 when they upset Arkansas. After beating Ole Miss at home, they were 2-0 in SEC play for the first time since 1956 and were on top of the SEC East standings. After beating Richmond, they were 4-0 for the first time since 1984 and received votes in the USA Today Poll at #30 and The New York Times, Sports Illustrated and ESPN Radio all did interviews that week. They would have been 5-0 for the first time since 1943 but were upset at home by Mid Tenn, a game in which VU had a 23-11 FD edge. They trailed #11 LSU by just 3 points late 3Q. VU almost upset SCar then lost in 2 OT's to Florida. They got their first win vs Tenn in Neyland Stadium since 1975 with a 28-24 win in the finale but finished just 5-6. Last year they had to replace star QB Jay Cutler who had guided the team to 27.2 ppg, their best since 1948! New QB Chris Nickson was better than expected and VU avg 22.0 ppg (3rd best since 1987). VU very nearly pulled off a winning year but lost by 3 to Bama, 2 to Ark (missed 48 yd FG w/:55 left), 7 to Ole Miss (VU had 23-7 FD & 400-179 yd edges!) and by 6 to Florida. They did knock off UGA on the road ending a streak of 49 straight losses to ranked teams (1992 #25 Ole Miss) and it was their first ever win over a ranked foe in an opponent's stadium. Since 1982 VU's best SEC win total is 3 and last year they were just 1-7 but were only outgained by 24.7 ypg in league play (7th best). This year VU has 10 starters back on offense including QB Nickson and 1st Tm SEC Bennett and may even top 2005's outstanding production. Last year's D had 6 starters back and allowed just 23.7 ppg despite allowing 38.5 ppg in the final 2. With 8 starters back, including 7 of their top 8 tacklers, they should have one of their best units yet under Johnson. VU has a remarkable 8 home games scheduled and for just the 2nd time in the last 58 years they will not finish the regular season against Tennessee. After playing 12 straight weeks in '06, VU has a bye this year. I will call for the Commodores to garner their first bowl game since 1982!

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN 2006

QB 2 **CHRIS NICKSON JR.** 6-2 210 PS#71. 12 st LY, 2085 (55%), 15-13 ratio, 827 rush. 3 Mackenzi Adams (6-2 208 So) PS#73. 329 ttl yd rFr. 15 Richard Kovalcheck (6-2 222 Sr) 11 st, **Ariz.**
RB 22 **CASSEN JACKSON-GARRISON SR.** 6-1 220 12 st '06. 1220 (4.7), 3Y, 32 rec. 20 **Jeff Jennings** (6-1 222 Jr) PS#188LB. **10 st '05.** RS LY. 583 (3.4) 2Y. Jared Hawkins (5-10 192 So) PS#155. 298 (6.9) rFr.
WR 7 **Sean Walker Jr.** 6-0 180 PS#146. 5 st LY, 16 rec (12.8). 39 Alex Washington (5-10 180 So) PS#235. 420 ret yd LY. 97 Steven Goulet (6-2 180 rFr) PS#166. **FB** Matt Bubis (5-10 240 So).
WR 88 **GEORGE SMITH JR.** 6-3 195 PS#297. 4.4 spd. 13 st 2Y, 44 rec (13.6). 80 Justin Wheeler (6-0 175 So) PS#236. 93 Larry Simmons (5-10 165 So) PS#237. 47 Chris Reinart (5-10 185 So).
WR 10 **EARL BENNETT JR.** 6-1 202 **1st Tm SEC '05-'06.** 79 (11.1) true. 82 (14.0) LY. 81 Bryant Anderson (6-3 210 Jr) PS#226. 6 rec L2Y. 13 Turner Wimberly (6-0 195 rFr) PS#219QB.
TE 83 **BRAD ALLEN JR.** 6-3 240 **PS#5.** 11 gm rFr. 6 st, 3 rec LY. 85 Jake Bradford (6-6 260 So) PS#111WR. 11 gm. 82 Justin Green (6-7 230 rFr) PS#80. Reilly Lauer (6-6 238 rFr).
C 53 **HAMILTON HOLLIDAY SR.** 6-3 290 PS#140. 2 st RG true. 8 gm, 2nd string '05. 12 st C LY. 60 Bradley Vierling (6-3 290 So) PS#220. 9 gm rFr. **LS** 94 Matt Quinn (6-5 220 So).
RG 64 **MERRITT KIRCHOFFER SR.** 6-5 315 PS#355. 15 gm '04-'05. 8 st RG LY (until inj), 1 st RT. 72 Ryan Custer (6-4 295 So) 3 st LG rFr, 12 gm. 67 Drew Brenk (6-4 295 rFr) PS#282.
LG 78 **JOSH EAMES SR.** 6-5 310 PS#139. 11 st OG '05. 9 st LG, 10 gm in 2006. 70 Drew Gardner (6-5 305 So) PS#135. 3 gm rFr. 79 Ryan Vance (6-3 280 So) 1 gm rFr.
RT 72 **BRIAN STAMPER SR.** 6-5 295 9 st true. 11 st '04. 11 st '05, **2nd Tm SEC.** 5 st until inj LY. 76 Thomas Welch (6-6 285 So) PS#205QB. 8 gm true. 91 Nick Forte (6-3 290 So).
LT 74 **CHRIS WILLIAMS SR.** 6-6 315 9 st LG '05. **2nd Tm SEC**, 12 st LT LY, allowed 1 sk all year, Top OL Award. 68 Eric Hensley (6-6 305 So) PS#285. Kyle Fischer PS#69.
K 8 **BRYANT HAHNFELDT JR.** 5-11 180 PS#58. 12 of 17 FG as true, long 48. 8 of 17 FG LY, long 51, 7 TB 52 KO. 50 Thomas Carroll (5-9 165 So). 99 John Laughrey (6-0 180 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN 2006

DE 99 **Broderick Stewart So.** 6-5 225 PS#96TE. 19 tkl, 5 sk rFr. 95 **Steven Stone** (6-6 255 So) 24 tkl, 6.5 tfl rFr. Teriall Brannon (6-3 230 rFr) PS#382. David Leinweber (6-5 250 So).
DT 98 **Greg Billinger So.** 6-2 290 PS#151OL. 6 tkl true. 56 **Gabe Hall** (6-1 288 Sr) 25 tkl 3Y. Lifter of Yr '06. 92 Brandon Holmes (6-3 295 Jr) PS#176. Derrius Dowell (6-3 280 So).
DT 54 **THEO HORROCKS SR.** 6-3 295 2 st, 19 tkl true. 8 st '05, 21 tkl, 2 tfl. 12 st LY, 49 tkl, 5 sk. 53 Adam Smotherman (6-4 270 rFr) PS#108OL. Def Scout MVP. Kikko Logan (6-2 230 rFr).
DE 48 **CURTIS GATEWOOD SR.** 6-3 245 31 tkl '04-'05. 12 st LY, 49 tkl, 7 sk. 51 Quavian Lewis (6-3 225 So) PS#256LB. 3 tkl rFr. David Whittington (6-2 250 Jr). Sam Panke (6-1 230 rFr).
SLB 24 **MARCUS BUGGS SR.** 5-11 235 2 st FS rFr. 2 st LB '05, 29 tkl. 12 st LY, 50 tkl, 10.5 tfl. 52 Nathan Campbell (6-3 228 rFr) PS#101. 33 Austin Newton (6-2 215 rFr). Dom Morias (6-0 218 Jr).
MLB 47 **JONATHAN GOFF SR.** 6-4 235 PS#91. 11 st '05, 63 tkl, 3 tfl. **2nd Tm SEC LY.** 12 st, 93 tkl, 6 tfl. Turned down NFL. 57 Chris Johnson (6-1 230 So) 6 tkl rFr. Chris Marve PS#96.
WLB 35 **Brandon Bryant So.** 6-1 230 PS#270. 18 tkl, 2 tfl. 30 Patrick Benoist (6-0 215 So) PS#140, 14 tkl true (inj). John Stokes is PS#84. Bo Baggarley (6-1 210 So). Michael Garcia (5-11 230 rFr).
CB 16 **DJ MOORE SO.** 5-10 175 PS#237WR. 9 st true, 37 tkl, 1 int. 14 **Josh Allen** (5-9 182 Jr) PS#275. 9 st, 2Y, 61 tkl, 8 pbu. 12 Alan Strong (5-9 170 rFr) PS#104. 4.4 speed.
CB 29 **JOEL CALDWELL SO.** 6-1 185 PS#121. 11 st rFr, 42 tkl, 2 pbu. 5 Myron Lewis (6-2 195 So) PS#186. 4 tkl true. Jared Fagan (5-10 180 Jr) PS#169. 2 st, 22 tkl, 2Y. Ben Havrilesko (5-10 180 So).
SS 20 **RESHARD LANGFORD JR.** 6-2 215 PS#296RB. 11 st rFr, SEC Fr Tm, 54 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. 12 st LY, 51 tkl, 3 int. Brent Trice (6-2 205 So) 8 tkl true. 34 Marquez Hall (5-9 165 rFr).
FS 2 **RYAN HAMILTON SO.** 6-1 205 PS#173. 9 st rFr, 43 tkl, 1 int. 3 Darlron Spead (5-10 185 So) PS#185. 16 tkl, 3 int rFr. 4 Roger Herndon (5-11 200 So). Austin Peay transfer.
P 39 **BRETT UPSON SO.** 5-10 175 PS#18. 44.2 avg HS. 52 punts true, 37.4 avg, net 33.5. 6 Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11 180 Jr) 36 punts (41.1) in '05, 12 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Larry Smith 6-3 200 PS#32
OL	Kyle Fischer 6-6 300 PS#69
LB	John Stokes 6-5 225 PS#84
LB	Chris Marve 6-0 230 PS#96
WR	Udom Umoh 5-11 170 PS#153
OL	James Williams 6-6 300 PS#206
RB	Ryan van Rensburg 6-1 220 PS#196
DL	Theron Kadri 6-3 235 PS#259
WR	Jamie Graham 5-11 175 PS#270
RB	Jermaine Doster 5-10 205 PS#310
DL	Rob Ashabranner 6-2 260 PS#296
DL	TJ Greenstone 6-2 270 PS#365
TE	Tim Fugger 6-4 225 PS#148
TE	Austin Monahan 6-6 235 PS#186

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BOBBY JOHNSON (Career 15-43) (DIV IAA 60-36)
6th Year at Vanderbilt Johnson's Bowl Record: 0-0

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#32

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score VU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Richmond	G					Vanderbilt is 2-0 all time vs Richmond with the first win in 2001 (28-22). The Spiders were 6-5 in the Atlantic 10 Conf LY. Vandy is 1-8 in season openers.
Sep. 8	Alabama	G					VU has lost 19 in a row vs Bama with their last win being in 1984 (forfeit win in '93). Vandy has 19 wins in the series, but only 2 actual wins since 1957.
Sep. 15	Mississippi	G					Seven of the last 8 games in this series have been decided by 8 or fewer points. The home team has won 3 straight & 5 of the last 6.
Sep. 22							
Sep. 29	E Michigan	G					This is the 1st meeting between these 2 teams. VU is 0-4 off a bye under Johnson. VU is 6-3 overall vs current MAC tms with their last meeting a 33-30 loss to Miami in '00.
Oct. 6	at Auburn	G					The series is tied at 19 wins but Vanderbilt has dropped 12 straight. Each of the last 6 losses at Auburn have been by 17+ pts.
Oct. 13	Georgia (HC)	G					LY's 24-22 win by VU was their 1st ever reg season win over a ranked opp on the road. It was only Vandy's 4th win in 43 meetings & ended UGA's 11 gm win streak in the series.
Oct. 20	at South Carolina	G					Vandy is 0-14 vs Spurrier coached teams (0-2 vs Duke, 0-10 vs FL, 0-2 vs SC). South Carolina has won 7 in a row & 14 of 16 overall in the series.
Oct. 27	Miami, Oh	G					Vanderbilt has split its 2 meetings with Miami. The Commordores were 3-1 vs non-conference opponents in 2006 & 8-5 hosting them.
Nov. 3	at Florida	G					UF has won 16 in a row in this series, but the last 2 gms have been decided by a TD or less. WR Bennett caught 13 for 157 yds vs the Gators last year.
Nov.10	Kentucky	G					QB Nickson threw for a career high 446 yds vs UK in the 38-26 loss last year. WR Bennett had 11 rec for 220 yds (2 yds short of VU single game record).
Nov. 17	at Tennessee	G					VU snapped a 22 gm losing streak to Tenn in '05 with a 28-24 win over the Vols. Tennessee outgained Vanderbilt 429-218 in last year's 39-10 Vol's revenge win.
Nov. 24	Wake Forest	G					Vanderbilt is 7-3 all-time in this series and has won 4 in a row vs Wake Forest. This is just the 2nd time in 58 yrs that Vandy hasn't concluded its season vs Tenn.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jay Cutler 8,697 '02-'05	1. Frank Mordica 2,632 '76-'79	1. Boo Mitchell 2,964 '85-'88
2. Greg Zolman 7,981 '98-'01	2. Carl Woods 2,490 '83-'86	2. Dan Stricker 2,880 '99-'02
3. Whit Taylor 6,307 '79-'82	3. Jamie O'Rourke 2,202 '71, '73-'74	3. Martin Cox 2,275 '75-'78

Johnson's records AT VANDERBILT

15-43	Straight Up	0-5	Vs Top 10
10-21	Home	1-16	Vs Top 25
5-21	Away	2-4	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-4	Off A Bye
6-34	Vs Conference	10-29	Off A Loss

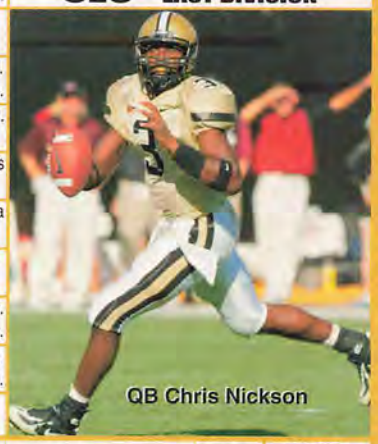
2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (26,23,4)
Lost: 13 (4,7,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,861 (#66)

SEC - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: VANDERBILT STADIUM (39,773) (#78)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	2-10	2-10	2-9	5-6	4-8	20-60
Home	1-5	1-5	2-4	2-5	2-4	2-4	2-4	12-31
Away	2-3	1-4	0-5	0-5	0-5	3-2	2-4	8-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	1-7	0-8	0-8	1-7	1-7	3-5	1-7	7-49
ATS (Woody Widenhofer)	5-5-1	4-6	3-7-1	5-5-1	5-5	6-4	6-5	34-37-3
Home Fav	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-2	0-1	3-10
Home Dog (Bobby Johnson)	1-2-1	2-1	2-0-1	3-1-1	1-2	0-2	2-2	11-10-3
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-3
Away Dog	3-1	1-3	1-4	2-3	3-1	5-0	3-1	18-13
Favorite	1-2	1-2	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	5-13
Dog	4-3-1	3-4	3-5-1	5-4-1	4-3	5-2	5-3	29-24-3
vs Conf	4-3-1	3-5	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	5-3	4-4	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	0-3	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	6-11-1
Off SU Win	2-1	1-1	0-1-1	0-2	1-1	2-1	1-3	7-10-1
Off SU Loss	3-3-1	3-4	3-5	4-3-1	4-3	3-3	4-2	24-23-2

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
55	Gator		NL	Auburn - #8	25-13
74	Peach		NL	Texas Tech	6-6
82	Hall of Fame		-9	Air Force	28-36

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Vanderbilt's All-Time Bowl Record 1-1-1

VANDERBILT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	22.0	18	150	4.7	201	55.5	16.0	-2	2006	6	23.7	18	156	4.1	197	60.1	14.9
6*	27.2	23	115	3.5	281	58.7	14.6	-2	2005	6	29.2	20	170	4.5	224	57.7	13.5
10*	19.3	19	149	3.7	186	59.3	17.4	+4	2004	10	26.0	21	194	4.8	208	65.1	15.5
6*	19.6	20	145	3.6	207	56.5	18.0	-10	2003	6	29.8	20	181	4.3	199	56.1	12.7
6	18.4	17	174	4.3	139	49.8	17.0	-14	2002	7	30.7	22	187	4.6	219	64.1	13.2
7*	20.5	18	134	4.0	241	51.7	18.2	-2	2001	7	36.5	25	202	4.7	287	64.0	13.4

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Nickson	146	827	133	694	9	4.8
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	152	694	80	614	5	4.0
Jared Hawkins	43	307	9	298	3	6.9
Mackenzi Adams	19	105	19	86	0	4.5
Gaston Miller	13	75	5	70	0	5.4
Sean Walker	3	49	0	49	1	16.3
Earl Bennett	5	20	9	11	0	2.2
Richard Kovalcheck	2	0	11	-11	0	-5.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Nickson	292	160	54.8	2085	15	13
Mackenzi Adams	29	15	51.7	224	0	1
Richard Kovalcheck	14	10	71.4	63	0	0
Earl Bennett	2	2	100.0	45	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Earl Bennett	82	1146	14.0	6	77
Marlon White	25	313	12.5	2	35
George Smith	21	313	14.9	3	44
Steven Bright	18	228	12.7	2	38
Sean Walker	16	204	12.8	2	37
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	15	104	6.9	1	26
Brad Allen	3	57	19.0	0	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brett Upson	52	1945	37.4	15	33.5	2	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bryant Hahnfeldt	27-29	3-4	2-6	2-6	1-1	8-17	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jonathan Goff	93	2.5	3.5	2	1
Kevin Joyce	59	3	4	1	0
Reshard Langford	51	1	5	4	3
Marcus Buggs	50	2	8.5	0	1
Curtis Gatewood	49	7	1	2	1
Theo Horrocks	49	5	1	0	0
Ryan Hamilton	43	0	1	1	1
Joel Caldwell	42	0	0	2	0
Chris Booker	37	0	2	1	0
DJ Moore	37	0	0	2	1
Ray Brown	36	0	2	0	1
Steven Stone	24	0.5	6	0	0
Josh Allen	19	0	0	3	0
Broderick Stewart	19	5	0	0	0
Brandon Bryant	18	0	2	1	0
Ben Koger	18	0	1	2	1
Darlron Spead	16	0	1	5	3
Patrick Benoist	14	0	0	0	0
Jared Fagan	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Alex Washington	10	56	5.6	0
Earl Bennett	8	33	4.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Alex Washington	19	364	19.2	0
Josh Allen	12	239	19.9	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

VU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Michigan	9	26-42	1.6	12-26	129	6	20	51-246	4.8	10-22	135	1	-1
–	at Alabama	12	23-80	3.5	16-24	155	0	23	40-134	3.4	18-29	207	1	-1
–	Arkansas	17	37-240	6.5	12-26	124	1	17	39-170	4.4	13-20	224	1	+1
–	Tennessee St	17	37-179	4.8	12-17	129	1	14	36-71	2.0	11-22	181	3	+2
–	Temple	20	31-279	9.0	11-23	169	1	14	40-122	3.1	11-17	148	3	+2
–	at Mississippi	23	41-129	3.1	21-33	271	0	7	38-148	3.9	3-9	31	1	-3
–	at Georgia	17	29-101	3.5	15-29	190	0	21	35-136	3.9	20-30	237	2	-1
–	South Carolina	16	36-133	3.7	11-25	120	3	18	39-194	5.0	11-18	133	1	+1
–	at Duke	21	38-235	6.2	16-29	277	2	23	39-253	6.5	10-25	106	2	0
–	Florida	19	23-93	4.0	27-44	298	3	18	33-88	2.7	19-28	242	4	+2
–	at Kentucky	27	30-175	5.8	23-37	446	2	26	37-147	4.0	29-43	450	4	-3
–	Tennessee	14	34-109	3.2	11-24	109	0	18	26-163	6.3	21-30	266	2	-1
TOTALS		212	385-1795	4.7	187-337	2417	19	219	453-1872	4.1	176-293	2360	25	-2
AVERAGES		17.7	32-150	4.7	16-28	201	1.6	18.3	38-156	4.1	15-24	197	2.1	-0.2

2002 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Georgia Tech	+20'	3-45
–	Furman	NL	49-18
–	at Auburn	+20'	6-31
–	at Mississippi	+21	38-45
–	South Carolina	+9'	14-20
–	Middle Tennessee	-6'	20-21
–	at Georgia - #5	+25'	17-48
–	Connecticut	-8	28-24
–	Alabama - #12	+22	8-30
–	Florida - #23	+21'	17-21
–	at Kentucky	+15'	21-41
–	† Tennessee	+17'	0-24

2003 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	Mississippi	+13	21-24
–	Chattanooga	NL	51-6
–	Auburn	+12	7-45
–	at TCU - #20	+11'	14-30
–	Georgia Tech	+7	17-24 OT
–	at Mississippi St	+4'	21-30
–	Navy	-4'	27-37
–	Georgia - #4	+25	8-27
–	at South Carolina	+15'	24-35
–	at Florida - #17	+23'	17-35
–	Kentucky	+6'	28-17
–	at Tennessee - #9	+21	0-48

2004 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	South Carolina	+3'	6-31
–	at Mississippi	+6'	23-26 OT
–	at Navy	+8'	26-29
–	Mississippi St	-13	31-13
–	Rutgers	-6	34-37
–	at Georgia - #12	+23	3-33
–	E Kentucky	NL	19-7
–	at LSU - #19	+23'	7-24
–	Florida	+12'	17-34
–	at Kentucky	-3	13-14
–	Tennessee - #15	+12'	33-38

2005 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Wake Forest	+8	24-20
–	at Arkansas	+10'	28-24
–	Mississippi	-3	31-23
–	Richmond	NL	37-13
–	Middle Tennessee	-14	15-17
–	LSU - #11	+15'	6-34
–	Georgia - #5	+16	17-34
–	at South Carolina	+8'	28-35
–	at Florida - #13	+19'	42-49 2OT
–	Kentucky	-11	43-48
–	at Tennessee	+11	28-24

2006 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Michigan - #14	+26'	7-27
–	at Alabama	+15'	10-13
–	Arkansas	+5'	19-21
–	Tennessee St	NL	38-9
–	Temple	-34	43-14
–	at Mississippi	-1'	10-17
–	at Georgia - #16	+14'	24-22
–	South Carolina	+3'	13-31
–	at Duke	-8'	45-28
–	Florida - #7	+17	19-25
–	at Kentucky	+1	26-38
–	Tennessee - #22	+7'	10-39

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004, the Cats had to replace their career passing leader, Jared Lorenzen. Shane Boyd was an athletic-type of QB suited to former OC Ron Hudson's offense and he beat out Andre' Woodson (PS#25) for the starting job. Woodson got 1 start throwing for 492 (61.4%) with a 2-1 ratio. Woodson had the job to himself in 2005 and set a school record with 153 consec passes without an int. He threw 3 int vs Florida and was injured and true frosh Curtis Pulley (PS#49), who had 1 start at WR earlier, filled in. Pulley threw for 208 (62%) with an 0-3 ratio (212 rush). Woodson finished with 1,644 (57.7%) with a 6-6 ratio. Woodson won the job in 2006 and was #1 in the SEC in total offense, #1 in pass ypg and #2 in pass efficiency throwing for 3,515 (63%) with an outstanding 31-7 ratio. Pulley played some WR again (21 rec) and had just 14 passes. Pulley has opted to redshirt in '07 so Woodson's backups will be Will Fidler (PS#34) and Mike Hartline (PS#24). As long as Woodson stays healthy, he could even improve upon last year's outstanding stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Rafael Little (PS#37) had an outstanding 2005 season with a school record 1,982 all-purpose yards topping Derek Abney (1,922 in '02). Tony Dixon (PS#87) was actually the top RB heading into the year but was injured and missed 2005. Both returned last year and Little suffered turf toe and a bruised knee missing 4 games and parts of others. After rushing for 1,045 (5.3) in '05 he had just 673 (4.8) last year. Dixon was bothered by a hamstring injury and while he had just 303 (3.5), he had 44 of the team's 69 yards in their final scoring drive vs UGA to deliver the win. RFr Alphonso Smith (6'1" 205 So, PS#143) was the top rusher in the '06 spring game and with Dixon and Little both injured, he led with 92 vs Miss St. Smith ran the fastest 40 on the team this spring (4.28!!). Little turned down an early shot at the NFL. Adding depth are Antoine Brown (5'9" 190 So, PS#81), Trey Bowland (5'10" 185 rFr) and true frosh Moncell Allen (PS#66) who played at Fork Union last year. Not listed at FB below are Stephen Ball (5'10" 224 rFr), Jesse Jones (6'0" 220 rFr, PS#249), Matt Ramsey (6'1" 205 rFr) and Ben Bates (6'1" 230 So, PS#253LB). This year the only loss is FB Terrell Bankhead (7 st, 51 total yd). This is a deep group that should remain healthier.

RECEIVERS - Keenan Burton has made spectacular Lynn Swann-type catches so often that they are almost expected in practice and during games. Unfortunately, Burton had back-to-back injury-plagued years ('04 & '05) in which he had just 7 starts overall. Last year Burton managed to remain healthy and had 1,036 yards receiving (13.5) with 12 TD's. Dicky Lyons Jr (PS#118) emerged as the #2 man with 50 (16.4) and 9 TD's. TE Jacob Tamme had the most rec by a TE in the SEC last year with 32 (12.1). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Anthony Cecil (6'0" 187 So), Anthony Stewart (5'10" 173 Jr), Chris Wraley (5'10" 180 So) and TE's Chris Goode (6'4" 230 rFr, PS#95) and Tyler Sexton (6'2" 242 So). The great news for the Cats is that Burton turned down an early shot at the NFL (projected 3rd RD). The only losses are Pulley (21 rec) who will redshirt and Michael Strickland (1 rec). This is one of the SEC's premier receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - This unit is the biggest question mark on offense for the Cats. The UK O-line opened holes for 3.6 ypc rushing (34 sk) in 2005 and three true frosh had to play due to injuries. Last year the O-line returned intact, but two of last year's returning starters combined for just 10 starts in '06. Surprisingly, they only averaged 99 ypg rushing (3.1), their lowest total since 1999 and allowed 39 sacks (8.9%). DT Jason Leger moved to the O-line in game 4 and took over the starting RG spot as Fatu Turituri tore his ACL. Leger started 3 and then was injured, losing his spot. They used 8 different OL combinations. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC RT Michael Aitcheson (13 st, 2Y st'r), C Matt McCutchan (10 st, 3Y st'r), G Trai Williams (7 st, 2Y st'r), G Hayden Lane (3 st) and G Turituri (3 st). Thanks to last year's injuries, five players return with starting experience and they add two JUCO's who were in for the spring. LG Christian Johnson was suspended in the spring making him a question mark for the fall. This group is less experienced but should improve upon 2006's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004, the Cats allowed 5.0 ypc rush with a veteran unit so they switched to a 4-3 in 2005 but still allowed 196 ypg, 4.9 ypc with just 16 sacks. Last year they lost 2 starters then moved starting DT Leger to the O-line, so they had just one starter back. They trimmed the ypg to 184 but still allowed 5.0 ypc. This year they lose two starters but have their top two sack guys back in DT Myron Pryor (10 st, 5 sk) and DE Jeremy Jarmon (6 st, 4 sk). They must replace DT Lamar Mills (12 st, 28 tkl, 3 tfl), DE Durrell White (12 st, 45 tkl, 6 tfl) and DT Ricky Abren (6 tkl, 1 sk). Jarmon missed last spring and was not 100% until midseason and all four of his sacks were in the last 4 games. The team's sack total rose to 25. The Cats will be stronger up front in 2007.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005, UK suffered some big losses over the summer and the top 3 LB's returning combined for 10 starts and 100 tackles. True frosh Braxton Kelley started the first seven and was the #3 tackler but tore his ACL. Last year they had 5 of their top 6 returning (all 3 starters). Kelley was #2 on the team in tackles and Wesley Woodyard (212 lbs LY, 4.4 speed) earned 1st Tm SEC honors and led with 122. This year the only losses are Joe Schuler (12 tkl) and Ben McGrath (1 st, 13 tkl). Four players return with starting experience and not listed in the 3 deep below are Patrick Barnette (6'1" 206 Jr), Brandon Thurmond (6'2" 215 rFr) and Matt Sauerbeck (5'11" 223 rFr). They should get a bigger contribution from Micah Johnson (PS#4DL) who had 2 starts as a true frosh. This is the best Cat LB corps in years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a #46 finish in my pass D rankings in 2003, they had veteran units in both 2004 and 2005 but surprisingly dropped to #62 and #106, respectively. Last year they had to replace two starters including their career pbu leader CB Antoine Huffman and 2nd Tm SEC FS Muhammad Abdullah and then lost CB Bo Smith over the summer. They allowed 269 ypg passing (#118 NCAA!!) but they improved their pass D ranking to #87 by having 9 more int (14) than '05 (5). This year they must replace CB Karl Booker (13 st, 44 tkl, 5 pbu), FS Dallas Greer (1 tkl) and CB Jarrell Williams (1 gm). Three starters are back plus two players who started 3 games at NB.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When HC Rich Brooks was hired, he brought in Steve Ortmayer, who had been an NFL ST Coach for 17 years. They were in the Top 5 in the NCAA in both KR and PR avg setting school records in both as the Cats moved up to #22 in '05. Last year they had to replace their K and top KR plus PR Little missed 4. The Cats were still the only team in the NCAA to rank in the Top 10 in both KR and PR. Little had a PR TD called back against Texas St but still avg'd 22.6 and KR Burton (24.7) had a KR TD called back vs Vandy. P Tim Masthay improved the team net to 34.4 (32.9 in '05) and true frosh Lones Seiber (PS#34) took over the K job in Wk 3 and hit 11 of 19 with a long of 48. Overall the Cats finished #37. The great news is that almost everyone is back with the lone loss being outstanding 4 year LS Jason Dickerson who won the ST POY Award.

WR Keenan Burton

COACHES - Rich Brooks was the head man at Oregon from 1977 to 1994 and compiled a 91-109-4 record there. He did guide Oregon to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years and then left for the St Louis Rams (13-19). Brooks was out of coaching for two years prior to coming to UK in 2003. He was awarded a new 4 year, $11 mill contract last year. The OC is Joker Phillips, and the offense has improved from 15.7 ppg to 26.7 ppg in his 2 years as OC. Last year they brought in a new QB coach in Randy Sanders who was the Tenn OC the previous 7 years. DC Mike Archer has left for NCSt and this year's new DC is Steve Brown who has been the DB coach here the last 4 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In HC Guy Morriss' magical 2002 season (7 wins), they were practically injury free but despite being 3-5 were still outgained by 114 ypg in SEC play (2nd worst). In Brooks' first year (2003) they had just 68 scholarship players. Of the 40 signees from the 2001-'02 class, 24 had left the team. While they were 1-7 in SEC play, they still managed a 4-8 finish and the D allowed just 22.8 ppg, not including OT. In 2004, they were up to 73 scholarship players (11 returning starters) and had 3 close losses including giving up a TD to Tennessee with :38 left and finished 1-7 in the SEC again (-200.1 ypg). A total of 20 starters and key reserves missed a combined 77 games in 2004 with injury. In 2005, most of UK's winnable games were on the road and out of their 81 scholarship players, 11 were former walk-ons. With the tough schedule UK was also plagued by injuries again with the WR and DL units banged up. They were drilled by Indiana 38-14 and Brooks' departure seemed a forgone conclusion at 1-5. They knocked Vandy out of a bowl with a 48-43 win and finished 3-8 (2 SEC wins). They were still outgained by 142.4 ypg in league play (last in SEC). That 2005 squad was -9 in turnovers (see pg 312) and last year with 15 returning starters and a much more favorable schedule, Brooks was given another chance. Keep in mind the last coach to leave UK with a winning career record was Blanton Collier (1955-'61). Adding up those factors, I called for UK to escape the SEC basement and gave them a great shot at a bowl. Coming into last year, UK had just 3 seasons of 8 wins or more since 1951, and had been to just 10 bowls (2nd lowest in SEC). Things did not start out well as the OL and DL were manhandled by L'ville (outgained 631-260). They beat Ole Miss in the SEC opener and gave UF a good game leading 7-3 late 2Q. They had a wild win over MAC Champ CM but then, in what looked like a key home game vs SC, lost 24-17 and the next week were pummeled at LSU, 49-0. They rebounded to win on the road vs Miss St and then upset UGA, the defending SEC Champ, 24-20. It was their first win over one of the Big 3 from the East (Tenn, UGA, Fla) since 1996. This team, with just 11 scholarship seniors, had a lot of confidence and knocked off Vandy and ULM to clinch a bowl. They then outplayed Tenn (410-336 yds) but in the end came up short inside the Tenn 10. For the bowl it was clearly a UK crowd and they beat Clemson for their first bowl win in 22 years. UK still has not beaten a Top 15 team since 1988. This year they have 7 starters back on offense including almost all of their skill players. They are led by UK's version of the "triplets" (QB Woodson, RB Little, WR Burton). The Cats should top last year's 26.7 ppg. The D has 8 starters back including the top 5 tacklers. They allowed 453 ypg last year which was their highest total in the Brooks era. The SEC schedule is tougher with most of the winnable SEC games on the road and UK benefitted from +15 in TO's last year. Despite their 8-5 record for the season, they were outscored by 1.7 ppg and outgained overall by 78 ypg. They do have 8 home games for the first time in school history but will not match last year's 8-win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 3 ANDRE' WOODSON SR. 6-5 230 **PS#25,** 12 st '04-'05. 2136 yd (58.7%) 8-7 ratio. **2nd Tm SEC**, 13 st LY, 3515 (63%) 31-7 ratio. **5** Mike Hartline (6-6 201 rFr) **PS#24.**

RB 22 RAFAEL LITTLE SR. 5-10 195 **PS#37.** 1st Tm SEC '05, 1045 (5.3). 7 st LY, 673 (4.8). 89 rec (11.0) 3Y. **28** Tony Dixon (5-9 203 Jr) PS#87. 11 st 2Y, 547 (3.9) 25 rec.

WR 8 DeMoreo Ford Jr. 5-10 186 PS#185. 4 st, 11 rec (16.3) '06. **26** Terrence Jones (6-2 192 rFr) PS#150. **FB 40** Maurice Grinter (6-3 250 So) **PS#92. 38** John Conner (5-11 228 So). 3 st LY.

WR 12 DICKY LYONS JR. 5-11 190 PS#118. 11 st LY, 50 rec (16.4), 8 KR (24.1). **7** David Jones (5-10 185 Jr) PS#107RB. 2 st, 7 rec LY. 4.31 spd. **87** Andre Henderson (6-6 214 rFr) PS#237.

WR 19 KEENAN BURTON SR. 6-2 205 **1st Tm SEC LY**, 13 st, 77 rec (13.5). **13** Steve Johnson (6-3 198 Sr) **PS#25JC**. 12 (13.2). Duran Jefferson PS#170. **89** Sean Murphy (6-4 190 Sr).

TE 18 JACOB TAMME SR. 6-5 240 **1st Tm SEC LY**. 14 st '04-'05, 45 rec (9.2). 10 st LY 32 (12.1). **80** TC Drake (6-6 230 So) PS#145. 1 st true. **86** Ross Bogue (6-5 240 So) PS#132.

C 59 Eric Scott Sr. 6-5 291 PS#87TE. 3 st, 13 rec TE '04. DE in '05, 4 tkl, 1 sk. 1 st RG LY, 6 gm. **61** Jorge Gonzalez (6-3 300 So) torn ACL LY. **77** Marcus Davis (6-1 280 rFr).

RG 73 Jess Beets Jr. 6-2 277 PS#77JC. In for spg. **66 Jason Leger** (6-1 287 Sr) PS#228. 7 st DT '05, 23 tkl, 2 tfl. 3 st RG LY. **55** Sefo Mailau Blaylock (6-4 330 So) PS#290.

LG 78 CHRISTIAN JOHNSON JR. 6-4 325 PS#259. 10 gm true. 12 st LG LY. Susp spg. Stuart Hines PS#59. **68** Michael Williams (6-6 294 So) PS#607. **69** Dustin Luck (6-3 250 So).

RT 64 Josh Winchell Jr. 6-3 305 PS#94 in '04. JUCO. 455 bench, 705 lb squat. **71** James Alexander (6-5 283 Jr) PS#341. 1 st LT as true, 11 gms. 1 st LT '06, 12 games.

LT 79 GARRY WILLIAMS JR. 6-3 290 PS#181OL. 3 st true. 12 st LT LY, Top OL Award. **76** Justin Jeffries (6-6 300 So) PS#152. 12 gm true. **72** Zipp Duncan (6-5 260 So) PS#39TE.

K 36 LONES SEIBER SO. 5-9 185 PS#34. 11-19 FG true, long 48, 3-6 from 40+. Ryan Tydlacka (6-1 201 Fr) PS#28. 5 of 7 FG in HS. **97** JJ Housley (5-10 186 Jr) 0-1 FG LY.

DE 99 JEREMY JARMON SO. 6-3 268 PS#377. 6 st DE rFr, 30 tkl, 4 sk, 2.5 tfl. **96** JD Craigman (6-4 258 Sr) PS#66JC. 3 tkl, 1.5 sk LY. DJ Stafford **PS#32. 92** Josh Minton (6-3 250 rFr) **PS#95.**

DT 91 Corey Peters So. 6-3 290 PS#128. 2 st DT true, 18 tkl, 2 tfl. **95** Ventrell Jenkins (6-2 285 Jr) 1 st, 25 tkl, 3 sk, 3.5 tfl 2Y. Shldr surg '07. **93** Austin Moss (6-0 250 So) PS#389.

DT 98 MYRON PRYOR JR. 6-1 300 PS#155OL. GS '04. 2 st true, 13 tkl, 2 sk. 10 st LY, 42 tkl, 5 sk. **53** Ricky Lumpkin (6-4 289 rFr) PS#256. **94** Travis Day (6-3 265 Sr) 1 st, 18 tkl 3Y.

DE 97 Nii Adjei Oninku Jr. 6-1 248 **PS#68.** 5 st, 24 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 5 st LY, 12 tkl. **20** Dominic Lewis (6-3 261 Sr) PS#169RB. 3 st, 30 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **90** Jamil Paris (6-6 229 So) PS#126. 4 tkl.

SLB 51 JOHNNY WILLIAMS JR. 6-3 240 PS#235. 14 tkl, 2 tfl true. 7 st LY, 35 tkl, 2 tfl. **50** Sam Maxwell (6-3 225 So) 6 tkl true. **48** Terry Clayton (6-1 251 Sr). **47** AJ Nance (5-11 250 So) 6 tkl true.

MLB 56 BRAXTON KELLEY JR. 6-0 226 PS#154DL. First 7 st true (inj) 44 tkl. 10 st LY, 82 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **4 Micah Johnson** (6-2 257 So) **PS#4DL**. 2 st, 29 tkl true. **43** Mikhail Mabry (6-2 235 So).

WLB 16 WESLEY WOODYARD SR. 6-1 220 4.4 spd. **1st Tm SEC LY**, 13 st, 122 tkl, 9.5 tfl. 13 st, 100 tkl, 7 tfl, 1 int '05. Jacob Dufrene PS#122. **21** Michael Schwindel (6-2 210 So) PS#179DB.

CB 32 TREVARD LINDLEY SO. 6-0 175 PS#189. GS '04. 13 st rFr, 52 tkl, 2 int, **12 pbu. 23** Shomari Moore (5-9 185 Jr) PS#265. 5 st, 44 tkl 2Y. Robbie McAtee (5-10 175 Jr) Off Scout Tm POY.

CB 34 Paul Warford So. 5-11 200 PS#117RB. #5 HS in KY 100m. 3 st true, 34 tkl, 1 pbu. **17 EJ Adams** (6-0 190 So) PS#355WR. 13 tkl true, 4.4 spd. **25 Ahmad Grigsby** (6-0 188 Jr) PS#229JC.

SS 35 ROGER WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 204 9 st SS '05, 69 tkl. 1 int, 2 pbu. 12 st SS LY, 62 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **27** Ashton Cobb (6-0 205 So) PS#105. 1 st, 11 tkl true. Chris Drayton PS#123 LY, Hargrave.

FS 2 MARCUS McCLINTON JR. 6-1 210 PS#97. 3 st true, 27 tkl. 2 st until inj '05, 7 tkl. 13 st LY, 65 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu. **33** Calvin Harrison (6-1 200 So) PS#89. 10 games, 7 tkl as true.

P 44 TIM MASTHAY JR. 6-2 185 **PS#22.** 54 punts (36.4) true, 32.9 net. 50 punts LY (39.2), 34.4 net. 12 TB on 59 KO. Ryan Tydlacka PS#28. 45.6 avg HS. **95** Chris Collins (5-8 185 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	DJ Stafford 6-3 262 PS#32
OL	Jess Beets 6-2 277 PS#77JC
OL	Stuart Hines 6-5 275 PS#59
QB	Matt Lentz 6-3 205 PS#45
RB	Moncell Allen 5-7 225 PS#66 '06
OL	Brad Durham 6-5 310 PS#139
OL	Josh Winchell 6-3 305 PS#270JC
OL	Billy Joe Murphy 6-7 280 PS#147
DB	Chris Drayton 6-1 196 PS#123 '06
RB	Brandon Jackson 5-11 202 PS#110
LB	Jacob Dufrene 6-2 210 PS#122
WR	Kyrus Lanxter 6-3 180 PS#152
DL	Antwane Glenn 6-4 235 PS#147LB
LB	Chris Cessna 6-4 220 PS#152 '06
DL	Shane McCord 6-3 260 PS#160
WR	Duran Jefferson 6-0 180 PS#170
OL	Jake Lanefski 6-4 255 PS#258
K	Ryan Tydlacka 6-1 201 PS#28
DB	Antonio Thomas 6-2 195 PS#254
LB	Ronnie Sneed 6-2 230 PS#281
WR	Anthony Mosley 6-0 170 PS#283
DB	Greg Wilson 6-2 185 PS#286WR
DB	Mychal Bailey 6-0 185 PS#351
DB	Randall Burden 6-2 168 PS#377
DL	Greg Meisner 6-2 240 PS#365
WR	Chris Tune 6-3 205 PS#495
DL	Charles Mustafaa 6-3 231 PS#451
OL	Phillip Hibbard 6-7 300 PS#606
WR	Taiedo Smith 6-0 175 PS#495

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Brooks' records AT KENTUCKY

17-30	Straight Up	0-6	Vs Top 10
13-13	Home	0-15	Vs Top 25
3-17	Away	3-3	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	2-5	Off A Bye
8-24	Vs Conference	11-15	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 59 (29,28,2)
Lost: 20 (10,7,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 57,330 (#31)

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#27

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UK	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	E Kentucky	G						This is the first time since 1993 that Kentucky hasn't opened with rival Louisville. The only other meeting between these two was a 52-7 win by the Wildcats in 1998.
Sep. 8	Kent St	G						Kentucky is 5-0 in this series with an average win of 35-6 ppg. The Wildcats are 3-1 vs MAC teams since 2001 (lost 28-16 to Ohio in '04).
Sep. 15	Louisville	G						Louisville has won 4 in a row & 7 of the last 8 in this series. In the last 11 games in this series the team with the most rushing yds has won (UL 363-22 yds in '06).
Sep. 22	at Arkansas	G						UK won their SEC opener LY for the 1st time since 1987 (31-14 over Ole Miss). The last meeting between these two teams was a 71-63 ('03) win by Ark in 7OT's.
Sep. 29	Florida Atlantic	G						Kentucky is 6-1 vs the SBC including a 2 pt win vs ULM last year. The Wildcats have won 7 of 9 non-conference home games coming into 2007.
Oct. 4	at S Carolina (Thur)	G						South Carolina has won 7 in a row in this series vs Kentucky. Four of 5 have been decided by a TD or less.
Oct. 13	LSU	G						LSU outgained Kentucky 546-227 with a 28-14 FD edge in last yr's 49-0 blowout. It was Rich Brooks' most lopsided defeat at Kentucky.
Oct. 20	Florida	G						The Wildcats haven't beaten the Gators since 1986 (20 in a row). The average margin of defeat in their 20 game losing streak to Florida is 23 ppg.
Oct. 27	Miss St (HC)	G						UK held MSU to 24 yds rushing LY (on 24 carries), the lowest total UK's allowed S/'96. The Wildcats have won 2 straight & 4 of the last 5 vs Mississippi St.
Nov. 3								
Nov. 10	at Vanderbilt	G						WR Burton had a career high 11 rec for 171 yds with 2 TDs in UK's 38-26 win LY. QB Woodson also set a career best with 450 passing yds (29-42, 4-0 ratio).
Nov. 17	at Georgia	G						UK's 24-20 win over Georgia last yr snapped a 9 game losing streak in the series. It was only Kentucky's 11th win in 60 meetings. UK is 3-12 in B2B conf RG's.
Nov. 24	Tennessee	G						Kentucky's last win over Tennessee was a 17-12 win in Knoxville in 1984. This is the NCAA's 2nd longest series losing streak at 22 straight games.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jared Lorenzen 10,354 '00-'03	1. Sonny Collins 3,835 '72-'75	1. Craig Yeast 2,899 '95-'98
2. Tim Couch 8,435 '96-'98	2. Moe Williams 3,333 '93-'95	2. Derek Abney 2,339 '00-'03
3. Andre Woodson 5,651 '04-Present	3. Mark Higgs 2,892 '84-'87	3. Quentin McCord 1,743 '96, '98-'00

RB Rafael Little

STADIUM: COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (67,606) (#33)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	2-9	7-5	4-8	2-9	3-8	7-5	27-53
Home	2-4	1-5	4-3	3-4	2-4	2-4	6-1	20-25
Away	0-5	1-4	3-2	1-4	0-5	1-4	1-4	7-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-8	1-7	3-5	1-7	1-7	2-6	4-4	12-44
ATS	2-8	5-6	8-4	6-5	5-6	6-4	6-4-1	38-37-1
Home Fav (Hal Mumme)	1-1	0-1	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	2-1-1	9-7-1
Home Dog (Guy Morriss)	1-2	2-3	1-1	1-2	2-2	4-1	1-1	12-12
Away Fav (Rich Brooks)	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-2
Away Dog	0-4	3-2	3-1	2-1	2-3	2-3	2-2	14-16
Favorite	1-2	0-1	4-2	3-2	1-1	0-0	3-1-1	12-9-1
Dog	1-6	5-5	4-2	3-3	4-5	6-4	3-3	26-28
vs Conf	1-7	5-3	5-3	4-4	4-4	5-3	6-2	30-26
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-3	3-1	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-2-1	8-11-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-1	4-3	3-1	2-0	1-2	5-2	17-10
Off SU Loss	1-6	4-4	3-1	3-3	3-5	4-2	1-1-1	19-22-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
84	Hall of Fame	+3	Wisconsin - #20	20-19
93	Peach	+2'	Clemson - #24	13-14
98	Outback	+7	Penn St - #22	14-26
99	Music City	-3	Syracuse	13-20
06	Music City	+10'	Clemson	28-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Kentucky's All-Time Bowl Record 6-5

KENTUCKY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	26.7	20	99	3.1	277	62.6	14.1	+15	2006	6	28.4	23	184	5.0	269	57.9	16.0
6	21.7	17	129	3.6	169	58.6	13.7	-9	2005	5	34.1	22	196	4.9	243	62.2	12.9
4	15.7	16	108	3.3	168	54.7	17.5	-2	2004	7	31.0	21	225	5.0	203	56.9	13.8
7*	27.3	18	125	3.5	202	54.1	12.0	-1	2003	4	26.8	21	187	4.2	196	56.4	14.3
7*	32.1	18	149	4.1	199	55.7	10.8	+7	2002	4	25.1	21	174	4.2	227	47.2	16.0
8*	23.5	20	107	4.1	276	56.5	16.3	-8	2001	5	33.4	24	178	4.4	297	60.0	14.2

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rafael Little	140	709	36	673	3	4.8
Tony Dixon	87	339	36	303	4	3.5
Alfonso Smith	60	278	28	250	2	4.2
Curtis Pulley	23	134	10	124	0	5.4
Terrell Bankhead	8	48	1	47	0	5.9
Andre' Woodson	70	135	272	-137	1	-2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andre' Woodson	419	264	63.0	3515	31	7
Curtis Pulley	14	8	57.1	72	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Keenan Burton	77	1036	13.5	12	73
Dicky Lyons	50	822	16.4	9	80
Rafael Little	31	392	12.6	2	49
Jacob Tamme	32	386	12.1	2	38
Curtis Pulley	21	201	9.6	1	22
DeMoreo Ford	11	179	16.3	2	70
Steve Johnson	12	159	13.2	1	51
Tony Dixon	17	138	8.1	0	34
David Jones	7	101	14.4	0	44
Alfonso Smith	6	96	16.0	0	45

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tim Masthay	50	1959	39.2	13	34.4(t)	3	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Lones Seiber	33-34	6-8	2-5	3-6	0-0	11-19	48
JJ Housley	7-8	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Wesley Woodyard	122	2	7.5	3	1
Braxton Kelley	82	1	3.5	2	0
Marcus McClinton	65	0	2	6	4
Roger Williams	62	1	3	3	2
Trevard Lindley	52	0	0	12	2
Durrell White	45	2	4	0	0
Karl Booker	44	0	0	5	1
Myron Pryor	42	5	1.5	1	1
Johnny Williams	35	0	2	0	1
Paul Warford	34	1	0	1	0
Jeremy Jarmon	30	4	2.5	4	0
Dominic Lewis	30	2	3.5	1	0
Micah Johnson	29	0	0	1	0
Lamar Mills	28	1	2	1	0
Shomari Moore	20	1	0	0	1
Ventrell Jenkins	19	1	3.5	0	0
Corey Peters	18	1	1	1	0
Ben McGrath	13	0	0	1	0
EJ Adams	13	0	0	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rafael Little	14	317	22.6	1
Keenan Burton	4	51	12.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Keenan Burton	31	765	24.7	1
Dicky Lyons	8	193	24.1	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UK 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Louisville	8	19-22	1.2	10-26	238	3	31	55-363	6.6	20-32	268	1	0
–	Texas St	22	40-178	4.5	18-26	247	2	10	26-55	2.1	13-27	155	3	0
–	Mississippi	21	33-87	2.6	22-34	293	2	17	39-205	5.3	13-26	190	2	+4
–	at Florida	17	22-39	1.8	26-38	210	6	24	38-235	6.2	16-28	279	3	+2
–	C Michigan	18	31-107	3.5	20-32	266	2	27	34-147	4.3	26-47	411	3	+2
–	South Carolina	17	27-62	2.3	18-32	289	3	21	39-190	4.9	15-23	193	2	0
–	at LSU	14	23-61	2.7	16-41	166	2	28	43-268	6.2	19-25	278	1	-1
–	at Mississippi St	22	38-106	2.8	19-29	284	4	16	24-24	1.0	22-41	384	0	+1
–	Georgia	20	42-147	3.5	23-32	204	3	21	32-159	5.0	16-29	230	0	+1
–	Vanderbilt	26	37-147	4.0	29-43	450	4	27	30-175	5.8	23-37	446	2	+3
–	ULM	24	29-98	3.4	25-35	359	3	28	57-351	6.2	10-19	150	1	0
–	at Tennessee	24	30-128	4.3	26-39	282	1	23	34-96	2.8	19-33	240	3	+1
–	† Clemson	21	40-100	2.5	21-29	309	4	19	25-130	5.2	23-39	272	4	+2
TOTALS		254	411-1282	3.1	273-436	3597	39	292	476-2398	5.0	235-406	3496	25	+15
AVERAGES		19.5	32-99	3.1	21-34	277	3.0	22.5	37-184	5.0	18-31	269	1.9	1.2

2002 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Louisville - #17	+13	22-17
–	UTEP	-20	77-17
–	Indiana	-17'	27-17
–	Middle Tenn	-5'	44-22
–	at Florida - #7	+19	34-41
–	South Carolina	-4	12-16
–	at Arkansas	+10'	29-17
–	Georgia - #5	+5	24-52
–	at Mississippi St	-5	45-24
–	LSU - #16	+5	30-33
–	Vanderbilt	-15'	41-21
–	at Tennessee	+8'	0-24

2003 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Louisville	-6	24-40
–	Murray St	NL	37-6
–	at Alabama	+13'	17-27
–	at Indiana	-8'	34-17
–	Florida - #25	+10	21-24
–	at South Carolina	+7'	21-27
–	Ohio	-15	35-14
–	Mississippi St	-10	42-17
–	Arkansas	+4'	63-71 7OT
–	at Vanderbilt	-6'	17-28
–	at Georgia - #6	+19	10-30
–	Tennessee - #7	+11'	7-20

2004 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Louisville	+9'	0-28
–	Indiana	-2	51-32
–	at Florida - #16	+19	3-20
–	Ohio	-13'	16-28
–	Alabama	+6	17-45
–	South Carolina	+13	7-12
–	at Auburn - #3	+30'	10-42
–	at Mississippi St	+3'	7-22
–	Georgia - #8	+24	17-62
–	Vanderbilt	+3	14-13
–	at Tennessee - #15	+24	31-37

2005 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Louisville - #12	+23	24-31
–	Idaho St	NL	41-29
–	at Indiana	+1'	14-38
–	Florida - #5	+23	28-49
–	at South Carolina	+12'	16-44
–	at Mississippi	+10	7-13
–	Mississippi St	+1	13-7
–	Auburn - #17	+22'	27-49
–	at Vanderbilt	+11	48-43
–	at Georgia - #14	+25'	13-45
–	Tennessee	+8'	8-27

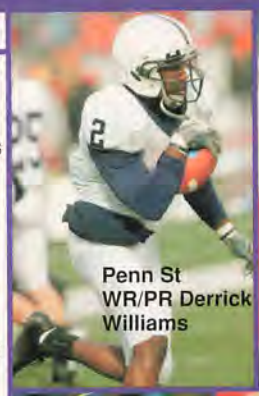
2006 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Louisville - #13	+22'	28-59
–	Texas St	NL	41-7
–	Mississippi	-3'	31-14
–	at Florida - #5	+26'	7-26
–	C Michigan	-9	45-36
–	South Carolina	+4'	17-24
–	at LSU - #14	+26	0-49
–	at Mississippi St	-1	34-31
–	Georgia	+7	24-20
–	Vanderbilt	-1	38-26
–	ULM	-20	42-40
–	at Tennessee - #19	+20'	12-17

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 BIG TEN TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Chad Henne, Michigan	Curtis Painter, Purdue	Anthony Morelli, Penn St	Juice Williams, Illinois
RB	PJ Hill, Wisconsin	Tyrell Sutton, Northwestern	Javon Ringer, Michigan St	Amir Pinnix, Minnesota
RB	Michael Hart, Michigan	Chris Wells, Ohio St	Albert Young, Iowa	Rashard Mendenhall, Illinois
WR	Dorien Bryant, Purdue	Selwyn Lymon, Purdue	Derrick Williams, Penn St	Deon Butler, Penn St
WR	Mario Manningham, Michigan	Brian Robiskie, Ohio St	Ernie Wheelwright, Minnesota	Dominique Douglas, Iowa
WR	James Hardy, Indiana	Arrellous Benn, Illinois	Adrian Arrington, Michigan	Paul Hubbard, Wisconsin
TE	Travis Beckum, Wisconsin	Dustin Keller, Purdue	Andrew Quarless, Penn St	Jeff Cumberland, Illinois
C	Tony Brinkhaus, Minnesota	AQ Shipley, Penn St	Marcus Coleman, Wisconsin	Robbie Powell, Purdue
OG	Adam Kraus, Michigan	Kraig Urbik, Wisconsin	Roland Martin, Michigan St	John Shaw, Penn St
OG	Jordan Grimes, Purdue	Steve Rehring, Ohio St	Andy Kemp, Wisconsin	Martin O'Donnell, Illinois
OT	Kirk Barton, Ohio St	Dace Richardson, Iowa	Sean Sester, Purdue	Mike Gyetvai, Michigan St
OT	Jake Long, Michigan	Alex Boone, Ohio St	Eric Vanden Heuvel, Wisconsin	Akim Millington, Illinois
DE	Kenny Iwebema, Iowa	Matt Shaughnessy, Wisconsin	Cliff Avril, Purdue	Derek Walker, Illinois
DT	Terrance Taylor, Michigan	Mitch King, Iowa	Jason Chapman, Wisconsin	Greg Brown, Indiana
DT	Nick Hayden, Wisconsin	Chris Norwell, Illinois	Matt Kroul, Iowa	John Gill, Northwestern
DE	Vernon Gholston, Ohio St	Willie VanDeSteeg, Minnesota	Bryan Mattison, Iowa	Lawrence Wilson, Ohio St
LB	Dan Connor, Penn St	Marcus Freeman, Ohio St	Jonathan Casillas, Wisconsin	John Shevlin, Minnesota
LB	James Laurinaitis, Ohio St	Mike Klinkenborg, Iowa	Dan Bick, Purdue	Kaleb Thornhill, Michigan St
LB	J Leman, Illinois	Sean Lee, Penn St	Shawn Crable, Michigan	Antonio Steele, Illinois
CB	Justin King, Penn St	Jack Ikegwuonu, Wisconsin	AJ Wallace, Penn St	Charles Godfrey, Iowa
CB	Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio St	Vontae Davis Illinois	Dominic Jones, Minnesota	Adam Shada, Iowa
SS	Jamar Adams, Michigan	Anthony Scirrotto, Penn St	Jamario O'Neal, Ohio St	Nehemiah Warrick, Michigan St
FS	Otis Wiley, Michigan St	Dominique Barber, Minnesota	Anderson Russell, Ohio St	Brandon Erwin, Purdue
K	Taylor Mehlhaff, Wisconsin	Kevin Kelly, Penn St	Aaron Pettrey, Ohio St	Brett Swenson, Michigan St
P	Kenneth DeBauche Wisconsin	AJ Trapasso, Ohio St	Jared Armstrong, Purdue	Zolton Mesko, Michigan
KR	Marcus Thigpen, Indiana	AJ Wallace, Penn St	Dominic Jones, Minnesota	Dorien Bryant, Purdue
PR	Tracy Porter, Indiana	Derrick Williams, Penn St	Dominic Jones, Minnesota	Marcus Randle El, Wisconsin


Penn St WR/PR Derrick Williams

Wisconsin CB Jack Ikegwuonu

Michigan QB Chad Henne

Ohio St LB James Laurinaitis

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 BIG TEN FORECAST

1. MICHIGAN - The Wolves came very close to playing in the National Title game last year coming up 3 points short in Columbus. They do lose an amazing 31 lettermen and benefitted from +14 in turnovers, plus have the fewest amount of returning starters (10) in the Big 10, all are causes for concern. On the positive side, they are at the top of the Big 10 in terms of talent and have the kindest schedule getting most of the upper echelon teams at home with the exception of Wisconsin. If they can finally get past Ohio St in the season finale (lost 3 straight) the Wolves have a shot, not only at the Big 10 crown, but at a possible unbeaten season.

1. PENN ST - Last year, Penn St's only losses came vs teams that were either ranked in the Top 10 or finished the season in the Top 10. Last year Penn St had a young QB and O-line and the offense struggled in big games. This year the road schedule is much more manageable with their Sept 22nd matchup at Michigan perhaps determining who wins the Big 10. Penn St could be favored in 11 of their 12 games and I project the winner of the Sept 22nd matchup to finish at the top of the Big 10 conf and to be a National Title contender.

3. OHIO ST - The Buckeyes have only 11 returning starters, the 2nd fewest in the league and did benefit from +9 in turnovers in 2006. After having 17 seniors on last year's team that was #1 in the polls the entire year, this year's squad has just 4 that have earned significant playing time. Still, I rate their defense #1 in the league and they outgained Big 10 foes by a league best 149.3 ypg last year. This is a team capable of repeating as Big 10 champs but do have to play both Penn St and Michigan on the road.

4. IOWA - The Hawkeyes' conference record of 25-7 was the best in the Big 10 from 2002-'05. Expectations were big for Iowa last year with senior QB Drew Tate and a manageable schedule but the Hawkeyes grossly underperformed and finished just 6-7. They were -11 in turnovers (pg 312) and lost 33 starts to injury (pg 314). Kirk Ferentz is one of the premier coaches out there and will have this team back at the top but the big news is they avoid both Ohio St and Michigan in league play. Despite having to face Wisconsin, Penn St and Purdue on the road, it would not surprise me to see Iowa at or near the top of the Big 10 standings at the end of the year.

4. WISCONSIN - Wisconsin has been fortunate the last TWO seasons but this year's squad is the best they have fielded in the last 3 years. They have 16 returning starters, and they outgained Big 10 foes by 135.5 ypg last year, the 2nd best mark in the league. They did benefit from 3 net close wins and some opportunistic ypp's (pg 299). After avoiding Ohio St the last 2 years, they have to play both Penn St and the Bucks on the road this season but are still a title contender in the improved Big 10.

4. PURDUE - Purdue has been an underachieving team the last two seasons, and most will write off their chances in the Big 10. After 2 years of avoiding Ohio St and Michigan, they face both this season. With 18 returning starters (most in Big 10), this looks like one of Tiller's best teams yet and they have a shot at a 5-0 start when they host Ohio St. Purdue is the most experienced team in the league (see page 311). They have my #2 rated offense and an improved defense and will top last year's 8 win total.

7. ILLINOIS - Last year Illinois outplayed both Wisconsin and Penn St, but came up with tough losses in both. This year they get both at home. They have arguably the TOUGHEST Big 10 schedule with very few "winnable" home games but this is one of the surprise teams in the country. They were -15 in turnovers, had 4 net close losses, and reached the top level of my ypp turnaround chart (see page 299), they have 17 returning starters and only lose 14 lettermen. The addition of true frosh PS#1 WR Benn makes their offense much more explosive and their D was already #5 in the league last year and has 9 starters back. Despite their 1-7 conference record, the Illini outgained Big 10 foes by 24.1 ypg! They will have Big 10 success and get to a bowl despite their killer schedule.

8. NORTHWESTERN - The Cats were outgained by 105.9 ypg in league play (worst) but have 16 returning starters and were -7 in turnovers last year. Also, Fitzgerald has the benefit of running spring practice as the HC this year. The Cats drop Penn St and Wisconsin from their schedule and while I'm not willing to put them in the upper echelon of the Big 10 quite yet, I do forecast them to get to a bowl.

8. MICHIGAN ST - This is a perfect situation for Dantonio to step into, as the Spartans have grossly underachieved this decade and he will cure the discipline problems they had the last few seasons. Unfortunately, the Spartans have just 12 starters back (3rd fewest) and were outgained by 90.8 ypg (3rd worst Big 10). The Spartans had 4 net close losses (pg 299) and had 24 starts lost due to injury. Unfortunately they draw a very tough Big 10 slate playing the entire upper half of the Big 10 (Wisc, Ohio St, Iowa, Michigan, Purdue, Penn St) with four of those games on the road.

10. INDIANA - Unfortunately Coach Hoeppner missed spring practice which set the team behind. Indy overachieved last year going 3-5 in the conf despite being outgained by 88.8 ypg with the defense allowing 442.4 ypg in league play. While they do avoid both Ohio St and Michigan, it will be tough to top last year's Big 10 win total.

11. MINNESOTA - The Gophers do have 15 returning starters this year and only lose 12 lettermen (fewest in the Big 10). Their D, with 9 starters back, should be much stronger. A couple of factors have me calling them to finish in the basement. They were outgained by 92.3 ypg, 2nd worst in the Big 10 last year and benefited from +18 in turnovers. They must also learn new schemes on both sides of the ball with a coaching change. Their most winnable Big 10 games are on the road and this looks like a rebuilding year for the Gophers.

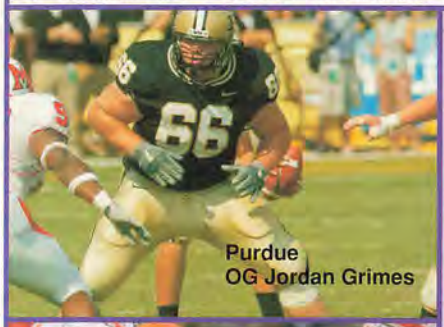
Big Ten Notes: Heading into the bowl season of 2006 you could have made a case for the Big 10 as the NCAA's best conference as they had 3 potential Top 5 teams in Ohio St, Michigan and Wisconsin. Heading out of the bowls the Big 10 had their tails between their legs going 2-5 in bowl games with Ohio St the #1 team in the country getting throttled by Florida (370-82 yd edge) and Michigan losing by 14 to USC. Minnesota blew a huge lead vs Texas Tech which cost HC Mason his job and Purdue was physically whipped by Maryland. On the bright side they were 2-1 vs the SEC with Wisconsin beating Arkansas and Penn St beating Tennessee. Almost every year the Big 10 has had the best record in non conf BCS games. While they had the same 6-4 record as in '05 (#1), they slipped to #2 with the Big East taking the top spot. The Big Ten tied the SEC for most Top 10 teams with 3. They also had 32 players picked in the NFL draft which was 2nd best (behind the SEC) of all the conferences. Four of the top 5 QB's in pass efficiency depart including Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith. Last year 9 teams had returning starters with a combined 33,808 career yards heading into the year. Michigan leads with 7 players picked on my first team Big 10 but Ohio St has the most (10) on my 1st and 2nd teams combined. All of the big boys (Mich, PSU, OSU, Iowa, Wisconsin and Purdue) have to play at least one of the other Top 6 Big 10 teams on the road. Keep an eye on Illinois this year as they could easily have beaten both Wisconsin and Penn St on the road last year and are much improved. The Big Ten should have a much better bowl season in 2007 and 8 of the 11 conference teams should end up in bowls.

2006 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
5	Ohio St	38.1	1	406.3	1	200.5	1	4.89	2	205.8	7	64.1	1	10.7	1	14	3	7	1
17	Michigan	26.6	3	360.6	6	162.5	4	4.06	6	198.1	9	63.5	2	13.5	3	7	1	14	5
27	Minnesota	25.3	4	363.3	5	125.0	8	3.88	8	238.3	2	58.1	4	14.4	4	9	2	12	2
29	Purdue	20.6	7	393.5	3	132.1	7	4.26	4	261.4	1	57.4	6	19.1	10	17	6	13	4
30	Wisconsin	30.6	2	398.1	2	173.3	3	4.06	5	224.9	5	63.2	3	13.0	2	15	5	16	6
37	Iowa	21.8	6	379.8	4	147.0	5	4.70	3	232.8	3	57.8	5	17.5	8	20	10	12	2
44	Michigan St	18.5	9	296.8	11	66.0	11	2.40	11	230.8	4	57.3	7	16.0	6	14	3	22	11
47	Penn St	16.9	10	315.6	9	116.5	9	3.27	10	199.1	8	53.4	10	18.7	9	17	6	21	9
50	Illinois	19.4	8	338.0	8	191.8	2	5.29	1	146.3	11	38.1	11	17.4	7	22	11	16	6
62	Indiana	22.4	5	353.6	7	134.0	6	3.90	7	219.6	6	55.9	8	15.8	5	18	8	18	8
78	Northwestern	15.6	11	305.0	10	115.4	10	3.46	9	189.6	10	55.5	9	19.5	11	19	9	21	9

2006 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
1	Michigan	13.0	2	266.5	3	50.9	1	2.12	1	215.6	6	54.9	5	20.5	3	14	7	26	1
4	Ohio St	11.5	1	257.0	1	80.4	2	2.92	2	176.6	2	54.7	3	22.3	1	20	1	22	3
7	Penn St	14.6	4	308.5	4	106.0	3	3.39	4	202.5	5	52.9	2	21.1	2	13	9	24	2
10	Wisconsin	14.5	3	262.6	2	112.0	4	3.86	5	150.6	1	47.5	1	18.1	5	15	5	18	4
50	Iowa	24.0	6	393.5	7	167.9	7	4.08	6	225.6	8	58.1	8	16.4	6	15	5	12	7
57	Illinois	27.5	7	313.9	5	117.1	5	3.03	3	196.8	4	56.8	6	11.4	11	13	9	18	4
63	Northwestern	30.0	8	410.9	8	182.8	9	4.87	9	228.1	9	62.5	11	13.7	8	19	2	11	8
68	Michigan St	30.1	9	387.6	6	163.9	6	4.16	7	223.8	7	58.1	7	12.9	9	13	9	9	10
79	Minnesota	30.4	10	455.6	11	173.3	8	4.50	8	282.4	11	61.9	10	15.0	7	17	4	11	8
84	Purdue	22.4	5	412.0	9	225.5	11	5.45	11	186.5	3	54.9	4	18.4	4	19	2	16	6
107	Indiana	37.8	11	442.4	10	184.4	10	4.98	10	258.0	10	61.6	9	11.7	10	14	7	5	11



2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2006	2005	2004
Ohio State	8	0	305	92	12	1	450	166	+149.3	+158.8	-58.7
Wisconsin	7	1	245	116	12	1	380	157	+135.5	-120.4	+42.1
Michigan	7	1	213	104	11	2	380	207	+94.1	-9.1	+84.0
Penn State	5	3	135	117	9	4	290	187	+7.1	+107.2	-47.6
Purdue	5	3	165	179	8	6	364	374	-18.5	-11.7	+80.5
Minnesota	3	5	202	243	6	7	376	338	-92.3	+44.0	+0.7
Indiana	3	5	179	302	5	7	277	394	-88.8	-115.4	-119.8
Iowa	2	6	174	192	6	7	310	269	-13.7	+23.1	+31.6
Northwestern	2	6	125	240	4	8	198	314	-105.9	+23.9	+6.7
Michigan St	1	7	148	241	4	8	302	341	-90.8	+70.2	+113.4
Illinois	1	7	155	220	2	10	235	321	+24.1	-170.5	-132.9

Coach of the Year: Bret Bielema, Wisconsin

2005 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Penn St	7	1	282	141	11	1	413	204
Ohio St	7	1	275	118	10	2	392	183
Wisconsin	5	3	246	228	10	3	446	309
Iowa	5	3	232	165	7	5	360	240
Michigan	5	3	219	178	7	5	345	244
N'western	5	3	253	254	7	5	388	407
Minnesota	4	4	255	273	7	5	429	348
Purdue	3	5	222	212	5	6	330	309
Michigan St	2	6	237	247	5	6	372	316
Indiana	1	7	155	303	4	7	248	361
Illinois	0	8	94	351	2	9	187	435

Coach of the Year: Joe Paterno, Penn St

2004 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Iowa	7	1	199	125	10	2	292	211
Michigan	7	1	246	182	9	3	370	279
Wisconsin	6	2	167	145	9	3	249	185
N'western	5	3	168	198	6	6	295	342
Ohio State	4	4	184	171	8	4	290	219
Purdue	4	4	207	156	7	5	381	206
Michigan St	4	4	253	228	5	7	353	326
Minnesota	3	5	207	199	7	5	361	273
Penn State	2	6	103	124	4	7	195	168
Illinois	1	7	141	248	3	8	240	323
Indiana	1	7	159	258	3	8	262	343

Coach of the Year: Kirk Ferentz, Iowa

2006 BIG 10 CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Troy Smith, Ohio St	311	203	65.3	6	2542	8.2	30	161.9
John Stocco, Wisconsin	268	158	59.0	6	2185	8.2	17	143.9
Chad Henne, Michigan	**328**	**203**	**61.9**	**8**	**2508**	**7.7**	**22**	**143.4**
Bryan Cupito, Minnesota	359	214	59.6	9	2819	7.9	22	140.8
Drew Tate, Iowa	352	207	58.8	13	2623	7.5	18	130.9
Curtis Painter, Purdue	**530**	**315**	**59.4**	**19**	**3985**	**7.5**	**22**	**129.1**
Drew Stanton, Mich St	269	164	61.0	10	1807	6.7	12	124.7
Kellen Lewis, Indiana	**346**	**190**	**54.9**	**7**	**2221**	**6.4**	**14**	**118.1**
Anthony Morelli, Penn St	**386**	**208**	**53.9**	**8**	**2424**	**6.3**	**11**	**111.9**
Juice Williams, Illinois	**261**	**103**	**39.5**	**9**	**1489**	**5.7**	**9**	**91.8**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
P.J. Hill, Wisconsin	**13**	**311**	**1569**	**5.0**	**15**	**120.7**
Mike Hart, Michigan	**13**	**318**	**1562**	**4.9**	**14**	**120.2**
Tony Hunt, Penn St	13	277	1386	5.0	11	106.6
Amir Pinnix, Minnesota	**13**	**252**	**1272**	**5.0**	**10**	**97.8**
Antonio Pittman, Ohio St	13	242	1233	5.1	14	94.8
Tyrell Sutton, N'western	**12**	**189**	**1000**	**5.3**	**5**	**83.3**
Albert Young, Iowa	**11**	**178**	**779**	**4.4**	**7**	**64.9**
Pierre Thomas, Illinois	12	131	755	5.8	5	62.9
Kory Sheets, Purdue	**14**	**158**	**780**	**4.9**	**11**	**55.7**
Rashard Mendenhall, Illinois	**12**	**78**	**640**	**8.2**	**5**	**53.3**
Damian Sims, Iowa	**13**	**132**	**664**	**5.0**	**6**	**51.1**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
LaMarr Woodley, Michigan	12	119
Anthony Spencer, Purdue	10.5	70
Willie VanDeSteeg, Minn	**10**	**50**
Vernon Gholston, Ohio St	**8.5**	**73**
Jay Alford, Penn St	8	43
Quinn Pitcock, Ohio St	8	42
Tim Shaw, Penn St	7	48
Bryan Mattison, Iowa	**6.5**	**57**
Cliff Avril, Purdue	**6**	**39**
Shawn Crable, Michigan	**4.5**	**43**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Anthony Spencer, Purdue	26.5	110
J Leman, Illinois	**19**	**65**
LaMarr Woodley, Michigan	16.5	131
David Harris, Michigan	16	48
Vernon Gholston, Ohio St	**15**	**86**
Cliff Avril, Pur	**15**	**65**
Willie VanDeSteeg, Minn	**14.5**	**59**
Jay Alford, Penn St	14.5	58
Chris Norwell, Illinois	**12.5**	**49**
Jonathan Casillas, Wisc	**12.5**	**38**

*Numbers come from Big 10 final statistics.

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Dorien Bryant, Purdue	**14**	**87**	**1068**	**6**	**76.3**	**6.2**	**12.3**
James Hardy, Indiana	**10**	**51**	**722**	**10**	**72.2**	**5.1**	**14.2**
Mario Manningham, Michigan	**10**	**38**	**703**	**9**	**70.3**	**3.8**	**18.5**
Travis Beckum, Wisconsin	**13**	**61**	**903**	**5**	**69.5**	**4.7**	**14.8**
Kerry Reed, Mich St	12	64	775	5	64.6	5.3	12.1
Logan Payne, Minnesota	13	59	804	9	61.8	4.5	13.6
Andy Brodell, Iowa	**12**	**39**	**724**	**5**	**60.3**	**3.3**	**18.6**
Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio St	13	59	781	9	60.1	4.5	13.2
Anthony Gonzalez, Ohio St	13	51	734	8	56.5	3.9	14.4
Greg Orton, Purdue	**14**	**58**	**790**	**5**	**56.4**	**4.1**	**13.6**
Dustin Keller, Purdue	**14**	**56**	**771**	**4**	**55.1**	**4.0**	**13.8**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Curtis Painter, Purdue	**14**	**76**	**107**	**530**	**3985**	**4092**	**292.3**
Drew Tate, Iowa	11	49	124	352	2623	2747	249.7
Kellen Lewis, Indiana	**11**	**124**	**441**	**346**	**2221**	**2662**	**242.0**
Bryan Cupito, Minnesota	13	37	-69	359	2819	2750	211.5
Troy Smith, Ohio St	13	72	204	311	2542	2746	211.2
Drew Stanton, Mich St	11	110	445	269	1807	2252	204.7
John Stocco, Wisconsin	11	48	-79	268	2185	2106	191.5
Chad Henne, Michigan	**13**	**47**	**-83**	**328**	**2508**	**2425**	**186.5**
Anthony Morelli, Penn St	**13**	**39**	**-88**	**386**	**2424**	**2336**	**179.7**
Juice Williams, Illinois	**12**	**154**	**576**	**261**	**1489**	**2065**	**172.1**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Brandon Fields, Mich St	12	57	2469	43.3
Jared Armstrong, Purdue	**14**	**50**	**2154**	**43.1**
Jeremy Kapinos, Penn St	13	61	2555	41.9
Ken DeBauche, Wisconsin	**13**	**59**	**2468**	**41.8**
Zoltan Mesko, Michigan	**13**	**50**	**2079**	**41.6**
A.J. Trapasso, Ohio St	**13**	**49**	**1990**	**40.6**
Tyson Beattie, Indiana	12	64	2592	40.5
Justin Kucek, Minnesota	**13**	**56**	**2257**	**40.3**
Andy Fenstermaker, Iowa	13	56	2107	37.6
Slade Larscheid, N'western	12	65	2417	37.2
Kyle Yelton, Illinois	**12**	**49**	**1833**	**37.4**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Garrett Rivas, Michigan	13	17	20	85.0	48
Austin Starr, Indiana	**12**	**12**	**15**	**80.0**	**46**
Brett Swenson, Mich St	**12**	**15**	**19**	**78.9**	**46**
Jason Reda, Illinois	**12**	**15**	**19**	**78.9**	**41**
Taylor Mehlhaff, Wisconsin	**13**	**15**	**20**	**75.0**	**52**
Aaron Pettrey, Ohio St	**13**	**8**	**11**	**72.7**	**51**
Joel Howells, N'western	12	8	12	66.7	43
Kyle Schlicher, Iowa	12	13	20	65.0	45
Kevin Kelly, Penn St	**13**	**22**	**34**	**64.7**	**49**
Jason Giannini, Minnesota	**11**	**7**	**12**	**58.3**	**41**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Derrick Williams, Penn St	**25**	**301**	**1**	**12.0**
Dominic Jones, Minnesota	**19**	**218**	**0**	**11.5**
Steve Breaston, Michigan	29	332	1	11.4
Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio St	24	266	1	11.1
Royce Adams, Purdue	**22**	**141**	**0**	**6.4**
Zach Hampton, Wisconsin	31	178	0	5.7
E.B. Halsey, Illinois	23	116	0	5.0
Terry Love, Mich St	**18**	**88**	**0**	**4.9**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
J Leman, Illinois	**12**	**75**	**77**	**152**	**12.7**
Mike Klinkenborg, Iowa	**12**	**61**	**68**	**129**	**10.8**
Paul Posluszny, Penn St	13	69	47	116	8.9
James Laurinaitis, Ohio St	**13**	**53**	**62**	**115**	**8.8**
Dan Connor, Penn St	**13**	**70**	**43**	**113**	**8.7**
Mike Sherels, Minnesota	**13**	**67**	**37**	**104**	**8.0**
Otis Wiley, Mich St	**12**	**62**	**32**	**94**	**7.8**
Edmond Miles, Iowa	13	61	39	100	7.7
David Harris, Michigan	13	70	33	103	7.9
Antonio Steele, Illinois	**12**	**24**	**61**	**85**	**7.1**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Marcus Thigpen, Indiana	**24**	**723**	**3**	**30.1**
Dominic Jones, Minnesota	**32**	**786**	**1**	**24.6**
Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio St	18	440	1	24.4
A.J. Wallace, Penn St	**16**	**388**	**0**	**24.2**
Steve Breaston, Michigan	21	467	0	22.2
Kory Sheets, Purdue	**19**	**422**	**0**	**22.2**
Sherrick McManis, N'western	**28**	**588**	**0**	**21.0**
Demond Williams, Mich St	34	690	0	20.3
Dorien Bryant, Purdue	**25**	**490**	**0**	**19.6**
Jarvis Minton, Wisconsin	**15**	**282**	**0**	**18.8**

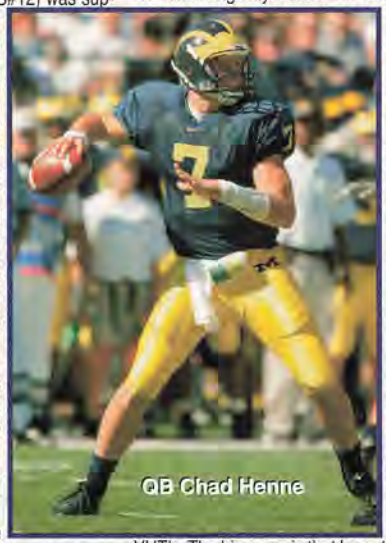
PHIL'S BIG 10 UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Michigan	1	1	2	1	4	3	2	8	4
Penn St	3	7	2	6	6	1	1	1	3
Ohio St	8	4	6	2	3	1	2	3	1
Iowa	8	3	8	6	1	4	7	7	1
Wisconsin	8	1	4	3	2	6	4	3	5
Purdue	2	7	1	5	7	7	6	6	5
Illinois	4	7	5	4	4	4	4	10	8
Northwestern	7	5	11	11	8	10	7	11	10
Michigan St	6	6	9	8	10	9	10	9	8
Indiana	5	11	6	10	11	11	10	2	7
Minnesota	11	7	10	8	9	7	9	5	11

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - For the second year in a row, five NFL QB's (including Tom Brady) were from Michigan, which was the most of any NCAA team. Matt Gutierrez (PS#12) was supposed to be the starting QB in 2004 but was injured prior to the opener. True frosh Chad Henne (PS#1) started all 12 throwing for 2,743 (60%) with a 25-12 ratio. His remarkable performance was the best statistically for a true frosh QB in Big 10 history. He was helped out by Braylon Edwards who caught 20 of the team's 25 passes of 20+ yards and had 15 TD rec. Henne struggled at times in 2005 throwing for 2,526 (58.4%) with a 23-8 ratio. He was just #7 in the Big 10's pass eff ratings. Last year as a junior Henne improved to #3 in the league in pass efficiency, throwing for 2,508 (61.9%) with a 22-8 ratio. He turned down a shot at the NFL and is likely to be the holder of every UM passing record by season's end. Backup Jason Forcier played in 5 and hit all 3 of his passes but transferred to Stanford. Another PS#1 Ryan Mallett was in for spring and is likely to be the backup. Adding depth are David Cone (6'6" 214 rFr, PS#40), Lee Mondol (6'2" 193 rFr, PS#230), Jeff Ziegler (6'6" 211 rFr, PS#212) and Nick Sheridan (6'1" 207 rFr). As a senior, Henne should have his best season yet and will be one of the top QB's in the country.


QB Chad Henne

RUNNING BACKS - Surprisingly in the last 11 years, UM has averaged over 4.0 ypc rushing just three times including 4.3 in 2006. True frosh Mike Hart rushed for 1,455 (5.2) while starting the last 8 in 2004. Hart suffered through an injury-plagued 2005 playing in just 8 and only rushing for 662 (4.4). True frosh Kevin Grady (PS#2), who has 4.43 speed, had 483 (4.0). Those two ret'd last year and Hart remained healthy. He is a complete RB and he is also an excellent blocker and had a streak of 665 carries without losing a fumble (ended vs Ball St). He became the 5th UM back to top 1,500 yards rushing with 1,562 (4.9). Grady was banged up and only rushed for 187 (3.4). Brandon Minor (PS#25) had 238 (5.7) as a true including 108 vs Ball St. Jerome Jackson (PS#31) rushed for 213 (7.6). Another true frosh, Carlos Brown (PS#12), played in 7 (41 yds), even taking a snap at QB. This year the only losses are Jackson, FB's Obi Oluigbo (4 st, 23 yd), Brian Thompson (1 st), and Will Paul (11 gm). Grady suffered a torn ACL in spring so he may RS. Not listed in PSL below are Mike Milano (5'7" 187 Jr, wrestling tm) and FB's Mark Moundros (6'1" 222 rFr) and Robbie Thornbladh (6'1" 232 rFr). Hart should become Michigan's all-time leading rusher.

RECEIVERS - The Wolves have produced a lot of NFL WR's. In 2005 they had to replace their career receiving leader in Braylon Edwards (#1DC CLE) and Jason Avant (PS#10) led with 82 (12.3). True frosh Mario Manningham (PS#6) had 27 (16.0) and Steve Breaston, despite being banged up, had 26 (11.2). Last year they had to replace Avant but Adrian Arrington (PS#10), who RS'd in '05, was finally healthy. Arrington had 40 (13.6) and Breaston led in rec's with 58 (11.6). Manningham was clearly the team's top WR. He lead the team in yards with 703 (18.5) despite missing 3 full games with a knee injury. This year they lose Breaston (12 st, #5DC ARZ), TE's Tyler Ecker (8 st, 12, #7DC WAS), Carson Butler (7 st, 19) and WR's Alijah Bradley (1 rec) and Carl Tabb (3 st, 1 rec). The Butler loss was unexpected (dismissed spring). Arrington was suspended in the spring so he is a question mark along with Antonio Bass (missed '06 ACL) who Carr doubts will return this year. If Arrington returns and Manningham stays healthy, even with the big losses at TE, this unit could equal 2006's standards.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Wolves had an injury-plagued O-line in 2005 that only opened holes for 3.9 ypc rush. Last year they had to replace 3 starters (two 1st Tm & one 2nd Tm B10!). RT Jake Long only started 4 in '05 (inj). He moved to LT and was a dominant force earning the Big 10 OL of Year (over UW's Thomas and PSU's Brown, the 2006 #3 and #5 NFL draft picks) and 1st Tm AA honors. The Wolves improved to 4.5 ypc rush during the regular season. Showing the difference a healthy OL makes, even though they had just 2 returning starters, there was just one missed start along the front wall in '06. The O-line also only allowed 14 sacks in the first 11. Unfortunately the unit yielded 10 sacks in the final two and rushed for 12 yds (0.4) vs USC bringing the season ypc to 4.3. This year they lose RT Rueben Riley (12 st, 2Y st'r, HM B10) and C Mark Bihl (13 st, 2nd Tm B10). Eight of the top 10 return and the 3 deep I list below is comprised almost entirely of VHT's. The big news is that Long turned down a shot at the NFL so this unit has even more experience. As long as they remain healthy, UM should have their best ypc rush since 2000 (4.8).

DEFENSIVE LINE - UM surprisingly allowed 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.8 ypc from 2002-2005. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Tm Big 10 NG. They had 5 of their top 8 back including DT Alan Branch and DE LaMarr Woodley. Outland Award winning Wisconsin OT Joe Thomas said the UM D-line was the best he has seen in his college career. Lloyd Carr said it was the best front four he'd had here. With the pressure exerted by the D-line, they did not have to blitz much and the D was more effective. Woodley was the Big 10 Def POY and the Lombardi Award winner in 2006. Michigan led the nation allowing a school record low 43 ypg rush and 1.9 ypc (best since '71) and the D recorded 43 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 2nd Tm AA DT Branch (13 st, 25 tkl, 6 tfl, #2DC ARZ), 1st Tm AA Woodley (36 tkl, 12 sk, #2DC PIT), DE Rondell Biggs (13 st, 16 tkl, 6 sk), DE Jeremy Van Alstyne (6 tkl), DT Eugene Germany (3 tkl) and DT Marques Walton. This year's unit has a lot of VHT's but with just 3 of the top 8 back, the line will not be as dominant.

LINEBACKERS - The Wolves returned all 3 starters to this unit last year. David Harris was the star earning 2nd Tm AA honors with 103 tackles and 16 tfl. Amazingly, he had more than double the number of stops of the Wolves' #2 tackler and was a big part of the Wolverine D that allowed just 268 TOTAL ypg (best since 1997). This year they lose Harris (1st Tm B10, #2DC NYJ) and Prescott Burgess (9 st, 50 tkl, 6.5 tfl, HM B10, #6DC BAL). Losing their top two tacklers is tough and perhaps that is the reason Carr brought in Michigan's first JUCO since 1997 in Austin Panter (PS#9JC). Panter had 15.5 sacks and 30.5 tfl along with 194 tackles in two years at JC. This still should be one of the top LB corps in the country but it might be down a notch.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolves always finish near the top in my pass D rankings. In 2005 they had to replace a 1st Tm AA SS, a #1 DC at CB and then lost their starting FS prior to the year. Surprisingly the Wolves finished #18 in my pass D rankings. Last year they only had to replace one starter but got FS Ryan Mundy ('04 starter) back. They had an excellent CB tandem as 6'1" Morgan Trent is one of the fastest players on the team but Leon Hall (1st Tm AA) was the star, breaking the school record with 43 career pbu. Surprisingly the Wolves "only" finished #17. This year they lose Hall (13 st, 45 tkl, 3 int, #1DC CIN) as well as Mundy (6 st, 25 tkl, 2 tfl), FS Willis Barringer (3 st, 17 tkl, 3 pbu), CB Darnell Hood (19 tkl) and BJ Opong-Owusu (5 tkl). Five players are back with starting experience and looks like another quality secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 Carr's ST unit had its lowest finish at #94 and the poor play cost the team several games. Mike DeBord was hired as a ST coor in '04 and the Wolves improved to #26. Steve Breaston set an NCAA bowl record for KR yards (221) and set the Rose Bowl record for all-purp yards (315) previously held by OJ Simpson (276 in '69). In '05 Breaston set an Alamo Bowl record with 146 KR yards and became the school's all-time leading career KR and PR topping Anthony Carter in both categories. The unit finished #15 in '05 and last year had all of the key players back but surprisingly dropped to #60. UM was affected by the KO tee change (40 TB to 14). Breaston was the top KR (22.2) and PR (11.4), both down from '05. Zoltan Mesko (PS#2) beat out Ross Ryan at P (34.9 team net). Garrett Rivas (Groza semifinalist) hit 17 of 20 FG's with a long of 48 and became the school's all-time leading scorer. This year they must replace Rivas, Ryan and Breaston so this should be an area of concern for Carr.

COACHES - Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a National Title in 1997 despite facing one of the toughest schedules in the country. He is also an outstanding 16-8 all-time vs Top 10 competition. Last year Mike DeBord, who was the OC here from '97-'99 and the C Michigan HC from 2000-'03, was promoted to OC after Terry Malone left the NFL. Carr also had to replace his DC last year and promoted Ron English, who was the DB coach here the previous 3 years. English's first D set a school record allowing just 43 rush ypg, which led the NCAA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Wolverines have had 39 straight winning years and have gone to 32 straight bowls, both of which are currently the NCAA's longest streaks. In 2003 UM was #6 in the final polls after dropping the Rose Bowl to USC but outgained Big 10 foes by 139.1 ypg. They returned to the Rose Bowl again in 2004 despite a D that allowed 279 points, which was the most in the program's history. While they were 9-3 in 2004, I pointed out that they had 4 close wins and could easily have been 5-7. The Wolves entered 2005 with 14 returning starters and what they hoped was a much improved defense. Michigan's D looked much stronger at the start of the year (held ND 244 yd). The team began the season with National Title aspirations (#4 preseason poll) but dropped 5 games, their most losses since 1984, including their 4th bowl loss in 5 years. It was their first non-Jan bowl game since Carr's first year in 1995. The Wolves had 3 close wins and 5 close losses vs the NCAA's toughest schedule and could have finished 12-0 (4-8). They also fell out of the AP poll for the first time since 1998. Last year the Wolves had a veteran team with 14 returning starters. They were just one of two teams that were ranked in my Top 25 in all 8 position categories. In the preseason three of my seven sets of power ratings called Michigan the best team in the Big 10. The Wolves came very close to playing for the National Title. In the 3rd week they dominated #2 ND on the road 47-21 and kept winning in impressive fashion. They moved up to #2 at 7-0. The next four weeks there was a lot of speculation about their upcoming matchup vs #1 Ohio St including talk of a possible rematch if they lost in Columbus. They came close but lost by 3 and yet were still #2 when they finished the season. They controversially dropped to #3 after Florida beat Arkansas to win the SEC and became the first Michigan team ever to be disappointed with a Rose Bowl berth. They played a close game vs USC in the 1H but ended the year with two losses for the 3rd straight year. This year UM has 6 starters back on offense including Heisman candidates QB Henne and RB Hart. The D does lose seven starters but is still loaded with talent and the 15.9 ppg they allowed last year was their best since their National Championship year of 1997. This year all four road games fall into the winnable category as they get to host both Ohio St and ND. The Wolves are once again a National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 CHAD HENNE SR. 6-2 224 **PS#1**. 12 st true. **Frosh AA**, 2743 (60%) 25-12. 12 st '05, 2526 (58%) 23-8. 13 st LY, 2508 (62%) 22-8. **15** Ryan Mallett **PS#1** in spring.
RB 20 MIKE HART SR. 5-9 196 **PS#11**. 8 st true, 1455 (5.2). 8 st '05, 662 (4.4). 13 st LY, 1562 (4.9) **2nd Tm AA**. Brandon Minor (6-0 213 So) 238 yds (5.7) LY. Carlos Brown (6-0 202 So).
WR 13 Greg Mathews So. 6-3 207 **PS#10**. 1 st, 7 rec true. **FB 32 Vince Helmuth PS#37**. In spring. **36 Quintin Patilla** (6-1 234 rFr) PS#63WR. **39 Andre Criswell** (6-1 257 So).
WR 86 MARIO MANNINGHAM JR. 6-0 181 **PS#6**. 4.39 spd. 3 st true, 27 (16.0). 9 st LY, 38 (18.5), **1st Tm B10**. Toney Clemons **PS#16**. **18** Antonio Bass (6-0 204 So) **PS#22DB**. ACL LY.
WR 16 Adrian Arrington Jr. 6-3 190 **PS#10**. 4 st LY, 40 (13.6), 13 gms. Susp spg,? '07. **82** LaTerryal Savoy (6-2 205 So) **PS#33**. Junior Hemmingway **PS#17**. Ben Wright (5-9 191 Jr).
TE 83 Mike Massey Jr. 6-4 229 **PS#25DL**. 3 st, 16 rec 2Y. **42** Chris McLaurin (6-3 236 So) **PS#46DL**. 2 tkl. Steve Watson PS#15. Martell Webb (6-5 225 Fr) **PS#24WR**.
C 65 Justin Boren So. 6-3 310 **PS#11**. 1 st RG, 5 gm true. **60** David Moosman (6-4 298 So) **PS#39**. 2nd string, 4 gm rFr. Wrestler in HS. **62** Tim McAvoy (6-5 289 So) **PS#44** 2 game rFr.
RG 73 ALEX MITCHELL JR. 6-5 313 **PS#24**. 5 gm rFr. 13 st LY (12RG, 1RT). Jeremy Ciulla (6-4 292 Jr) **PS#19**. 3 gm rFr. 2nd string 9 gm LY. Grant DeBenedictis (6-5 297 Jr) **PS#80** 1 gm LY.
LG 57 ADAM KRAUS SR. 6-6 296 **PS#65DL**. 3 gm lettered rFr. 9 st '05 (8C, 1RG). 13 st LG LY, **1st Tm B10. 78** Justin Schifano (6-4 298 So) **PS#19**. 2nd string rFr, 5 games.
RT 52 Steven Schilling rFr. 6-5 297 **PS#4**. Carr calls "a great athlete". **75** Cory Zirbel (6-5 296 So) **PS#20**. 2nd string rFr, 8 gm. **79** Perry Dorrestein (6-7 297 rFr) **PS#84**.
LT 77 JAKE LONG SR. 6-7 313 **PS#53**. 10 st rFr, 2nd Tm B10. 4 st '05 (inj). 13 st LT LY, **1st Tm AA, B10 OL Yr**. Turned down NFL! **71** Mark Ortmann (6-6 297 So) PS#33TE. 7 gm LY.
K 43 Bryan Wright rFr. 6-1 215 PS#30. 57 yd FG HS. 7-11 miss from 62 & 55. **34** Jason Gingell (5-9 191 Jr) 2-2 xp. KC Lopata (6-2 217 Jr). **92** Jason Olesnavage (6-4 207 So).

DE 55 Brandon Graham So. 6-2 276 **PS#2LB**. 3 tkl, 0.5 tfl, 10 gms as true. **99** Adam Patterson (6-3 262 So) **PS#11**. 2 tkl as true, 6 games. Ryan Van Bergen (6-5 260 Fr) is **PS#43**.
NG 67 TERRANCE TAYLOR JR. 6-0 310 **PS#11**. 500 bench. 1 tkl true. 11 st LY, 23 tkl, 5 tfl. **93** Jason Kates (6-3 318 rFr) **PS#21**. **74** Brett Gallimore (6-4 298 Jr) **PS#15OL**. Backup OL L2Y.
DT 97 Will Johnson Jr. 6-5 291 **PS#29**. 1 st rFr, 5 tkl. 7 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **44** James McKinney (6-2 281 So) **PS#13**. 1 gm rFr (inj). **94** John Ferrara (6-4 270 rFr). **62** Jon Saigh (6-4 295 Jr).
DE 90 Tim Jamison Jr. 6-3 266 **PS#28**. 23 tkl, **8 sk** 2Y. **92** Greg Banks (6-4 264 rFr) PS#66. **58** Tim North (6-1 253 So). Marques Slocum (6-6 310 Fr) **PS#6OL**. Milford '05.
SLB 2 SHAWN CRABLE SR. 6-5 245 **PS#2DL**. 21 tkl, 4 sk '04-'05. 8 st LY, 37 tkl, 4.5 sk, 6 tfl. **8** Jonas Mouton (6-2 230 rFr) **PS#11**. **51** Max Pollock (6-1 218 Sr) 6 gm, 1 tkl, 1 int 3Y.
MLB 49 John Thompson Jr. 6-1 230 **PS#51** 25 tkl, 3 tfl 2 years. **45** Obi Ezeh (6-2 243 rFr). **59** Austin Panter (6-3 231 Jr) **PS#9JC**. In spg. 4.6 spd, 575 squat. Cobrani Mixon (6-1 224 rFr) **PS#25**.
WLB 37 Chris Graham Sr. 5-11 225 **PS#30**. 5 st '05, 42 tkl, 3 tfl. 4 st '06, 25 tkl, 1 tfl. Brandon Logan (6-0 224 Jr) **PS#24**. 6 tkl 2Y. Ohene Opong-Owusu (6-1 233 Jr). William Bostic (5-9 209 rFr).
CB 25 Johnny Sears So. 6-0 190 **PS#54**. 13 tkl '06. 4.4 speed. Donovan Warren is **PS#9**. **35** Doug Dutch (5-11 200 Jr) **PS#14WR**. 4 rec 2Y at WR. **12** Matt Hornaday (5-10 197 So).
CB 14 MORGAN TRENT JR. 6-1 189 **PS#19WR**. 3 st rFr, 22 tkl, 4 pbu. 11 st LY, 45 tkl, 2 pbu. **27** Brandon Harrison (5-8 195 Jr) **PS#19**. 9 st, 54 tkl, 2 int 2Y. James Rogers is PS#115WR.
SS 22 JAMAR ADAMS SR. 6-2 212 **PS#40**. 7 st '05. 27 tkl. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm Big 10**, 47 tkl, 6 pbu. **31** Brandent Englemon (5-11 206 Sr) 10 st SS '05, 42 tkl. 5 st FS LY, 29 tkl, 3 pbu.
FS 3 Stevie Brown So. 6-0 208 **PS#9**. 14 tkl true. **5** Charles Stewart (6-1 205 Jr) **PS#26**. 2 st CB LY, 24 tkl, 2 pbu. Anton Campbell (5-11 198 Sr) **PS#33RB**. 22 tkl 3Y. Shakir Edwards (6-0 210 Jr).
P 41 ZOLTAN MESKO SO. 6-4 242 **PS#2**. 43.6 avg in HS, 8-12 FG, long 47. 50 punts here rFr. 41.6 avg, team net 34.9. **34** Jason Gingell (5-9 191 Jr). Sam Buckman (6-4 211 rFr) PS#17.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Ryan Mallett 6-6 247 PS#1
LB	Austin Panter 6-3 231 PS#9JC
DB	Donovan Warren 6-0 175 PS#9
WR	Toney Clemons 6-2 205 PS#16
WR	Junior Hemingway 6-3 205 PS#17
DB	Michael Williams 6-0 190 PS#33
TE	Martell Webb 6-5 225 PS#24WR
OL	David Molk 6-2 280 PS#35
DL	Ryan Van Bergen 6-5 260 PS#43
TE	Steve Watson 6-4 235 PS#15
RB	Vince Helmuth 6-1 245 PS#37
DB	Artis Chambers 6-2 193 PS#66
DB	Troy Woolfolk 6-1 180 PS#79
WR	Zion Babb 6-3 190 PS#75
LB	Brandon Herron 6-2 215 PS#89
RB	Avery Horn 5-11 195 PS#84
DB	James Rogers 6-1 195 PS#115WR
LB	Marell Evans 6-3 220 PS#200DB
OL	Mark Huyge 6-6 280 PS#275
DL	Renaldo Sagesse 6-4 315 PS#349

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#37

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	Appalachian St	A						The Mountaineers have won back-to-back Division IAA National Championships. Michigan has won 16 of 17 home openers including 8 straight.
Sep. 8	Oregon	A						Including bowls, Lloyd Carr is 2-5 vs Pac 10 but Michigan is 3-1 vs the Oregon Ducks who upset #3 Mich in '03. Michigan has won 10 straight the wk prior to Notre Dame.
Sep. 15	Notre Dame	A						Michigan is 19-1 S/'99 vs non-conference teams at home (only loss was ND in 2005). UM & ND rank 1 & 2 in NCAA for all-time victories, win % & TV appearances.
Sep. 22	Penn St	A						Michigan has won the last 8 series matchups, the longest streak in Paterno's career. UM is 24-1 in their Big Ten openers. UM held PSU to -14 yds rushing with 7 sks.
Sep. 29	at Northwestern	G						Since notching B2B wins over UM in '95 & '96, (when NU HC Fitzgerald was playing LB for the Cats) Michigan is 7-1 in this series. UM has won 11 straight after PSU.
Oct. 6	Eastern Michigan	A						The Wolverines are 7-0 vs Eastern Michigan including 6 shutouts of the Eagles. Michigan is 22-0 vs current MAC schools including 14-0 vs instate teams.
Oct. 13	Purdue (HC)	A						UM has won 16 straight at home vs Purdue. The Wolverines lead the all-time series 40-12 while holding Purdue to 13 ppg. UM is 34-5 since 1968 on Homecoming.
Oct. 20	at Illinois	A						This is Zook's 1st meeting with the Wolverines as the Illini's HC but he is 0-4 in his career vs Michigan as Florida's HC (lost in '02 Outback Bowl) & OSU's DB coach ('88-'90).
Oct. 27	Minnesota	A						The home team is just 1-4 in this series but Michigan is 8-1 at home. Wolves are 68-24-3 vs UM , 1st gm 1892. Michigan is 37-2 the game prior to Michigan St.
Nov. 3	at Michigan St	G						Michigan has won 5 straight in this instate rivalry & leads it 66-28-5 all-time. The last 4 contests in East Lansing have all been decided by 7 or less pts.
Nov. 10	at Wisconsin	A						UM leads the all-time series 48-11-1 holding UW to 10 ppg. UW did win the last matchup in 2005 in Madison but has never won 2 in a row at home vs the Wolves.
Nov. 17	Ohio St	A						Wolverines have lost 3 straight games to the Buckeyes & haven't lost 4 straight since 1960-'63. Michigan is 7-2 in Ann Arbor vs their rivals. LY was #1 vs #2 for the B10 Title.
Nov. 24								
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. John Navarre 9,254 '00-'03
2. Chad Henne 7,777 '04-Present
3. Elvis Grbac 6,460 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Anthony Thomas 4,472 '97-'00
2. Jamie Morris 4,393 '84-'87
3. Tyrone Wheatley 4,178 '91-'94

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Braylon Edwards 3,541 '01-'04
2. Anthony Carter 3,076 '79-'82
3. Amani Toomer 2,657 '92-'95

LLOYD CARR (Career 113-36)

13th Year at Michigan — Carr's Bowl Record: 5-7

Carr's records AT MICHIGAN

113-36	Straight Up	16-8	Vs Top 10
69-9	Home	39-25	Vs Top 25
39-20	Away	19-15	Vs BCS Teams
5-7	Neutral	10-2	Off A Bye
75-21	Vs Conference	21-3	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (18,18,1)
Lost: 31 (13,15,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 110,026 (#1)

BIG 10

RB Mike Hart

STADIUM: MICHIGAN STADIUM (107,501) (#1)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	8-3	9-3	10-2	9-2	7-4	11-1	62-18
Home	6-0	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	4-3	7-0	41-5
Away	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-1	4-1	21-13
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	6-2	6-2	6-2	7-1	7-1	5-3	7-1	44-12
ATS	6-5	5-5-1	4-8	9-3	4-6-1	5-6	8-4	41-37-2
Home Fav (Lloyd Carr)	4-2	4-2	2-5	6-1	2-3-1	2-4	3-4	23-21-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Away Fav	0-3	1-2-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	1-1	3-0	11-13-1
Away Dog	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	7-2
Favorite	4-5	5-4-1	4-7	9-3	3-6-1	3-5	6-4	34-34-2
Dog	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-1	2-0	7-3
vs Conf	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	6-2	3-4-1	4-4	7-1	31-23-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-3	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-3	10-14
Off SU Win	3-4	3-4-1	3-6	7-2	3-5-1	3-4	8-3	30-28-2
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	8-5

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Hart	318	1601	39	1562	14	4.9
Brandon Minor	42	249	11	238	2	5.7
Jerome Jackson	28	216	3	213	2	7.6
Kevin Grady	55	202	15	187	3	3.4
Steve Breaston	10	80	1	79	0	7.9
Carlos Brown	16	44	3	41	0	2.6
Jason Forcier	2	14	0	14	0	7.0
Chad Henne	47	88	171	-83	0	-1.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chad Henne	328	203	61.9	2508	22	8
Jason Forcier	3	3	100.0	30	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mario Manningham	38	703	18.5	9	69
Steve Breaston	58	670	11.6	2	62
Adrian Arrington	40	544	13.6	8	37
Carson Butler	19	166	8.7	1	28
Tyler Ecker	12	155	12.9	2	36
Mike Hart	17	125	7.4	0	31
Mike Massey	8	72	9.0	0	20
Greg Mathews	7	68	9.7	0	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Zoltan Mesko	50	2079	41.6	8	34.9(t)	0	17
Ross Ryan	14	463	33.1	5	–	0	4

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Garrett Rivas	42-44	6-7	8-8	3-5	0-0	17-20	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Harris	103	4	12	1	1
Prescott Burgess	50	3	3.5	3	2
Jamar Adams	47	1	2	6	1
Leon Hall	45	1	1	15	3
Morgan Trent	45	0	2	2	1
Shawn Crable	37	4.5	6	3	0
LaMarr Woodley	36	12	4.5	0	0
Brandon Harrison	30	0	3	0	0
Brandent Englemon	29	0	2.5	3	0
Alan Branch	25	2	4	1	1
Chris Graham	25	0	1	2	0
Ryan Mundy	25	1	1	0	1
Charles Stewart	24	0	0	2	0
Terrance Taylor	23	1	4	2	0
Darnell Hood	19	0	0	0	0
Willis Barringer	17	0	1	3	1
Rondell Biggs	16	6	2	1	0
Stevie Brown	14	0	0	0	0
Tim Jamison	13	5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Breaston	29	332	11.4	1
Greg Mathews	2	14	7.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Breaston	21	467	22.2	0
Johnny Sears	5	89	17.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Outback - #12	-1	Florida - #22	38-30
03	Rose - #4	+7	USC - #1	14-28
04	Rose - #13	+7'	Texas - #6	37-38
05	Alamo - #20	-10	Nebraska	28-32
06	Rose - #3	+1	USC - #8	18-32

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 18-20

MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	29.2	19	176	4.3	195	62.2	12.7	+14	2006	8	15.9	15	43	1.9	225	53.7	16.9
8*	28.8	22	162	3.9	223	58.2	13.4	+5	2005	6	20.3	19	137	3.8	208	57.0	17.0
6	30.8	21	154	3.8	233	59.8	12.5	+6	2004	6	23.3	17	133	3.6	203	55.8	14.5
7*	35.4	24	176	4.3	271	59.7	12.6	+2	2003	6	16.8	15	117	3.5	181	53.9	17.6
7*	27.8	20	148	3.8	233	54.9	13.7	+9	2002	8	20.4	18	123	3.4	225	53.6	17.1
4	26.7	19	143	3.6	216	53.6	13.5	-6	2001	8	19.8	16	89	2.5	229	55.1	16.1

2006 STATS BY GAME

UM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#14	Vanderbilt	20	51 - 246	4.8	10 - 22	135	1	9	26 - 42	1.6	12 - 26	129	6	+1
#10	C Michigan	23	50 - 252	5.0	13 - 21	134	1	14	21 - 16	0.8	18 - 39	188	4	+3
#11	at Notre Dame	17	41 - 120	2.9	13 - 22	220	2	14	17 - 4	0.2	25 - 49	241	3	+4
#6	Wisconsin	16	39 - 111	2.8	18 - 25	211	2	14	27 - 12	0.4	22 - 43	236	4	-2
#6	at Minnesota	23	45 - 234	5.2	17 - 24	284	1	18	24 - 108	4.5	17 - 34	215	0	0
#6	Michigan St	20	42 - 211	5.0	11 - 17	140	0	14	26 - 60	2.3	20 - 35	252	1	+2
#4	at Penn St	16	33 - 116	3.5	15 - 30	196	2	11	25 - (-14)	-0.6	17 - 31	200	7	+1
#2	Iowa	19	39 - 88	2.3	23 - 33	203	3	14	24 - 41	1.7	21 - 36	197	5	0
#2	Northwestern	16	46 - 202	4.4	10 - 20	116	0	10	17 - (-13)	-0.8	20 - 42	204	3	+3
#2	Ball St	24	46 - 352	7.7	17 - 25	155	0	14	22 - 47	2.1	18 - 34	250	3	0
#2	at Indiana	21	46 - 208	4.5	12 - 16	168	2	11	20 - 26	1.3	16 - 33	105	5	0
#2	at Ohio St	17	30 - 130	4.3	21 - 35	267	4	24	29 - 187	6.4	29 - 41	316	1	+3
#3	† USC	19	27 - 12	0.4	26 - 41	309	6	21	23 - 48	2.1	27 - 45	391	1	-1
TOTALS		251	535 - 2282	4.3	206 - 331	2538	24	188	301 - 564	1.9	262 - 488	2924	43	+14
AVERAGES		19.3	41 - 176	4.3	16 - 25	195	1.8	14.5	23 - 43	1.9	20 - 38	225	3.3	1.1

2002 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Post #9 Score
#13	Washington - #11	-6	31-29
#7	W Michigan	-22'	35-12
#7	at Notre Dame - #20	-5	23-25
#14	Utah	-10'	10-7
#14	at Illinois	-7'	45-28
#13	Penn St - #15	-4'	27-24 OT
#11	at Purdue	-3'	23-21
#8	Iowa - #13	-3'	9-34
#15	Michigan St	-14'	49-3
#13	at Minnesota	-6'	41-24
#12	Wisconsin	-10'	21-14
#12	at Ohio St - #2	+4	9-14

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #4 Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
#4	C Michigan	-33	45-7
#5	Houston	-27'	50-3
#5	Notre Dame - #15	-10	38-0
#3	at Oregon - #22	-7	27-31
#11	Indiana	-33'	31-17
#9	at Iowa - #23	-3	27-30
#20	at Minnesota - #17	-2	38-35
#17	Illinois	-27'	56-14
#13	Purdue - #10	-4'	31-3
#11	at Michigan St - #9	-3'	27-20
#5	at Northwestern	-17'	41-10
#5	Ohio St - #4	-7	35-21

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	Post #14 Score
#8	Miami, Oh	-13	43-10
#8	at Notre Dame	-12	20-28
#17	San Diego St	-20	24-21
#18	Iowa	-13	30-17
#19	at Indiana	-18	35-14
#14	Minnesota - #13	-3'	27-24
#14	at Illinois	-19	30-19
#13	at Purdue - #12	+4	16-14
#12	Michigan St	-11	45-37 3OT
#9	Northwestern	-14	42-20
#7	at Ohio St	-5'	21-37

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #4 Opponent	Line	Post – Score
#4	N Illinois	-18'	33-17
#3	Notre Dame - #20	-7	10-17
#14	E Michigan	-29	55-0
#14	at Wisconsin	-2'	20-23
–	at Michigan St - #11	+6	34-31 OT
#21	Minnesota	-7'	20-23
–	Penn St - #8	-3'	27-25
–	at Iowa	+3	23-20 OT
#25	at Northwestern - #21	-2	33-17
#21	Indiana	-25'	41-14
#17	Ohio St - #9	+3	21-25

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #14 Opponent	Line	Post #8 Score
#14	Vanderbilt	-26'	27-7
#10	C Michigan	-28	41-17
#11	at Notre Dame - #2	+5'	47-21
#6	Wisconsin	-13'	27-13
#6	at Minnesota	-9'	28-14
#6	Michigan St	-15'	31-13
#4	at Penn St	-5'	17-10
#2	Iowa	-12'	20-6
#2	Northwestern	-29'	17-3
#2	Ball St	-34	34-26
#2	at Indiana	-19	34-3
#2	at Ohio St - #1	+6'	39-42

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Coming into 2005 Michael Robinson was a 5th year senior who had 7 career starts at RB, 6 at QB and 5 at WR. He had thrown for 1,181 yards in 3 years and was used in the slash role. Many fans had anticipated that Anthony Morelli (PS#6) would start and Robinson would stay at WR. Paterno opted to use the Texas style (ala Vince Young) offense and Robinson showed off his tremendous athletic ability. He threw for 2,350 (52.1%) with a 17-10 ratio while rushing for 932 gross yards. Last year they had to replace Robinson (#4DC SF) and the job was clearly Morelli's. He is a dropback passer with arguably the strongest arm in Penn St history. Morelli had a couple of tough road games to open his career at ND and OSU where turnovers were a problem but threw for 2,424 (53.9%) with an 11-8 ratio. He topped Wally Richardson's single season completion record with 208. Against Michigan, he suffered a concussion as did backup Daryll Clark (PS#63). Third string Paul Cianciolo (6'4" 225 Jr, PS#67) hit 3 of 7 for 51 yards. This year all 3 QB's return and also in the mix are rFr Pat Devlin (PS#5) and Kevin Suhey (6'1" 197 So, PS#168DB). Morelli should continue to progress and be one of the most improved QB's in the country this year.

RUNNING BACKS - After a couple of years of RB by committee, Paterno installed little used fifth year senior Larry Johnson as the feature back in 2002. He rushed for 2,087 (7.7) and is now one of the NFL's top backs. True frosh PA schoolboy legend Austin Scott (PS#16) led the team with 436 (4.4) in '03. Scott was in the doghouse in '04 and Tony Hunt led with 777 (4.6). Hunt was also the #1 receiver with 39 (8.6). Rodney Kinlaw rushed for 93 (4.0) while recovering from a knee injury. In 2005 Hunt became just the 10th Lion to rush for 1,000 yards (1,047, 6.0) but was injured at the start of the bowl. Scott stepped in with 110 vs Florida St finishing the season with 273 (4.1). Scott suffered an ankle injury and Paterno opted to redshirt him in '06. Hunt had a fine senior year rushing for 1,386 (5.0) including 158 in the bowl. Kinlaw, after having just 34 yards in '05, was #2 with 199 (5.1). The #3, #4 and #5 rushers were a WR, a DB and a QB. This year they lose Hunt (#3DC PHI) and solid blocking FB BranDon Snow (3 st, 34 yds). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Brent Carter (6'2" 216 rFr, PS#94WR), Nick Pinchek (6'2" 206 Sr) and FB's Charles Ramsey (6'0" 256 So) and Larry Federoff (5'11' 236 So). Scott is now a fifth year senior, like Johnson, who has waited to shine. His primary competition is Evan Royster (PS#18) and fellow senior Kinlaw. There is decent talent, but Hunt had an outstanding year, especially running behind a young O-line and will be tough to replace.

RECEIVERS - For years PSU had problems getting production out of their WR's. In '05, Paterno brought in an excellent class of true frosh including Derrick Williams (PS#1DB) to solve the dilemma. Deon Butler led with 37 (18.7) as a rFr and true frosh Jordan Norwood was #2 with 32 (13.2). Williams had 22 (13.1) and would have been #1 but was KO'd for the season after 7 starts. Last year everyone returned except for their TE. True frosh TE Andrew Quarless (PS#20) emerged and in 9 starts had 21 (13.7). Butler again led with 48 (13.3) and Norwood added 45 (10.5). Williams had 40 (11.0) and also had 36 rush attempts. None of the top 3 WR's are taller than 6' and surprisingly drops were a problem last year. Chris Bell (PS#5) is 6'2" with 4.44 speed and may be the goal line WR this year. Not listed below are Brendan Perretta (5'7" 187 Sr, 8 rec), Jesse Alfreno (5'11" 192 rFr), Graham Zug (6'2" 183 rFr), Patrick Mauti (5'9" 192 So) and TE's Brennan Coakley (6'4" 249 So) and Greg Miskinis (6'5" 256 Jr). The big 3 all return as juniors and with plenty of VHT's waiting in the wings this is one of the top receiving corps in the Big 10.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Having a mobile QB always helps the OL stats. The Lions also had 9 of their top 10 OL returning in '05 and with Robinson, averaged 5.1 ypc rush while allowing just 14 sacks (4.2%). Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace six players who combined for 47 starts and fortunately Levi Brown turned down a shot at the NFL and returned. Brown missed two starts but still earned 2nd Tm Big 10 honors despite the inexperinece the Lions had respectable stats at 4.3 ypc rush with 23 sacks allowed (5.4%). This year they lose Brown (#1DC ARZ), LG Robert Price (12 st), OT Chris Auletta (5 st), 2nd string OG Elijah Robinson, 3rd stringers Mark Ferris, Greg Harrison, Wyatt Bowman and Antonio Logan-El. Six of the top 10 return including 4 who started 5 or more. Due to the high amount of attrition in this unit, the Lions actually signed their first JUCO's since 1985 in Ako Poti and Nerraw McCormack. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Joe Toriello (6'4" 300 Jr) and Kyle Stout (6'5" 275 rFr). This unit is much more experienced than in 2006.

DEFENSIVE LINE - A big reason for Penn St's success in 2005 was their outstanding and veteran D-line which helped them allow just 93 ypg rush (2.5) with 41 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as the 3 starters lost were a #1 NFL DC and 1st Tm AA, a 1st Tm Big 10 honoree and a 2nd Tm Big 10 player. With the depth at LB, Penn St even shifted to a 3-4 at times. They moved MLB Tim Shaw to DE to get his 4.4 speed on the edge. Penn St acutally allowed less rush ypg (88) with a 2.8 ypc while the team had 40 sacks. This year they lose 3rd Tm AA DT Jay Alford (32 tkl, 8 sk, #3DC NYG), Tim Shaw (13 st, 44 tkl, 7 sk, #5DC CAR), DT Ed Johnson (12 st, 33 tkl, 5 sk, HM B10), DE Jim Shaw (4 st, 9 tkl) and DT Steve Roach (3 tkl). Paterno turned to his youth and 3 true frosh saw a good deal of action. Those three are now all projected starters and their PS#'s are #8, #15 and #18. I like the overall talent but they are a little less experienced than 2006 and may be down a notch.

LINEBACKERS - Penn St is known as "Linebacker U" but surprisingly after having 2 LB's selected in the 2000 draft including #1DC LaVar Arrington, they've failed to have an LB drafted in the next 6 years. That streak was broken when Paul Posluszny was taken in the second round by Buffalo. After an injury in the bowl, Posluszny had turned down a shot at the NFL giving the Lions one of the top LB corps in the country in 2006. MLB Tim Shaw moved to DE opening a slot for Sean Lee and Posluszny moved from OLB to man the middle. Posluszny, Dan Connor and Lee were #1, #2 and #3 in tackles with 319 combined (nearly 40% of the team's total). While the backups were 3 underclassmen, they were PS#18, PS#17 and PS#21. This year the only losses are Posluszny (1st Tm AA, 116 tkl, 9.5 tfl), Joe Cianciolo (10 tkl) and Andy Kubic (2 tkl). Five of the top 6 are back and Tyrell Sales would have started for most Big 10 teams had he not been behind Connor. Connor now also makes the move from OLB to MLB. This once again looks like one of the NCAA's top LB corps.

CB Justin King

DEFENSIVE BACKS Penn St has had five top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 10 years and narrowly missed another last season. They had to replace three starters in 2004 but still finished #6 allowing a super 5-16 ratio. In 2005 they had 4 starters back and finished #8. Last year they lost all four starters including a pair of NFL DC's and one backup. The lightly experienced group still finished #16! This could be the best secondary in the country. Justin King (PS#4) has 4.24 speed and was 2nd Tm Big 10 in his first full season at CB. Tony Davis, the other starting CB, moves to FS to open a spot for exciting AJ Wallace (PS#4) who played RB, WR and CB as a true. SS Anthony Scirrotto earned 1st Tm Big 10 honors with 6 int's. This year the only losses are FS Donnie Johnson (13 st, 50 tkl, 4 pbu) and backup SS Nolan McCready (30 tkl, 2 pbu). Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Ben Gummo (5'10" 183 So) and Jason Ganter (6'0" 211 Sr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Lions finished #40 in my ST rankings in 2005 and had basically everyone back last year. Jeremy Kapinos set the school record for most career punts (old record Doug Helkowski from 1988-'91) and had a net of 36.4. Kevin Kelly set a PSU frosh scoring record hitting 16 of 23 FG's with a long of 47 in '05. He had back and hip injuries and also suffered from poor snaps and holds last year. He hit 22 of 34 FG's with 3 misses from 50+ (long 49). He had 20 TB on 51 KO. Kelly should be one of the best K's in the country this year. Derrick Williams was the top PR (12.0) and AJ Wallace was the top KR (24.2). PSU moved up to #17 in '06 and if a quality P emerges, should garner another top 20 finish.

COACHES - Joe Paterno entered 2003 as the IA all-time career win leader but was passed by FSU's Bobby Bowden (366) and is currently #2 trailing by three. Paterno defeated Bowden in 2005's Orange Bowl and was the AP Coach of the Year. Both Bowden and Paterno were to be enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in '06 but Paterno deferred it until this year after he broke his leg. He has won two National Titles but 4 other times has finished undefeated but failed to win a National Championship. He's won more bowl games than any other coach (22). The OC since 2004 is Galen Hall who was the HC at Florida (1984-'89). The DC is Tom Bradley who is in his 29th year, 8th as DC. Since 1966 when Paterno took over, there have been 797 IA coaching changes.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Joe Paterno had his squad #2 in the country with a 9-0 record in 1999 but from that point until the end of 2004 the Lions went just 27-36 and Paterno suffered his 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th losing seasons in his 40 year career. In that span 13 of 22 losses in conf play were by 8 pts or less as they were a snakebitten team. Despite their 4-7 record in 2004 they were the only team in the NCAA that did not allow more than 21 points in a game all season. In 2005 I called Penn St the 3rd most improved team in the country and they had one of the NCAA's best D's. They had 13 senior starters back, making it the most experienced team in the Big 10. I called for the Lions to open up 5-0 before their showdown with Ohio St and they did just that. Their offense, which avg'd just 17.7 ppg in 2004, was vastly improved. The Lions broke a school record (55, 1947) for points in a half with 56 in the 1H vs Illinois and nearly doubled their scoring average to 34.4 ppg (highest since 1994) with a balanced offense (213 ypg rush, 209 pass). I rated their defense second best in the country. They upset #6 Ohio St in a night home game in front of a crowd that was at its best in years. Unfortunately Lloyd Carr convinced the refs to put a few seconds back on the clock and UM got a TD pass with :01 left which cost PSU an unbeaten year. They earned their first ever BCS bowl berth (started 1998) and beat Fla St in the Orange Bowl. Last year they were tied with Ohio St as the least experienced Big 10 squad with just 9 starters back and lost a mobile QB in Michael Robinson who was the perfect fit for the new offense. They also had an inexperienced O-line so a weaker record was expected. Despite a tough schedule in which they had to face #4 ND, #1 OSU, #4 Mich and #17 Wisc, Paterno guided the team to another New Year's Day bowl win for an outstanding (under the circumstances) 9-4 season. This year they have 8 returning starters on offense including a now veteran QB Morelli and should easily top last year's 22.3 ppg. The D had just 4 starters back last season and this year returns 6 but must replace MLB Paul Posluszny. PSU benefited from 2 net close wins (see Big 10 Regional) but they are likely to face just 1 team who is ranked in the preseason, on the road this year (0-9 L4Y on road vs ranked teams). Despite the road trip to Michigan, one of my 8 sets of power ratings calls for PSU to have an unbeaten season.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	JB Walton 6-3 275 PS#16 '06
LB	Chris Colasanti 6-3 209 PS#12
DL	Devon Still 6-5 250 PS#13LB
DB	Nick Sukay 6-1 200 PS#24
LB	Nathan Stupar 6-2 220 PS#16
WR	Jon Ditto 6-3 221 PS#15
LB	Andrew Dailey 6-3 220 PS#22
OL	Stefen Wisniewski 6-3 275 PS#25
TE	Andrew Szczerba 6-6 260 PS#26WR
OL	Josh Marks 6-4 300 PS#31
OL	Ako Poti 6-5 300 PS#63JC
DB	Chaz Powell 6-1 184 PS#48
DL	Kevion Latham 6-3 233 PS#47
OL	Nerraw McCormack 6-5 300 PS#106JC
WR	Derek Moye 6-5 185 PS#57
DB	Stephfon Green 5-10 184 PS#145
DB	Joey Suhey 6-1 205 PS#155WR
K	Ryan Breen 6-2 205 PS#16
OL	Quinn Barham 6-3 270 PS#307
DL	Chimaeze Okoli 6-5 275 PS#262
DB	Drew Astorino 5-11 185 PS#335

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 14 ANTHONY MORELLI SR. 6-4 232 **PS#6**. 11 gm '04-'05. 13 st LY, 2424 (53.9%), 11-8 ratio, 94 rush. **17** Daryll Clark (6-2 232 Jr) PS#63. 188 ttl yd So. **7 Pat Devlin** (6-4 212 rFr) **PS#5.**

RB 33 Austin Scott Sr. 6-0 222 PS#16. 4 st, 1021 (4.6), 15 rec '03-'05. **22 Evan Royster** (6-1 211 rFr) **PS#18. 20 Rodney Kinlaw** (5-9 201 Sr) PS#41. 326 rush (4.1), 27 KR (22.6) 3Y.

WR 24 JORDAN NORWOOD JR. 5-10 172 4 st rFr, 32 (13.2). 8 st LY, 45 (10.5). **FB 34 Matt Hahn** (6-0 236 Sr) **PS#26**. 5 st LY, 151 ttl yd. **38** Dan Lawlor (6-2 244 Jr) PS#45. 7 gms, 2Y.

WR 2 DERRICK WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 203 **PS#1DB.** 7 st true (until inj), 22 (13.1). 12 st LY, 40 (11.0), 4.24 spd. 250 rush 2Y. **8** James McDonald (6-2 195 So). **5** Brett Brackett (6-6 241 rFr) PS#37QB.

WR 3 DEON BUTLER JR. 5-10 168 8 st rFr, 37 (18.7). 13 st LY, 48 (13.3). **HM Big 10** L2Y. **4** Terrell Golden (6-3 217 Sr) PS#51. 3 st, 18 rec 3Y. **19** Chris Bell (6-2 210 So) PS#5. 5 rec true.

TE 10 ANDREW QUARLESS SO. 6-5 252 PS#20. 9 st true, 21 (13.7). **89** Jordan Lyons (6-5 249 Jr) PS#109QB. **82** Mickey Shuler (6-4 241 So) PS#76. **16** Francis Claude (6-5 265 So) PS#69.

C 57 AQ SHIPLEY JR. 6-1 293 **PS#18DL.** 5 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 13 st LY, HM B10. **60** Pat Weber (6-1 272 Sr) 2nd string LY. **62** Ross Muir (6-3 287 Jr). **68** Doug Klopacz (6-3 276 rFr) PS#149.

RG 78 JOHN SHAW SR. 6-4 303 **PS#30DL**. 3 tkl '03-'04. RS OL '05. 10 st RT LY. 425 bench. Austin Hinton (6-2 288 Jr) **PS#92. 50** Mike Lucian (6-2 284 Jr) **PS#11TE**. 5 tkl DL '05.

LG 64 RICH OHRNBERGER JR. 6-2 289 **PS#82**. RS as DE in '04. OL '05. L/9 st RG LY. **77** Lou Eliades (6-4 305 rFr) PS#59. JB Walton (6-3 275 Fr) **PS#16** in '06. Milford Academy.

RT 73 Dennis Landolt So. 6-4 294 **PS#31**. 2nd string LT as rFr. **74** Johnnie Troutman **PS#49DL** '06. Grayshirt. **79** Ako Poti (6-3 302 Jr) PS#63JC. OG/OT in spring.

LT 76 Gerald Cadogan Jr. 6-5 313 **PS#51**. 2nd string rFr, 41 snaps. 5 st LG LY. Nerraw McCormack (6-5 300 Jr) PS#106JC. Along with Poti, 1st JC's recruited by Lions since '85.

K 23 KEVIN KELLY JR. 5-7 167 PS#6. 16 of 23 FG, long 47 as true. Hit 22 of 34 FG LY, long 49. 3 misses 50+. **42** Collin Wagner (5-9 169 rFr) PS#84. **96** Joe Hughes (5-10 172 Jr).

DE 48 Maurice Evans So. 6-2 269 **PS#18**. 12 tkl, 3.5 tfl true. **59** Aaron Maybin (6-4 238 rFr) PS#56. 4.64 spd. Devon Still **PS#13LB. 54** Jed Hill (6-2 269 Jr) TE/FB in '04. 1 tkl LY.

DT 91 Jared Odrick So. 6-5 291 **PS#8OL**. 4 tkl as true. **93** Chris Baker (6-2 305 So) PS#419. 6 tkl rFr. **85** Ollie Ogbu (6-1 293 rFr) PS#198. Milford '05. Chimaeze Okoli PS#262.

DT 90 Phillip Taylor So. 6-4 337 **PS#15**. Burn RS Oct. 7 gm true. Abe Koroma (6-3 312 rFr) PS#232OL. **55** Tom McEowen (6-4 279 rFr) **PS#20**. ACL. Tom Golarz (6-1 249 So) 3 tkl.

DE 47 JOSH GAINES JR. 6-1 264 PS#83. 9 tkl rFr, 208 snap. 9 st DE LY, 25 tkl, 2 sk. **87** Chris Rogers (6-2 261 Jr) **PS#24LB**. Michigan trans. 3 tkl LY. **56** Eric Latimore PS#163. GS.

LB 46 Tyrell Sales Jr. 6-2 237 **PS#17OL**. 3 st rFr. 19 tkl, 2 tfl. 17 tkl LY, 4.55 spd. **5** Jerome Hayes (6-2 236 So) **PS#18**. 5 tkl rFr. **15** Bani Gbadyu (6-0 217 rFr) PS#25DB.

MLB 40 DAN CONNOR SR. 6-3 233 **PS#3**. 4 st true, 85 tkl. 7 st '05 (susp 3) 76 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 2nd Tm Big 10, 113 tkl, 9 tfl. **52** Dontey Brown (6-2 236 Jr) **PS#21**. 12 tkl 2Y.

LB 45 SEAN LEE JR. 6-2 232 **PS#49DB**. 11 tkl true. 13 st LY, 90 tkl, 5.5 sk, 2.5 tfl. **18** Navorro Bowman (6-1 228 rFr) PS#16. Chris Colasanti PS#12. **57** Chris Mauriello (6-1 247 Sr).

CB 1 JUSTIN KING JR. 6-0 186 **PS#4, 4.24 spd**. 5 st WR true, 10 rec. 13 st CB LY, 30 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu, **2nd Tm B10. 10** Lydell Sargeant (5-10 186 Jr) PS#58RB. Willie Harriott (5-8 181 So) PS#49WR.

CB 12 AJ Wallace So. 6-1 195 **PS#4**. 10 tkl, 153 rush, 16 KR (24.2) true. **21** Knowledge Timmons (5-10 186 So) PS#110. 4.35 spd. 11 tkl rFr. **20** Devin Fentress (5-10 171 So) PS#169.

HERO 7 ANTHONY SCIRROTTO JR. 6-0 195 PS#84. 13 st in '06, **1st Tm B10**, 58 tkl, 6 int, 8 pbu. **27** Travis McBride (6-1 198 rFr) PS#68RB. **26** Nick Sukay PS#24. In spg. Cedric Jeffries (6-2 207 rFr) PS#101.

FS 11 TONY DAVIS JR. 5-10 197 PS#56. 13 st CB LY, 42 tkl, **13 pbu**. **37** Spencer Ridenhour (6-0 193 Jr) **PS#16**. 21 tkl, 2 pbu 2Y. Mark Rubin (6-2 211 Jr) PS#67WR. 6 st WR '04, 16 rec.

P NA Ryan Breen Fr. 6-2 205 PS#16. 36.0 avg as Sr in HS with 4.4 hang time. 40.0 as junior in HS. **41** Jeremy Boone (5-9 183 So) PS#100. 45.2 avg as Sr in HS. 84 rec (12.9).

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JOE PATERNO (Career 363–121–3)
42nd Year at Penn St Paterno's Bowl Record: 22-10-1

Paterno's records AT PENN ST

363-121-3 Straight Up	31-39 Vs Top 10
201-48 Home	68-66 Vs Top 25
119-58-1 Away	210-72-3 Vs BCS Teams
43-15-2 Neutral	23-8 Off A Bye
115-54 Vs Conference	62-36 Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (15,16,2)
Lost: 23 (8,12,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 107,567 (#2)

BIG 10

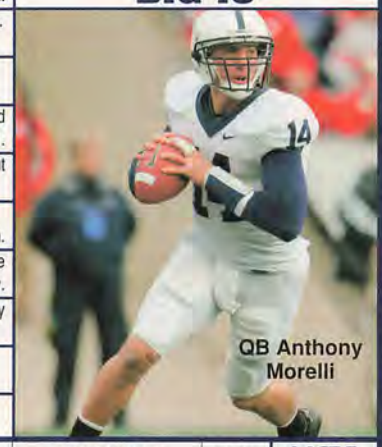
Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#68

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score PSU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Florida Int'l	G					This the first ever meeting between the schools. New FIU HC Cristobal has gone 2-1 vs PSU as a player ('88-'92) & as an assistant coach ('98-'00 & '04-'06) at Miami.
Sep. 8	Notre Dame	G					LY they met for the 1st time S/'92 (Lions' last season as an Indep). Paterno is 8-6 vs the Irish facing 4 different HC's in 4 decades. Three 2Q TO's gave ND 17 pts LY.
Sep. 15	Buffalo	G					Penn St is 47-5-1 vs current MAC members. Penn St has gone 15-1 in non-conf home games coming into this season. PSU is 10-2 the game prior to the B10 opener.
Sep. 22	at Michigan	A					Penn St has lost 8 straight to Michigan making it the longest losing streak in Paterno's Hall of Fame career. PSU hasn't beaten a ranked team on the road since 2002.
Sep. 29	at Illinois	A					Lions are 12-2 vs the Illini. PSU was outgained 358-184 LY but got 2 int's & an onside KR for TD's. Penn St is 1-3 in the second game of back-to-back Big Ten road games.
Oct. 6	Iowa	G					Penn St has dropped 5 straight vs Iowa with 4 of 5 decided by one score or less. The Nittany Lions are 9-5 in conference home openers (joined Big 10 in 1993).
Oct. 13	Wisconsin (HC)	G					Wisconsin leads the all-time series 8-4, including 6-4 in Big Ten play. This has been a low scoring series with the teams avg a combined 36 ppg.
Oct. 20	at Indiana	A					The Lions are 10-0 all-time vs the Hoosiers. In their last meeting in 2004, PSU held on 22-18 thanks to a goal line stand in the last 3:00 after IU had 1st & goal at the 1.
Oct. 27	Ohio St	G					PSU is 5-3 all-time vs the Buckeyes at home including 2005's 17-10 White Out victory which is OSU's last loss in Big Ten play coming into the 2007 season.
Nov. 3	Purdue	G					The Lions are 8-2 vs the Boilermakers since they joined the Big Ten in 1993. PU's high flying offense has been grounded by PSU avg just 17.5 ppg in that span.
Nov. 10	at Temple	G					PSU is 23-0 vs Temple in Paterno's tenure. LY the defense held the Owls to a Joe Pa era record 2 FD's & 74 total yds. Paterno missed the game due to leg surgery.
Nov. 17	at Michigan St	G					The Lions are 11-3 including 6 of 7 in the Battle for the Land Grant Trophy, a rivalry game which was established by the Big Ten when Penn St joined the league.
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zach Mills 7,212 '01-'04
2. Tony Sacca 5,869 '88-'91
3. Chuck Fusina 5,382 '75-'78

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Curt Warner 3,398 '79-'82
2. Tony Hunt 3,320 '03-'06
3. Blair Thomas 3,301 '85-'87, '89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bobby Engram 3,026 '91, '93-'95
2. Bryant Johnson 2,008 '99-'02
3. Kenny Jackson 2,006 '80-'83



STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (107,282) (#2)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	5-6	9-3	3-9	4-7	10-1	8-4	44-37
Home	4-2	3-3	7-1	3-4	3-3	7-0	6-1	33-14
Away	1-4	2-3	2-2	0-5	1-4	3-1	2-3	11-22
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	1-7	2-6	7-1	5-3	28-28
ATS	5-7	7-4	8-4	3-9	6-5	8-2-1	4-7	41-38-1
Home Fav	3-2	2-1	4-3	1-3	2-2	3-1-1	3-2	18-14-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-2	2-0	2-0	0-1	8-5
Away Fav	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	6-6
Away Dog	0-3	4-0	2-1	1-3	1-2	1-0	0-3	9-12
Favorite	4-4	2-2	5-3	1-4	3-3	5-2-1	4-3	24-21-1
Dog	1-3	5-2	3-1	2-5	3-2	3-0	0-4	17-17
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	5-3	2-6	4-4	7-1	2-6	30-26
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	3-1	1-3	2-1	1-1-1	2-1	11-12-1
Off SU Win	1-3	4-1	6-2	0-3	1-2	7-1-1	1-6	20-18-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-2	2-1	3-5	4-3	1-0	2-1	19-15

Joe Paterno

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tony Hunt	277	1460	74	1386	11	5.0
Rodney Kinlaw	39	231	32	199	0	5.1
AJ Wallace	8	158	5	153	1	19.1
Derrick Williams	36	168	23	145	1	4.0
Daryll Clark	15	72	24	48	3	3.2
Matt Hahn	11	42	0	42	0	3.8
BranDon Snow	13	34	0	34	0	2.6
Anthony Morelli	39	94	182	-88	0	-2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Anthony Morelli	386	208	53.9	2424	11	8
Daryll Clark	27	14	51.9	116	0	0
Paul Cianciolo	8	4	50.0	59	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Deon Butler	48	637	13.3	2	55
Jordan Norwood	45	472	10.5	2	34
Derrick Williams	40	440	11.0	1	56
Andrew Quarless	21	288	13.7	2	29
Tony Hunt	27	259	9.6	3	43
Terrell Golden	6	120	20.0	0	35
Matt Hahn	10	109	10.9	1	18
Brendan Perretta	8	86	10.8	0	23
Chris Bell	5	66	13.2	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Kapinos	61	2555	41.9	15	36.4(t)	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Kelly	30-30	9-9	8-12	5-10	0-3	22-34	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Paul Posluszny	116	3	6.5	4	0
Dan Connor	113	5	4	2	2
Sean Lee	90	5.5	2.5	2	1
Anthony Scirrotto	58	0	0	8	6
Donnie Johnson	50	1	3	4	0
Tim Shaw	44	7	1	7	0
Tony Davis	42	0.5	0	13	0
Ed Johnson	33	5	3.5	5	0
Jay Alford	32	8	6.5	1	0
Justin King	30	0	0	6	1
Nolan McCready	30	0	1	2	1
Josh Gaines	25	2	0	2	0
Tyrell Sales	17	0	0	0	0
Maurice Evans	12	1.5	2	0	0
Knowledge Timmons	11	0	0	0	0
AJ Wallace	10	0	0	0	0
Joe Cianciolo	10	0	0	0	0
Jim Shaw	9	0.5	1	0	0
Josh Hull	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Williams	25	301	12.0	1
Anthony Scirrotto	6	54	9.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
AJ Wallace	16	388	24.2	0
Rodney Kinlaw	9	174	19.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Outback	#22	-7	Kentucky	26-14
99	Alamo	#13	-7	Texas A&M	#18	24-0
02	Capital One	#10	-7	Auburn	#19	9-13
05	Orange	#3	-10	Florida St	#22 (3OT)	26-23
06	Outback		+4'	Tennessee	#17	20-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Penn St's All-Time Bowl Record 25-12-2

PENN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	22.3	19	150	4.3	200	53.3	15.7	+1	2006	4	14.4	16	87	2.8	197	55.5	19.8
7	34.4	22	213	5.1	209	52.9	12.2	+3	2005	9	17.0	17	93	2.5	212	56.6	17.9
6*	17.7	17	130	3.9	181	51.6	17.5	-3	2004	6	15.3	17	129	3.2	162	56.5	19.1
5*	19.4	18	122	3.7	191	50.0	16.1	-6	2003	5	21.3	20	209	4.3	153	51.4	17.1
8*	34.3	21	229	5.7	195	56.4	12.3	+14	2002	6	17.4	19	115	3.1	215	63.4	18.9
4	22.5	19	120	3.4	226	50.4	15.3	-11	2001	6	25.5	23	206	4.4	237	56.7	17.4

2006 STATS BY GAME

PSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#19	Akron	13	27-76	2.8	16-32	206	0	18	34-33	1.0	23-43	192	5	+1
#19	at Notre Dame	25	33-158	4.8	24-41	225	2	22	36-110	3.1	25-36	287	3	-3
#25	Youngstown St	26	39-389	10.0	14-32	179	0	10	28-47	1.7	16-27	137	4	+2
#24	at Ohio St	16	40-142	3.6	16-25	106	3	14	29-138	4.8	12-22	115	0	-1
–	Northwestern	25	48-233	4.9	20-35	295	0	12	28-81	2.9	14-30	157	3	-1
–	at Minnesota	22	40-150	3.8	20-35	281	1	21	34-68	2.0	25-36	347	3	0
–	Michigan	11	25-(-14)	-0.6	17-31	200	7	16	33-116	3.5	15-30	196	2	-1
–	Illinois	10	24-40	1.7	18-34	144	2	19	42-202	4.8	13-33	156	6	+2
–	at Purdue	23	50-240	4.8	14-31	182	1	15	24-62	2.6	22-39	184	3	+2
–	at Wisconsin	12	19-36	1.9	19-36	165	4	20	45-167	3.7	16-26	174	4	-1
–	Temple	19	33-212	6.4	17-30	199	0	2	29-16	0.6	8-19	58	2	+2
–	Michigan St	22	39-105	2.7	17-37	220	3	18	15-14	0.9	30-62	291	3	-4
–	† Tennessee	19	40-183	4.6	14-25	197	0	17	23-83	3.6	25-37	267	2	+3
TOTALS		243	457-1950	4.3	226-424	2599	23	204	400-1137	2.8	244-440	2561	40	+1
AVERAGES		18.7	35-150	4.3	17-33	200	1.8	15.7	31-87	2.8	19-34	197	3.1	0.1

2002 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre #24 Opponent	Line	Post #16 Score
#24	UCF	-13'	27-24
–	Nebraska - #8	+5	40-7
#15	Louisiana Tech	-13'	49-17
#12	Iowa	-8	35-42 OT
#20	at Wisconsin - #19	+2'	34-31
#15	at Michigan - #13	+4'	24-27 OT
#20	Northwestern	-25'	49-0
#18	at Ohio St - #4	+4'	7-13
#20	Illinois	-15'	18-7
#19	Virginia	-16	35-14
#16	at Indiana	-24	58-25
#15	Michigan St	-21	61-7

2003 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Temple	-25	23-10
–	Boston College	-9	14-27
–	at Nebraska - #18	+10	10-18
–	Kent St	-24'	32-10
–	Minnesota - #24	+2	14-20
–	Wisconsin	+1'	23-30
–	at Purdue - #18	+12	14-28
–	at Iowa - #16	+10'	14-26
–	Ohio St - #8	+7	20-21
–	at Northwestern	-5'	7-17
–	Indiana	-18'	52-7
–	at Michigan St	+5'	10-41

2004 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Akron	-15'	48-10
–	at Boston College	-3	7-21
–	UCF	-23	37-13
–	at Wisconsin - #20	+3	3-16
–	at Minnesota - #18	+15	7-16
–	Purdue - #9	+10'	13-20
–	Iowa	-3	4-6
–	at Ohio St	+6'	10-21
–	Northwestern	-3'	7-14
–	at Indiana	-3'	22-18
–	Michigan St	+4	37-13

2005 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #3 Score
–	USF	-21	23-13
–	Cincinnati	-18	42-24
–	C Michigan	-22	40-3
–	at Northwestern	-8	34-29
–	Minnesota - #18	+2'	44-14
#16	Ohio St - #6	+3'	17-10
#8	at Michigan	+3'	25-27
#12	at Illinois	-18'	63-10
#11	Purdue	-15	33-15
#10	Wisconsin - #14	-12	35-14
#5	at Michigan St	-8'	31-22

2006 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
#19	Akron	-17'	34-16
#19	at Notre Dame - #4	+8'	17-41
#25	Youngstown St	NL	37-3
#24	at Ohio St - #1	+17	6-28
–	Northwestern	-19'	33-7
–	at Minnesota	-3	28-27 OT
–	Michigan - #4	+5'	10-17
–	Illinois	-18	26-12
–	at Purdue	-3	12-0
–	at Wisconsin - #17	+7	3-13
–	Temple	-36	47-0
–	Michigan St	-17'	17-13

OHIO ST BUCKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Troy Smith (PS#31) battled Justin Zwick (PS#7) for the starting job while Todd Boeckman (PS#30) redshirted. Zwick started 6 and threw for 1,209 (52.4%) with a 6-6 ratio before being injured. Smith stepped in to start the last 6 of the regular season and had his most memorable performance vs Michigan with 145 yds rush and 241 pass becoming the first OSU QB since Rod Gerald in '77 to top 100 yards rushing in a game. He was susp'd for the bowl and Zwick led the team to the win. Smith was also susp'd for the opener in '05 which put him behind but he started the last 10. In the final 2 games vs Mich and ND Smith hit a combined 46 of 65 for 321 ypg with a 3-0 ratio. For the season he led the Big 10 in pass efficiency and was the team's #2 rusher. Zwick played in just 7 throwing for 359 (72.4%). Boeckman hit 5 of 7 for 67. Last year all 3 returned and Smith once again led the Big 10 in pass efficiency and not only won the Heisman Trophy but had the highest % of first place votes ever. He holds the Big 10 record for career pass efficiency and became the first OSU QB since Tippy Dye to defeat Mich 3 straight years (1934-'36). Zwick played in 7 (187 yd). Boeckman played in 3 (3 passes) and rFr Rob Schoenhoft (PS#12) had 1 pass in 2 games. Both Smith (#5DC BAL) and Zwick depart so the starting job will be fought for by Boeckman, Schoenhoft and Antonio Henton (PS#25). Henton resembles Smith but is actually a little bit bigger. Boeckman, who GS in '03, is 23 years old and despite his 6'5" 235 frame, is actually faster in the 40 than Smith! Added to the mix is Joe Bauserman (PS#59 '04) who spent the last 3 years in the MLB Pirates organization. This unit goes from a veteran, Heisman Trophy winning QB to an inexperienced group albeit a talented one.

RUNNING BACKS - Surprisingly the Buckeyes did not have a 1,000 yard rusher in 2003 or 2004. In fact, Lydell Ross led with just 475 (4.1) in '04. Antonio Pittman (PS#19), who has 4.4 speed, was a workout warrior in 2005 adding 20 lbs. In '05 Pittman became the 3rd soph in school history to top 1,000 with 1,331 (5.5). True frosh Maurice Wells (PS#11) had 199 (3.3). Last year both returned and they added PS#1 RB Chris "Beanie" Wells who had the best size and speed combination of the backs. Pittman became just the 5th OSU RB to record back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons with 1,233 (5.1). The others are Eddie George, Keith Byars, Tim Spencer and Archie Griffin. Chris Wells lost four fumbles but still rushed for 576 (5.5). Maurice rushed for 171 (3.7). Pittman opted to leave early for the NFL (13 st, #4DC NO) and the only other loss is FB Stan White (8 st, 57 yds). Adding depth to the unit are Joe Gantz (6'0" 203 So), KC Christian (6'0" 203 rFr) and FB Trever Robinson (6'0" 220 Sr). They bring in two top-notch true frosh including Brandon Saine (PS#2, Mr. Ohio Football). Despite the loss of their top rusher, this unit figures to be one of the B10's best with Beanie Wells leading the way.

RECEIVERS - Last year, the Buckeyes had to replace WR Santonio Holmes (#1DC PIT) who led the team in '05 with 53 (18.4). They had a lot of speed returning with Anthony Gonzalez (4.29 spd) and perhaps the fastest man in the NCAA in Ted Ginn Jr (PS#1DB) Ginn led with 59 (13.2) and Gonzalez had 51 (14.4) and the 2 combined for 17 TD's. Brian Hartline had 17 (15.1) and is known for his physical blocking. Brian Robiskie had 29 (13.2) including clutch TD's vs PSU and Michigan. Perhaps the 2nd fastest on the team was Raymond Small (PS#14DB) and as a true frosh he had 8 (8.5). DT David Patterson said that Small would be the next great WR at OSU. Both Ginn (13 st, #1DC MIA) and Gonzalez (12 st, 1#DC IND) declared early for the NFL, and along with WR Roy Hall (13, 11.3, #5DC IND) made OSU the only school to have 3 WR's drafted. Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE's Brandon Smith (6'3" 252 Jr, PS#227LB), Will Crall (6'3" 256 So, PS#86) and JD Larson (6'4" 220 So) plus WR's Brent Ullery (6'0" 203 Sr), Kyle Ruhl (6'1" 165 Jr) and David Lisko (6'1" 220 Jr). While this unit will be better than expected, it's clearly down a few notches with the loss of their top two who combined for 49.8% of the team's catches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - One would expect OSU, which garnered a reputation of "3 yards and a cloud of dust" under Woody Hayes, to have a top-notch running game on a yearly basis. Surprisingly their best ypc rushing since 1998 had been 4.3 in 2002. They had four OL starters back in 2003 but the O-line only paved the way for 3.3 ypc (33 sk). In 2004 they had to replace four starters but actually improved to 4.0 ypc rush, despite the fact that 3 of the top 10 were walk-ons. In 2005 they had 4 starters back and finally lived up to the type of O-line expected in Columbus. They opened holes for 4.7 ypc rush while allowing just 18 sacks (6.0%). Of course, having a mobile QB like Troy Smith helped. Last year they had to replace 2 starters (#1 and #4 DC's) and 3 backups. The Bucks rush attack dropped by 27 ypg (4.6) with 19 sacks (5.6%). The drop in the numbers really reflected the change in the overall offensive philosophy as Smith went from dual threat (611 rush yds '05) to pocket passer (204 yds '06). This year they lose 2nd Tm AA RG TJ Downing (13 st, 2Y st'r, UFA ARZ), 1st Tm B10 C Doug Datish (13 st, 3Y st'r, #6DC ATL) and LG Tim Schafer (6 st). This year's 2 deep contains 9 VHT's and just 1 walk-on and has basically 3 full-time starters back. Despite the two significant losses, this year's O-line should come close to 2006's productivity.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After a veteran OSU D-line allowed a paltry 62 ypg (2.0) in '03, they had to replace a #1 and two #3 DC's. The inexperienced unit yielded 130 ypg (3.5) in '04. In 2005 they only had to replace one starter and led the nation in rush D (73 ypg, 2.2). Last year they had to replace both starting DE's but had 6 of the top 8 back and got the pleasant emergence of Vernon Gholston (15 tfl). Gholston, who benches 455 lbs and has 5% body fat, was 2nd Tm Big 10. The Bucks allowed just 98 ypg rush (3.3) while the D had 38 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DT David Patterson (11 st, 22 tkl, HM B10), DE Jay Richardson (13 st, 25 tkl, 4 sk, HM B10, #5DC OAK), 1st Tm AA DT Quinn Pitcock (11 st, 8 sk, 39 tkl, #3DC IND) and DT Joel Penton (4 st, 20 tkl, 2 sk). The last time Ohio St did not return at least one starting DT was in 1989. In the 3 deep I list below, there are 7 VHT's and while this unit should once again be formidable, it is inexperienced and is down a few notches.

LB James Laurinaitis

LINEBACKERS OSU had the best LB corps in the country in '05 but had to replace all 3 starters in '06 including two #1's and a #3 DC's. Soph James Laurinaitis emerged and won the Nagurski Award while earning 1st Tm AA honors. This year the only loss is WLB John Kerr (3 st, 26 tkl). This is a much more experienced unit and you need only to look at the 3rd string, which features Curt Lukens (PS#29DB), Mark Johnson (PS#18) and Thaddeus Gibson (PS#8DL) to see how loaded it really is.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Since 1997 the Buckeyes have had 5 CB's end up as 1st round DC's with 19 DB's drafted overall. With 3 starters back in 2005, the Bucks finished #23 in my pass D rankings despite snagging just 6 int's while allowing 8 TD passes. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters including #1, #3 and #4 DC's. Surprisingly the inexperienced group moved up to #12 with a 10-21 ratio. This year they must replace 2nd Tm Big 10 FS Brandon Mitchell (13 st, 60 tkl, 2 int) and 1st Tm Big 10 CB Antonio Smith (71 tkl, 2 int). Four players return who started 4 or more as the Bucks used the nickel as their base defense frequently. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Shaun Lane (5'10" 180 Jr, PS#51), De'Angelo Haslam (5'9" 170 Sr), Michael Dougherty (5'11" 200 Jr), Marcus Williams (5'9" 196 rFr), Matt Daniels (5'7" 205 Jr) and Zach Willis (5'10" 160 Jr). 1st Tm Big 10 CB Malcolm Jenkins returns and while they probably will not move up too much in my pass D rankings, this is a more experienced unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jim Tressel has been quoted as saying that the punt is the most important play in football and OSU has recorded three #1 finishes in my ST rankings ('95, '98 and '04). Despite having to replace a Lou Groza winning K, an outstanding P and their top KR, the Buckeyes finished #4 in my ST rankings in 2005. K Josh Huston (PS#10) should have won the Lou Groza Trophy hitting 22 of 28 FG's with all of his misses from 46+ and had 54 TB on 77 KO. Last year they had to replace Huston and Ryan Pretorius and Aaron Pettrey battled for the FG job. Pettrey hit 8 of 11 with a long of 51 while Pretorius hit 1 of 2 FG's (52 yd). Pettrey had 37 TB on 64 KO. AJ Trapasso (PS#30) had a 37.6 net as a rFr and a 36.6 net in 2006. Teams mostly kicked away from Ted Ginn Jr but he was still the top PR (11.1) and KR (24.4). This year all of the K's are back but they must replace Ginn who tied the NCAA career record with 8 return TD's in 3 years. The Buckeyes finished #11 in my ST rankings and despite the losses, have a shot at another top 25 finish.

COACHES - In Jim Tressel's 2nd year, he won a National Championship becoming the first coach to win an NCAA Title at both the IAA and IA levels. He was the Div IA Coach of the Year in 2002 and now enters his seventh season as does his OC Jim Bollman. In 2004 DC Mark Dantonio took over as the HC at Cincinnati (now HC Mich St) and in '05 DC Mark Snyder took the head job at Marshall (with Tressel's blessing). The last two years they have used co-DC's in Jim Heacock and Luke Fickell.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St actually finished outside of the AP Top 25 for 3 straight years prior to 2002. Before the 2002 season, I rated Ohio St #7 which was far higher than almost every other source. I called them my #1 surprise team and darkhorse contender for the National Title. Only two other preseason magazines (besides mine) even picked OSU to win the Big 10. Instead they took home their first National Championship since 1968 (when Woody Hayes won his 3rd) and defeated Miami in the Fiesta Bowl. They became the first team in major college history to compile 14 wins but won 7 games by 7 points or less. In 2003 they had the Maurice Clarett situation hanging over their heads but still had a chance to get to the National Title game before they lost to Michigan. The Buckeyes finished 11-2 including a win over K-St in the Fiesta Bowl. In 2004 the Bucks set a record for NFL DC's as they had 14 in 7 rounds (the previous high had been 11). As you would expect, OSU stumbled to an 8-4 record. They were just 4-4 in Big 10 play and were outgained by 58.7 ypg! Jim Tressel's teams have always relied on defense and ST's with their highest finish in the Big 10 rankings on offense prior to 2005 being #8. OSU only had 2 losses in 2005 and both were close. They suffered a tough home loss at night to Vince Young and Texas as they dropped a sure TD pass, settled for 5 FG's, and lost a 22-16 lead. They also lost by 7 at night at Penn St. In the Fiesta Bowl they had a 617-348 yard edge vs ND. They accomplished this despite being -9 in turnovers for the year! Last year OSU lost an amazing five #1 DC's and scored 49 points in my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover. They also had tough night road games vs Texas and Iowa. They opened the season #1 in the AP poll and stayed that way the entire year including their epic battle vs Mich, the first time the rivals met as #1 and #2 in their storied history. Troy Smith became the 7th Buckeye and just the second Big 10 QB to win the Heisman. They had 51 days off prior to playing Florida in the National Title game and it showed as they were outgained 370-82. Last year's squad had 17 seniors while this year's has just 4 that have seen significant playing time. The Bucks return just 5 starters on offense and will come nowhere near 2006's 34.6 ppg (best S/'98). The D is always solid. Last year they returned just 2 starters and allowed 12.8 ppg, (even after yielding 80 in the final 2) their best S/'98. This year they have 6 starters back on D. OSU benefitted from +9 in TO's and some ypp factors will be working against them (pg 299). They outgained B10 foes by a league best 149.3 ypg winning those by an avg of 26.6 ppg. Despite having to face Penn St and Mich on the road, one of my 8 sets of power ratings calls for Ohio St to go 12-0 so they are again Big 10 and National Title contenders.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE	JERSEY # IN RED
QB	**17 Todd Boeckman Jr.** 6-5 235 **PS#30**. 7-10-86-1-0, 14 yds rush 2Y. Faster than Troy Smith. **11** Rob Schoenhoft (6-6 240 So) **PS#12**. 1 pass. **7** Antonio Henton (6-2 210 rFr) **PS#25**.
RB	**28 Chris Wells So.** 6-1 225 **PS#1**. 576 (5.5) true, 2 rec. **34** Maurice Wells (5-10 190 Jr) **PS#11**. 370 rush (3.5) 2Y. **Brandon Saine** is **PS#2**. Daniel "Boom" Herron PS#44.
WR	**4 Raymond Small So.** 6-0 175 **PS#14DB**. 8 rec true. **5** Albert Dukes (6-1 190 Jr) PS#89. 4 rec 2Y.
FB	**49 Dionte Johnson** (6-0 234 Sr) PS#112LB. 3 st FB 3Y. Aram Olson (6-2 252 rFr).
WR	**9 Brian Hartline So.** 6-3 180 PS#44. 2 st rFr, 17 rec (15.1). **18** Devon Lyons (6-4 214 Jr) **PS#11DB**. 1 st '04, 2 rec. RS '05. DB & WR LY. Dane Sanzenbacher is PS#106.
WR	**80 BRIAN ROBISKIE JR.** 6-3 195 PS#48. 1 rec '05. 6 st LY, 29 (13.2). **Taurian Washington** is **PS#19**. **19** Derek Harden (6-1 215 Jr). **86** Dan Potokar (6-0 170 So). Track.
TE	**88 RORY NICOL JR.** 6-5 250 **PS#13WR**. 1 st '04, 3 rec. RS '05. 10 st LY, 13 (11.6). **86** Jake Ballard (6-7 255 So) **PS#6**. 1 st true, 2 rec. **82** Andy Miller (6-6 260 rFr) PS#49.
C	**64 Jim Cordle So.** 6-4 280 **PS#24**. Backup C as rFr. **54** Tyler Whaley (6-1 270 Sr) 2nd string C LY.
LS	**56** Dimitrios Makridis (6-1 225 Sr). **61** Matt Drummelsmith (6-4 205 Jr).
RG	**63 Ben Person Jr.** 6-4 315 **PS#25**. 9 gms rFr. 2nd string '06. **67** Kyle Mitchum (6-5 295 Jr) **PS#6**. 3 games rFr. 2nd string '06. **66** Andrew Moses (6-3 267 So).
LG	**71 STEVE REHRING JR.** 6-8 329 **PS#46**. 1 st LT true, 44 min. RS '05. 10 st LG LY. **79** Jon Skinner (6-5 300 Jr) **PS#84**. 6 gm rFr. 2nd string LY. **65** Doug Ebner (6-4 285 Jr).
RT	**74 KIRK BARTON SR.** 6-6 310 **PS#98**. Last 7 st RT, 196 min rFr. 8 st RT '05. 13 st RT LY, **HM B10**. **70 Bryant Browning** (6-4 328 rFr) **PS#39**. **73** Josh Kerr (6-5 283 rFr) PS#441.
LT	**75 ALEX BOONE JR.** 6-8 325 **PS#2**. 4 st RT true. 10 st LT LY (inj). **77** Connor Smith (6-5 295 rFr) **PS#6**. **78** Daniel Dye (6-3 280 Sr) PS#670. **76** Scott Sika (6-3 275 rFr).
K	**20 AARON PETTREY SO.** 6-1 195 PS#36, 58 yd FG HS. GS '04. RS '05. 8 of 11 FG LY, long 51. **85** Ryan Pretorius (5-9 180 Jr) 1 of 2 FG, long 52. **39** Andrew Good (5-10 185 Sr) WVirg trans.

DEFENSE	JERSEY # IN RED
DE	**50 VERNON GHOLSTON JR.** 6-4 260 **PS#59LB**. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm B10**, 49 tkl, 8.5 sk, 6.5 tfl. **78** Alex Barrow (6-5 275 Jr) PS#101. 11 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y. **91** Ryan Williams (6-6 245 So) **PS#58**.
DT	**84 Doug Worthington So.** 6-7 274 **PS#12LB**. 3 tkl, 7 gm rFr. **72** Dexter Larimore (6-3 275 rFr) PS#80. Cameron Heyward (6-6 280 Fr) **PS#28**. **92** Brett Daly (6-6 250 Sr) PS#324DB.
DT	**92 Todd Denlinger So.** 6-3 280 **PS#23**. 4 tkl, 2 tfl, 11 gm rFr. **93** Nader Abdallah (6-5 291 Jr) PS#69. 1 tkl, 4 gm rFr. -19 lbs. DT/DE. **96** Juan Garnier (6-4 315 Sr). Auburn trans.
DE	**87 Lawrence Wilson Jr.** 6-6 270 **PS#52**. 2 tkl true. 14 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl LY. **9 Robert Rose** (6-5 260 So) **PS#10**. 7 tkl, 3.5 sk, 11 gm true. **94** Walter Dublin (6-3 235 rFr) PS#133.
WLB	**6 Larry Grant Sr.** 6-3 225 **PS#10JC**. 1 st, 18 tkl LY. **55** Curtis Terry (6-2 234 Sr) 2 st LY, 17 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **36** Curt Lukens (6-3 215 Sr) **PS#29DB**. 1 tkl. Brian Rolle is **PS#26**.
MLB	**33 JAMES LAURINAITIS JR.** 6-3 244 1 st, 9 tkl '05. **1st Tm AA, Nagurski Award winner '06!** 115 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 5 int. **38** Austin Spitler (6-3 242 So) PS#119. 7 tkl. **44** Mark Johnson (6-4 230 rFr) **PS#18**.
SLB	**1 MARCUS FREEMAN JR.** 6-2 242 **PS#8**. 4 tkl true. RS '05. 11 st LY, 71 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 6 pbu. **HM B10**. **51** Ross Homan (6-1 237 So) **PS#14**. 28 tkl true. **37 Thaddeus Gibson** (6-3 220 rFr) **PS#8DL**.
CB	**20 DONALD WASHINGTON SO.** 6-1 195 PS#62WR. 4.5 spd. 9 st rFr, 41 tkl, 1 pbu. **13** Andre Amos (6-1 180 So) PS#59WR. 9 tkl rFr. **19** Brandon Underwood (6-2 180 Jr) **PS#28**. 3 tkl '05.
CB	**2 MALCOLM JENKINS JR.** 6-1 202 5 st true, 37 tkl. 13 st LY, **1st Tm B10**, 55 tkl, 4 int, 3 pbu. **4** Kurt Coleman (5-11 185 So) **PS#17**. 9 tkl true. **5** Chimdi Chekwa (6-1 180 rFr) PS#130.
SS	**3 JAMARIO O'NEAL JR.** 6-1 200 **PS#9**. 2 tkl true. 8 st FS LY, 30 tkl. **26** Tyler Moeller (6-1 205 rFr) PS#70. Nate Oliver is **PS#23**. **24** Grant Schwartz (6-0 200 rFr) PS#116.
FS	**21 Anderson Russell So.** 6-0 190 PS#168RB. 4 st FS LY, 16 tkl, 1 int. **23** Nick Patterson (6-2 210 Jr) PS#54WR. 1 st, 11 tkl, 2Y. Eugene Clifford is **PS#6**. **8** Aaron Gant (6-0 205 So).
P	**15 AJ TRAPASSO JR.** 6-1 220 PS#30. 43 punts '05, 40.4 avg, **37.6 net**. 49 punts LY, 40.6 avg, 36.6 net. **48** Jon Thoma (6-1 190 So) PS#86. **84** Evan Jablonka (6-0 195 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Brandon Saine 6-1 205 PS#2
DB	Eugene Clifford 6-2 190 PS#6
DB	Nate Oliver 6-0 195 PS#23
DB	Donnie Evege 5-11 185 PS#29
DL	Cameron Heyward 6-6 280 PS#28
WR	Taurian Washington 6-2 180 PS#19
LB	Jermale Hines 6-2 205 PS#25
LB	Brian Rolle 5-11 210 PS#26
DL	Solomon Thomas 6-5 225 PS#36
DB	Devon Torrence 6-1 190 PS#43
DB	James Scott 5-10 165 PS#52
RB	Daniel "Boom" Herron 5-10 200 PS#44
OL	Evan Blankenship 6-3 300 PS#73
DB	Rocco Pentello 6-0 195 PS#93
WR	Dane Sanzenbacher 5-11 175 PS#106

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Youngstown St	G					Tressel was YSU's HC from '86-'00 compiling a record of 135-57-2 while winning 4 Div IAA National Champs. Tressel lobbied for the 1st meeting between the programs.
Sep. 8	Akron	G					Into '07: OSU hasn't lost to a current Div IA instate school since Cincy beat the Bucks in 1897. Akron is 1-15 all-time vs the Big Ten with the lone win coming vs OSU in 1894.
Sep. 15	at Washington	A					OSU leads the series 7-3 but has lost the last 2 matchups in Seattle (in '86 & '94). The Buckeyes are 13-3 their last 16 non-conference road games.
Sep. 22	Northwestern	G					OSU is 31-2 in this series S/'64 with the Cats' last win in Columbus in 1971. OSU has won every HG vs NU by 18+ S/'81. Buckeyes have won 14 straight vs the Big 10 .
Sep. 29	at Minnesota	A					OSU is 10-0 in the Metrodome vs the Gophers with their last loss in Minneapolis in 1981. The Buckeyes have won 6 straight playing the 1st of back-to-back road games.
Oct. 6	at Purdue	G					The Boilers handed future Heisman winner Troy Smith his 1st loss as a starting QB (1 of only 3 in his career) in the last meeting in 2004. OSU leads the series 35-12-2.
Oct. 13	Kent St	G					This the second meeting between the schools with OSU winning 51-17 in 2002. The Buckeyes are 21-1 vs current members of the MAC conference.
Oct. 20	Michigan St	G					New MSU HC Dantonio was OSU's defensive coordinator when the Bucks won the National Title in 2002. The Bucks are 10-2 vs the Spartans & have won 5 straight.
Oct. 27	at Penn St	G					OSU is 2-5 at Penn St in Big 10 play. Last year's 6 pts by the Lions tied a series low. Last year OSU returned 2 int's for TD's in the final 2:31 of the game in a 28-6 win.
Nov. 3	Wisconsin	G					OSU leads the all-time series 50-17-5 BUT Wisky has won 4 out of the L/6 matchups including a 3-1 record vs Tressel. The Badgers have won 3 in a row at the Horseshoe.
Nov. 10	Illinois	G					Illinois HC Zook was OSU's DB coach under Cooper from '88-90. He is 0-2 vs OSU. LY the Illini held OSU to regular season lows in yds (224) & FD's (17) in a 17-10 loss.
Nov. 17	at Michigan	A					Tressel is 5-1 vs Carr including 2-1 in Ann Arbor. Ohio St hasn't won two in a row in the Big House since '79 & '81. Last year's 81 pts was the highest total since 1902.
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Art Schlichter 7,547 '78-'81
2. Bobby Hoying 7,232 '92-'95
3. Joe Germaine 6,370 '96-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Archie Griffin 5,589 '72-'75
2. Eddie George 3,768 '92-'95
3. Tim Spencer 3,553 '79-'82

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Michael Jenkins 2,898 '00-'03
2. David Boston 2,855 '96-'98
3. Gary Williams 2,792 '79-'82

JIM TRESSEL (Career 62-14) (Div IAA 135-57-2)
7th Year at Ohio St Tressel's Bowl Record: 4-2

Tressel's records AT OHIO STATE

62-14	Straight Up	8-3	Vs Top 10
38-4	Home	23-9	Vs Top 25
19-8	Away	11-4	Vs BCS Teams
5-2	Neutral	1-3	Off A Bye
38-10	Vs Conference	9-2	Off A Loss

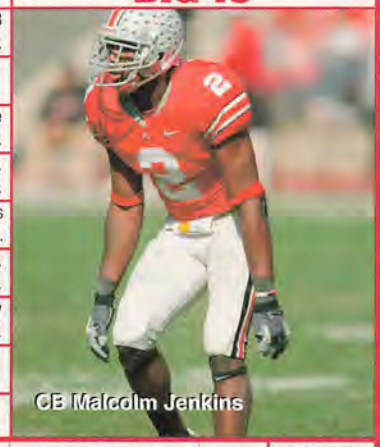
2006 RECORD: (12-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,20,3)
Lost: 21 (11,10,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 105,096 (#4)

BIG 10


CB Malcolm Jenkins

STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (102,329) (#4)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	13-0	10-2	7-4	9-2	12-0	66-15
Home	4-2	4-2	8-0	8-0	5-1	6-1	7-0	42-6
Away	4-1	3-2	4-0	2-2	2-3	3-1	5-0	23-9
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	8-0	6-2	4-4	7-1	8-0	43-13
ATS	5-6	5-6	7-6	4-7-1	6-5	8-3	9-3	44-36-1
Home Fav (John Cooper)	2-4	2-3	7-1	3-4-1	3-2	5-2	5-2	27-18-1
Home Dog (John Cooper)	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Fav (Jim Tressel)	3-1	2-1	0-4	1-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	13-12
Away Dog (Jim Tressel)	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	3-4
Favorite	5-5	4-4	7-6	4-6-1	4-4	8-3	8-3	40-31-1
Dog	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	2-1	0-0	1-0	4-5
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	7-1	6-2	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	4-1	1-3	2-1	1-2	3-1	13-12
Off SU Win	3-5	2-4	6-6	2-7-1	3-3	6-2	8-3	30-30-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	3-1	0-0	1-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	8-5

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Fiesta - #2	+11'	Miami, Fl - #1 (2OT)	31-24
03	Fiesta - #7	+7	Kansas St - #8	35-28
04	Alamo - #24	+3'	Oklahoma St	33-7
05	Fiesta - #4	-4'	Notre Dame - #5	34-20
06	BCS Championship - #1	-7'	Florida - #2	14-41

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Ohio St's All-Time Bowl Record 18-20

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Antonio Pittman	242	1275	42	1233	14	5.1
Chris Wells	**104**	**587**	**11**	**576**	**7**	**5.5**
Troy Smith	72	332	128	204	1	2.8
Maurice Wells	**46**	**176**	**5**	**171**	**1**	**3.7**
Todd Boeckman	**4**	**14**	**0**	**14**	**1**	**3.5**
Justin Zwick	2	1	2	-1	1	-0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Troy Smith	311	203	65.3	2542	30	6
Justin Zwick	23	14	60.9	187	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ted Ginn Jr	59	781	13.2	9	58
Anthony Gonzalez	51	734	14.4	8	33
Brian Robiskie	**29**	**383**	**13.2**	**5**	**39**
Brian Hartline	**17**	**256**	**15.1**	**2**	**32**
Rory Nicol	**13**	**151**	**11.6**	**3**	**38**
Roy Hall	13	147	11.3	2	27
Antonio Pittman	14	127	9.1	0	30
Ray Small	**8**	**68**	**8.5**	**1**	**36**
Stan White Jr	8	57	7.1	0	11
Maurice Wells	**3**	**55**	**18.3**	**0**	**30**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
AJ Trapasso	**49**	**1990**	**40.6**	**9**	**36.6**	**0**	**17**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Aaron Pettrey	**55-58**	**0-1**	**3-3**	**3-4**	**2-3**	**8-11**	**51**
Ryan Pretorius	**2-2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1-2**	**1-2**	**52**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
James Laurinaitis	**115**	**4**	**4.5**	**2**	**5**
Marcus Freeman	**71**	**1**	**1.5**	**6**	**2**
Antonio Smith	71	2	8	1	2
Brandon Mitchell	60	0	4	4	2
Malcolm Jenkins	**55**	**0**	**4.5**	**3**	**4**
Vernon Gholston	**49**	**8.5**	**6.5**	**2**	**1**
Donald Washington	**41**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Quinn Pitcock	39	8	4	0	0
Jamario O'Neal	**30**	**0.5**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Ross Homan	**28**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**
John Kerr	26	0	1.5	1	0
Jay Richardson	25	4	4.5	7	0
David Patterson	22	0	3	1	0
Joel Penton	20	2	1	0	0
Larence Wilson	**18**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Larry Grant	**18**	**0.5**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Curtis Terry	**17**	**0**	**3.5**	**2**	**0**
Anderson Russell	**16**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Aaron Gant	**10**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Andre Amos	**9**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ted Ginn Jr	24	266	11.1	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ted Ginn Jr	18	440	24.4	1
Anthony Gonzalez	6	85	14.2	0

OHIO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	34.6	20	170	4.6	215	65.0	11.1	+9	2006	2	12.8	16	98	3.3	182	58.3	22.0
9*	32.7	21	197	4.7	226	64.9	12.9	-9	2005	9	15.2	16	73	2.2	208	60.7	18.4
5	24.2	16	145	4.0	175	53.5	13.3	-1	2004	4	18.3	19	130	3.5	202	55.8	18.2
8*	24.8	17	126	3.3	206	56.8	13.4	+1	2003	6	17.6	19	62	2.0	235	57.9	16.9
5	29.3	18	191	4.3	173	61.8	12.4	+13	2002	7	13.1	17	78	2.6	243	57.7	24.5
5*	26.0	19	180	3.9	191	51.7	14.3	+9	2001	6	20.3	18	139	3.6	197	51.9	16.5

2006 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#1	N Illinois	22	36 - 173	4.8	20 - 27	315	0	15	33 - 151	4.6	16 - 30	192	4	-1
#1	at Texas	17	29 - 79	2.7	17 - 26	269	3	20	31 - 172	5.5	19 - 32	154	1	+2
#1	Cincinnati	22	32 - 166	5.2	25 - 35	278	2	11	22 - (-4)	-0.2	20 - 25	216	8	+3
#1	Penn St	14	29 - 138	4.8	12 - 22	115	0	16	40 - 142	3.6	16 - 25	106	3	+1
#1	at Iowa	23	50 - 214	4.3	16 - 25	186	1	18	20 - 87	4.4	19 - 41	249	2	+4
#1	Bowling Green	18	32 - 139	4.3	21 - 29	248	2	15	35 - 160	4.6	16 - 26	179	2	+1
#1	at Michigan St	20	44 - 182	4.1	16 - 24	239	0	13	30 - 63	2.1	19 - 30	135	4	0
#1	Indiana	25	39 - 270	6.9	17 - 25	270	0	16	28 - 7	0.3	20 - 35	158	4	+1
#1	Minnesota	29	46 - 266	5.8	17 - 25	218	1	10	26 - 47	1.8	15 - 28	135	2	0
#1	at Illinois	17	47 - 116	2.5	13 - 23	108	3	13	22 - 99	4.5	14 - 35	134	0	0
#1	at Northwestern	22	44 - 231	5.3	14 - 24	194	1	17	24 - 68	2.8	21 - 36	229	3	+3
#1	Michigan	24	29 - 187	6.4	29 - 41	316	1	17	30 - 130	4.3	21 - 35	267	4	-3
#1	† Florida	8	23 - 47	2.0	4 - 14	35	5	21	43 - 156	3.6	26 - 37	214	1	-2
TOTALS		261	480 - 2208	4.6	221 - 340	2791	19	202	384 - 1278	3.3	242 - 415	2368	38	+9
AVERAGES		20.1	37 - 170	4.6	17 - 26	215	1.5	15.5	30 - 98	3.3	19 - 32	182	2.9	0.7

OSU Pre #13 2002 RESULTS Post #1

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#13	Texas Tech	-6	45-21
#8	Kent St	-28'	51-17
#6	Wash St - #10	-7	25-7
#6	† Cincinnati	-18'	23-19
#6	Indiana	-29'	45-17
#5	at Northwestern	-25	27-16
#5	San Jose St	-28'	50-7
#4	at Wisconsin	-7	19-14
#4	Penn St - #18	-4'	13-7
#6	Minnesota - #23	-13'	34-3
#3	at Purdue	-5'	10-6
#2	at Illinois	-8'	23-16 OT
#2	Michigan - #12	-4	14-9

OSU Pre #2 2003 RESULTS Post #4

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#2	Washington - #17	-9	28-9
#2	San Diego St	-30'	16-13
#3	NC State - #24	-9'	44-38 3OT
#5	Bowling Green	-12'	24-17
#4	Northwestern	-20'	20-0
#3	at Wisconsin - #23	-2'	10-17
#8	Iowa - #9	-3'	19-10
#8	at Indiana	-20'	35-6
#8	at Penn St	-7	21-20
#7	Michigan St - #14	-6'	33-23
#4	Purdue - #11	-3	16-13 OT
#4	at Michigan - #5	+7	21-35

OSU Pre #9 2004 RESULTS Post #20

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#9	Cincinnati	-14	27-6
#9	Marshall	-16'	24-21
#9	at NC State	+2'	22-14
#7	at Northwestern	-11	27-33 OT
#18	Wisconsin - #15	-4	13-24
#25	at Iowa	-1	7-33
–	Indiana	-13'	30-7
–	Penn St	-6'	21-10
–	at Michigan St	-2	32-19
–	at Purdue	+6	17-24
–	Michigan - #7	+5'	37-21

OSU Pre #6 2005 RESULTS Post #4

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#6	Miami, Oh	-15	34-14
#4	Texas - #2	-1'	22-25
#9	San Diego St	-27'	27-6
#8	Iowa - #21	-7'	31-6
#6	at Penn St - #16	-3'	10-17
#15	Michigan St - #16	-6'	35-24
#14	at Indiana	-15'	41-10
#12	at Minnesota	-3'	45-31
#12	Illinois	-34'	40-2
#10	Northwestern - #25	-19'	48-7
#9	at Michigan - #17	-3	25-21

OSU Pre #1 2006 RESULTS Post #2

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#1	N Illinois	-17	35-12
#1	at Texas - #2	+2	24-7
#1	Cincinnati	-29	37-7
#1	Penn St - #24	-17	28-6
#1	at Iowa - #19	-7	38-17
#1	Bowling Green	-36	35-7
#1	at Michigan St	-14'	38-7
#1	Indiana	-30'	44-3
#1	Minnesota	-27'	44-0
#1	at Illinois	-24	17-10
#1	at Northwestern	-22'	54-10
#1	Michigan - #2	-6'	42-39

IOWA HAWKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Drew Tate (PS#18) won the backup job as a true frosh playing in six games and throwing for 55 yards. Tate, despite a young O-line and a banged up RB corps (#117 NCAA in rushing), put the team on his shoulders in 2004. He threw for 2,786 (62.1%) with a 20-14 ratio and was 1st Tm Big 10. Interestingly, in '05, Tate improved his ratio to 22-7 and threw for more yards (2,828, 62.2%) but was not even voted HM Big 10! Backup Jason Manson (PS#50) got in 7 games in '05 throwing for 230 (50%). Tate was expected to be one of the NCAA's top QB's last year but had a disappointing season. He suffered an abdominal injury early (missed Syracuse), broke his thumb on his non-throwing hand at midseason (missed N Illinois) and was hobbled by an ankle injury late in the year. He was also hampered by an injury-plagued O-line and a receiving corp that had some key drops and lacked any playmakers. He threw for 2,623 (58.8%) with just an 18-13 ratio. Manson started vs Syracuse and threw for 202 (50%) but with 4 int's and spent some time at WR. Jake Christensen (PS#6) threw for 256 yds and 2 TD in his start vs N Illinois but struggled in relief appearances vs Minny and Texas. This year Tate and Manson depart and Christensen is expected to be the starter but will have to fend off rFr Arvell Nelson (PS#32), who has the most mobility, and Richard Stanzi (PS#76). Last year this position produced well below expectations and should exceed 2007's limited goals.

RUNNING BACKS - 2004 was a nightmare season at this position (see Hardcore). In 2005 VHT Albert Young (PS#14), who missed most of his first two years with injury, took command. Young had 1,334 (5.4) and was the first Hawkeye since 1979 to lead the Big 10 in rushing in league play. Young's longest carry was just 36 yards and Damian Sims (PS#114DB) added a speed dimension and had the Hawkeyes' 3 longest runs (39, 66 and 71) rushing for 296 (9.9!). Due to a lack of breakaway receivers in 2006, teams were able to stack the box and Young was less effective with 779 (4.4) while missing 2 games due to injury. Sims rushed for 664 (5.0). Third string RB Shonn Greene had 205 (6.4) although Ferentz says he would make a great S or LB (may RS if Sims and Young stay healthy). This year both Young and Sims return with the only losses being Sam Brownlee (30 yds) and FB Champ Davis (40 ttl yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dana Brown (5'10" 203 So, PS#169), Paki O'Meara (5'11" 205 rFr) and FB's Eddie Williams (5'11" 230 Jr) and Kalvin Bailey (6'0" 240 So, PS#19). This unit should have much improved production in 2007.

RB Albert Young

RECEIVERS - Last year the Hawks had to replace their top two WR's and the leading returnee was TE Scott Chandler (47, 11.7). The young WR's had trouble getting open and the unit also suffered from dropped passes. True frosh Dominique Douglas led in rec with 49 (13.3) and Chandler added 46 rec (12.8). Andy Brodell (PS#79) was banged up early, but had 159 yds vs Minny and an Alamo Bowl record 159 vs Texas including a 63 yard TD on a short pass. He averaged 18.6 ypc and led the team in rec yards (724). The most experienced returning WR, Herb Grigsby, was susp for 2 and had 27 (10.4). This year they must replace Chandler (13 st, #4DC SD), Grigsby (5 st), Calvin Davis (2 st, 2 rec) and TE Ryan Majerus (2 st,1 rec). Chandler's replacement, Tony Moeaki (PS#2), should fill in well and Ferentz brought in a lot of speed last year (3 WR's RS) so I look for this unit to be much more formidable. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kennon Christian (6'2" 209 Sr, 3 rec 2Y), Paul Chaney (5'9" 160 rFr, PS#89DB), Ben Evans (6'0" 170 rFr) and TE's Lucas Cox (6'4" 247 Jr, PS#90), Kyle Spading (6'6" 255 So) and Tyler Gerstandt (6'6" 220 So).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kirk Ferentz was an OL coach in the NFL which means this unit is always one of his top priorities. In 2002 he developed what was arguably the best OL in the NCAA. They paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 13 sacks. In the last 4 years they have had 7 OL selected in the NFL draft. After having inexperienced and injury-plagued units for two seasons, the OL only had to replace 2 starters in '05. They opened holes for 4.8 ypc (19 sk). Last year they had to replace two starters. It was a banged up unit throughout the year with just one player starting all 13 at the same position and that was 1st Tm Big 10 LG Mike Jones. The ypc slipped to 4.3 (23 sk). This year they lose Jones (4Y st'r), 2nd Tm Big 10 OT Marshal Yanda (13 st, 2Y st'r, #3DC BAL) and C/G Mike Elgin (13 st, 3Y st'r, HM B10, #7DC NE). Seven of the top 10 do return and they moved in DL Alex Kanellis (4 st DE). Due to last year's injuries, 3 players are back who started 8 or more and this unit should stay healthier.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Ferentz's only DL coach here, Ron Aiken, almost always produced a top-notch front but now moves on to the NFL. In 2005 seven of the top 8 were underclassmen and they improved throughout the season and finished allowing 3.2 ypc rushing (2.96 last 7 games). Last year they only had to replace one starter and ret'd 1st Tm Big 10 DE Kenny Iwebema (7 sk). Iwebema (7 st, 3 sk) missed fall camp and later missed the last 3 of their regular season with a shoulder injury that bothered him all year. DE Bryan Mattison emerged as the leader of the D-line with Ferentz even comparing him to Aaron Kampman. This year DT Kanellis moves to OL and DT Ryan Bain (4 st, 35 tkl) transferred after the spring but the starting 4 all return. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Mark Mahmens (6'3" 250 So) and this year's true frosh. Last year's D surprisingly allowed 3.6 ypc rush and only recorded 21 sacks and with a healthier group (especially Iwebema & King) should show significant improvement.

LINEBACKERS - In '05 Iowa had one of the top LB corps in the country but last year had to replace #1 DC Chad Greenway and #3 DC Abdul Hodge. They did have 4 of the top 6 back including 4 VHT's. This year they must replace Edmond Miles (13 st, 100 tkl, 11 tfl) and top backup Zach Gabelmann (1 st, 16 tkl). Mike Klinkenborg (#1 tkl'r) was 2nd Tm Big 10 and will anchor the unit while OLB Mike Humpal (49 tkl) moves to ILB. The backups include three VHT's. For the first time since 2004 both the D-line and LB's are experienced and this should be one of the Big 10's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - From 2002-'04 the Hawkeyes finished #21, #22 and #25 in my pass D rankings. In 2005 the Hawkeyes only had to replace one starter but because of an inexperienced front 4, dropped to #91 allowing 256.7 ypg (62%). It was the first time that Iowa had allowed over 60% comp since they started keeping official records in 1935. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's but had 6 of the top 8 back. Iowa moved up to #49 allowing 210.2 ypg (57%). CB Adam Shada missed 4 starts with injury but set a school record with a 98 yard IR TD vs Purdue. 2nd Tm Big 10 FS Marcus Paschal must be replaced this year (10 st, 67 tkl). Also gone are SS Miguel Merrick (13 st, 82 tkl, HM B10), S Devan Moylan (1 st, 11 tkl) and CB Justin Edwards (5 tkl). Four of the top 8 are back and all have starting experience. Marcus Wilson is the tallest DB in years (6'3") and CB Charles Godfrey is 6'1" but is still one of the fastest players on the team. Despite the losses, I'll call for one of their best finishes in my pass D rankings since at least 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ferentz is one of the NCAA's top HC's and he believes his ST unit should be the great equalizer allowing Iowa to contend with teams with superior talent. Heading into last year, Iowa had finished #2, #2, #18 and #20 in my ST rankings. The unit was on par with Virg Tech and Ohio St and had 10 blocked punts from '03-'05. Last year they ret'd their P, K and KR but not much went right for the Hawkeyes and surprisingly they finished just #76. The top PR's were Andy Brodell (10.6) and true frosh Dominique Douglas (10.2) and Damian Sims was the top KR (18.4). Kyle Schlicher, one year after hitting 17 of 21 FG's with a long of 52, struggled hitting just 13 of 20. P Andy Fenstermaker had a solid net of 36.0. Austin Signor had 16 TB on 48 KO. The Hawks did not block a punt. This year they must replace Schlicher and Fenstermaker but I would expect improvement in their ST rankings based on Ferentz's history and they have VHT P Ryan Donahue (PS#3) waiting in the wings.

COACHES - Kirk Ferentz is doing a tremendous job and was named the Big 10 Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2004. He enters his 9th season here and in 2002 led the team to its first Big 10 Title since 1990 and also the most wins in school history. NFL scouts feel this coaching staff is one of the Top 10 in the country. Ken O'Keefe has been the OC for 9 years. He was the HC at Fordham in 1998 and at Allegheny from 1990-'97. DC Norm Parker also enters his 9th year. Parker was named the SEC DC of the Year in '97 while at Vandy. He was also a finalist for the 2004 and 2005 Broyles Award.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kirk Ferentz got off to a slow start here as he was 2-18 in his first 20. He is now 53-25 after that rough start. The 2002 team went undefeated vs the Big 10 and played in the Orange Bowl despite being outFD'd 102-66 in their first four Big 10 games. In 2003 they slipped to 5-3 in Big 10 play and in the final 2 were outFD'd 46-24. They managed to pull both out and got their first January win since 1959 then upset Florida in the Outback Bowl. In 2004 they had just 9 starters back and the O-line looked to be a weak spot. They also had a tough Big 10 schedule (no Ind or NW) and suffered massive injuries at RB. They were destroyed by Ariz St on the road (outgained 511-100) and lost to Michigan to start 2-2. The Hawks beat Ohio St in Kinnick for the first time since 1983 with a 448-177 yard edge and rallied for a 10-2 year including a bowl win over LSU. That marked their 3rd straight double-digit win season and Top 10 finish (#8 all 3 years). Iowa did not trail at home the entire 2004 season. The 2004 Hawks benefitted from +13 in turnovers. In 2005 the Hawks had 12 returning starters including QB Tate, a much improved RB corps plus one of the top LB corps in the country. They were picked #11 in the preseason AP poll and were a hot pick by some to play in the National Title game. After rising to #8 they lost to rival Iowa St and then were drilled by #8 Ohio St 31-6. They lost in OT to Michigan and led NW by 13 late but missed a FG with 5:35 and somehow lost by 1. They won their final 2 but had a tough bowl loss to Florida for a 7-5 year, their most losses since 2001. Iowa outgained Big 10 foes by just 23.1 ypg but did suffer 3 close losses and could have been a 10-2 team as they had their worst turnover ratio (-1) in five years. Heading into '06 Iowa was one of only 4 teams to have 4 straight Jan bowl appearances and their 25 Big 10 wins were the most in that stretch from 2002-'05. They returned 14 starters (most S/'01) and had a veteran senior QB. They appeared a legitimate Top 10 contender with just one road game vs a ranked team. Iowa was 4-0 vs a soft slate but barely got past Syracuse and Iowa St. They had their first home game vs a #1 team since 1992 and perhaps their biggest game ever there. They came in 25-1 in Kinnick Stadium but 4 TO's cost them in a loss to Ohio St. Each time they had a big game on deck, Iowa struggled vs weaker foes and with Michigan on deck, they were upset by Indiana. After a loss to Michigan, they were 5-3. NW, which came in ranked last in the conf in total offense, put up 443 yards on their D and pulled a 21-7 upset in Kinnick. UW beat them the next week in the FHG for 18 seniors with a backup QB. Five turnovers cost them vs Minnesota in a 10 point loss. They gave a great effort in the bowl game vs Texas leading 14-3 when they were int'd in the EZ and lost by 2. Their 31 turnovers was the most since 1989 and after going 20-4 in the Big 10 from '02-'04 are just 7-9 the last two years. Last season they were 2-6 in B10 play but were only outgained by 13.7 ypg (6th best). This year they must replace 5 starters on offense including QB Tate but their 23.8 ppg was their lowest total since 2000. The D has 8 starters back. If you read pg 312 you will see that their -11 in turnovers is a good sign for 2007 as was their 2 net close losses. Both Ohio St and Michigan drop off the schedule this year. After a rare losing season (6-7), the Hawkeyes look like a team capable of double digit wins.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 6 **Jake Christensen So.** 6-1 205 **PS#6**. 1 st, 5 games, 285 (66%), 2-2 ratio, rFr. 9 **Arvell Nelson** (6-4 175 rFr) **PS#32.** 12 Richard Stanzi (6-4 200 rFr) PS#76. 4.76 speed.

RB 21 **ALBERT YOUNG SR.** 5-10 209 **PS#14. 21 st** 3Y, 2205 (4.9), 56 rec. 38 **Damian Sims** (5-9 185 Sr) PS#114DB. 3 st 3Y, 1005 (5.6), 15 rec, 28 KR (19.5). Shonn Greene (5-11 225 Jr).

FB 35 **TOM BUSCH SR.** 5-11 231 PS#46LB. **28 st** FB 3Y, 201 ttl yds. 36 Jordan McLaughlin (6-0 227 Jr) 9 gm LY. Wrestling team. 45 Brett Morse (6-3 220 rFr) PS#92QB.

WR 83 **DOMINIQUE DOUGLAS SO.** 6-1 186 PS#110. Last 11 st true, #1 rec, 49 rec (13.3). 85 Trey Stross (6-3 190 So) PS#24. 13 rec rFr (14.5). 89 James Cleveland (6-1 185 rFr) PS#50.

WR 80 **ANDY BRODELL JR.** 6-3 193 PS#79. 6 st LY, 39 rec (**18.6**). Alamo Bowl rec 159 yd. 84 Anthony Bowman (5-11 165 So) PS#77. Derrell Johnson-Koulianos (6-1 205 rFr) PS#57RB.

TE 81 **Tony Moeaki Jr.** 6-4 250 **PS#2**. 25 games, 19 rec (13.3) 2Y. Christian Ballard is **PS#6**. 83 Brandon Myers (6-4 242 Jr). 85 Michael Sabers (6-5 240 Jr) PS#29.

C 52 **RAFAEL EUBANKS SO.** 6-3 288 9 st C rFr. 58 Rob Bruggeman (6-3 280 Jr) PS#200DL. 2nd string C rFr, ACL in spg. 59 Anton Narinskiy (6-4 260 Jr) PS#54LB. 1 tkl DL rFr.

RG 74 **Dan Doering So.** 6-5 290 **PS#3**. 1 gm rFr. 75 Wesley Aeschliman (6-8 315 Jr) 2 gm rFr. 2nd str RT LY. Andrew Payton (6-5 290 Jr) PS#225. Julian Vandervelde (6-3 275 rFr) PS#128DL.

LG 68 **Andy Kuempel So.** 6-7 295 PS#124. 1 gm rFr. 96 **Alex Kanellis** (6-4 281 Jr) PS#13LB. 28 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y DL, 4 st LY. 61 Travis Meade (6-2 280 So) PS#187. 2nd string LY.

RT 71 **Seth Olsen Jr.** 6-5 301 **PS#47**. 1st, 10 gm rFr. 9 starts LY (4RG, 5 RT). 98 Tyler Blum (6-6 260 So) **PS#5TE**. Moved OT mid-'06. 55 Nyere Aumaitre (6-5 295 Jr) 1 gm rFr.

LT 78 **DACE RICHARDSON JR.** 6-6 306 **PS#5**. 10 gm true, 200+ snaps. 8 st LY (until inj). 64 Kyle Calloway (6-7 295 So) PS#70. 2nd string rFr, 2 gm. 70 Austin Postler (6-5 277 Jr).

K 12 **Austin Signor So.** 6-4 230 85% KO TB HS, 49 yd FG. 2-2 FG rFr, 16 TB on KO. Daniel Murray (5-10 175 rFr) PS#41. 3 **Ryan Donahue PS#3** 18 of 23 FG, long 55 HS!

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 93 **BRYAN MATTISON SR.** 6-3 272 PS#109. 12 st, 46 tkl, 4 sk '05. 13 st LY, 59 tkl, 6.5 sk, **HM B10**. 94 **Adrian Clayborn** (6-3 250 rFr) **PS#17**. Karl Klug (6-4 220 rFr) PS#232RB.

DT 47 **MITCH KING JR.** 6-3 264 PS#56LB. 9 st '05, 60 tkl, 10.5 tfl, **HM B10**. 11 st LY. 56 tkl, 5.5 sk. 58 Rashad Dunn (6-3 290 Jr) OL '05-'06. 92 Ettore Ewen (6-0 275 Jr) 14 tkl LY. ? Knee.

DT 53 **MATT KROUL JR.** 6-3 271 PS#64LB. 12 st, 48 tkl, 4.5 tfl '05. 13 st LY, 59 tkl, 2.5 sk. 90 Grant McCracken (6-3 245 Jr) PS#84LB. 91 Vernon Jackson (6-1 265 So). 1 tkl LY, Knee inj.

DE 92 **KENNY IWEBEMA SR.** 6-4 270 **1st Tm Big 10 '05**, 12 st, 48 tkl, 7 sk. Inj'd '06. 7 st, 27 tkl, 3 sk. 55 Chad Geary (6-3 220 So) PS#200LB. 3 tkl rFr. 59 Jared Oberland (6-0 242 Jr).

OLB 48 **AJ Edds So.** 6-4 224 **PS#26**. 1 st, 9 tkl true. 42 **Jeremiha Hunter (6-2 217 rFr) PS#13**. Jeff Tarpinian (6-3 205 rFr) PS#52QB. Gavin McGrath (6-2 231 Jr) PS#194.

ILB 45 **MIKE KLINKENBORG SR.** 6-2 240 **PS#44.** 16 tkl '04-'05. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm B10**, 129 tkl, 5 tfl. **Pat Angerer** (6-1 222 So) **PS#28**. 5 tkl rFr. Tyler Nielsen PS#9. Jon Isgrig (6-1 235 Jr).

ILB 44 **MIKE HUMPAL SR.** 6-2 232 PS#149. 25 tkl, 1 tfl '05. 12 starts OLB LY, 49 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 47 Bryon Gattas (6-1 233 Sr) PS#168JC. 7 tkl LY. Lebron Daniel PS#121. Bruce Davis PS#233.

CB 13 **ADAM SHADA SR.** 6-1 185 3 st, 22 tkl '05. 9 st LY (inj 4), **HM B10**, 40 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu. **Jordan Bernstine PS#11. 4.38 spd.** 17 Jayme Murphy (5-11 215 rFr) PS#84.

CB 12 **CHARLES GODFREY SR.** 6-1 208 Big & one of tm's fastest. 3 st S '05, 35 tkl. 13 st CB LY, 83 tkl, 5 pbu. Amari Spievey (6-0 175 rFr) PS#265. Drew Gardner (5-10 178 Sr) 4 tkl.

SS 29 **Bradley Fletcher Jr.** 6-2 195 PS#89RB. 4 st CB LY, 38 tkl, 4 pbu. Brett Greenwood (6-0 185 rFr) #1 SS in spg. Lance Tillison (6-2 205 rFr). 2 Harold Dalton (6-1 192 Jr) PS#73. 10 gm 2Y.

FS 11 **Marcus Wilson So.** 6-3 198 **PS#41WR**. 2 st FS rFr, 21 tkl, 1 pbu, 1 int. Cedric Everson PS#32. 34 Chris Rowell (6-1 187 So) PS#159. 40 Troy Johnson (6-2 215 rFr) PS#307LB.

P 3 **Ryan Donahue rFr.** 6-3 180 **PS#3**. 42.0 avg in HS. 80% of KO's TB's. 18-23 FG, long 55 HS. 31 Griffin Karr (5-10 185 Jr) PS#37. 43.2 avg HS. 19 career FG's, long 49.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Bryan Bulaga 6-6 290 PS#5
DB	Jordan Bernstine 5-11 200 PS#11
LB	Tyler Nielsen 6-4 215 PS#9
DB	Cedric Everson 6-1 175 PS#32
TE	Christian Ballard 6-4 270 PS#6
DL	Broderick Binns 6-2 245 PS#31LB
WR	Colin Sandeman 6-1 195 PS#32
DB	Diauntae Morrow 6-0 190 PS#63
DL	Cody Hundertmark 6-4 260 PS#74
QB	Marvin McNutt 6-4 195 PS#43
DB	Tyler Sash 6-1 200 PS#83
OL	Markus Zusevics 6-5 240 PS#153
LB	Jacody Coleman 6-3 240 PS#130DL
LB	Lebron Daniel 6-2 220 PS#121
OL	Adam Gettis 6-4 235 PS#197DL
LB	Dezman Moses 6-2 215 PS#197
LB	Bruce Davis 6-0 225 PS#233
DB	Abe Satterfield 6-1 180 PS#320
RB	Jevon Pugh 5-10 210 PS#335
TE	Allen Reisner 6-3 220 PS#362LB
TE	Zach Furlong 6-5 220 PS#148
OL	Kyle Haganman 6-5 262 PS#551
DL	Mike Daniels 6-1 240 PS#451

IOWA HAWKEYES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#43

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	† N Illinois *(Chicago)*	G					
Sep. 8	Syracuse	G					
Sep. 15	at Iowa St	G					
Sep. 22	at Wisconsin	A					
Sep. 29	Indiana (HC)	G					
Oct. 6	at Penn St	G					
Oct. 13	Illinois	G					
Oct. 20	at Purdue	G					
Oct. 27	Michigan St	G					
Nov. 3	at Northwestern	G					
Nov. 10	Minnesota	G					
Nov. 17	Western Michigan	G					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chuck Long 10,461 '81-'85	1. Sedrick Shaw 4,156 '93-'96	1. Tim Dwight 2,271 '94-'97
2. Drew Tate 8,292 '03-'06	2. Ladell Betts 3,686 '98-'01	2. Danan Hughes 2,216 '89-'92
3. Chuck Hartlieb 6,934 '86-'88	3. Tavian Banks 2,977 '94-'97	3. Ronnie Harmon 2,045 '82-'85

Hawks' QB Christensen made his starting debut in LY's 24-14 win over the Huskies. Iowa has started away only 1 of 14 yrs (lost in '00). Iowa leads the all-time series 6-0.

Hawkeyes overcame 4 int's by backup QB Manson to survive 20-13 in 2OT's LY. The Hawks stopped the Orange 8 times inside the Iowa 5 in the 2OT to give them the series lead 2-1.

Iowa leads the all-time series 36-18, including 3 of L/4. Iowa is 1-3 in Ames scoring 14 or less in 3 of 4. LY Iowa trailed 17-10 in the 3Q but scored 17 unanswered pts.

This series is tied 40-40-2 but Iowa has won 4 of 5. UW HC Bielema is a former Hawks DB who also served as an ass't in Iowa City from '93-2001 (on Ferentz's staff L3Y).

UI is 12-4 in Homecoming games including 7 straight wins. Iowa has won 8 straight at home after B2B RG's. LY the Hoosiers beat #15 Hawkeyes for their biggest upset S/'87.

Ferentz, a Keystone State native, has won the L/5 vs Paterno & 4 straight at State College. The last time these teams met neither scored a TD as Iowa won 6-4 in 2004.

Iowa has won 4 straight & this has been a series of blowouts as the last 13 matchups have been decided by at least 10 pts with the avg margin of victory being 24 ppg.

Purdue is 3-1 at home vs the Hawkeyes in the Tiller era. LY Iowa bounced back from a loss to #1 OSU to beat Purdue 47-17 (only 25-24 FD edge) thanks to 3 int's.

Coming into 2007, the Hawkeyes are 19-5 (1-3 LY) in Big 10 home games. The home team has won the L/7 with the Spartans' last win in Iowa City in '89.

Since '74 Iowa is 25-6 vs Northwestern but those 6 losses have come in the L/10 gms including the L/2 in a row. Iowa was held to 7 pts (single digits at home for 1st time S/'00).

Iowa is 10-2 the L/12 at home vs Minnesota in the battle for Floyd of Rosedale. Since 2000 the Hawkeyes are 9-2 in November HG's & have won 5 of 6 Big 10 finales.

Coming into 2007 Iowa is 17-1 all-time vs current MAC conference foes. However, the Hawks are 0-1 vs WM with a 27-21 loss to the Broncos in 2000.

KIRK FERENTZ (Career 55-43) (Div IAA 12-21)
9th Year at Iowa Ferentz's SU Bowl Record: 3-3

Ferentz's records AT IOWA

55-43	Straight Up	3-11	Vs Top 10
36-15	Home	11-20	Vs Top 25
16-24	Away	8-12	Vs BCS Teams
3-4	Neutral	2-4	Off A Bye
34-30	Vs Conference	15-21	Off A Loss

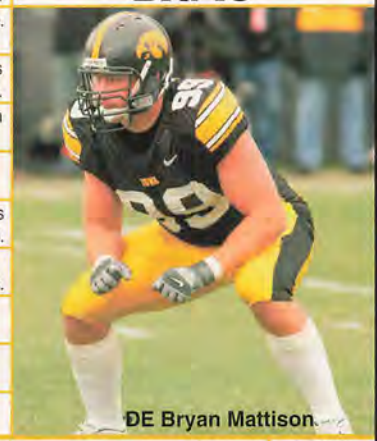
2006 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (16,18,3)
Lost: 20 (13,5,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 70,585 (#22)

BIG 10



DE Bryan Mattison

STADIUM: KINNICK STADIUM (70,585) (#28)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Kirk Ferentz	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	6-5	11-1	9-3	9-2	7-4	6-6	51-30
Home	2-4	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	5-1	4-3	35-10
Away	1-4	1-4	5-0	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-3	16-19
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	8-0	5-3	7-1	5-3	2-6	34-22
ATS	8-4	6-4-1	9-3	9-3	7-3-1	6-4	1-10	46-31-2
Home Fav	0-1	4-1	5-2	6-0	3-1	4-1	1-3	23-9
Home Dog	3-2	0-0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-2	6-4-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-1	0-2	0-3	4-10
Away Dog	4-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1-1	2-1	0-2	12-8-1
Favorite	0-1	5-3	7-3	7-1	3-2	4-3	1-6	27-19
Dog	8-3	1-1-1	2-0	2-2	4-1-1	2-1	0-4	19-12-2
vs Conf	6-2	4-3-1	7-1	5-3	6-1-1	5-3	1-7	34-20-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-2	4-0	1-2	1-1	0-3	12-11
Off SU Win	2-1	2-3-1	7-3	5-3	5-3	3-3	0-6	24-22-1
Off SU Loss	5-3	3-1	1-0	3-0	1-0-1	2-1	1-4	16-9-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Albert Young	178	803	24	779	7	4.4
Damian Sims	132	686	22	664	6	5.0
Shonn Greene	32	206	1	205	1	6.4
Drew Tate	49	205	81	124	0	2.5
Sam Brownlee	6	30	0	30	0	5.0
Jason Manson	9	49	24	25	0	2.8
Jake Christensen	11	22	25	-3	0	-0.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Drew Tate	352	207	58.8	2623	18	13
Jake Christensen	35	23	65.7	285	2	2
Jason Manson	36	18	50.0	210	1	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Andy Brodell	39	724	18.6	5	63
Dominique Douglas	49	654	13.3	2	37
Scott Chandler	46	591	12.8	6	64
Herb Grigsby	27	282	10.4	0	45
Albert Young	30	225	7.5	1	35
Trey Stross	13	189	14.5	1	47
Tony Moeaki	11	140	12.7	3	35
Damian Sims	10	133	13.3	0	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Fenstermaker	56	2107	37.6	25	36.0	0	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kyle Schlicher	32-33	4-4	7-10	2-4	0-2	13-20	45
Austin Signor	5-5	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	2-2	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Klinkenborg	129	1	4	2	0
Edmond Miles	100	1	10	2	0
Charles Godfrey	83	0	2	5	2
Miguel Merrick	82	0	2.5	9	3
Marcus Paschal	67	0	1	4	1
Bryan Mattison	59	6.5	4	6	0
Matt Kroul	59	2.5	3	2	0
Mitch King	56	5.5	6.5	2	0
Mike Humpal	49	0	4.5	3	3
Adam Shada	40	0	1	6	3
Bradley Fletcher	38	0	1	4	0
Ryan Bain	35	1.5	0.5	0	0
Kenny Iwebema	27	3	1.5	2	0
Marcus Wilson	21	0	0	1	1
Alex Kanellis	19	0.5	2.5	0	0
Zach Gabelmann	16	0	1	1	0
Ettore Ewen	14	0.5	0	0	0
Devan Moylan	11	0	0	1	1
AJ Edds	9	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dominique Douglas	14	143	10.2	0
Andy Brodell	13	138	10.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damian Sims	10	184	18.4	0
Shonn Greene	6	114	19.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Orange - #3	+4'	USC - #5	17-38
03	Outback - #13	+3'	Florida - #17	37-17
04	Capital One - #11	+6'	LSU - #12	30-25
05	Outback - #25	E	Florida - #16	24-31
06	Alamo	+8'	Texas - #18	24-26

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Iowa's All-Time Bowl Record 11-10-1

IOWA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	23.8	20	143	4.3	240	58.6	16.1	-11	2006	7	20.7	19	134	3.6	210	57.0	16.6
7*	30.0	23	175	4.8	258	60.6	14.4	-1	2005	5	20.0	21	126	3.2	257	62.0	19.1
2	24.3	17	73	2.0	240	62.1	12.8	+13	2004	7	17.6	17	93	2.8	201	55.2	16.7
4	28.7	17	173	4.2	161	53.4	11.6	+4	2003	7	16.2	17	93	2.5	222	55.6	19.5
6	37.2	21	214	5.0	210	58.0	11.4	+15	2002	5	19.7	22	82	2.6	273	56.1	18.0
8*	32.6	20	175	4.3	218	65.0	12.1	0	2001	8	21.5	18	117	3.2	208	55.2	15.1

2006 STATS BY GAME

UI 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#16	Montana	22	38-166	4.4	20-35	250	1	11	24-10	0.4	17-31	134	4	0
#14	at Syracuse	21	37-149	4.0	16-32	202	2	20	44-70	1.6	21-38	210	3	-4
#16	Iowa St	22	30-136	4.5	26-38	274	1	18	36-171	4.8	15-31	152	2	-1
#14	at Illinois	20	42-154	3.7	17-27	190	1	21	35-121	3.5	12-39	194	3	+3
#19	Ohio St	18	20-87	4.4	19-41	249	2	23	50-214	4.3	16-25	186	1	-4
#19	Purdue	25	40-286	7.2	17-23	253	1	24	36-202	5.6	23-48	254	1	0
#15	at Indiana	27	37-175	4.7	23-40	292	0	22	42-158	3.8	19-25	255	1	0
–	at Michigan	14	24-41	1.7	21-36	197	5	19	39-88	2.3	23-33	203	3	0
–	N Illinois	21	43-149	3.5	19-30	256	4	13	26-73	2.8	15-30	123	0	0
–	Northwestern	16	32-117	3.7	18-27	147	2	23	41-225	5.5	19-29	218	1	-1
–	Wisconsin	12	19-134	7.1	10-31	170	0	16	44-143	3.3	17-24	228	1	+1
–	at Minnesota	26	36-182	5.1	27-38	364	1	23	42-192	4.6	18-30	267	1	-4
–	† Texas	17	34-89	2.6	15-25	274	3	17	21-70	3.3	26-40	308	0	-1
TOTALS		261	432-1865	4.3	248-423	3118	23	250	480-1737	3.6	241-423	2732	21	-11
AVERAGES		20.1	33-143	4.3	19-33	240	1.8	19.2	37-134	3.6	19-33	210	1.6	-0.8

2002 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post Score	Post #8
–	Akron	-19	57-21	
–	at Miami, Oh	-5'	29-24	
–	Iowa St	-3'	31-36	
–	Utah St	-22	48-7	
–	at Penn St - #12	+8	42-35 OT	
#24	Purdue	-9	31-28	
#17	Michigan St	-5	44-16	
#15	at Indiana	-13	24-8	
#13	at Michigan - #8	+3'	34-9	
#9	Wisconsin	-9'	20-3	
#6	Northwestern	-29'	62-10	
#8	at Minnesota	-11'	45-21	

2003 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post Score	Post #8
–	Miami, Oh	-10	21-3	
–	Buffalo	-35'	56-7	
#23	at Iowa St	-4	40-21	
#16	Arizona St - #16	-7'	21-2	
#13	at Michigan St	-7	10-20	
#23	Michigan - #9	+3	30-27	
#9	at Ohio St - #8	+3'	10-19	
#16	Penn St	-10'	26-14	
#13	Illinois	-26	41-10	
#10	at Purdue - #16	+3	14-27	
#20	Minnesota - #19	-5'	40-22	
#17	at Wisconsin	+3	27-21	

2004 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Post Score	Post #8
#19	Kent St	-30'	39-7	
#16	Iowa St	-22	17-10	
#16	at Arizona St	+1'	7-44	
–	at Michigan - #19	+13	17-30	
–	Michigan St	-7	38-16	
–	Ohio St - #25	+1	33-7	
#25	at Penn St	+3	6-4	
#23	at Illinois	-12'	23-13	
#20	Purdue	+1	23-21	
#19	at Minnesota	+4	29-27	
#17	Wisconsin - #9	-3	30-7	

2005 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #11 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#11	Ball St	-42	56-0
#8	at Iowa St	-9	3-23
#22	Northern Iowa	NL	45-21
#21	at Ohio St - #8	+7'	6-31
–	Illinois	-19'	35-7
–	at Purdue	+4'	34-17
–	Indiana	-16	38-21
–	Michigan	-3	20-23 OT
–	at Northwestern	-3	27-28
–	at Wisconsin - #19	+2'	20-10
–	Minnesota	-6	52-28

2006 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #16 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#16	Montana	NL	41-7
#14	at Syracuse	-20'	20-13 OT
#16	Iowa St	-14	27-17
#14	at Illinois	-21	24-7
#13	Ohio St - #1	+7	17-38
#19	Purdue	-11	47-17
#15	at Indiana	-19'	28-31
–	at Michigan - #2	+12'	6-20
–	N Illinois	-16'	24-14
–	Northwestern	-20	7-21
–	Wisconsin - #16	+2'	21-24
–	at Minnesota	+3	24-34

WISCONSIN BADGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - John Stocco (PS#37) has a powerful arm (94 mph fastball) and was the clear cut starter out of spring in 2004. His backup was Tyler Donovan (PS#29) who drew comparisons to Brooks Bollinger. Donovan played in just 5 (3 passes, 117 yd rush). Stocco started all 12 and threw for 1,999 (52.6%) with a 9-7 ratio. In 2005 Stocco set a school record with 2,920 yards passing (60.1%) with a 21-9 ratio. Donovan played in just 3 regular season games due to an injury hitting 3 of 6 (32 yd rush). Last year Stocco missed the final two but threw for 2,185 (59%) with a 17-6 ratio. He leaves with a 29-7 record as a starting QB. Donovan started the games Stocco missed and won both. He threw for 564 (63.8%) with a 4-2 ratio while rushing for 130 gross yards (36 more than Stocco). This year Donovan will battle Allan Evridge (PS#50) who started 6 as a rFr at K-State ('05) and passed for a frosh school record 1,365 yards playing behind a shaky O-line. Also in the mix are Dustin Sherer (6'4" 216 So, PS#47), Scott Tolzien (6'3" 200 rFr, PS#109), Kevin Rohrer (6'0" 177 rFr, PS#366), Jon Erickson (6'3" 201 rFr, PS#324) and this year's true frosh. Despite the loss of a 3 year starter, the Badgers appear to be in good shape at QB.

RUNNING BACKS - The Badgers had an outstanding streak of 10 straight 1,000 yard rushers snapped in 2003 mostly due to injuries to their top back, Anthony Davis. Davis departed in '04 as the #2 rusher in school history (#5 Big 10). In 2005 Colorado transfer Brian Calhoun had a phenomenal year rushing for 1,636 (4.7) with 22 TD's and also had 53 rec (10.8). Calhoun left early for the NFL (#3DC DET) and Booker Stanley, who was the #2 rusher (340, 4.9), was kicked off the team in Feb '06. Jamil Walker (PS#25) was the leading returning rusher with 96 (5.3). Top FB Chris Pressley (PS#48) was injured and RS. From the ashes rose PJ Hill, who rushed for 130 vs BG in the opener and never looked back. He became just the 7th frosh in NCAA history to rush for more than 1,500 yards. Injuries did slow him down at the end of the year as he had just one 100 yard effort in the final 5 including the bowl. Much was expected of true frosh Lance Smith (PS#64) but poor practice habits cost him playing time early. He had 21 carries vs Illinois (due to a Hill injury) but gained just 46 yards. He finished #2 with 345 (3.6). Walk-on Dywon Rowan rushed for 184 (4.7). This year the only loss is Rowan. Pressley, an avid weightlifter who holds almost every UW record, returns at FB. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Tyler Holland (5'11" 189 So) and Noah Stoltz (5'8" 200 rFr). Hill drew a lot of comparisons to Ron Dayne and could have an even stronger sophomore season. They also get the outstanding addition of true frosh VHT John Clay (PS#3).

RB PJ Hill

RECEIVERS - The Badgers had the least experienced receiving corps in the NCAA heading into 2006 with 3 WR's who had combined for 3 rec in '05 and their top 2 TE's were both converted LB's. Amazingly the experience level dropped again when Marcus Randle El, who was the top WR at the end of August, was lost for the season. Northwestern Coach Pat Fitzgerald did praise the UW WR's for their excellent blocking ability and they got better as the season went on. Paul Hubbard is a walk-on from the track team and is 6'4" 215 and runs a 10.6 in the 100m. He had some trouble with drops early and suffered 2 fumbles vs Northwestern, but gained confidence and was #2 with 38 (16.5). Another walk-on, Luke Swan (PS#123), was the team's best route runner and finished #3 with 35 (17.0). VHT LB Travis Beckum (PS#4LB) moved to TE and led the nation's TE's with 61 (14.8) (1st TE to lead team in rec since 1989, Craig Hudson). OC Chryst's offense uses multiple TE's and blocker Andy Crooks (PS#74LB) chipped in with 19 (10.8). This year everyone returns including Randle El (PS#45QB) who looks to finally make an impact. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Maurice Moore (5'11" 165 rFr), Niles Brinkley (5'10" 182 rFr, PS#79), Richard Kirtley (6'2" 182 So), Brian McCulliss (5'9" 165 rFr), TJ Theus (6'2" 183 So, PS#161), and TE's Sean Lewis (6'7" 241 Jr, PS#27QB), Lance Kendricks (6'4" 215 rFr, PS#17WR) and Dave Peck (6'5" 248 Jr). This unit is vastly more experienced than 2006.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers traditionally feature a strong O-line but surprisingly in 2004 only avg 3.6 ypc rush with all 5 starters back which was their lowest since 1995 (3.4). In '05 they had to replace five of their top 10 but returned NFL caliber C Donovan Raiola and LT Joe Thomas. Despite being less experienced, they improved to 3.8 ypc but did allow 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters but they got a lift when Thomas turned down a shot at the NFL. Their new OL Coach Bob Palcic installed a new system of zone blocking. Thomas remarkably recovered from his ACL tear and was 1st Tm AA and the Outland Trophy winner. RT Kraig Urbik moved to RG. The unit improved to 3.9 ypc rush with 7 fewer sacks allowed as the new line began to gel. This year they lose their star LT Thomas (13 st, 3Y st'r, #1DC CLE) but have 9 of the top 10 returning including plenty of VHT's. Despite the loss of their star, this is the most experienced Badger front in years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers had one of the best D-lines in the NCAA in 2004 but in the final games as the unit suffered massive injuries. In 2005 they had to replace all four starters (#1, #5, and two #6 DC's) along with two backups. The inexperienced line then lost their top 2 DL's to injury and as you would expect, the Badgers allowed 4.6 ypc (worst since 1990). Last year the unit returned almost intact and improved and allowed 3.8 ypc rush. This year they must replace DE Joe Monty (12 st, 25 tkl, 1 sk). DT Mark Gorman (2 tkl, 1 sk) and DT Justin Ostrowski (3 tkl). Six of the top 8 return and not even listed in the THREE deep below are O'Brien Schofield (6'3" 239 So, PS#81), Brian Behnke (6'7" 230 So), Dan Cascone (6'3" 310 So, PS#200) and Richard Garner (6'5" 225 rFr). I look for continued improvement from the Badger defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Badgers had to replace two starting LB's who finished the '05 season as the #1 and #6 tacklers. Last year's three starters gained valuable experience in the '05 Capital One Bowl vs Auburn as they were on the field most of the 2H. The unit was the fastest the Badgers had fielded in recent memory despite LB Mark Zalewski being slowed by injury. This year they lose Zalewski (3Y st'r, #1 tkl'r) and 2nd string Paul Joran (5 tkl). Two starters return and Bielema feels that Eljah Hodge is more talented than his brother (Green Bay Packer Abdul) was at the same stage. This unit is even more athletic.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UW always fared well in my pass D rankings under Alvarez including a #7 finish in 2004. Even with an inexperienced secondary in 2005 they finished #19. Last year they only had to replace one starter and CB Jack Ikegwuonu (4 st '05) earned 1st Tm Big 10 honors and even made a TD-saving tackle of McFadden from behind in the bowl game. His cohort at CB, Allen Langford (HM Big 10) has long arms for his height (5'11"). Wisconsin moved up to #2 allowing just 47.8% (6-15 ratio). This year they lose 2nd Tm B10 FS Roderick Rogers (13 st, 36 tkl, 2 int), SS Joe Stellmacher (13 st, 84 tkl, HM B10), CB Zach Hampton (16 tkl) and SS Johnny White (11 tkl). The safety position is a question mark and even with their top guy back, this unit is a little less experienced and may drop some.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Badgers have been at the top and the bottom of my ST rankings. They were #1 in 1999 and #5 in 2000 but had a #102 finish in 2001. Brian Murphy (current Vikings ST coach) was hired as the ST Coach in 2002 and they finished #46, #34 and #51 in his 3 seasons. Last year they had arguably the best P/K combo in the country in Taylor Melhaff and Ken DeBauche. The coverage and return units cost UW and they finished just #44 in my ST rankings. Improving those units is one of Bielema's top priorities. They do lose top PR Zach Hampton (5.7) who was also a top-notch gunner but do have almost everyone else back. Keep an eye on Marcus Randle El who missed last year (ACL) and could greatly upgrade the return game.

COACHES - UW used to be a perennial Big 10 doormat. From 1985-'90 they averaged just one Big 10 win per season. HC Barry Alvarez changed the Badgers' fortunes drastically guiding the team to 11 bowls. His teams were 8-3 in those bowls and only Woody Hayes has more Rose Bowl wins (4) than Alvarez (3). After 17 years, he stepped aside in 2006 as UW's all-time leader in wins (118) but remains the AD. He handpicked his successor, Bret Bielema who was brought in as the DC in '04 (from K-St). He is the NCAA's 2nd youngest HC (37). Bielema was named Big 10 Coach of the Year and was given a new 5-year, $7.5 mill contract in February. Paul Chryst, who was the OC at Oregon St in 2003-2004, came in as the "co" OC in '05 and took over as the main OC in 2006. Both the Dallas Cowboys and SD Chargers tried to hire him in February but received a raise and stayed. Mike Hankwitz enters his 2nd year as DC. He did a fine job at Colorado in '04-'05 and was Arizona's DC and interim HC in '03. He was also Texas A&M's DC from '97-'02 and in his 37 years, the teams have had 31 winning seasons.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Barry Alvarez guided Wisconsin to Rose Bowl wins in both 1998 and 1999 with their pinnacle, being a #4 finish in 1999. In 2004 I called them one of the premier teams in the Big 10 and they went 9-2 including their 3rd straight win in Columbus. They got as high as #4 (9-0) in the coaches' poll going undefeated at home for the second time since 1962. Their D allowed just 9.1 ppg in the first 9 but after injuries hurt the D-line, they allowed 34.3 ppg in their last 3 (all losses). They only had 9 starters back in 2005, but Alvarez had perhaps his finest coaching performance yet. He took a team that was outmanned along the line of scrimmage, and outgained by an average of 120.4 ypg in Big 10 play, and guided them to a Jan 1 bowl game with an upset of a stronger Auburn team. All of this from a team that was unranked in the preseason for the first time since 1996. In '89 the team's average attendance was just 41,734 but in Alvarez's final season they averaged 82,551. The Badgers' 2005 offense set a school record with 34.3 ppg but had just 3 starters back last year. UW came in unranked again last season and in their first six games played five losing teams and lost to #6 Michigan and stood 5-1. When they got to the heart of the Big 10 season they ran the table although they did benefit from not having to face Ohio St. They did have some close wins vs Iowa, Illinois and Penn St and did not defeat a ranked team in the regular season. In the bowl game they were outgained by Arkansas 368-201 even with RB McFadden playing at less than 100%. Their 17-14 win resulted in a 12-1 record and a #7 ranking. The Badgers are now 18-1 in Camp Randall since 2004 and Bielema became the first rookie B10 Coach (3rd ever in the NCAA) to win 12 games. It was the first time UW had won 12 in school history. The Badgers had 29.2 ppg, their 2nd best total in the last 7 years. This year they have 9 returning starters but must replace QB Stocco and franchise LT Thomas. The D was the key to their success allowing a paltry 253 ypg and 12.1 ppg. They have 7 starters back on the stop unit. This year, NW is replaced with Ohio St on the schedule. This is the Badgers' best team in the last 3 years and despite 3 tough road games, they are a Big 10 and National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 12 Tyler Donovan Sr. 6-1 187 PS#29. 2 st LY. 620 yds (63%) 5-2, 277 rush 3 yrs. **4 Allan Evridge** (6-2 225 Jr) PS#50. **6 st K-State,** 1365 yd (48%) 6-7, 414 rush in '05.
TB 39 PJ HILL SO. 5-11 222 PS#142. **Big 10 Fr Yr, Fr AA.** 1569 rush (5.0), 15 TD, 18 rec (10.9), 13 st rFr. **John Clay PS#3.** 5 Lance Smith (5-10 210 So). 345 rush (3.6) true.
TE 43 ANDY CROOKS SR. 6-3 268 PS#74LB. 6 st LB, 56 tkl 2Y. 13 st TE/FB LY, 19 rec (10.8). **FB 44** Chris Pressley (6-1 271 Jr) 3 st '05. RS LY. **34** Bill Rentmeester (6-0 250 Jr) 5 st FB LY.
WR 19 PAUL HUBBARD SR. 6-4 215 6'4" L jump on track. 13 st LY, 38 (16.5). **10** Isaac Anderson (5-11 169 So) PS#142. 5 rec true. **88** Jarvis Minton (6-1 192 Sr) PS#190. 2 rec, 15 KR LY.
WR 1 LUKE SWAN SR. 6-0 193 PS#123. 10 st, 35 (17.0). **Marcus Randle El** (5-10 195 Jr). PS#45QB. RS LY. **Nick Toon PS#14.** 2 Xavier Harris (5-11 175 So) PS#135. 6 rec.
TE 9 TRAVIS BECKUM JR. 6-4 221 **PS#4LB.** 2 tkl true. 10 st LY, **2nd Tm Big 10,** 61 rec (14.8). **36** Mickey Turner (6-4 235 So) PS#46. **89** Garrett Graham (6-4 226 So) PS#18.
C 65 MARCUS COLEMAN SR. 6-6 302 PS#76DL. 5 gm rFr. 1 st LG, 12 gm '05. **2nd Tm B10 '06,** 13 st. **58** Brad Thorson (6-4 295 rFr) PS#509. 2nd string but RS. **LS** Steve Johnson (6-3 249 Sr).
RG 63 KRAIG URBIK JR. 6-6 330 **PS#64.** 13 st RT rFr. 13 st RG LY. **76** Bill Nagy (6-4 300 rFr) PS#92DL. **53** Brad Smolek (6-2 258 rFr). **66** Dirk Watters (6-2 240 So).
LG 75 ANDY KEMP JR. 6-6 322 **PS#13.** 1 game as true, lettered. 13 st LG LY. **74** John Moffitt (6-4 310 rFr) PS#99. **70** Andrew Weininger (6-6 295 Sr) **PS#46.** 16 gm 3Y, 2 letters.
RT 71 ERIC VANDEN HEUVEL JR. 6-7 323 **PS#57.** 2nd string as true, LT in bowl. 13 st RT LY, **HM Big 10. 64** Danny Kaye (6-8 327 Sr) **PS#33.** 2 gm rFr. 13 gm '05. 12 gm LY.
LT 78 Jake Bscherer So. 6-7 297 **PS#7.** 1 st at TE as true, 10 gm ST, 6 on OL. **68** Gabe Carimi (6-8 292 rFr) **PS#57.** Co-#1 LT out of spg. Josh Oglesby (6-7 320 Fr) **PS#8.**
K 10 TAYLOR MEHLHAFF SR. 5-11 185 14 of 20 FG in '05, long 46. 15 of 20 FG LY, long 52, 2 of 3 from 50+. Philip Welch PS#25. **96** Matt Fischer (5-11 179 So) PS#90.

DE 92 MATT SHAUGHNESSY JR. 6-6 242 PS#71. 7 st true, 39 tkl, 2.5 tfl sk. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm B10,** 35 tkl, 4 sk. Brandon Kelly (6-4 255 Sr) PS#104LB. 13 tkl 3Y. Jamil Walker (6-2 242 Sr) PS#25RB. 198 yd 2Y.
DT 96 NICK HAYDEN SR. 6-5 300 **PS#14.** 13 st '05, 56 tkl, 5.5 sk, HM B10. 13 st LY, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. **54** Mike Newkirk (6-3 263 Jr) PS#151. 4 st, 52 tkl, 5 sk 2Y. **90** Terrance Jamison (6-4 274 So) PS#84.
DT 91 JASON CHAPMAN JR. 6-4 289 PS#37TE. 8 st rFr, 27 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 13 st LY, **HM B10,** 25 tkl, 5 sk. **79** Jeffrey Stehle (6-6 293 So) PS#50TE. **58** Brandon Hoey (6-5 290 rFr) 4.87 speed.
DE 34 Kurt Ware Sr. 6-4 282 PS#90LB. 3 st '05, 25 tkl, 3.5 sk. 1 st in '06, 10 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **5** Jamal Cooper (6-4 206 Sr) PS#67LB. 4 st, 43 tkl, 7 sk 3Y. **45** Kirk DeCremer (6-5 239 rFr) PS#47TE.
WLB 2 JONATHAN CASILLAS JR. 6-2 212 PS#187. 10 tkl true. 13 st LY, 83 tkl, 12.5 tfl. HM Big 10. Jaevery McFadden (6-3 224 So) PS#52TE. 10 tkl rFr. Ben Landgraf (6-3 220 Jr). Blake Sorensen PS#62.
MLB 52 Elijah Hodge So. 6-1 232 **PS#40.** 25 tkl rFr, 3 tfl. Kevin Rouse PS#35. Joshua Neal (5-10 245 Jr) PS#393. 17 tkl 2Y. **49** Ryan Flasch (6-1 225 Jr) PS#171. UNLV trans.
SLB 11 DeANDRE LEVY JR. 6-3 223 PS#118. 18 tkl rFr. 13 starts LY. 50 tkl, 6 sk. Culmer St. Jean (6-1 220 rFr) PS#301DB. **12** Casey Hogan (6-5 217 Sr) PS#304DB. Erik Prather (6-3 219 So).
CB 6 JACK IKEGWUONU JR. 6-1 201 4 st '05, 3 int, 3 pbu. **1st Tm Big 10.** 13 st LY, 41 tkl, 11 pbu. **3** Ben Strickland (5-9 175 Sr) 37 tkl 3Y. **31** Prince Moody (5-11 204 So) PS#212.
CB 17 ALLEN LANGFORD JR. 5-11 196 PS#119. 9 st rFr, 39 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 12 st LY, 35 tkl, 3 int, 3 pbu. **8** Josh Nettles (5-10 176 So) PS#199RB. 4 tkl true, 4.4 spd. Chris Eernisse (5-11 178 So).
SS 28 Aubrey Pleasant So. 6-0 206 PS#165. 5 tkl true. RS LY. **32** Kim Royston (5-11 185 So) PS#67. 8 tkl, 1 int true. **15** Jay Valai (5-9 193 rFr) PS#239. Michael Cathcart (6-1 190 rFr).
FS 25 Shane Carter So. 6-2 204 PS#157WR. 2 tkl true. **20** James Kamoku (6-2 218 Sr) PS#332. 22 tkl 3Y. William Hartmann (5-11 190 So) PS#490LB. Quincy Landingham PS#57.
P 94 KEN DeBAUCHE SR. 6-2 220 PS#75. 57 punts rFr, 41.8 avg, net 37.1. 57 punt '05. 44.8 avg, net 37.5, 1st Tm Big 10. 59 punts LY, 41.8 avg, net 37.5, HM Big 10. Paul Standring (6-1 213 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	John Clay 6-2 220 PS#3
OL	Josh Oglesby 6-7 320 PS#8
WR	Nick Toon 6-3 200 PS#14
WR	Daven Jones 6-1 190 PS#33 in '06
LB	Kevin Rouse 6-1 225 PS#35
WR	Kyle Jefferson 6-4 190 PS#36
DB	Quincy Landingham 6-0 205 PS#57
WR	David Gilreath 5-11 170 PS#51
LB	Blake Sorensen 6-1 210 PS#62
QB	James Stallons 6-6 190 PS#49
DL	Louis Nzegwu 6-3 225 PS#68RB
DL	Patrick Butrym 6-4 245 PS#33TE
DB	Aaron Henry 6-0 180 PS#139
RB	Zach Brown 5-11 205 PS#151
DB	Mario Goins 6-1 180 PS#209
K	Philip Welch 6-3 185 PS#25
DB	Otis Merrill 6-0 185 PS#246
DL	Jasper Grimes 6-2 275 PS#245
TE	Rob Korslin 6-5 240 PS#168
QB	Cody Rose 6-4 185 PS#335

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#39

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Washington St	A					
Sep. 8	at UNLV	A					
Sep. 15	The Citadel	A					
Sep. 22	Iowa	A					
Sep. 29	Michigan St	A					
Oct. 6	at Illinois	A					
Oct. 13	at Penn St	G					
Oct. 20	Northern Illinois	A					
Oct. 27	Indiana (HC)	A					
Nov. 3	at Ohio St	G					
Nov. 10	Michigan	A					
Nov. 17	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

These schools have met once before with Wisky winning in Madison in '76. Including bowls Wisconsin is 7-1-1 their L/9 vs P10 teams. UW has won 9 straight season openers.

UW is 5-2 vs the Rebels & 20-1 vs non-conf opp w/their only loss being at home to UNLV in '03. In the last series matchup in Vegas the game was called w/ 7:57 left due to a power outage.

This is The Citadel's first ever meeting with a Big Ten Conference school. The Citadel was 5-6 last year losing to Texas A&M & Pitt by a combined 86-9.

UW HC Bielema is a former Hawks DB who also served as an assistant there from '93-'01 Last year UW stopped a 4 gm series slide vs the Heartland Trophy rivals with a 24-21 win.

These 2 last met in '04 & MSU upset the #4 ranked undefeated Badgers 49-14. Coming into '07 the Badgers are on an 11-1 run in Big 10 home games.

Wisconsin is 9-2-1 in the series since 1996 including 4 straight victories. Last year the Badgers rallied from a 21-3 2Q deficit & shutout Illinois in the 2H.

Wisconsin leads the all-time series 8-4 including 6-4 in Big Ten play. LY Bielema angered Paterno, who broke his leg early 3Q, with clock stalling tactics.

Wisconsin leads the series 9-1 & are the only Big Ten team the Huskies have ever defeated (1-29-1 record coming into 2007 season) with their 19-17 win in 1988.

The winner has averaged 45 ppg the last 9. Wisconsin has won 8 out of the last 10 matchups. LY QB Stocco was 15 of 17 for 304 yds & pass rating of 296.7.

Wisconsin is just 17-50-5 in this series but has won 3 of the last 4. The Badgers have won 3 in a row in the Horseshoe (last loss in 1996).

Michigan has won 7 out of the last 8 series matchups. In Madison in 2005, the Badgers got a TD with :24 left for a 23-20 win over a ranked Michigan squad.

These two schools have met more times than any other NCAA rivalry with UM leading the series for Paul Bunyan's Axe 59-49-8 but UW has won 10 of the last 12.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Darrell Bevell 7,686 '92-'95	1. Ron Dayne 7,125 '96-'99	1. Lee Evans 3,468 '99-'03
2. John Stocco 7,227 '03-'06	2. Anthony Davis 4,676 '01-'04	2. Brandon Williams 2,924 '02-'05
3. Brooks Bollinger 5,627 '99-'02	3. Billy Marek 3,709 '72-'75	3. Al Toon 2,103 '82-'84

BRET BIELEMA (Career 12-1)
2nd Year at Wisconsin Bielema's Bowl Record: 1-0

Bielema's records AT WISCONSIN

12-1	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
7-0	Home	1-1	Vs Top 25
3-1	Away	1-0	Vs BCS Teams
2-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
7-1	Vs Conference	1-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (12-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (22,23,4)
Lost: 19 (9,10,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 81,368 (#14)

BIG 10

TE Travis Beckum

STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (80,321) (#18)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	5-7	7-6	7-5	9-2	9-3	11-1	56-28
Home	4-3	3-4	5-3	4-3	6-0	5-1	7-0	34-14
Away	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-1	21-14
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	6-2	5-3	7-1	31-25
ATS	4-8	5-6	6-6	6-6	6-4-1	7-5	8-3	42-38-1
Home Fav	1-4	0-4	3-4	1-4	4-1-1	3-2	4-2	16-21-1
Home Dog	0-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	5-3
Away Fav	2-2	0-1	1-1	3-1	0-2	2-2	3-0	11-9
Away Dog	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-1	9-5
Favorite	3-6	0-5	4-5	4-5	4-3-1	5-4	8-2	28-30-1
Dog	1-2	5-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-1	14-8
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-2-1	3-5	6-2	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	0-4	1-2	2-2	1-3	1-2	4-0	2-1	11-14
Off SU Win	2-5	2-2	2-3	3-4	5-3-1	4-4	6-3	24-24-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-3	4-2	2-2	0-1	2-1	1-0	14-11

Barry Alvarez / Bret Bielema

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT		SCORE
02	Alamo	+7	Colorado - #14	(OT)	31-28
03	Music City	+3'	Auburn		14-28
04	Outback - #16	+8	Georgia - #8		21-24
05	Capital One - #21	+10	Auburn - #7		24-10
06	Capital One - #6	+2'	Arkansas - #12		17-14

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OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3*	29.2	19	162	3.9	211	58.9	12.8	0	2006	8	12.1	14	115	3.8	138	47.8	21.0
6*	34.3	21	168	3.8	228	59.3	11.6	+13	2005	3	23.8	21	168	4.6	250	51.7	17.6
9	20.8	19	161	3.6	167	52.6	15.8	+2	2004	6	15.4	16	124	3.8	167	48.8	18.9
7	27.3	21	177	4.0	218	55.4	14.5	-3	2003	8	23.5	18	142	3.9	213	53.9	15.1
7*	26.6	20	190	4.1	165	53.1	13.4	+18	2002	2	23.0	18	149	4.0	224	54.9	16.2
5*	26.1	20	177	4.1	213	50.5	14.9	+2	2001	5	28.8	19	170	4.2	201	50.2	12.9

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
PJ Hill	311	1618	49	1569	15	5.0
Lance Smith	95	369	24	345	5	3.6
Dywon Rowan	39	199	15	184	3	4.7
Tyler Donovan	25	130	75	55	0	2.2
Travis Beckum	4	19	0	19	0	4.8
Isaac Anderson	4	16	2	14	0	3.5
John Stocco	48	94	173	-79	1	-1.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
John Stocco	268	158	59.0	2185	17	6
Tyler Donovan	58	37	63.8	564	4	2
Dustin Sherer	3	0	0.0	0	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Travis Beckum	61	903	14.8	5	62	
Paul Hubbard	38	627	16.5	5	42	
Luke Swan	35	595	17.0	5	58	
Andy Crooks	19	206	10.8	4	24	
PJ Hill	18	197	10.9	1	37	
Dywon Rowan	7	82	11.7	0	33	
Isaac Anderson	5	49	9.8	0	20	
Xavier Harris	6	43	7.2	0	14	
Jarvis Minton	2	30	15.0	0	17	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ken DeBauche	59	2468	41.8	11	37.5	0	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Taylor Mehlhaff	47-47	6-6	4-5	3-6	2-3	15-20	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mark Zalewski	90	2	3	4	2
Joe Stellmacher	84	0	3	5	2
Jonathan Casillas	83	2	10.5	4	1
DeAndre Levy	50	6	1.5	2	1
Jack Ikegwuonu	41	0	3.5	11	2
Roderick Rogers	36	0	1	7	2
Matt Shaughnessy	35	4	4	0	0
Allen Langford	35	0	1	3	3
Mike Newkirk	29	2	2.5	1	0
Nick Hayden	27	0	4	0	0
Jason Chapman	25	5	1.5	0	0
Joe Monty	25	1	1.5	0	0
Elijah Hodge	25	2	1	0	0
Jamal Cooper	18	4	2.5	1	0
Ben Strickland	17	0	0	3	0
Zach Hampton	16	0	0	3	1
Johnny White	11	0	0	0	0
Kurt Ware	10	0	1.5	2	0
James Kamoku	10	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Zach Hampton	31	178	5.7	0	
Ben Strickland	2	42	21.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jarvis Minton	15	282	18.8	0	
Josh Nettles	6	88	14.7	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

UW 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	† Bowling Green	19	41-197	4.8	9-15	124	1	17	46-219	4.8	12-19	82	1	-1
–	Western Illinois	20	39-109	2.8	15-28	227	3	16	22-80	3.6	21-42	166	0	+1
–	San Diego St	14	45-287	6.4	12-23	85	1	7	26-13	0.5	15-27	102	5	0
–	at Michigan	14	27-12	0.4	22-43	236	4	16	39-111	2.8	18-25	211	2	+2
–	at Indiana	26	46-209	4.5	18-23	330	0	18	33-167	5.1	13-30	113	3	0
–	Northwestern	26	48-307	6.4	16-21	220	1	12	28-122	4.4	10-24	94	2	-2
#25	Minnesota	21	44-208	4.7	12-19	193	2	12	29-106	3.7	13-28	94	3	0
#21	at Purdue	19	46-241	5.2	13-22	201	3	18	24-99	4.1	20-40	187	2	0
#17	Illinois	16	41-99	2.4	15-26	217	1	14	41-121	3.0	13-30	171	2	0
#17	Penn St	20	45-167	3.7	16-26	174	4	12	19-36	1.9	19-36	165	4	+1
#16	at Iowa	16	44-143	3.3	17-24	228	1	12	19-134	7.1	10-31	170	0	-1
#12	Buffalo	19	42-128	3.0	16-27	308	3	6	28-52	1.9	6-23	107	4	+1
#6	† Arkansas	15	28-(-5)	-0.2	14-34	206	6	18	34-232	6.8	15-32	136	1	-1
TOTALS		245	536-2102	3.9	195-331	2749	30	178	388-1492	3.8	185-387	1798	29	0
AVERAGES		18.8	41-162	3.9	15-25	211	2.3	13.7	30-115	3.8	14-30	138	2.2	0.0

UW Rank Pre #25 2002 RESULTS Post

UW Rank	Pre #25	Opponent	Line	Post Score
#25		Fresno St	-9'	23-21
–	at	UNLV	-5'	27-7
#25		West Virginia	-10'	34-17
#22		N Illinois	-22	24-21
#22		Arizona	-4'	31-10
#19		Penn St - #20	-2'	31-34
#23	at	Indiana	-11	29-32
–		Ohio St - #4	+7	14-19
–	at	Michigan St	-4	42-24
–	at	Iowa - #9	+9'	3-20
–		Illinois	-6	20-37
–	at	Michigan - #12	+10'	14-21
–		Minnesota	-7'	49-31

UW Rank Pre #21 2003 RESULTS Post

UW Rank	Pre #21	Opponent	Line	Post Score
#21	at	West Virginia	-3	24-17
#18		Akron	-24'	48-31
#14		UNLV	-20	5-23
–		North Carolina	-14'	38-27
–	at	Illinois	-2'	38-20
–	at	Penn St	-1'	30-23
#23		Ohio St - #3	+2'	17-10
#14		Purdue - #13	+2	23-26
#20	at	Northwestern	-10	7-16
–	at	Minnesota - #24	+8	34-37
–		Michigan St - #21	-1'	56-21
–		Iowa - #17	-3	21-27

UW Rank Pre #21 2004 RESULTS Post #17

UW Rank	Pre #21	Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#21		UCF	-23	34-6
#21		UNLV	-15'	18-3
#20	at	Arizona	-11	9-7
#20		Penn St	-3	16-3
#20		Illinois	-14'	24-7
#15	at	Ohio St - #18	+4	24-13
#10	at	Purdue - #5	+7	20-17
#6		Northwestern	-12	24-12
#5		Minnesota	-6'	38-14
#4	at	Michigan St	-8	14-49
#9	at	Iowa - #17	+3	7-30

UW Rank Pre – 2005 RESULTS Post #15

UW Rank	Pre –	Opponent	Line	Post #15 Score
–		Bowling Green	-1'	56-42
–		Temple	-32'	65-0
–	at	North Carolina	-3'	14-5
–		Michigan - #14	+2'	23-20
#17		Indiana	-17'	41-24
#14	at	Northwestern	-6	48-51
#23	at	Minnesota - #22	+3	38-34
#19		Purdue	-7'	31-20
#15	at	Illinois	-21	41-24
#14	at	Penn St - #10	+12	14-35
#19		Iowa	-2'	10-20
#24	at	Hawaii	-7	41-24

UW Rank Pre – 2006 RESULTS Post #7

UW Rank	Pre –	Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
–		† Bowling Green	-10'	35-14
–		Western Illinois	NL	34-10
–		San Diego St	-13'	14-0
–	at	Michigan - #6	+13'	13-27
–	at	Indiana	-11'	52-17
–		Northwestern	-21	41-9
#25		Minnesota	-8	48-12
#21	at	Purdue	-6'	24-3
#17		Illinois	-21'	30-24
#17		Penn St	-7	13-3
#16	at	Iowa	-2'	24-21
#12		Buffalo	-38	35-3

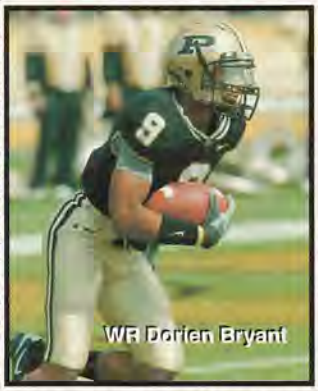
PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Purdue is known for their QB's and in 2006 Curtis Painter (PS#29) twice topped 400 yards passing in a game, joining six others in the PU 400+ club in Drew Brees, Kyle Orton, Scott Campbell, Mark Herrmann, Mike Phipps and Jim Everett. Painter took over the QB duties in the 2H of their disappointing 2005 season throwing for 932 (52.4%) with a 3-5 (289 rush). He has a strong arm but last year one of his problems was a tendency to overthrow players early in a game (too excited?). At 6'4" 233 he is the strongest, most physical QB under Tiller and last year worked with new QB Coach Ed Zaunbrecher. Some of Zaunbrecher's former pupils include Rex Grossman, Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich. Painter set a Big Ten record with 3,985 yds (59.4%) and while he had 22 TD's, he also had 19 int's. Backup Joey Elliott (PS#27) only played in 3 (10 pass). Both return and adding depth this year are Jeff Panfil (6'5" 220 rFr, PS#239), Chris Bennett (6'3" 192 So), Jake Swank (6'3" 190 rFr), Keith Smith (6'2" 216 So, PS#137) and true frosh Justin Siller (PS#44). I expect Painter to greatly cut down on his int's and become one of the Big 10's top QB's this year.

RUNNING BACKS - The Boilermakers have had just one 1,000 yard rusher since 1995 ('02). Jerod Void led with 696 (5.4) in '05. Kory Sheets, who had the best speed of the RB's and had an 88 yard run vs Minn, was #2 with 571 (5.5). Last year Void had to be replaced and Sheets led with 780 (4.9). JUCO addition Jaycen Taylor had 677 (6.0) and the two combined for 474 yards receiving. Dario Camacho (PS#38JC) surprisingly only had 42 yards (3.2) and Dray Mason (5'10" 193 So, PS#37) had just 1 rush attempt. This year Sheets, Taylor and Mason return while Camacho departs. Added to the mix are true frosh Malcolm Harris (PS#40) and Dan Dierking (PS#45, Scott's son). This year they will use a FB more and not listed below are Tyler Haston (6'3" 222 Fr, PS#241LB) and a rare true frosh FB recruit in Jared Crank. I look for improved production.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 they had to replace Taylor Stubblefield who set the NCAA record for career rec's. Good sized Kyle Ingraham (6'9") was injured and saw his numbers drop from 51 (12.2) in '04 to 41 (12.2) in '05. VHT Dorian Bryant (PS#11) has 4.24 speed and led with 80 (12.0) but had 3 key drops vs Minnesota. Last year they only had to replace their starting TE but Dustin Keller, who is one of the team's top lifters and has 4.5 speed, became one of the team's top weapons with 56 (13.8). Ingraham was ineligible and eventually dropped out but they got the super addition of Selwyn Lymon (PS#11) who was the first player to be awarded the "#1" jersey under Tiller. Lymon set a record for most receiving yards ever by a ND opponent (238), but missed a game due to a paintball injury. Lymon made headlines in March '07 when he was stabbed, but is expected to be 100% for '07. It was arguably Tiller's best ever receiving corps talent-wise but the unit struggled with dropped passes (7 vs Penn St and Illinois) and also had trouble finishing routes at midseason. Bryant once again led with 87 (12.3) and 6'3" Greg Orton (PS#32) had 58 (13.6). One of the best plays by the WR's was by Jake Standeford (11 rec) who punched the ball out of an Indiana DB's hands on an IR, saving 7 points. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Derek Benson (6'1" 191 So), Kris Staats (6'1" 197 rFr) and TE John Finch (6'3" 218 rFr). With everyone back, if this unit plays to the level of its talent, it will be best group Tiller has fielded in his 11 seasons.


WR Dorien Bryant

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '05, Purdue ran the option more and increased the ypc to 4.9 and allowed just 9 sacks (2.1%!). Last year they had 9 of the top 10 back so it appeared they would have their best O-line since the 2000 Rose Bowl edition. Tiller even commented that they looked like a Big 10 O-line with the smallest OL being 297 lb Robbie Powell. It was surprising to see the numbers drop to 4.3 ypc rush with 20 sacks allowed (3.7%). This year they lose 2nd Tm Big 10 LT Mike Otto (14 st, 4Y st'r, #7DC TEN) and LG Uche Nwaneri (14 st, 2Y st'r, #5DC JAX) but do get a late addition in Vandy transfer Elliott Hood (RT '06) who was granted one year of immediate eligibility. While this unit is slightly less experienced, I like the overall talent and look for improved numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Eight DE's under Tiller have played in the NFL. A veteran unit in 2003 allowed a Tiller-era best 97 ypg rush (2.7). In 2004 they lost 3 starters but were still strong (105 ypg, 3.1). In 2005 the unit returned intact but shockingly the ypg jumped to 143 (3.5). Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a #5DC and a backup who was a #4DC. The star of the group was Anthony Spencer with 10.5 sacks and a Big 10 leading 16 tfl. Purdue was light up front and lacked depth so they moved LB Cliff Avril to DE to help with the pass rush but 7 of their last 10 opponents ran for 200 yards. Spencer had cramping problems in the 2H of the year but still became the 4th 1st Tm Big 10 DE under Tiller. Purdue's smallish line allowed 191 ypg rush and 4.9 ypc, their worst total since 1994. This year they lose Spencer (14 st, #1DC DAL) and Nick Cavallo (11 tkl, 1 sk). Six of the top 8 return and this group is more experienced and can only improve.

LINEBACKERS - Purdue had an outstanding, speedy LB corps in both 2002 and 2003 and all 3 starters were NFL DC's in 2004. After a promising '04 season, the group returned almost intact in '05 but underperformed (as did the entire team). Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 8 starts. George Hall, the team's #2 tackler in 2005, missed 2 and was the #4 tackler. They moved SLB Avril to DE in the 5th week then brought over RB Anthony Heygood to LB. Stanford Keglar lost his starting spot for a couple games but then had 9 tackles in the bowl. This year they must replace MLB Hall (9 st, 78 tkl, HM B10), SLB Al Royal (5 st, 33 tkl) and John Lampert (1 tkl). Two starters return and will have to battle to hold on to their jobs. Heygood, now in his second year at LB, wowed the staff in the spring and is expected to take over at WLB. RFr Jeff Lindsay (PS#18QB), Kevin Green (PS#52), John Humphrey (PS#78) will have opportunities but I believe that Brian Ellis (PS#34JC) may share the MLB job with the undersized Dan Bick.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Heading into last year this unit was the biggest concern for Tiller as they had to replace five players who combined for 30 starts including a #2DC. Projected starting CB Brandon King was ruled ineligible and SS Torri Williams (who Tiller compares to Rod Woodson) broke his leg in the opener. Starting CB Zach Logan lost his job. JUCO CB Terrell Vinson was not cleared until Wk 2 and not a single starter in the secondary from the bowl was on hand until the start of August including 2 true frosh starters. Surprisingly Purdue only dropped to #69 in my pass D rankings. This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the NCAA. The only loss is CB Logan (2 st, 7 tkl) and S Keith Smith (1 st, 11 tkl) who moves back to QB. Williams was suspended indefinitely in the spring and as long as he comes back 10 of the top 12 return, and 8 have starting experience. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Adam Wolf (5'11" 209 So, 3 tkl), Frank Duong (5'8" 178 Sr, 5 tkl) and Pete Zavagnin (6'1" 197 So, PS#167QB, Drake transfer).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Special teams were a disaster in 2002 with a #106 rating and cost Purdue at least 3 games. DT coach Mark Hagen took over as the primary ST coordinator in 2003 and with Butler transfer Ben Jones hitting 25 of 30 FG's, the unit improved to #16. They were #52 in 2004 and moved up to #30 in 2005. Last year they had to replace K Jones as well as P Dave Brytus (transferred to Pitt) and their top PR. Jared Armstrong led all JUCO's in punting in 2005 and did well with a 43.1 avg (35.5 net). True frosh Chris Summers had 16 TB on 67 KO and they allowed just 14.6 per KR! He had a horrible year on FG's hitting just 8 of 20 (long 47). Summers hit 5 of his first 6 but then just 3 of 14 after and it was W Virginia transfer Casey Welch who hit the 18 yd'r for the win vs Mich St on his only attempt of the year. Dorien Bryant (4.24 spd) was the top KR in '05 (23.8) but dropped to 19.6 in 2006. With everyone back this unit should make a huge leap in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Joe Tiller enters his 11th year here and had a streak of 8 straight bowl appearances snapped in 2005. Last year the new OC was Bill Legg who was the OC/OL coach at W Virginia in 2000 and the OL coach here from 2002-'05. DC Brock Spack enters his 11th season here. Last year Tiller had to replace 5 asst's but this year the staff returned intact.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Purdue's last outright Big 10 Title was in 1929 but they've shared it 6 times since. In 2002 they were much better than their final 7-6 record. They were #1 in the Big 10 in both total offense and defense and their 6 losses came by a combined 26 points. Four of their losses came vs Top 10 teams and they outgained league foes by 144.5 ypg, but were -10 in turnovers and finished 4-4 in the Big 10. They had 2 OT losses in 2003 and could have easily finished higher than their final #19 ranking. In 2004 they had QB Orton back but they also had a very young D with 8 new starters. They still managed to jump out to 5-0, and were ranked #5 when a fumble was ret'd 40 yards for a TD by Wisconsin with 2:36 left. They also blew late leads vs Michigan, N'wstrn, Iowa and once again in their bowl. Their 5 losses were by 2.8 ppg! Despite a 7-5 record, they outscored foes by 14.6 ppg. In 2005 all the pieces were in place for a huge year as they had all 11 starters back from a defense that allowed just 17.2 ppg. They also did not have to play Ohio St or Michigan and had most of their toughest games at home. The team sold a school record 45,581 season tickets. They were #15 in the preseason AP poll, their highest since 1980 (#9). They were 2-0 and led Minny 28-20 but gave up a TD and 2 pt conv with 1:34 left and lost in 2 OT's. With their hopes of an unbeaten season down the drain, they imploded and dropped the next 5 before rebounding to win the last three (5-6). Last year they had 30 seniors including 15 fifth year seniors and 11 returning starters. This time they opened 4-0 before back-back losses at #12 ND and #19 Iowa. After a win vs NW, they lost to Wisconsin (final #6) and the next week were shutout at home by Penn St. It was the first time a Tiller team had ever been shutout. They won their next three and it was their first season of finishing above .500 on the road in the Big 10 since 1997. They did not want to face Hawaii on the road after winning the Old Oaken Bucket (IND) but showed some heart leading 35-27 in the 3Q before coming up short. They were dominated in the bowl by Maryland with the Terps having a 429-285 yard edge. Tiller is 1-6 his last 7 bowls and it was the worst loss in PU bowl history. PU's 8 wins last year came vs a IAA foe (which finished 1-10) and 7 IA teams that had losing records. They also benefitted from 3 net close wins (pg 299). After the bowl, Tiller mentioned he wanted his team to get bigger, stronger and more physical and that they may run the ball more on offense. This season PU returns 9 starters on offense from a squad that avg'd 26.0 ppg, their lowest in 5 years. The defense greatly underachieved in 2005 after allowing just 17.2 ppg in '04 with 11 starters back, they slipped to 28.1. Last year they had 5 starters back on the stop unit (26.7). The 432 ypg allowed was their worst since 1994. After two seasons of avoiding Ohio St and Michigan, the two powers are back on the schedule. Expectations will be low for the Boilermakers but they could be 5-0 when they host Ohio St on October 6th and have a shot at matching or topping Tiller's top win total here (9).

OFFENSE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

(JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 12 **CURTIS PAINTER JR.** 6-4 223 PS#29. Last 5 st rFr. 932 (52.4%). 3-5, 289 rush. 14 st LY, 3985 (59.4%) 22-19, 288 rush. 14 Joey Elliott (6-3 211 So) PS#27. 81 ttl yd rFr.

RB 24 **KORY SHEETS JR.** 6-0 196 PS#173. 1351 (5.2), 14 st in 2 years, 41 rec. 33 **Jaycen Taylor** (5-10 186 Jr) PS#188JC. 1 st, 677 (6.0), 26 rec LY. Malcolm Harris is PS#40.

WR 1 **SELWYN LYMON SO.** 6-4 215 **PS#11**. 12 st rFr. 33 (17.6). 83 Joe Whitest (6-2 206 Sr) PS#477JC. 18 Roberto McBean (6-0 187 Jr) PS#482JC. **FB** Frank Halliburton (6-3 251 So) PS#136DL.

WR 9 **DORIEN BRYANT SR.** 5-10 175 **1st Tm B10 LY. 4.24 spd.** 10 st '05, 80 (12.0). 13 st LY, 87 (12.3). 8 Desmond Tardy (6-1 199 Jr) PS#92DB. 2 st, 7 rec LY. Byron Williams (6-3 200 Sr) PS#82.

WR 21 **GREG ORTON JR.** 6-3 199 **PS#32**. 11 st LY, 58 (13.6). 88 Jake Standeford (6-2 195 Sr). 3 st, 11 rec (11.1). 18 Brandon Whittington (6-2 213 Jr) PS#155. 3 st FS '05, 15 tkl.

TE 28 **DUSTIN KELLER SR.** 6-4 240 13 rec (9.8) '05. 39.5"VL. 12 st LY, 56 (13.8), **HM B10**. 85 Kyle Adams (6-5 251 So) PS#89. 1 st, 6 rec. 80 Jerry Wasikowski (6-4 251 Jr) PS#55.

C 68 **ROBBIE POWELL SR.** 6-5 307 PS#399. 3 gm as rFr. 11 st LG '05. 14 st C '06. 78 Cory Benton (6-3 275 Jr) 2nd string '05 & '06. **LS** 82 Andy Huffman (6-3 287 So) +17 lbs.

RG 66 **JORDAN GRIMES SR.** 6-3 325 PS#89. 1 st, 10 gm true, 11 st RG '05. 14 st LY, **2nd Tm Big 10**. 58 Jonathan Patton (6-4 295 Jr) PS#205DL. DT in '05, moved to OL LY.

LG 50 **Eric Hedstrom So.** 6-7 303 **PS#60**. 2nd string RG rFr. Zach Smith (6-4 293 Jr) PS#138. 1 gm rFr. 2nd string LY. Justin Pierce (6-4 332 rFr) PS#462. Neal Tull (6-3 282 Sr) 1 tkl DL '04.

RT 74 **SEAN SESTER JR.** 6-8 325 **PS#91**. 11 st RT as rFr, **HM Big 10**. 14 st LY. 73 Dan Zaleski (6-4 295 Jr) 2nd string '05-'06. 77 Ryan Prater (6-5 286 rFr) PS#467.

LT 51 **Garret Miller Jr.** 6-8 262 PS#443. 11 gm, 2nd string rFr. 2nd string LY. 76 Jason Kacinko (6-6 306 So) **PS#28**. 2nd string LY. 75 Zach Reckman (6-6 295) PS#444DL.

K 13 **CHRIS SUMMERS SO.** 6-1 174 PS#85. 52 yd FG HS. 8 of 20 FG at true, long 47. 1 miss 50+. 38 Tim Dougherty (5-10 180 rFr). PS#79. 41 Ben Champoux (6-1 198 Jr).

DE 71 **Alex Magee Jr.** 6-5 295 **PS#70**. 2 st, 18 tkl as true. 7 st DT LY, 33 tkl, 2.5 sk. 87 Mike McDonald (6-2 250 Sr) PS#159JC. 3 st, 12 tkl, 2 tfl LY. 83 Jeff Benjamin (6-2 278 Sr) PS#41JC.

DT 90 **RYAN BAKER JR.** 6-5 288 **PS#17**. 2 st rFr, 10 tkl. 11 st '06, 25 tkl, 6 sk, 2.5 tfl. 54 Jared Zwilling (6-4 297 So) **PS#40**. 6 tkl, 1 sk rFr. Ryan Kerrigan (6-5 230 Fr) PS#27TE.

DT 92 **MIKE NEAL SO.** 6-4 293 PS#83. 9 tkl, 1 tfl rFr (inj-plagued). 79 **Jermaine Guynn** (6-1 288 Jr) Scout Tm POY '04. 5 tkl '05. 9 st LY, 38 tkl, 3 tfl. 70 Andrew Quintana (6-1 276 rFr).

DE 32 **CLIFF AVRIL SR.** 6-3 247 8 st '04-'05. 69 tkl, 6 tfl. 14 st LY, 84 tkl, 6 sk, 9 tfl. 45 Eugene Bright (6-4 254 Sr) PS#176LB. 31 tkl 3Y. 35 Keyon Brown (6-3 241 So) PS#100LB.

SLB 58 **STANFORD KEGLAR SR.** 6-2 247 PS#115. 12 st, 61 tkl rFr. 6 st '05, 50 tkl. 10 st LY, 69 tkl, 5 pbu. 28 Jason Werner (6-4 208 So) **PS#37DB**. Inj'd '06. 39 John Humphrey (6-1 223 rFr) PS#78.

MLB 38 **DAN BICK SR.** 6-1 225 PS#147. 4 st '05, 40 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 95 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **Brian Ellis PS#34JC. 4.5 spd,** FL signee. 17 Josh Ferguson (6-3 242 Sr) PS#184. 31 tkl 3Y.

WLB 42 **Anthony Heygood Jr.** 6-2 230 PS#57RB. 36 yd as rFr. Moved to LB mid '06, 6 tkl. 45 **Jeff Lindsay** (6-4 230 rFr) **PS#18QB**. 27 Kevin Green (6-2 225 rFr) PS#52. Mike Durrett (6-0 225 Sr).

CB 10 **ROYCE ADAMS SO.** 6-0 183 PS#121RB. 12 st true, 37 tkl, 1 int. David Pender (6-1 172 So) PS#97. 1 st true, 13 tkl. 26 Aaron Lane (5-9 174 Sr) 527 yd RB St Francis 3 st LY until inj.

CB 34 **TERRELL VINSON SR.** 5-9 174 8 gm as true WY. JC. 12 st LY, 73 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu. 7 Brandon King (5-11 192 So) PS#99. Ineligible LY. 4 Fabian Martin (5-11 192 Jr) PS#52WR, 9 tkl LY.

SS 2 **TORRI WILLIAMS JR.** 6-2 217 14 tkl, 1 sk true. Inj '05-'06. **Justin Scott** (6-0 209 Sr) PS#254JC. 12 st, 60 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. 25 Paul Long (6-2 194 Sr) 9 st '04-'05. 31 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu.

FS 16 **BRANDON ERWIN SO.** 6-0 188 PS#444. 14 st true, 46 tkl, 1 pbu. 40 Jonte Lindsey (5-10 178 So) PS#477JC. 15 Brandon Blackmon (6-0 210 Jr) PS#446JC.

P 11 **JARED ARMSTRONG SR.** 6-3 234 PS#108JC. 43 punts, #1 NJCAA with 43.7 avg in '05. Also 7-12 FG's, long 38. 23 TB on KO's. **HM Big 10 in '06, 43.1 avg**, net 35.5. 16 in 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

LB	Brian Ellis 6-3 245 PS#34JC
RB	Malcolm Harris 6-0 185 PS#40
RB	Dan Dierking 5-10 185 PS#45
QB	Justin Siller 6-4 200 PS#44
DB	Joe Holland 6-2 205 PS#63RB
DL	Ryan Kerrigan 6-5 230 PS#27TE
TE	Colton McKey 6-6 215 PS#103WR
WR	Derrick Sherman 6-0 170 PS#110
DL	Nick Mondek 6-6 245 PS#125
DL	Nickaro Golding 6-4 220 PS#129
WR	Waynelle Gravesande 6-0 175 PS#167
LB	Devarro Greaves 6-3 200 PS#160
OL	James Shepherd 6-7 300 PS#208
DL	Preston Numa 6-2 275 PS#203
LB	Tyler Haston 6-3 210 PS#241
OL	Michael Chacksfield 6-6 260 PS#317
DB	Josh McKinley 6-2 210 PS#328
DL	Gerald Gooden 6-3 220 PS#404LB
RB	Jared Crank 6-2 230 PS#403
DB	Charlton Williams 6-3 200 PS#406WR

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

West Lafayette, Indiana
Weather (765) 447-1352

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#44

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score PU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at Toledo	A					
Sep. 8	Eastern Illinois	G					
Sep. 15	Central Michigan	G					
Sep. 22	at Minnesota	A					
Sep. 29	Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 6	Ohio St	G					
Oct. 13	at Michigan	A					
Oct. 20	Iowa	G					
Oct. 27	Northwestern (HC)	G					
Nov. 3	at Penn St	G					
Nov. 10	Michigan St	G					
Nov. 17	at Indiana	A					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

Boilers are 1-2 vs Toledo with the last meeting a 36-22 loss in the Glass Bowl in Joe Tiller's debut as the Boilers HC in 1997. Purdue has gone 7-1 in season openers.

E Illinois finished the 2006 season 8-5 & ranked #22 in the final Div IAA poll. The Panthers are 0-5 vs BCS conference teams in their history (0-1 vs Big Ten).

Purdue is 2-0 vs CMU with both wins by Drew Brees by a combined score of 106-16 in '99 & '00. Purdue has won 14 of the L/16 vs current MAC tms & is 32-7-1 all-time.

Under Tiller the Boilers are 7-1 vs Minnesota while never scoring less than 27 pts. Purdue is 9-1 in their Big Ten Conference opener. Purdue is 7-2 prior to Notre Dame.

PU is 4-6 in the Battle for the Shillelagh Trophy under Tiller (3-2 at home). Into 2007: Purdue is 24-2 in September home games in the Tiller era.

The Boilers handed future Heisman winner Troy Smith his first loss as a starting QB (1 of only 3 in his career) in the last meeting in 2004. OSU leads the series 35-12-2.

The Boilers have lost 16 straight in Ann Arbor with their last win coming in 1966. Coming into the 2007 season Purdue has lost 13 straight to ranked teams.

The Boilermakers are 3-1 at home vs the Hawkeyes in the Tiller era. Purdue is just 4-15-1 since 1983 scoring over 28 pts just once (36 in '98) vs Iowa.

LY QB Painter had 3 career highs (35 of 49 for 431) vs Northwestern. Purdue is 2-4 the last 6 after Iowa. Purdue leads the all-time series 48-25-1 (8-2 under Tiller).

The Lions are 8-2 vs the Boilermakers since they joined the Big Ten in 1993. PSU posted a 12-0 shutout in LY's gm marking the 1st shutout in Tiller's 16 yr HC career.

This series is tied 28-28-3 all-time but since Tiller took over in West Lafayette the Boilermakers are 7-1 (5 wins by 7 pts or less). Purdue is 5-1 prior to Indiana.

Tiller is 9-1 in the Battle for the Old Oaken Bucket with an average win by a 38-15 margin. IU's lone win came in Randle El & HC Cam Cameron's final game in 2001.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Drew Brees 11,792 '97-'00
2. Mark Herrmann 9,946 '77-'80
3. Kyle Orton 9,337 '01-'04

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Alstott 3,635 '92-'95
2. Otis Armstrong 3,315 '70-'72
3. Scott Dierking 2,863 '73-'76

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. John Standeford 3,788 '00-'03
2. Taylor Stubblefield 3,629 '01-'04
3. Brian Alford 3,029 '94-'97

JOE TILLER (Career 114-79-1)

11th Year at Purdue — Tiller's Bowl Record: 3-7

Tiller's records AT PURDUE

75-49	Straight Up	5-8	Vs Top 10
47-16	Home	12-33	Vs Top 25
25-26	Away	11-14	Vs BCS Teams
3-7	Neutral	5-2	Off A Bye
48-32	Vs Conference	25-16	Off A Loss

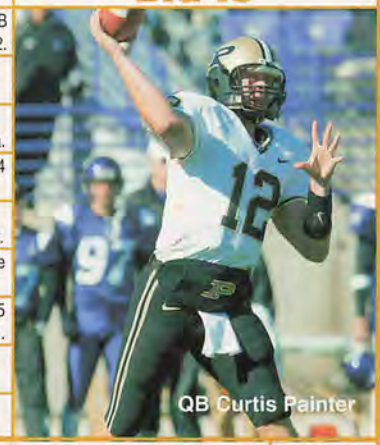
2006 RECORD: (8-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (25,26,3)
Lost: 17 (8,8,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 55,457 (#35)

BIG 10


QB Curtis Painter

STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (62,500) (#41)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

Joe Tiller	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	6-5	6-6	9-3	7-4	5-6	8-5	49-32
Home	6-0	4-2	4-3	6-1	4-2	3-3	5-2	32-13
Away	2-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	3-3	17-19
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	6-2	4-4	3-5	5-3	32-24
ATS	6-5	4-6-1	6-4-1	8-3-1	5-6	3-7-1	6-6	38-37-4
Home Fav	4-2	3-2-1	2-2	6-1	4-2	1-4	0-3	20-16-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	4-2
Away Fav	2-3	1-1	1-1-1	1-1	1-4	1-0-1	1-0	8-10-2
Away Dog	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-1-1	0-0	0-3	4-1	6-9-1
Favorite	6-5	4-3-1	3-3-1	7-2	5-6	2-4-1	1-3	28-26-3
Dog	0-0	0-3	3-1	1-1-1	0-0	1-3	5-3	10-11-1
vs Conf	5-3	3-4-1	6-1-1	5-2-1	2-6	3-5	4-4	28-25-3
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	0-3	3-1	3-0	0-2-1	2-2	10-12-1
Off SU Win	3-4	3-3	3-2	6-1-1	3-3	2-1-1	4-4	24-18-2
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-2-1	3-2-1	2-1	1-3	1-5	2-2	12-16-2

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kory Sheets	158	801	21	780	11	4.9
Jaycen Taylor	113	680	3	677	4	6.0
Dorien Bryant	19	163	13	150	2	7.9
Curtis Painter	76	288	181	107	6	1.4
Dario Camacho	13	45	3	42	0	3.2
Anthony Heygood	4	10	0	10	0	2.5
Joey Elliott	3	9	0	9	0	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Curtis Painter	530	315	59.4	3985	22	19
Joey Elliott	10	6	60.0	72	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dorien Bryant	87	1068	12.3	6	53
Greg Orton	58	790	13.6	5	43
Dustin Keller	56	771	13.8	4	69
Selwyn Lymon	33	580	17.6	3	88
Jaycen Taylor	26	261	10.0	1	46
Kory Sheets	28	213	7.6	2	37
Jake Standeford	11	122	11.1	1	31
Andre Chattams	6	92	15.3	0	55
Desmond Tardy	7	88	12.6	1	24
Kyle Adams	6	58	9.7	1	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Armstrong	50	2154	43.1	12	35.5(t)	2	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Summers	46-47	2-3	3-8	3-8	0-1	8-20	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dan Bick	95	1	2.5	4	1
Anthony Spencer	93	10.5	16	6	0
Cliff Avril	84	6	9	6	1
George Hall	78	1	3.5	1	1
Terrell Vinson	73	0	2	7	1
Stanford Keglar	69	0	2	5	1
Justin Scott	60	1	4	5	3
Brandon Erwin	46	0	0	1	0
Jermaine Guynn	38	0	3	0	0
Royce Adams	37	0	0	1	1
Al Royal	33	0	3.5	1	0
Alex Magee	33	2.5	0	0	1
Ryan Baker	25	6	2.5	1	1
Josh Ferguson	17	0	0	1	0
Aaron Lane	14	0	1	2	0
David Pender	13	0	0	2	0
Mike McDonald	12	1	1	0	0
Nick Cavallo	11	1	0	1	0
Keith Smith	11	0	0	0	0
Fabian Martin	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Royce Adams	22	141	6.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dorien Bryant	25	490	19.6	0
Kory Sheets	19	422	22.2	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Sun	+6'	Washington St - #13	27-33
02	Sun	+3	Washington	34-24
03	Capital One - #12	+3'	Georgia - #11 (OT)	27-34
04	Sun	-8	Arizona St - #21	23-27
06	Champs Sports	-1	Maryland	7-24

Purdue's All-Time Bowl Record 7-7

PURDUE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	26.0	22	124	4.3	292	59.5	16.0	-1	2006	5	26.7	22	191	4.9	241	61.3	16.2
6	30.0	22	187	4.9	242	56.3	14.3	+3	2005	11	28.1	23	143	3.5	287	58.8	15.3
8*	31.8	23	125	3.5	321	61.1	14.1	-3	2004	3	17.2	18	105	3.1	240	55.5	20.1
7*	26.8	20	149	3.5	224	60.6	13.9	+12	2003	9	17.4	16	97	2.7	206	52.9	17.4
8	29.7	23	197	4.4	256	60.0	15.2	-10	2002	8	22.2	16	116	3.3	201	48.2	14.3
5	20.8	18	98	2.7	222	51.2	15.4	+11	2001	10	23.2	17	123	3.1	205	53.5	14.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

PU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	OFF SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	DEF SKS BY	DEF TURN
–	Indiana St	25	38-190	5.0	20-35	311	1	20	32-152	4.8	23-36	235	1	+2
–	Miami, Oh	22	28-171	6.1	18-32	220	2	24	37-97	2.6	31-46	386	4	-1
–	Ball St	23	28-117	4.2	30-39	416	0	19	29-61	2.1	24-37	291	4	-1
–	Minnesota	21	32-178	5.6	18-27	243	0	23	45-194	4.3	21-35	227	3	+2
–	at Notre Dame	24	18-92	5.1	23-46	398	0	33	43-138	3.2	29-38	316	4	-1
–	at Iowa	24	36-202	5.6	23-48	254	1	25	40-286	7.2	17-23	253	1	0
–	at Northwestern	28	28-62	2.2	36-52	448	2	12	42-168	4.0	9-15	83	5	0
–	Wisconsin	18	24-99	4.1	20-40	187	2	19	46-241	5.2	13-22	201	3	0
–	Penn St	15	24-62	2.6	22-39	184	3	23	50-240	4.8	14-31	182	1	-2
–	at Michigan St	19	27-77	2.9	21-30	286	3	19	35-144	4.1	16-29	161	1	0
–	at Illinois	24	38-202	5.3	20-42	229	1	18	42-316	7.5	8-29	95	1	+3
–	Indiana	22	39-175	4.5	18-32	260	1	20	31-215	6.9	26-42	290	1	-1
–	at Hawaii	28	27-90	3.3	30-43	382	1	33	20-219	11.0	33-48	434	1	0
–	† Maryland	12	13-21	1.6	23-36	264	3	20	50-206	4.1	15-24	223	0	-2
TOTALS		305	400-1738	4.3	322-541	4082	20	308	542-2677	4.9	279-455	3377	30	-1
AVERAGES		21.8	29-124	4.3	23-39	292	1.4	22.0	39-191	4.9	20-33	241	2.1	-0.1

2002 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–		Illinois St	NL	51-10
–		at Notre Dame - #23	+5'	17-24
–		W Michigan	-17	28-24
–		Wake Forest	-9'	21-24
–		Minnesota	-3	28-15
–		at Iowa - #24	+9	28-31
–		at Illinois	-3'	31-38 OT
–		Michigan - #11	+3'	21-23
–		at Northwestern	-13'	42-13
–		Ohio St - #3	+5'	6-10
–		at Michigan St	-3	45-42
–		Indiana	-22	34-10

2003 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre #19	Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
#16		Bowling Green	-11	26-27
–		at Wake Forest - #20	E	16-10
#25		Arizona	-27'	59-7
#22		Notre Dame	-10'	23-10
#22		Illinois	-14	43-10
#18		Penn St	-12	28-14
#13		at Wisconsin - #14	-2	26-23
#10		at Michigan - #13	+4'	3-31
#18		Northwestern	-18	34-14
#16		Iowa - #10	-3	27-14
#11		at Ohio St - #4	+3	13-16 OT
#16		at Indiana	-24'	24-16

2004 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre #24	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#24		Syracuse	-12'	51-0
#25		Ball St	-30'	59-7
#15	at	Illinois	-21'	38-30
#15	at	Notre Dame	-2'	41-16
#9	at	Penn St	-10'	20-13
#5		Wisconsin - #10	-7	17-20
#12		Michigan - #13	-4	14-16
#17	at	Northwestern	-10	10-13
–	at	Iowa - #20	-1	21-23
–		Ohio St	-6	24-17
–		Indiana	-20'	63-24

2005 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre #15	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#13		Akron	-34'	49-24
#12	at	Arizona	-7	31-24
#11	at	Minnesota	+3	35-42 2OT
#22		Notre Dame - #13	-3	28-49
–		Iowa	-4'	17-34
–		Northwestern	-7'	29-34
–	at	Wisconsin - #19	+7'	20-31
–	at	Penn St - #11	+15	15-33
–		Michigan St	+4'	28-21
–		Illinois	-23	37-3
–	at	Indiana	-11	41-14

2006 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–		Indiana St	NL	60-35
–		Miami, Oh	-17	38-31 OT
–		Ball St	-17	38-28
–		Minnesota	+3	27-21
–	at	Notre Dame - #12	+14'	21-35
–	at	Iowa - #19	+11	17-47
–	at	Northwestern	-7	31-10
–		Wisconsin - #21	+6'	3-24
–		Penn St	+3	0-12
–	at	Michigan St	+2'	17-15
–	at	Illinois	+3	42-31
–		Indiana	-12'	28-19
–	at	Hawaii - #25	+18'	35-42

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 then-coach Ron Turner gave true frosh Kurt Kittner his first start at home vs Iowa and the next week he guided a road upset win over Northwestern. That Illini team only finished 3-8 but Kittner led the team to a pair of bowls in the next three years including a Big 10 Title in 2001. HC Zook hopes for a similar outcome from Juice Williams (PS#11). Last year the true frosh was given his first start at home vs Iowa and then engineered a road upset vs Michigan St in his second start. Williams beat out Tim Brasic who had thrown for 1,979 (61.1%) with an 11-11 ratio in '05 and had also set the school's rushing record for a QB with 420 net yards. Brasic began 2006 as the starter and threw for 346 (53%) but with an 0-5 ratio and came up 19 yards short of becoming the school's all-time career leading QB rusher (Fred Custardo 1963-'65). Williams had the lowest completion % in the NCAA for a starter (39.5%) throwing for 1,489 with a 9-9 ratio but broke Brasic's and Custardo's records for rushing yards by a QB (576 net). Williams did throw a lot of deep balls and was plagued by dropped passes. He worked with the staff on his mechanics and spent the offseason developing chemistry with his WR's. This year Brasic departs and adding depth are the athletic Eddie McGee (PS#72), Billy Garza (PS#166), Mark Venegoni (6'1" 210 Jr, PS#84), Cody Mullen (6'0" 215 Jr) and true frosh Phil Haig (PS#31). I look for Williams to be one of the most improved QB's in the county, especially with an upgraded receiving corps.

RUNNING BACKS - Pierre Thomas led the team in rushing in each of the last 3 years with 893 (5.9) in '04, 664 (5.2) in '05 and 755 (5.8) last year. Rashard Mendenhall (PS#8) had 218 (4.5) as a true and last year avg'd a gaudy 8.2 ypc with 640 yards. EB Halsey rushed for 1,335 in his first 3 years but just 113 (4.3) as a senior with Mendenhall getting the extra carries. This year Thomas (11 st) and Halsey (1 st) must be replaced but they have everyone else back including Rashard's brother, Walter (PS#72) who had just 2 att's last year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB's Russ Weil (6'0" 240 Sr, PS#111DL) who had 4 starts, Justin Ijei (5'8" 215 Sr), Sam Porter (6'1" 240 So, PS#93LB), Maurice Haney (5'9" 210 Jr) and Nick Levanti (6'0" 230 Jr). Zook also adds 1 JUCO and 2 true frosh who, if you follow Zook, could play immediately. Daniel Dufrene rushed for 750 yards at JC last year. The Illini's 188.8 ypg rush led the Big 10 and was the best here since 1973. Despite the losses, the Illini backs should come close to matching last year's production.

RB Rashard Mendenhall

RECEIVERS - The TE is a featured player in Zook's offense and last year he landed true frosh, Jeff Cumberland (PS#13) who drew comparisons to the 49ers Vernon Davis (1st Tm AA at Maryland, #1DC). Cumberland started as a true and was #3 with 16 (14.5). Dropped passes were a huge problem for this unit throughout 2006, including Cumberland's key drop of a TD pass vs Wisconsin right before half. Kyle Hudson led in '05 (31, 15.1) and again last year with 30 (13.4). Walk-on Jacob Willis emerged and was #2 with 16 (19.6) while DaJuan Warren (PS#45QB) added 15 (12.4). This year they lose a pair of WR's as Derrick McPhearson (PS#23, 8 st, 11 rec) and Jody Ellis (4 st, 8 rec) were dismissed from the team in March. They get some significant additions including Arrelious Benn (PS#1) who was in for the spring and should immediately become the feature WR and ex-QB Dere Hicks (5'10" 175 So) who has 4.4 speed. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Florida A&M transfer Will Judson (5'8" 155, 4.4 spd), Jack Eastman (6'1" 185 So) and Alex Reavy (6'2" 175 rFr). Benn and Cumberland make this a top-notch unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Illini O-line opened holes for 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks (8.6%). Last year all 5 starters and 8 of the top 10 returned but they did shuffle the O-line with RT Ryan McDonald moving to C and Oklahoma transfer Akim Millington (PS#19) starting at LT. LT JJ Simmons (10 st '05) lost his job and was not even on the 2 deep. Illinois actually led the Big 10 in ypg rushing and they avg'd 5.2 ypc with 30 sacks (9.0%). Of course having a mobile QB does aid the ypc. This year they lose RG Matt Maddox (11 st, 4Y st'r, Top OL Award), Simmons and 2nd stringers OT Adam Wilk, RG James Ryan (1 st) and LT Jim LaBonte (2 st). Not listed below are Trevor Scott (6'3" 280 So) and Dan Motuliak (6'3" 300 Jr, PS#216). The four returning starters avg 308 lbs and this should be one of the Big 10's stronger offensive fronts. It would not surprise me to see backup Ryan Palmer, who was taking the #1 snaps at LT in the spring due to Millington's injury, take over the vacated RG spot.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Illini had an experienced defensive front in 2005 but surprisingly allowed an extremely poor 5.5 ypc rush (worst in at least 56 years) and the D had just 11 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including DE Xavier Fulton (rehab from '05 ACL), so they basically had 2 starters back. RFr Doug Pilcher proved to be one of the toughest players on the team and earned a starting spot. The Illini held four teams under 100 yards rushing and yielded 106 ypg less than 2005 on the ground (128) while trimming the ypc to 3.3, their best since 1995 (21 sk). This year they only lose DT Josh Norris (11 st, 39 tkl, 6 tfl). Not only are 7 of the top 8 back, but they get some significant VHT additions in D'Angelo McCray (PS#8), Martez Wilson (PS#7LB) and Josh Brent (PS#25) who could all play immediately. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Bryson Whalen (6'5" 245 So) and Anterio Jackson (6'2" 240 rFr PS#111LB). I look for continued improvement from a line that has good size, experience and added talent.

LINEBACKERS - Illinois had Butkus Award winners in 1994 and 1995 but have struggled recently at this position. Last year the top 5 LB's all returned but Sam Carson (2 st '05) dislocated his wrist and played in just 5. The Illini allowed 12.7 ppg less than '05 showing the improvement of the unit. This year the top 6 LB's all return including J Leman who earned 1st Tm Big 10 honors racking up 152 tackles and 19 tfl. Zook also brings in true frosh Erique Robertson (PS#191) who enrolled in January.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Illini finished a frightening #118 in my pass D rankings in 2005 allowing a 27-4 ratio. Last year they had to replace six players who combined for 10 starts but did have four players back who had five or more starts. Sharriff Abdullah who started all 11 at CB in '05, lost his job to true frosh Vontae Davis (PS#50). Davis quickly became the team's top cover CB and earned HM Big 10 honors. The Illini made a huge climb to #39 allowing 55.5% with an 11-10 ratio. This year the only losses are Abdullah (5 tkl), starting CB Alan Ball (12 st, 62 tkl, 12 pbu, #7DC DAL) and Dere Hicks (1 st, 14 tkl) who moves to WR. Five of the top 8 are back and all 5 have starting experience. They also add some solid frosh including Bo Flowers who is a 23 year old true frosh that was PS#31QB in 2002 and has been in the minors with the Tigers and Cubs. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Cody Stunkard (5'11" 190 rFr), Mike Mucha (5'11" 220 So, PS#192QB), Michael Bailen (5'10" 180 Sr) and Tyler Rouse (5'10" 195 Sr). The CB's have good size and speed and this looks like one of the Big 10's better secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One of former Coach Turner's strengths was his ST units with the lowest finish in his 10 years being #68 and his final unit was #30. Everyone returned in 2005 so big things were expected but surprisingly the unit plummeted all the way down to #111. Last year they had to replace their P Steve Weatherford who avg'd 42.6 and started for the Saints as a rookie. True frosh Kyle Yelton (PS#54) had his ups and downs including having a couple of key punts blk'd. He only had a 37.4 avg and the team even used WR Warren for rugby style punts (27.4). The team's net was 29.4 (#117 NCAA). Yelton did avg 42.0 in HS and both he and the coverage units should be improved. K Jason Reda (PS#10) hit 13 of 20 FG's with a long of 52 in '05 and improved to 15 of 19 (long of 41) last year. He had 15 TB's on KO. EB Halsey was the team's top PR (5.0) and KR (17.5) and departs. Overall the Illini finished a lowly #116 and with both kickers back and some dangerous VHT's available for returns, I look for significant improvement.

COACHES - Ron Zook had to replace the ever popular Steve Spurrier at Florida and was under fire from day one. He finished 23-14 in his three seasons before being shown the door. He's an excellent recruiter and gained a lot of respect this past year when Florida's team, comprised mostly of Zook's recruits, won the National Title. He enters his 3rd year here. The OC is Mike Locksley who was the RB coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida in '03-'04. Zook hired a new DC last year in former ULM LB coach Vince Okruch. He is a 30 year coaching veteran that spent 5 seasons as DC at Colorado and two years at Northwestern as DC under Gary Barnett.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Illinois has won fifteen Big 10 Titles including 2001 when they went a stunning 10-1. They were ranked #7 and defeated 3 ranked teams before losing in the Sugar Bowl. It was their first outright B10 Title since 1983. Since then, the Illini are just 13-45. They have finished above .500 in Big 10 play just once since 1994. They went a respectable 4-4 in conf play in 2002 but since then are 2-30 in Big 10 play. From 2003-2005 they were outgained in conference play by 161.3 ypg, 132.9 ypg and a league worst 170.5 ypg ('05). Zook's 2005 squad had just 4 senior starters (2nd lowest in the NCAA) and he had 12 frosh and soph starters, most in the Big 10. They opened up 2-0 and led Cal 17-14 after 3Q's but after blowing that lead, were non-competitive in Big 10 play finishing dead last at 0-8. 2005 was also the first time the Illini did not have a player drafted since 1972 (only B10 team to get shutout). Last year they had 17 returning starters. They were in the 2nd year of the Zook system and while the final record may not indicate it, they were one of the most improved teams in the country. Look no further than their record in the Big 10. While they finished 1-7, they outgained Big 10 foes by 24.1 ypg which was actually the 4th best mark in the conference!! After being outscored by 22.5 ppg in their 2-9 season of 2005, they were only outscored by 7.2 ppg in their 2-10 season in '06. **Illinois outgained foes on the year by an average of 346-310!!** A key culprit for their record was a -15 in turnovers (pg 312) and 5 close losses (see Big 10 Regional). This year they return 8 senior starters and have exciting QB Juice Williams who took his lumps early as a true frosh and improved as the season went on. Illinois allowed just 313.9 ypg in Big 10 play which was the 5th best mark (better than 3 bowl squads) and just 5.4 yards more than Penn St's excellent defense. The Illini made my most improved list which means I think they have an excellent shot of going from 2-10 to bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 JUICE WILLIAMS SO. 6-2 220 **PS#11.** 9 st true, 1489 (39.5%) 9-9 ratio, school record QB net rush (576). **10** Eddie McGee (6-4 189 rFr) PS#72. **12** Billy Garza (6-1 225 Jr) PS#166.

RB 5 Rashard Mendenhall Jr. 5-11 210 **PS#8.** 300 ttl yds true. 1 st LY, 640 rush (8.2!). Daniel Dufrene is PS#207JC. **34** Walter Mendenhall (6-0 225 Jr) PS#72. 9 tkl LB '05.

WR 9 Arrelious Benn Fr. 6-2 210 **PS#1 in spg! 83** Jacob Willis (5-11 180 Sr) 5 st LY, 16 (19.6). **86** Greg McClendon (6-2 225 Jr) PS#148. Frank Lenti (6-2 185 Sr) 1 st, 8 rec 2Y.

WR 6 CHRIS JAMES SO. 6-0 177 **PS#23.** 3 st true, 5 rec (15.2). **8 DaJuan Warren** (6-2 210 Sr) PS#45QB. 10 st, 42 rec (10.5) 3Y. **11** Joe Morgan (6-2 180 So) PS#142.

WR 21 KYLE HUDSON JR. 5-11 165 PS#255. Last 5 st as true, 31 (15.1). 11 st LY, 30 (13.4). **3** Marques Wilkins (6-0 195 So) PS#43. 9 gm true. Anthony Morris is PS#45.

TE 17 JEFF CUMBERLAND SO. 6-5 240 **PS#13. 4.47 spd!** 5 st true, 16 rec (14.5). 6% body fat. **16** Mike Hoomanawanui (6-5 255 So) PS#70. 2 st LY. **89** Tom Sullivan (6-4 225 So).

C 60 RYAN McDONALD JR. 6-5 300 PS#149. 11 st RT rFr. 12 st C LY. **62** Eric Block (6-3 290 Jr) PS#132. 58 snaps 2Y. **LS 49** Kyle Knezetic (6-0 205 Sr) Top ST Award. 34 gm 3Y.

RG 52 Jon Asamoah So. 6-5 265 PS#370. 48 plays true. Took off RS Wk 7. 400 bench. **63** Will Bergen (6-4 275 So) PS#239. **72** Ben Amundsen (6-5 310 Sr) 1 st LG '05. 3 gm LY.

LG 64 MARTIN O'DONNELL SR. 6-5 300 **PS#7.** 10 st rFr. 10 st '05. 12 st LG LY, 400 bench. **66** Randall Hunt (6-6 295 rFr) PS#391. Craig Wilson (6-5 310 Fr) **PS#82** LY. Hargrave.

RT 76 CHARLES MYLES SR. 6-6 320 PS#167DL. 2 tkl '04-'05, 1 st LT. 12 st RT LY. Brandon Jordan (6-5 290 rFr) **PS#61. 73** Mike Nabolotny (6-5 250 Jr) PS#112TE. 1 st TE 2Y.

LT 69 AKIM MILLINGTON SR. 6-6 310 **PS#19. 4 gm Okla '04.** 10 starts LT here in '06. **78** Ryan Palmer (6-7 315 rFr) PS#121. **98** Xavier Fulton (6-5 265 Jr) PS#90DL. 10 st, 19 tkl DL 2Y.

K 13 JASON REDA SR. 6-1 200 **PS#10.** 7 of 12 FG '04, long 40. 13 of 20 FG '05, long 52. 15 of 19 LY, long 41. **35** Mike Cklamovski (6-4 260 So). Jacob Hendee (6-2 200 rFr).

DE 91 DEREK WALKER JR. 6-4 270 PS#140. 11 st rFr, 26 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st LY, 29 tkl, 5.5 sk. **81** Will Davis (6-3 235 Jr) PS#158WR. 1 st, 18 tkl, 2 sk LY. **90** Antonio James (6-2 265 So) PS#136. 8 tkl.

DT 96 CHRIS NORWELL SR. 6-6 290 PS#162OL. 11 st, 40 tkl rFr. 11 st '05, 46 tkl, 8 tfl. 11 st LY, 42 tkl, 5 sk, 7.5 tfl. **56** Sirod Williams (6-0 270 Jr) 4 st '05, 15 tkl. **Josh Brent PS#25.**

DT NA D'Angelo McCray Fr. 6-4 290 **PS#8. 94** David Lindquist (6-3 280 Jr) 9 tkl rFr. 2 st LY, 33 tkl, 5 tfl. **76** Mike Ware (6-3 285 Sr) 12.5 tfl JC '04. Stephen Matas is PS#102.

DE 95 DOUG PILCHER SO. 6-5 260 PS#96. 11 st rFr, 24 tkl, 6.5 tfl. Martez Wilson **PS#7LB. 99** Jerry Brown (6-4 262 rFr) PS#78. Scout MVP. **97** Clay Nurse (6-3 235 rFr) PS#254.

SLB 40 ANTONIO STEELE SR. 6-2 210 PS#173JC. 4.55 spd. 12 starts in '06, 85 tkl, 5 tfl. **51 Anthony Thornhill** (6-1 220 Sr) PS#93. 13 st, 103 tkl, 6 tfl 3Y. **53** Dustin Jefferson (6-0 230 rFr) PS#67.

MLB 47 J LEMAN SR. 6-2 240 16 st '04-'05, 123 tkl. 12 st LY, **1st Tm B10, 152 tkl, 19 tfl. 43** Sam Carson (6-1 245 Jr) **PS#23.** 2 st, 20 tkl '05. Inj LY. **54** Rahkeem Smith (6-1 220 So) PS#104.

WLB 44 BRIT MILLER JR. 6-1 245 PS#124. 5 st true, 46 tkl, 5 tfl. 11 st LY, 43 tkl, 2 int, 4.5 tfl. **45** Rodney Pittman (6-2 235 Jr) PS#155. 11 tkl 2Y. Conor Gillen (6-2 225 So) PS#129.

CB 1 VONTAE DAVIS SO. 6-0 185 **PS#50.** 4.4 spd. 11 st true, 52 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. Chris Duvalt (5-11 170 So) PS#162. 4.38 spd. 2 tkl true. Drew McMahon (5-10 175 Sr) PS#460.

CB 31 Travon Bellamy So. 6-0 195 PS#146. 4.4 speed. 1 st, 15 tkl, 2 int true. **27** Antonio Gully (6-1 180 rFr) PS#77. Marcus Thomas (5-11 160 Fr) PS#85. Erique Robertson (5-10 210 Fr) In spg.

SS 32 JUSTIN HARRISON SR. 5-11 215 PS#135. 7 st FS true, 79 tkl. 5 st '05, 63 tkl. 12 st SS LY, 63 tkl. **25** Justin Sanders (6-1 205 Sr) PS#110JC. 2 st, 19 tkl LY. Garrett Edwards (6-2 205 rFr) PS#93.

FS 42 KEVIN MITCHELL SR. 6-0 200 PS#95. 11 st SS '05, 78 tkl, 5 tfl. 10 st FS LY, 79 tkl, 2 int. **20** Bo Flowers PS#31QB '02, baseball 4 years, 23 years old. Nate Bussey PS#46QB.

P 37 KYLE YELTON SO. 6-0 180 PS#54. 42.0 HS. 49 punt as true, 37.4 avg, team net 29.4. Jared Bosch (6-1 185 So) 8 punts, 35.1 avg true. Anthony Santella (6-2 185 rFr) 44.0 HS senior.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Arrelious Benn 6-2 210 PS#1
DL	Martez Wilson 6-4 230 PS#7LB
DL	D'Angelo McCray 6-4 290 PS#8
DL	Josh Brent 6-3 300 PS#25
QB	Phil Haig 6-3 185 PS#31
DB	Bo Flowers 6-2 225 PS#31QB in '02
WR	Anthony Morris 6-3 200 PS#45
OL	Jack Cornell 6-5 295 PS#62
DB	Nate Bussey 6-2 205 PS#46QB
DB	Marcus Thomas 5-11 160 PS#85
OL	Craig Wilson 6-5 310 PS#82 '06
RB	Troy Pollard 5-8 180 PS#66
DL	Stephen Matas 6-5 270 PS#102
DB	Brian Gamble 6-0 185 PS#107
RB	Daniel Dufrene 5-11 200 PS#207JC
OL	Mike Garrity 6-6 265 PS#126
DL	Daryle Ballew 6-3 285 PS#131
DB	Darius Purcell 5-10 210 PS#140
OL	Mark Jackson 6-6 315 PS#181
LB	Ian Thomas 6-2 220 PS#143
RB	Deries Hodge 6-0 215 PS#145
LB	Erique Robertson 5-10 210 PS#191

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#33

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	† Missouri *(St Louis)*	A					
Sep. 8	Western Illinois	A					
Sep. 15	at Syracuse	A					
Sep. 22	at Indiana	A					
Sep. 29	Penn St	A					
Oct. 6	Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 13	at Iowa	G					
Oct. 20	Michigan	A					
Oct. 27	Ball St (HC)	A					
Nov. 3	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 10	at Ohio St	G					
Nov. 17	Northwestern	A					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jack Trudeau 8,725 '81-'85	1. Robert Holcombe 4,105 '94-'97	1. David Williams 3,392 '83-'85
2. Kurt Kittner 8,722 '98-'01	2. Antoineo Harris 2,985 '99-'02	2. Brandon Lloyd 2,583 '99-'02
3. Jason Verduzco 7,532 '89-'92	3. Thomas Rooks 2,887 '82-'85	3. Walter Young 2,382 '98-'02

Fighting Illini are 6-2 in season openers with both losses vs Missouri in St Louis. Illinois has lost 7 in a row in the state of Missouri in this series with their last win in '76.

This is the first meeting & these schools are located 160 miles apart. W Illinois was 5-6 LY & is 0-8 vs BCS schools including 0-2 vs Wisconsin in their only B10 matchups.

Illinois is 9-2 all-time vs the Orange despite last year's 31-21 setback. QB Williams was 9 of 16 for 227 w/his 1st 2 career TD's. Illini are 4-9-1 in school history in domes.

Illinois is 1-15 in their last 16 Big Ten road games. Home team has won 4 of 5. The Fighting Illini have lost their last 13 Big 10 Conf openers by an avg 19 ppg.

Illini are just 2-12 all-time vs Penn St & is just 1-9 in conference home openers. Illinois had the FD (19-10) & yd (358-184) edges LY but allowed 2 def/ST's TD's.

The Fighting Illini are 2-9-1 the last 12 vs Wisconsin including just 1-5 at home. Coming into the 2007 season Illinois is 1-16 in Big Ten home games.

This has been a series of blowouts as the L/13 matchups have been decided by at least 10 pts with the avg margin of victory being 24 ppg. Illinois has dropped the L/4.

Since '59 Michigan has dominated the series. UI is just 4-38-2 including 5 straight losses. The Illini have defeated the Wolverines at home just once since 1957 (in 1983).

This is the 1st ever meeting between these 2 schools. The Fighting Illini are 10-3 vs current MAC members. Illinois is 3-10 on Homecoming, including 4 straight losses.

Illinois has lost the L/4 contests inside the Metrodome with the last win coming in 1994. The Illini have also dropped 6 of 7 overall scoring over 10 pts in just 1 of the L/6 gms.

Coming into the 2007 season Illinois is 1-10 in November games since 2003. Last year Illinois outgained the Buckeyes 233-224 & shutout Ohio St in the 2H.

In the battle for the Sweet Sioux Tomahawk, Illinois was held to a season low 7 FD's LY. The Illini lead the series 51-44-5 but Northwestern has won the last 4.

RON ZOOK (Career 27–33)

3rd Year at Illinois — Zook's Bowl Record: 0-2

Zook's records AT ILLINOIS

4-19	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
3-10	Home	0-8	Vs Top 25
1-9	Away	1-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
1-15	Vs Conference	1-16	Off A Loss

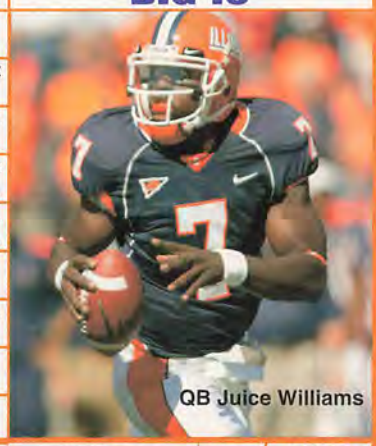
2006 RECORD: (2–10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (20,21,4)
Lost: 14 (10,4,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,445 (#47)

BIG 10


QB Juice Williams

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (69,259) (#30)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	10-1	5-7	1-11	3-8	2-9	2-10	28-52
Home	4-2	6-0	3-3	1-5	3-4	2-4	1-6	20-24
Away	1-4	4-1	2-3	0-5	0-4	0-5	1-4	8-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	2-6	7-1	4-4	0-8	1-7	0-8	1-7	15-41
ATS	4-7	7-4	7-5	1-10	5-5	4-7	5-6	33-44
Home Fav (Ron Turner)	1-3	3-3	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-0 (Ron Zook)	0-4	8-13
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	2-1	0-4	3-1	2-3	2-0	11-9
Away Fav	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-4
Away Dog	0-3	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-3	1-4	3-1	11-16
Favorite	2-4	5-3	2-3	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-5	11-18
Dog	2-3	2-1	5-2	1-8	4-4	3-7	5-1	22-26
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	5-3	0-8	5-3	1-7	5-3	24-32
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-2	1-2	0-2	3-0	0-3	9-12
Off SU Win	3-2	5-4	3-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	0-2	16-10
Off SU Loss	1-4	1-0	4-3	0-9	3-4	1-7	5-4	15-31

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Pierre Thomas	131	767	12	755	5	5.8
Rashard Mendenhall	78	653	13	640	5	8.2
Juice Williams	154	770	194	576	2	3.7
EB Halsey	26	116	3	113	1	4.3
Tim Brasic	22	109	32	77	2	3.5
Derrick McPhearson	10	73	1	72	0	7.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Juice Williams	261	103	39.5	1489	9	9
Tim Brasic	66	35	53.0	346	0	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kyle Hudson	30	403	13.4	3	69
Jacob Willis	16	313	19.6	3	69
Jeff Cumberland	16	232	14.5	1	45
DaJuan Warren	15	186	12.4	0	32
Derrick McPhearson	11	179	16.3	0	52
Rashard Mendenhall	12	164	13.7	1	76
Jody Ellis	8	121	15.1	1	44
Pierre Thomas	12	79	6.6	1	23
Chris James	5	76	15.2	0	47
Frank Lenti	3	68	22.7	1	44

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Yelton	49	1833	37.4	5	29.4(1)	2(t)	6
Jared Bosch	8	281	35.1	0	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Reda	24-24	7-8	5-5	3-6	0-0	15-19	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
J Leman	152	4	15	4	0
Antonio Steele	85	1	4	5	0
Kevin Mitchell	79	1	3	3	2
Justin Harrison	63	0	0	8	1
Alan Ball	62	0	3.5	12	1
Vontae Davis	52	0	2.5	6	1
Brit Miller	43	0	4.5	0	2
Chris Norwell	42	5	7.5	1	0
Josh Norris	39	2	4	1	0
David Lindquist	33	2	3	1	0
Derek Walker	29	5.5	2.5	2	0
Doug Pilcher	24	0	6.5	2	0
Anthony Thornhill	19	0	1.5	0	0
Justin Sanders	19	0.5	0	0	1
Will Davis	18	2	1.5	0	0
Travon Bellamy	15	0	0	2	2
Dere Hicks	14	0	0	0	0
Joe Morgan	9	0	0	0	0
Antonio James	8	0	0	0	0
Russ Weil	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
EB Halsey	23	116	5.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
EB Halsey	13	227	17.5	0
Derrick McPhearson	8	147	18.4	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
91	John Hancock	+6'	UCLA - #22	3-6
92	Holiday	E	Hawaii	17-27
94	Liberty	-7	East Carolina	30-0
99	Micronpc.com	+2'	Virginia	63-21
01	Sugar - #7	+2	LSU - #12	34-47

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Illinois All-Time Bowl Record 6–8

ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	19.6	17	189	5.2	157	42.2	17.6	-15	2006	9	26.8	17	128	3.3	182	55.5	11.6
7	17.0	20	158	4.0	196	59.8	20.9	-11	2005	7	39.5	23	234	5.5	235	67.0	11.9
8*	21.8	20	153	4.2	185	56.8	15.5	-6	2004	5	29.4	22	194	4.6	230	64.1	14.4
6*	16.9	19	111	3.5	230	60.8	20.1	-18	2003	7	33.2	24	224	4.7	202	60.4	12.9
7	28.8	23	164	4.3	282	56.8	15.5	-8	2002	7	25.6	22	190	4.3	230	56.2	16.4
7*	32.5	21	143	3.5	277	54.1	12.9	+4	2001	6	23.8	21	147	3.9	234	50.0	16.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UI 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	E Illinois	24	48-345	7.2	15-21	174	2	16	33-106	3.2	12-22	187	1	-1
–	at Rutgers	7	29-66	2.3	7-21	60	5	18	40-166	4.2	14-25	145	0	0
–	Syracuse	18	31-110	3.5	17-33	288	5	17	44-202	4.6	9-18	167	2	-1
–	Iowa	21	35-121	3.5	12-39	194	3	20	42-154	3.7	17-27	190	1	-3
–	at Michigan St	20	44-252	5.7	10-17	138	0	14	32-82	2.6	17-27	177	5	0
–	Indiana	16	38-209	5.5	11-22	217	1	21	33-149	4.5	20-41	240	2	0
–	Ohio	21	36-211	5.9	16-34	186	2	11	36-124	3.4	9-20	114	0	-4
–	at Penn St	19	42-202	4.8	13-33	156	6	10	24-40	1.7	18-34	144	2	-2
–	at Wisconsin	14	41-121	3.0	13-30	171	2	16	41-99	2.4	15-26	217	1	0
–	Ohio St	13	22-99	4.5	14-35	134	0	17	47-116	2.5	13-23	108	3	0
–	Purdue	18	42-316	7.5	8-29	95	1	24	38-202	5.3	20-42	229	1	-3
–	at Northwestern	7	26-214	8.2	4-18	65	3	25	52-95	1.8	22-30	269	3	-1
TOTALS		198	434-2266	5.2	140-332	1878	30	209	462-1535	3.3	186-335	2187	21	-15
AVERAGES		16.5	36-189	5.2	12-28	157	2.5	17.4	39-128	3.3	16-28	182	1.8	-1.3

2002 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Missouri	-7'	20-33
–	at S Mississippi	+6	20-23
–	Arkansas St	-31'	59-7
–	San Jose St	-23'	35-38
–	Michigan - #14	+7'	28-45
–	at Minnesota	+3'	10-31
–	Purdue	+3'	38-31 OT
–	Indiana	-9	45-14
–	at Penn St - #20	+15'	7-18
–	at Wisconsin	+6	37-20
–	Ohio St - #2	+8'	16-23 OT
–	at Northwestern	-14	31-24

2003 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Missouri	+3'	15-22
–	Illinois St	NL	49-22
–	at UCLA	+10	3-6
–	California	-3	24-31
–	Wisconsin	+2'	20-38
–	at Purdue - #22	+14	10-43
–	Michigan St - #21	+3'	14-49
–	at Michigan - #17	+27'	14-56
–	Minnesota	+15'	10-36
–	at Iowa - #13	+26	10-41
–	at Indiana	-1	14-17
–	Northwestern	+3'	20-37

2004 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Florida A&M	NL	52-13
–	UCLA	+1'	17-35
–	W Michigan	-8'	30-27
–	Purdue - #15	+21'	30-38
–	at Wisconsin - #20	+14'	7-24
–	at Michigan St	+7'	25-38
–	Michigan - #14	+19	19-30
–	at Minnesota	+17'	0-45
–	Iowa - #23	+12'	13-23
–	Indiana	-2	26-22
–	at Northwestern	+12'	21-28 OT

2005 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Rutgers	+2'	33-30 OT
–	San Jose St	-14	40-19
–	at California - #15	+21'	20-35
–	Michigan St - #17	+10	14-61
–	at Iowa	+19'	7-35
–	at Indiana	+7	13-36
–	Penn St - #12	+18'	10-63
–	Wisconsin - #15	+21	24-41
–	at Ohio St - #12	+34'	2-40
–	at Purdue	+23	3-37
–	Northwestern	+15	21-38

2006 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	E Illinois	NL	42-17
–	at Rutgers	+11'	0-33
–	Syracuse	-3	21-31
–	Iowa - #14	+21	7-24
–	at Michigan St	+26	23-20
–	Indiana	-8'	32-34
–	Ohio	-6	17-20
–	at Penn St	+18	12-26
–	at Wisconsin - #17	+21'	24-30
–	Ohio St - #1	+24	10-17
–	Purdue	-3	31-42
–	at Northwestern	-2'	16-27

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Brett Basanez (PS#24) led all frosh in the NCAA with 2,204 (58.5%) and a 7-7 ratio. Basanez had a sophomore slump (53.6% ,4-12 ratio) but ended up as the school's all-time career leading passer. He was #3 in the NCAA in total offense as a senior and the co-Big 10 Off POY. He also topped Steve Schnur's 1995 record for wins as a starter (19). Last year three QB's battled for the job but Basanez's backup, CJ Bachér (PS#35), who had 53 snaps in 5 games as a rFr, was injured in August. He missed the first 7 and Mike Kafka (PS#41) opened the year as the starter. He only started at QB for one year in HS but is big with a strong arm. He led the team in rushing vs Miami (89) and Nevada (111) but injured his leg and rFr Andrew Brewer (PS#44) started the next three. Brewer is the best athlete of the three and he led in rushing vs Penn St (41) and Wisc (80) but completed just 50% with an 0-4 ratio. Bachér finally played vs Purdue. Prior to Mich St, Fitzgerald said that Brewer would likely QB the rest of the year. Surprisingly Bachér started vs the Spartans and hit 14 of his first 20 for 240 yards, leading the team to a 38-3 lead mid-3Q. He hit just 1 of 9 the rest of the game but would start the final 4 improving each week. In the finale vs Illinois he hit 22 of 30 for 269. Bachér completed 59% with a 6-8 ratio and is firmly in control of the opposition despite an offseason injury which caused him to miss most of spring. Brewer moved to WR so Kafka will be the backup. Adding depth is Joe Mauro (6'4" 220 rFr, PS#106). The Cat QB's combined for an 8-17 ratio in 2006 and Bachér should greatly improve upon those numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 Terrell Jordan was the team's leading returning rusher (315, 4.8) but he RS'd last year. Brandon Roberson started the opener but injured his ankle in the 1Q and became NU's version of Wally Pipp. True frosh Tyrell Sutton (2004 HS Mr. Football in Ohio) rushed for 104 in his debut and went on to win Big 10 Frosh of the Year. He broke Greg Boykin's 1972 frosh mark of 625 and also Darnell Autry's mark of 171 in a game (214). After 7 games he had 970 yards, just 30 yards short of becoming the 4th frosh to top 1,000 yards in his first seven games, the others being Marshall Faulk, Emmitt Smith and Adrian Peterson. Sutton finished with 1,474 (4.9) and 16 TD's and was on billboards across Chicago promoting the team last year. Without a passing threat, Sutton was keyed on by opposing defenses and was also de-emphasized a bit in the offense. He avg'd just 12 rush attempts over the first 7 and did not top 100 in a game including a career-low 18 yards vs Wisc. With QB Bachér suppling a pass attack, Sutton was back to his normal self over the final five, rushing for 172 vs Mich St, 168 vs Iowa and 110 vs Illinois and finished at the magical 1,000 yard mark (5.3). Terrell Jordan rushed for 219 (3.3) and Roberson played in just 5 due to injuries (28, 9.3). This year they must replace Jordan but adding depth are Omar Conteh (6'0" 205 Jr, PS#184), Stephen Simmons (5'8" 180 rFr, PS#147) and true frosh Scott Concannon (PS#120). Sutton should return to 2005's form.

RB Tyrell Sutton

RECEIVERS - The Cats had to replace two of their top 3 receivers in 2005 and Shaun Herbert led the team with 79 (10.9). Last year without a veteran QB, Herbert led again but with just 47 (10.5). Kim Thompson who had 8 starts (19, 17.2) in '05 played in just 3 (inj) and had 4 rec. This year they must replace Herbert (12 st), WR Sam Cheatham (4 st, 6 rec) and SB Erryn Cobb (12 st, 2 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Zeke Markshausen (5'11" 180 So), Kevin Mitchell (6'1" 215 So, PS#294QB) and SB Nathan Shanks (5'11" 225 Sr). This is not an overwhelming group but with Thompson returning they have 7 players that have earned starts. While technically two starters are lost from this four man unit, I list them as having 3 returning starters as 8 of the top 9 rec are back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Wildcats had a veteran O-line with 4 VHT starters and I called them the #7 O-line in the country. They opened holes for 4.6 ypc rush and allowed just 12 sacks (2.6%). They had to replace three starters in 2005 but surprisingly the ypc increased to 5.0 and the sacks dropped to 11 (2.1%!). They became just the second offense in Big 10 history to top 500 total ypg. Last year they had to replace 1st Tm AA RT Zach Strief and RG Austin Matthews (9 st '05) who had just one start (3 gm, inj). They did get back 2 year starter C Trevor Rees who was ineligible in 2005 so they basically had four starters returning. They only opened holes for 4.0 ypc, which is their lowest since 1999 (26 sk, 7.8%). This year they must replace Matthews, RG Ryan Keenan (12 st, 2Y st'r) and LG Joe Tripodi (12 st, 2Y st'r). Rees was suspended indefinitely following spring practice but this unit could top 2006's numbers despite being less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Northwestern had a small, young, inexperienced D-line that allowed an amazing 314 ypg rush (5.4) and the D only had 6 sacks on the year. Two years later with a veteran group they only allowed 139 ypg (3.6). An inexperienced group in 2005 yielded 218 ypg (5.2) and had just 12 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters then projected starter David Ngene missed the start of the year. The Cats still showed improvement yielding 158 ypg (4.3) with 23 sacks. DE Corey Wootton, who started 2 as a true frosh before redshirting due to injury, got bigger and stronger and earned HM Big 10 honors. This year the entire 2 deep returns including six with starting experience. While the only VHT's in the group are true frosh, they should be much tougher up front and the starters average 282.5 lbs.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Wildcats had to replace Tim McGarigle who left as the NCAA's leading career tackler with 549 and had more than double the tackles of any other Cat in '05. NU did return 5 of their top 6. Nick Roach broke his ankle in Wk 8 but was still named the team's Def MVP. This year they must replace Roach (8 st, 62 tkl), Demetrius Eaton (11 st, 54 tkl, 2.5 sk) and Campbell Black (5 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Rejaie Johnson (6'2" 240 Jr, PS#195). Four players return with starting experience but with the loss of two top LB's, I'll call this unit down a few notches.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NU was #37 in my pass D rankings in '05 thanks in part to CB Marquice Cole (4.3 spd) who had 5 of the team's 20 int. Last year they had to replace 2 starters as Cole's play slipped to the point that he lost his job to true Fr Sherrick McManis. NU slipped to #59 allowing 61.6% with a 14-11 ratio. This year they lose Cole (9 st, 44 tkl), SS Bryan Heinz (6 tkl) and CB Cory Dious (4 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back including 4 with starting experience. McManis had an appendectomy at the start of '06 but was labeled as "fearless" by Fitzgerald when he got the assignment to cover Ted Ginn Jr. one-on-one as a frosh. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Todd Dockery (5'10" 190 Jr) & James Nussbaum (6'2" 215 rFr). This unit should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Despite the team's recent success (3 consecutive 6+ win seasons from '03-'05), this unit has struggled. NU finished #90, #92, #95 and #110 in my ST rankings from 2002-'05. Last year they only had to replace their P but were just #106. Marquice Cole, who avg'd 27.0 on 8 PR in '05, only avg'd 3.5 and was replaced by Brendan Smith (11.8). Fitzgerald said that true frosh Sherrick McManis was "a big play waiting to happen" and he was the top KR (21.0). Joel Howells hit 8 of 12 FG's (long 43) and P Slade Larscheid avg 37.2 (30.9 net) but was instructed to kick away from dangerous returnmen like Breaston and Ginn. Howells had 14 TB on 45 KO's. This year they lose both specialists along with Cole and Erryn Cobb who had 2 blk'd punts. They do have a VHT in Stefan Demos (PS#9) waiting to step in. He was the first scholarship K recruited by the late Randy Walker at NU. Fitzgerald plays starters on ST and their #1 tackler, LB Roach, was injured on a ST play. There is just one way for the Cats to move in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Last year the Wildcats, as well as the entire football community, suffered an enormous loss when 2000's Big 10 Coach of the Year, Randy Walker, suffered a fatal heart attack over the summer. He was the first coach to lead NU to four 6+ win seasons since CM Hollister (1899-1902). He also guided them to 3 bowls. Walker had actually handpicked his successor, Pat Fitzgerald, who was the Big Ten's Def MVP on the 1995 Rose Bowl team and on the 1996 Big Ten co-champ. He became the youngest coach in the NCAA (by 5 years!) at 31 years old. He also became the first NU HC since John Pont in 1973 to win his first game. His OC is Garrick McGee who was the WR coach in 2004 and 2005. The DC remained Greg Colby who is now in his 6th year in that role and was the DC at Kent St from 1998 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the last 12 years NU has an amazing three Big 10 Titles. In 2000 the Big 10 media selected NU last in the league. I went out on a limb and called them the 4th most improved team in the country and they were an amazing 8-3. In 2001 the media overacted picking them first. I didn't make too many Wildcat fans happy when I pegged them 9th and they fell to 4-7. In 2002, with just 9 starters back, they were 3-9. In 2003 they once again made my most improved list with 15 starters back and they went to their first bowl in 3 years. Despite being 4-4 in league play, they were outgained by 75.7 ypg that season. In 2004 they had 17 starters back and the Cats' O-line and D-line were among the best in the Big 10. They finished 5-3 in conf play including a solid win over Ohio St in which they had a 444-308 yard edge. The Cats finished 6-6 but did not get to a bowl. In 2005 the Cats lost 4 projected starters over the summer (8 back). They still became the first NU team since 1931 to win 6 or more games for 3 consecutive seasons and went bowling again. NU, which is 0-5 in bowls since 1948, led UCLA 22-0 in the 1Q but lost. After going 1-7 in the Big 10 in 2002 including 49 and 52 point losses, they were 14-10 in B10 play from 2003-'05. Last year they had 13 returning starters then suffered the tragic loss of HC Randy Walker over the summer. Under the circumstances, Pat Fitzgerald did a fine job getting the team to 2-6 in the Big 10 and 4-8 overall. After winning their opener vs Walker's alma mater on the road, they stunningly lost to IAA New Hampshire (was ranked #1 in IAA). They were 2-1 when they lost on the road to Nevada. After dropping their first 3 Big 10 games by 26.3 ppg, they led Mich St 38-3 in the 3Q before allowing the NCAA's biggest comeback ever to drop to 2-6. They played their best ball in the last 4 as they trailed #2 ranked Michigan by just 7 in the 3Q (5 TO's). They upset Iowa on the road with a 23-16 FD edge but were done in by TO's vs #1 ranked Ohio St. They beat Illinois in the season finale with a commanding 25-7 FD edge. This year Fitzgerald has experience and an entire spring to work with the team. They also lose Penn St and Wisconsin off their schedule while adding Indiana and Minnesota. The Cats were outgained by a league worst 105.9 ypg in conference play but were also -7 in turnovers, and on offense had an 18.9 ypp (pg 299). They were inexperienced at QB last year and it was not until the end of the season when CJ Bachér returned from injury that he took command of the QB position. With 8 starters back including RB Sutton they will easily top 2006's 16.5 ppg which was nearly half of 2005's output (worst S/'99). They made strides on D last year allowing 7.7 ppg less than 2005 when they had just 3 starters returning. They return 16 of their top 19 tacklers and should continue to improve. I'll call for the Cats to earn their 4th bowl bid in 8 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 18 CJ BACHÉR JR. 6-2 200 **PS#35.** 5 gm rFr, 98 yd. Last 5 st LY (miss 6 inj), 1172 (59%) 6-8, 57 rush. 13 Mike Kafka (6-3 220 So) PS#41. 4 st rFr, 494 (57%), 298 rush.

RB 19 TYRELL SUTTON JR. 5-9 190 **PS#24.** 11 st true, B10 Fr Yr w/1474 (5.9), 44 rec (9.0). 11 st LY, 1000 (5.3), 40 rec (6.5). 11 Brandon Roberson (5-9 200 Sr) PS#85. 214 rush 3Y.

WR 10 ERIC PETERMAN JR. 6-1 200 **PS#46QB.** 12 rec true. 4 st LY. 23 (15.2). 88 Carl Fisher (6-0 200 rFr) **PS#42.** 5 Sidney Stewart (6-1 180 rFr) PS#100. 81 Kevin Frymire (6-1 180 So).

WR 9 ROSS LANE JR. 6-3 190 PS#134. 3 st rFr, 24 (15.8). 9 st LY, 30 (13.4). 87 Tonjua Jones (6-2 185 Sr) 3 st 2Y, 2 rec. 2 Lee Coleman (5-10 175 rFr) PS#357QB.

WR 8 RASHEED WARD JR. 5-11 180 PS#130. 4 st, 29 rec 2Y. 84 **Kim Thompson** (6-4 190 Sr) 15 st 3Y, 34 (15.0). 7 Jeff Yarbrough (5-11 180 Jr) PS#164. 1 st. 18 gm. 5 rec 2Y.

WR 12 Andrew Brewer So. 6-3 210 **PS#44QB.** 3 st rFr, 679 ttl yds. **SB 44** Mark Woodsum (6-0 240 So) PS#275QB. Brendan Mitchell (6-3 250 So) PS#62TE. Josh Rooks PS#30TE.

C 50 TREVOR REES SR. 6-2 280 PS#157. 9 st as true. 12 st at C '04. RS '05. 12 st LY. 63 Keegan Grant (6-2 295 rFr) PS#448. **LS 86** Phil Brunner (6-2 220 Jr) PS#245QB.

RG 52 JOEL BELDING JR. 6-3 300 PS#130. 3 st C rFr. 7 st at RG LY. 60 Ramon Diaz (6-4 295 So) PS#117DL. ACL in '05. 59 Alex Rucks (6-4 305 Jr) PS#117. 2nd string LY.

LG 77 Adam Crum Sr. 6-1 285 2nd string, 4 gm in '05. Last 4 starts at RG LY. 76 Desmond Taylor (6-3 285 So) PS#377DL. 1 st at LT rFr. Moved to LG. 65 Ben Burkett is PS#227.

RT 78 Kurt Mattes So. 6-6 290 **PS#23.** 2nd string as true but RS. 2nd string LY. 86 Mike Boyle (6-7 275 rFr) PS#139TE in '05. 48 pnck, 46 tkl, 5 sk at prep school '05. RS '06.

LT 74 DYLAN THIRY SR. 6-8 315 PS#304. 2nd string rFr. 11 st LT '05. 11 st LT '06. Tallest OL. 68 Tyler Compton (6-5 310 So) PS#296. 2nd string '05 but RS. DNP LY (acad).

K 1 Stefan Demos rFr. 5-10 190 **PS#9.** 13 of 16 FG HS, long 51 w/o a tee. 58 TB on 69 KO. 96 Amado Villarreal (5-10 180 Jr) 1-1 FG rFr. 92 Kyle Daley PS#29. 47 yd FG HS.

DE 99 COREY WOOTTON SO. 6-7 275 PS#238. 2 st true until inj. 12 st rFr, 51 tkl, 4.5 sk, **HM B10. 72** David Ngene (6-3 260 Sr) PS#151OL. 8 st, 2Y, 20 tkl, 4 tfl. Jack DiNardo PS#29TE.

NT 70 JOHN GILL JR. 6-3 290 PS#362OL. 7 st true, 26 tkl, 1 tfl. 11 st LY (4DE, 7DT), 40 tkl, 4 tfl. 67 Marshall Thomas (6-3 265 So) PS#490OL. 3 tkl true. Niko Mafuli PS#58OL.

DT 79 ADAM HAHN SO. 6-4 295 PS#153OL. 8 st rFr, 28 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 92 Keegan Kennedy (6-2 285 Jr) PS#383. 17 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. 71 Tanner Highlen (6-3 290 So) PS#306.

DE 95 KEVIN MIMS JR. 6-3 270 PS#86. 11 st rFr, 41 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 7 st LY, 38 tkl, 2 tfl. 91 Mark Koehn (6-3 265 Sr) PS#147RB. 7 st 2Y, 39 tkl, 4 sk. 98 Corbin Bryant (6-4 275 rFr) PS#157TE.

OLB 31 Mike Dinard Jr. 6-2 235 PS#94RB. 5 tkl true. 3 st, 16 tkl LY. 54 Chris Malleo (6-2 235 Sr) PS#148QB. 1 st, 13 tkl 2Y. 50 Chris Jeske (6-1 230 So) **PS#28.** Inj L/2Y.

MLB 43 ADAM KADELA SR. 6-3 240 PS#81. 12 st '05, 71 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 12 st, 80 tkl, 2 tfl LY. 46 Malcolm Arrington (6-2 235 Jr) PS#91. 15 tkl 2Y. 57 Nate Williams (6-2 230 rFr) PS#104.

OLB 40 Eddie Simpson Sr. 6-1 230 PS#243. 32 tkl '05. Last 4 st last year, 37 tkl, 2 sk. 36 Prince Kwateng (6-2 235 Jr) PS#259. 7 tkl 2Y. 41 Quentin Davie (6-4 215 rFr) PS#73.

CB 24 Sherrick McManis So. 6-1 180 PS#439. 4 st true, 22 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. 16 David Oredugba (6-2 195 Jr) 4 tkl LY. 23 Gerard Hamlett (5-10 190 Jr) PS#203RB. 661 all-purp yds '05.

CB 22 DEANTE BATTLE SR. 5-10 180 PS#98. 7 st '05, 46 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. 12 st LY, 67 tkl, 5 pbu, 5 tfl. 28 Justan Vaughn (6-0 180 rFr) PS#192DL. Tim Downing (5-10 180 Jr). Jordan Mabin PS#55.

SS 39 BRENDAN SMITH JR. 6-1 210 PS#99, **4.38 spd.** 4 st true, 29 tkl. 12 st LY, 68 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. 17 Brad Phillips (6-4 210 So) PS#168. 7 tkl true. 4 Akeem Hunter (6-1 205 Jr) PS#177RB.

FS 27 REGGIE McPHERSON SR. 6-1 200 13 tkl rFr. 4 st '05, 57 tkl, 1 int. 12 st LY, 57 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu. 45 Ben Rothrauff (5-10 195 Sr) 12 tkl 2Y. 47 Chaz Richart (5-9 180 Jr) 6 tkl, 2Y.

P 97 Kyle Daley Jr. 6-0 190 PS#29. 39.0 avg as HS Sr. 48% of KO were TB. 1 Stefan Demos (5-10 190 rFr) **PS#9.** 45.0 avg in HS. 94 Mark Ison (6-0 190 rFr) PS#102.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Jordan Mabin 5-11 175 PS#55
LB	Bryce McNaul 6-4 235 PS#41
DB	David Arnold 6-1 190 PS#65
OL	Niko Mafuli 6-3 305 PS#58
DL	Vincent Browne 6-5 240 PS#73
OL	Colin Armstrong 6-5 275 PS#88
LB	Kevin Watt 6-4 230 PS#93DL
QB	Dan Persa 6-1 205 PS#53
DL	Jack DiNardo 6-4 250 PS#29TE
TE	Josh Rooks 6-6 255 PS#30
WR	Charles Brown 5-11 175 PS#112
DB	Michael Bolden 6-1 185 PS#134
RB	Scott Concannon 5-10 185 PS#120
TE	Cameron Joplin 6-5 250 PS#43
LB	Ben Johnson 6-4 205 PS#182WR
OL	Ben Burkett 6-4 260 PS#227
TE	Drake Dunsmore 6-3 220 PS#73
OL	Al Netter 6-6 260 PS#390
DB	Brian Peters 6-4 205 PS#443

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#73

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	Northeastern	G						Northeastern was 5-6 LY, losing to VT 38-0. LY the Cats lost to the Huskies' conference rival New Hampshire marking their first ever loss to a Div IAA team.
Sep. 8	Nevada	G						LY Nevada beat the Cats 31-21 in the first meeting between the schools thanks to 5 TO's which set up 24 Nevada pts. Northwestern rushed for a season high 246 in LY's meeting.
Sep. 15	Duke	G						This series is tied 7-7 but NU has won 7 of the last 8 including 5 straight with their last meeting coming in 2003. Northwestern is 7-3 the game prior to Ohio St.
Sep. 22	at Ohio St	G						OSU is 31-2 in this series with the Cats' last win in Columbus in 1971 (prior to HC Fitzgerald's birth). Just 2 of the L/27 matchups have been decided by 7 or less pts.
Sep. 29	Michigan	G						Since notching back-to-back wins in '95 & '96 when HC Fitzgerald was playing LB for the Cats, NU is just 1-7. NW was held to -13 yds rushing & 10 FD's last year.
Oct. 6	at Michigan St	G						In 2006 the Spartans rallied for the biggest comeback in NCAA history from a 38-3 3Q deficit to beat the Cats 41-38. NW has won 4 straight after Michigan.
Oct. 13	Minnesota (HC)	G						UM has won the L/3 in this series with NU's last win coming in Evanston in '01. Gophers lead the all-time series 49-28-5. NW has lost 4 straight after facing MSU.
Oct. 19	† E Michigan (Fri) (Detroit)	A						NU won the 1st ever meeting 14-6 LY allowing just 5 FD's & 134 total yds. This is Northwestern's 2nd trip to Ford Field as they lost the Motor City Bowl to BG in 2003.
Oct. 27	at Purdue	G						The Wildcats are only 2-8 in this series. Purdue leads the all-time series 48-25-1. Northwestern was dominated last year as Purdue had 510-251 yd & 28-12 FD edges.
Nov. 3	Iowa	G						Iowa is 25-6 vs Northwestern but those 6 losses have come in the last 10 games including 2 in a row. Last year the Wildcats outgained Iowa 443-264.
Nov. 10	Indiana	G						NU has won 7 of the last 9 in this series & Indy hasn't won in Evanston since 1993. This is the only Big Ten series that NU leads all-time with a 41-33-1 record.
Nov. 17	at Illinois	A						The Cats are 4-10 in Nov road gms. Northwestern has won 4 straight Big 10 finales. Illinois leads the series for the Sweet Sioux Tomahawk 51-44-5 but NU has won the L/4.
Nov. 24								
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Brett Basanez 10,580 '02-'05	1. Damien Anderson 4,485 '98-'01	1. D'Wayne Bates 3,370 '95-'98
2. Len Williams 7,487 '90-'93	2. Darnell Autry 3,793 '94-'96	2. Richard Buchanan 2,474 '87-'90
3. Zak Kustok 5,822 '99-'01	3. Bob Christian 2,643 '87-'90	3. Shaun Herbert 1,926 '03-'06

PAT FITZGERALD (Career 4-8)

2nd Year at Northwestern — Fitzgerald's Bowl Record: 0-0

Fitzgerald's records AT NORTHWESTERN

4-8	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
2-4	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
2-4	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
2-6	Vs Conference	3-5	Off A Loss

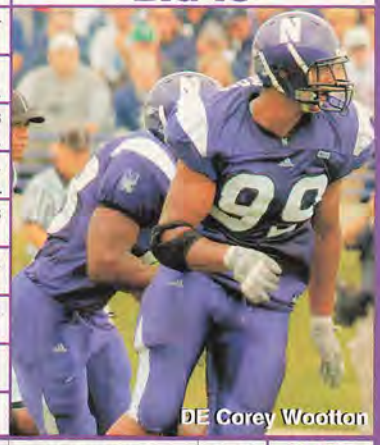
2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,21,1)
Lost: 18 (8,8,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,996 (#80)

BIG 10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STADIUM: RYAN FIELD STADIUM (47,130) (#65)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	4-7	3-9	6-6	6-6	7-4	4-8	38-43
Home	5-1	2-3	2-4	2-4	5-1	4-2	2-4	22-19
Away	3-2	2-4	1-5	4-2	1-5	3-2	2-4	16-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	6-2	2-6	1-7	4-4	5-3	5-3	2-6	25-31
ATS	8-3	3-7-1	6-6	8-4	5-6-1	7-4	5-6	42-36-2
Home Fav (Randy Walker)	4-0	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-1	0-1	6-10
Home Dog	1-1	0-1	3-2	3-3	2-0	3-1	2-2	14-10
Away Fav (Pat Fitzgerald)	0-1	2-1	0-0	3-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	7-3
Away Dog	3-1	1-1-1	3-3	2-1	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	15-13-2
Favorite	4-1	2-5	0-1	3-0	1-4	2-1	1-1	13-13
Dog	4-2	1-2-1	6-5	5-4	4-2-1	5-3	4-5	29-23-2
vs Conf	6-2	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	3-4-1	6-2	4-4	30-24-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-3	3-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	12-12
Off SU Win	4-3	1-3	2-1	3-2	1-4-1	2-4	0-2	13-19-1
Off SU Loss	3-0	1-4-1	4-4	4-2	3-2	4-0	4-4	23-16-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrell Sutton	189	1040	40	1000	5	5.3
Mike Kafka	48	298	35	263	2	5.5
Terrell Jordan	66	254	35	219	4	3.3
Andrew Brewer	72	287	85	202	3	2.8
Brandon Roberson	3	28	0	28	1	9.3
Omar Conteh	6	28	0	28	0	4.7
CJ Bachér	22	57	91	-34	1	-1.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
CJ Bachér	161	95	59.0	1172	6	8
Mike Kafka	96	55	57.3	494	1	5
Andrew Brewer	74	37	50.0	344	0	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Shaun Herbert	47	494	10.5	2	38
Ross Lane	30	401	13.4	2	39
Eric Peterman	23	349	15.2	1	52
Tyrell Sutton	40	261	6.5	2	34
Rasheed Ward	22	212	9.6	0	38
Sam Cheatham	6	72	12.0	0	22
Terrell Jordan	8	68	8.5	1	23
Kim Thompson	4	62	15.5	0	29
Andrew Brewer	1	48	48.0	0	48

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Slade Larscheid	65	2417	37.2	7	30.9	2	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joel Howells	24-25	3-4	4-7	1-1	0-0	8-12	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Adam Kadela	80	0.5	1.5	0	0
Brendan Smith	68	0	1.5	4	3
Deante Battle	67	2	3	5	1
Nick Roach	62	2	2	0	1
Reggie McPherson	57	0.5	0	7	1
Demetrius Eaton	54	2.5	1	2	0
Corey Wootton	51	4.5	4.5	1	2
Marquice Cole	44	1	1	4	2
John Gill	40	2	2	1	0
Kevin Mims	38	0	2	1	0
Eddie Simpson	37	2	1	0	0
Adam Hahn	28	0	3.5	1	0
Sherrick McManis	22	0	0	5	1
Mike Dinard	16	0	0.5	1	0
Mark Koehn	14	2	0.5	0	0
Keegan Kennedy	10	1	0	1	0
Malcolm Arrington	10	0	0	0	0
David Ngene	8	2	1	0	0
Brad Phillips	7	0	0	1	0
Bryan Heinz	6	1	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marquice Cole	8	28	3.5	0
Brendan Smith	4	47	11.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sherrick McManis	28	588	21.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Rose - #3	+3	USC - #17	32-41
96	Citrus - #11	+8'	Tennessee - #9	28-48
00	Alamo - #18	+14'	Nebraska - #9	17-66
03	Motor City	+7	Bowling Green	24-28
05	Sun	+2'	UCLA - #17	38-50

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NORTHWESTERN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	16.5	16	142	4.0	169	56.6	18.9	-7	2006	6	26.2	19	158	4.3	204	61.6	13.9
5*	32.3	27	194	5.0	307	62.5	15.5	+9	2005	3	33.9	25	218	5.2	262	58.1	14.2
8*	24.6	22	172	4.6	237	53.8	16.7	+4	2004	9	28.5	21	139	3.6	252	56.2	13.7
7*	20.2	19	212	4.7	163	53.1	18.6	-2	2003	8	25.1	21	164	4.1	253	61.1	16.6
4	22.7	21	157	4.3	232	57.9	17.2	-6	2002	5	41.1	25	314	5.4	189	60.3	12.2
10*	29.1	25	186	4.1	257	57.3	15.2	-1	2001	6	34.4	25	205	4.4	263	55.4	13.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

NU RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Miami, Oh	16	39-193	4.9	13-17	106	1	13	29-72	2.5	16-26	175	5	0
–	New Hampshire	18	35-187	5.3	19-32	173	1	18	43-123	2.9	18-24	206	1	-3
–	E Michigan	15	44-156	3.5	16-26	110	2	5	28-87	3.1	9-25	47	2	0
–	at Nevada	18	37-246	6.6	9-21	122	1	24	45-156	3.5	17-26	197	4	-4
–	at Penn St	12	28-81	2.9	14-30	157	3	25	48-233	4.9	20-35	295	0	+1
–	at Wisconsin	12	28-122	4.4	10-24	94	2	26	48-307	6.4	16-21	220	1	+2
–	Purdue	12	42-168	4.0	9-15	83	5	28	28-62	2.2	36-52	448	2	0
–	Michigan St	19	35-177	5.1	16-30	263	1	25	28-96	3.4	32-43	340	2	+1
–	at Michigan	10	17-(-13)	-0.8	20-42	204	3	16	46-202	4.4	10-20	116	0	-3
–	at Iowa	23	41-225	5.5	19-29	218	1	16	32-117	3.7	18-27	147	2	+1
–	Ohio St	17	24-68	2.8	21-36	229	3	22	44-231	5.3	14-24	194	1	-3
–	Illinois	25	52-95	1.8	22-30	269	3	7	26-214	8.2	4-18	65	3	+1
TOTALS		197	422-1705	4.0	188-332	2028	26	225	445-1900	4.3	210-341	2450	23	-7
AVERAGES		16.4	35-142	4.0	16-28	169	2.2	18.8	37-158	4.3	18-28	204	1.9	-0.6

2002 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Air Force	+1	3-52
–	TCU	+6	24-48
–	Duke	-6	26-21
–	at Navy	+3	49-40
–	at Michigan St	+24'	24-39
–	Ohio St - #5	+25	16-27
–	at Minnesota	+16'	42-45
–	at Penn St - #20	+25'	0-49
–	Purdue	+13'	13-42
–	Indiana	+2'	41-37
–	at Iowa - #6	+29'	10-62
–	Illinois	+14	24-31

2003 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas	-6	28-20
–	Air Force	+7'	21-22
–	Miami, Oh	+3	14-44
–	at Duke	+3	28-10
–	at Ohio St - #4	+20'	0-20
–	Minnesota - #21	+11'	17-42
–	at Indiana	-3'	37-31 OT
–	Wisconsin - #20	+10	16-7
–	at Purdue - #18	+18	14-34
–	Penn St	+5'	17-7
–	Michigan - #5	+17'	10-41
–	at Illinois	-3'	37-20

2004 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at TCU	+6	45-48 2OT
–	Arizona St	-2	21-30
–	Kansas	-2'	20-17
–	at Minnesota - #19	+14'	17-43
–	Ohio St - #7	+11	33-27 OT
–	Indiana	-11	31-24 2OT
–	at Wisconsin - #6	+12	12-24
–	Purdue - #17	+10	13-10
–	at Penn St	+3'	14-7
–	at Michigan - #9	+14	20-42
–	Illinois	-12'	28-21 OT
–	at Hawaii	-6	41-49

2005 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Ohio	-14'	38-14
–	N Illinois	-2'	38-37
–	at Arizona St - #18	+14'	21-52
–	Penn St	+8	29-34
–	Wisconsin - #14	+6	51-48
–	at Purdue	+7'	34-29
–	at Michigan St - #22	+13'	49-14
#21	Michigan - #25	+2	17-33
–	Iowa	+3	28-27
#25	at Ohio St - #10	+19'	7-48
–	at Illinois	-15	38-21

2006 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Miami, Oh	-6	21-3
–	New Hampshire	NL	17-34
–	E Michigan	-17	14-6
–	at Nevada	+7	21-31
–	at Penn St	+19'	7-33
–	at Wisconsin	+21	9-41
–	Purdue	+7	10-31
–	Michigan St	+8	38-41
–	at Michigan - #2	+29'	3-17
–	at Iowa	+20	21-7
–	Ohio St - #1	+22'	10-54
–	Illinois	+2'	27-16

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 the Spartans had to replace Jeff Smoker who left as MSU's career leader in passing yards. The Spartans tried numerous QB's and Drew Stanton finally took over and became the first Spartan QB since Charlie Baggett ('75) to top 100 yards rushing in a game. He set a school record with 410 yards of total offense vs Minnesota but due to injuries had just 7 starts. In 2005, Stanton was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency after 6 games with an outstanding 15-3 ratio. Unfortunately, over the last 5, Stanton battled a hand injury and had just a 7-9 ratio. He still set a school record for total offense by throwing for 3,077 (66.7%) with a 22-12 ratio (520 yds rush). Stanton was a legitimate Heisman candidate heading into last year and extended his school record streak of 200+ yard passing games to 14 but that ended vs Pitt (198). Stanton suffered through another injury-plagued year with rib, hand and back injuries as well as concussions. The Spartans also unofficially led the NCAA in dropped passes which greatly hurt Stanton's completion % and yardage. His numbers dropped to 1,807 (61%) with a 12-10 ratio and he was #2DC of Detroit. Stanton was injured vs Minny and Brian Hoyer (PS#23) came off the bench and threw 50 passes, the 4th highest total in school history. The next week with Stanton out and in his first road start in front of 108,607 at Penn St, Hoyer set the school record for att's with 61 for 291 yds and no interceptions. He threw for 863 yds (57%) with a 4-3 ratio on the season. Hoyer is the clear-cut starter and has a powerful arm and good presence. Backing him up will be Connor Dixon (PS#61), Clay Charles (6'1" 199 So, PS#312), John Van Dam (6'3" 218 Sr) and Jacob Ball (6'1" 213 rFr). Of course, new coaches like their own recruits so true frosh Nick Foles (PS#33) and Kirk Cousins (PS#179) could immediately enter into the mix. Not much went right for the Spartans last year and if Hoyer stays healthy, he could improve the Spartans' passing stats in 2007.

DE Ervin Baldwin

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 the Spartans had their weakest rush attack in at least 50 years and averaged just 97 ypg (3.2). Thanks in part to Stanton's mobility, in '04 and '05 they improved to 239 (5.7) and 202 (4.9) respectively. True frosh Javon Ringer stepped to the forefront in '05 and led with 817 (6.7) and his 194 vs Illinois was a school frosh rushing record. Good-sized Jehuu Caulcrick (255 lbs, PS#55) had 478 (5.4). Last year HC John L. Smith wanted to rotate Ringer, Caulcrick and rFr AJ Jimmerson (PS#59). Unfortunately Ringer hurt his knee vs Illinois but did return to play in the final 3 (just 59, 2.4 in those). Ringer still led with 497 (5.8) and Caulcrick had 426 (3.9). Jimmerson had a key fumble vs Pitt and was slow to adapt to the blocking schemes and had just 140 (3.8). Adding depth are Brett Kahn (5'9" 173 Sr), Jacob Bishop (5'11" 184 Jr), Brandon Denson (5'11" 211 So), Mike Parrelly (5'7" 199 So) and FB Travis Willard (6'2" 255 So) plus this year's true frosh. Mich St had fifteen 1,000 yard rushers from 1985-2001 but have not had one the last five years. One of the first things Smith did when he came here was to eliminate the FB position and one of the first things HC Dantonio did was to reinstitute it and ex-TE Dwayne Holmes is a load at 275 lbs. With the new offense being more reliant on the run and three capable TB's, I give them a shot at ending that drought.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Spartans had arguably one of their most talented receiving corps in their history but this unit summed up the Smith era. Despite all of their experience and production, the Spartans probably led the NCAA in dropped passes, a problem that plagued the unit for four straight years. Coming into the season Jerramy Scott and basketball player Matt Trannon (PS#16) both had a shot at beating Andre Rison's career receiving record with two games to go. They were tied at 133 but it was Trannon who had 15 grabs in the final 2 to pass Rison while Scott had zero. They have a very talented TE in Kellen Davis (PS#6) but he was susp for 4 as was his backup Eric Andino (PS#39LB). A third TE, Dwayne Holmes (PS#33LB), missed 3 and Smith resorted to moving OL to the position. Kerry Reed (PS#43JC) led with 64 (12.1). This year they lose their top 3 in Reed (11 st), Trannon (9 st, 44 rec) and Scott (7 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR David Williams (5'9" 178 rFr, PS#277) and this year's true frosh. This unit has less talent and experience but should have less dropped passes.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Spartans had a veteran O-line that opened holes for 4.9 ypc rush while allowing 24 sacks. Twelve of those sacks came vs Ohio St when LT Stefon Wheeler was injured. Last year they had to replace three starters and the unit was then hit hard by injuries. Returning starter LT Mike Gyetvai was lost for the season after 6. Pete Clifford was injured at LG and was replaced by Daniel Zynn, who after 2 starts was lost for the season. John Masters had been penciled in as the starting C but was only healthy enough to start the final 3. Only two OL started all 12 at the same spot (9 different OL started). As you would expect, the numbers dropped to 4.0 ypc rush (28 sk). This year they lose C/LG Kyle Cook (12 st, 3Y st'r, HM B10) and Zynn (2 st). Seven are back with starting OL experience and the unit should stay healthier.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Smith's first year the Spartans allowed 3.2 ypc rush but that total moved up to 4.4 in 2004 and 4.6 in 2005. Last year they had to replace three starters but brought in a pair of JUCO's including VHT Ervin Baldwin (PS#26JC) who started all 12 games and tied for the team lead in sacks (4). Projected starting DT David Stanton was bothered by migraines in August and Ogemdi Nwagbuo started the first six. Stanton started the final six. Due to injuries, true frosh John Stipek burned his redshirt with 5 games to go but only had two tackles. The Spartans surprisingly trimmed the ypc allowed to 3.8 (only 16 sk). This year they lose DT Clifton Ryan (12 st, 25 tkl, 4 sk, #5DC STL) and Stanton (6 st, 21 tkl, 7 tfl). Six of the top 8 return. While this is not an overwhelming defensive front, it is more experienced.

LINEBACKERS - John L. Smith ran a 4-2-5 defense and it now switches to a 4-3. I listed the BAN under LB in '06 as SirDarean Adams is 230 lbs and started all 12. The 2006 LB corps had the entire 2 deep returning and all 3 starters started every game in both '05 and '06 so the unit has been blessed with good health. This year they lose LB David Herron Jr (12 st, 79 tkl, 7 tfl) and backups Steve Juarez (20 tkl) and Kiel Beltinck (6 tkl). Four of the top 6 are back. MLB Kaleb Thornhill has proven his toughness playing banged up the last 2 years and switched his jersey to #41 to honor his late father, MSU legend "Mad Dog" Charlie. Despite being a little less experienced, this has the makings of a solid Big 10 LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Spartans were just #84 in my pass D rankings in 2005. Last year they had to replace their #1 tackler (#3DC), a starting CB and a top backup CB. They added in JUCO Nehemiah Warrick who was a terror in the spring but didn't live up to the hype finishing as the #5 tackler (45). FS Greg Cooper moved to CB. Surprisingly, the Spartans dropped to #102 allowing a 32-8 ratio and 231 ypg (58%). This year they lose CB's Demond Williams (12 st, 2 int, 10 pbu) and Cooper (9 st, 2 pbu). Warrick should greatly improve in his second year out of JC and projected starting CB Ross Weaver has great size (6'1" 202) and was impressive in the spring. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Emmanuel Johnson (5'6" 172 rFr), Marcus Hyde (6'0" 202 rFr, PS#345QB), Jesse Johnson (5'10" 185 rFr) and Steve Hyland (6'2" 210 So). Six of the top 8 are back and this group is more experienced overall.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2005, the Spartans' K's hit just 5 of 16 FG's (long 32) and the unit was just #94 in my ST rankings. Last year they got much better production out of true frosh K Brett Swenson who hit 15 of 19 FG's (long 46) with one miss from 50+ (2 of 4 vs PSU). His 15 FG's tied Morton Anderson for the 9th most in a single season. P Brandon Fields had a shot at being the Big 10's all-time career leader in punting average but his career average dropped to 45.0 making him #3 in the Big 10 and #2 in school history (Greg Montgomery, 45.2 in 1985-'87). He did have a net of 37.2. Surprisingly the Spartans only moved up to #67 because of a below avg return game. This year they must replace Fields (#7DC MIA) and top KR Demond Williams (20.3) plus LS Brian Bury. In three years at Cincinnati, Dantonio's units finished just #106, #113 and #82 so moving up in my ST rankings may be difficult.

COACHES - John L. Smith was let go after 4 years here despite having 2 years left on his contract. Penalties were commonplace and the Spartans basically underachieved the last 3 years with very talented squads that managed to have 3 losing seasons partially due to a lack of discipline. They bring in Dantonio who was at Cincinnati and his main strength is discipline. Dantonio previously served on Nick Saban's staff as the Spartans' DB coach from '95-'00. He moved on to become a DC for Ohio St for 3 years including its National Championship season in 2002 before going to UC in 2004. At UC he produced two bowl seasons in 3 years with his team upsetting undefeated Rutgers last year. His OC is Don Treadwell who was the Mich St WR Coach from 2000-'02 and UC's OC the past 3 years. The DC is Pat Narduzzi who was Miami, OH's DC in '03 and has been the Bearcats' DC the last 3 seasons.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In this decade, MSU has been the Big Ten's biggest underachiever. John L. Smith stepped into a great situation when he arrived here in '03 as he inherited 14 starters from the most disappointing team in the NCAA. Teams tend to buy into a new coach's program more quickly when they have early season success and they opened 7-1 vs a soft, early slate. That 2003 squad was +11 in turnovers and finished 8-5 despite being outgained by 14.1 ypg in Big 10 play. Stanton was one of the most talented QB's to ever wear a Spartan uniform but unfortunately suffered an injury-plagued career. Had he been healthy all of 2004, it may have been a different story but the team finished just 5-7. They led Michigan 27-10 with 8:43 left and Ohio St 19-17 with 3:06 left but lost both. Despite a 4-4 record in Big 10 play, they actually outgained foes by a league best 113.4 ypg. In 2005, they had just 73 scholarship players at the end of the season. The Spartans rolled up 594.3 ypg in a 4-0 start and climbed to #11 before back-to-back losses to Michigan and OSU sent them free falling. At Ohio St they had a 17-7 lead until a blocked FG was returned for a TD and they lost despite a 27-13 FD edge. MSU then imploded and finished just 5-6. This time they were 2-6 in the Big 10 but outgained conf foes by 70.2 ypg (3rd best). Last year the Spartans had 13 returning starters including Stanton. They were dominant vs ND leading 37-21 after 3Q's and appeared to be one of the surprise teams in the country with a 4-0 record. Unfortunately they blew the lead vs ND and never recovered, imploding for a 2nd straight season and finishing just 1-7 in Big 10 play. Their only win was the NCAA's biggest comeback and came after trailing Northwestern 38-3. Dantonio comes on board as the 5th HC in 14 years and last season the Spartans were outgained by 90.8 ypg in B10 play. Dantonio inherits 12 returning starters but must replace QB Stanton and their top 3 WR's. The Spartans' offense grossly underperformed last year (25.2 ppg) and could improve despite Dantonio's more conservative style. The D has 6 starters back including 6 of their top 7 tacklers and will benefit from an offense that turns the ball over less frequently and should greatly improve upon the 28.4 ppg allowed. MSU had 4 net close losses (pg 299) but have 5 tough road games vs possible ranked teams. Dantonio in his off-season speeches mentioned Nov 3rd often (much like Tressel mentioned the Michigan game when hired). The schedule sets up for another fast start and tough finish. Their 12 returning starters are the 3rd fewest in the Big 10 and they must learn new schemes but Dantonio's discipline will have this team capable of surprising.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 7 Brian Hoyer Jr. 6-3 212 **PS#23**. Strong arm. MSU rec 61 att's vs PSU in 1 st LY. 13 gm 2Y, 1030 (58%) 6-3 ratio. **10** Conner Dixon (6-4 191 rFr) PS#61. Nick Foles is PS#33.

RB 23 JAVON RINGER JR. 5-9 202 **PS#27**. 817 (6.7) true. 5 st LY (ACL) 497 (5.8). **30** Jehuu Caulcrick (6-0 255 Sr) PS#55. 8 st, 1523 rush (4.9) 3Y. **20** AJ Jimmerson (5-10 202 So) PS#59.

FB 49 Dwayne Holmes Jr. 6-0 275 **PS#33LB**. 4 st TE LY, 6 rec 2Y. Ashton Leggett PS#119. **35** Jeff McPherson (6-1 240 Jr) 9 gm 2Y. **42** Devin Pritchett (6-2 245 Sr).

WR 18 Terry Love Sr. 5-11 173 PS#45. 9 st, 3Y, 67 rec (13.8). **10** Devin Thomas (6-2 214 Jr) PS#87JC. 1 st, 6 rec (15.0) LY. **4** Carl Grimes (5-9 184 Jr) **PS#25**. 6 rec 2Y.

WR 12 TJ Williams So. 6-3 184 PS#108. Fork Union. 6 st true LY, 25 (11.2). **82** Ryan Allison (6-3 205 Jr) **PS#34**. 2 st, 5 rec 2Y. **84** Deon Curry (6-1 199 Jr) PS#45. 1 rec.

TE 80 KELLEN DAVIS SR. 6-6 254 **PS#6**. 3 st '05, 15 (8.1). 6 st LY (susp 4), 12 (10.4). **48** Eric Andino (6-4 246 Sr) **PS#39LB**. 8 tkl '05, 2 rec LY. **83** Charlie Gantt (6-4 240 rFr) PS#32.

C 54 John Masters Sr. 6-4 285 PS#212. 2 gm rFr. 5 gm '05. 9 gm LY, last 3 st. **60** Mike Bacon (6-4 299 Jr). **LS 52** Peter Stevens (6-0 200 Jr). **56** Alex Shackleton (6-2 258 rFr).

RG 73 ROLAND MARTIN JR. 6-5 325 **PS#2**. 7 gm rFr. 12 st RG LY. **65** Joel Nitchman (6-3 295 So) **PS#68**. 2nd string rFr. **72** Jason Diehl (6-3 300 rFr) PS#389. Benches 450.

LG 75 PETE CLIFFORD SR. 6-7 316 PS#406. 2nd string '04-'05. 7 st LY (3LG, 4LT), inj'd 3. **71** Kenny Shane (6-5 325 Sr) PS#54JC. 4 st LG LY. **62** Abre Leggins (6-3 315 rFr) PS#270DL.

RT 79 JESSE MILLER JR. 6-6 307 PS#157. 4 gm rFr. 12 st RT LY. **64** Brendon Moss (6-6 295 So) 1 st TE rFr. **76** Mike Schmeding (6-8 315 So). **69** Ryan Connor (6-2 300 So).

LT 66 MIKE GYETVAI SR. 6-7 307 2nd string rFr. 11 st RT '05. First 6 st LT LY until inj. **57** Rocco Cironi (6-6 300 So) **PS#93**. 2 st, 7 gm LY. **68** Tom Kaczmarek (6-5 316 Jr) 1 st LT '05.

K 14 BRETT SWENSON SO. 5-8 160 PS#32. Hit 15 of 19 FG as true. 4-4 from 40-49, long 46. **15** Todd Boleski (6-6 208 Jr) 22 TB on 69 KO 2Y. **3** Matt Haughey (5-9 176 Jr).

DE 51 ERVIN BALDWIN SR. 6-2 270 **PS#26JC**. 12 st LY, 35 tkl, 4 sk, 2.5 tfl. **96** Patrick Rigan (6-5 244 rFr) PS#96. Ishmyl Johnson (6-5 260 Fr) PS#210. **58** Reggie Graham (6-4 223 So).

DT 99 Ogemdi Nwagbuo Sr. 6-4 290 PS#361JC. First 6 st DT LY, 23 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **88** John Stipek (6-5 276 So) PS#79TE. 2 tkl, burn RS Wk 8. **92** Bobby Jones (6-4 288 Sr) PS#31JC. 3 tkl LY (susp).

DE 97 JUSTIN KERSHAW JR. 6-4 260 PS#158. 4 tkl, 1 sk '05. 8 st DE LY, 26 tkl, 2 tfl. Antonio Jeremiah PS#31. Oren Wilson (6-3 290 Fr) PS#134 LY. **61** Tramonte Pointer (5-10 297 Sr) 1 gm.

DE 94 Jonal Saint-Dic Sr. 6-1 250 PS#119JC. 4 st, 23 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **47** Brandon Long (6-4 245 Jr) PS#97LB. 4.6 speed. 11 tkl 2Y. **89** Colin Neely (6-1 238 rFr) PS#76LB.

WLB 27 SirDAREAN ADAMS SR. 6-0 230 PS#60QB. 11 st '05, 60 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 st LY, 46 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **26** Tom Dance (6-1 216 Jr) PS#174DB. Greg Jones PS#146. **54** Jordan Rancour (6-1 197 rFr).

MLB 41 KALEB THORNHILL SR. 6-1 240 PS#171. 4 st rFr, 32 tkl. 11 st '05, 63 tkl. 12 st LY, 68 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **59** Eric Gordon (6-0 225 rFr) PS#44. **44** Josh Rouse (6-3 230 So). **56** Kyle Smith (6-2 222 Jr).

SLB 45 Andrew Hawken So. 6-2 235 **PS#50**. 10 tkl rFr. **55** Adam Decker (6-2 233 So) PS#142. 10 tkl rFr. **36** Jon Misch (6-2 200 rFr). **42** Rob Tabatchnick (5-11 220 Sr) 22 tkl, 3.5 tfl 3Y.

CB 37 Ross Weaver So. 6-1 202 PS#201. 9 gm true. **31** Ashton Henderson (5-11 183 So) PS#272. 2 tkl true. **22** Enrique Shaw (6-1 185 rFr) PS#200. **32** Mike Cordell (5-9 185 Jr).

CB 38 Kendell Davis-Clark Jr. 5-11 199 PS#63. 3 st LY, 39 tkl. **39** Jeremy Ware (5-10 181 So) S Carolina trans. **2** Diego Oquendo (5-9 177 Jr) PS#305WR. **34** Jelani Nantambu (5-9 188 Jr).

SS 3 NEHEMIAH WARRICK SR. 6-1 200 **PS#117JC**. 10 st (6SS,4BAN) LY (inj 1), 45 tkl, 4.5 spd. Hard hitter. **13** Travis Key (5-10 185 Sr) 1 st, 42 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **14** Cole Malatinsky (6-0 195 Sr).

FS 21 OTIS WILEY JR. 6-2 210 PS#92. 18 tkl true. 12 st LY, 94 tkl, 6.5 tfl, **HM B10**. **40** Roderick Jenrette (6-1 196 So) 5 tkl true. **33** Dan Fortener (6-1 190 So) PS#470WR.

P NA Aaron Bates Fr. 6-0 190 PS#54. 42.4 avg Jr HS. 43.2 avg as Sr in HS. 4 Ed Wagner (6-5 225 rFr). **24** Kevin Hall (6-4 228 Sr). **15** Todd Boleski (6-6 208 Jr) 22 TB on 69 KO 2Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Mark Dell 6-2 185 PS#22
DL	Antonio Jeremiah 6-5 295 PS#31
QB	Nick Foles 6-5 235 PS#33
OL	Chase Dumphord 6-5 320 PS#87
DL	Ryan Wheat 6-5 308 PS#90OL
OL	Arthur Ray Jr. 6-3 294 PS#134
DL	Oren Wilson 6-3 290 PS#134 '06
RB	Ashton Leggett 5-11 220 PS#119
WR	Chris D Rucker 5-10 172 PS#163DB
DB	Chris L Rucker 6-2 185 PS#165
RB	Andre Anderson 5-9 182 PS#139
LB	Greg Jones 6-1 220 PS#146
TE	David Duran 6-5 235 PS#58
OL	Jared McGaha 6-6 275 PS#212
WR	BJ Cunningham 6-2 200 PS#198
DL	Ishmyl Johnson 6-5 260 PS#210
OL	Joel Foreman 6-3 291 PS#270
QB	Kirk Cousins 6-3 181 PS#179
TE	Garrett Celek 6-5 240 PS#95
K	Aaron Bates 6-0 190 PS#54
TE	Kevin Pickelman 6-3 240 PS#404LB

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#20

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	UAB	G					
Sep. 8	Bowling Green	G					
Sep. 15	Pittsburgh	G					
Sep. 22	at Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 29	at Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 6	Northwestern	G					
Oct. 13	Indiana (HC)	G					
Oct. 20	at Ohio St	G					
Oct. 27	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 3	Michigan	G					
Nov. 10	at Purdue	G					
Nov. 17	Penn St	G					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

MSU has won 8 straight home openers by an avg of 18 ppg. This is the 1st ever meeting between these 2 schools. Mich St is 4-1 all-time vs current CUSA schools.

Spartans have won 13 straight gms & are 35-6-2 vs current MAC tms. BG's only appearance in Spartan Stadium was 1981. MSU is 7-3 vs non-conf tms at home.

The Spartans lead the all-time series 5-0-1. Pittsburgh hasn't visited Spartan Stadium since 1958. Javon Ringer rushed for a season high 156 yds vs Pitt LY.

The Spartans have tied an opponent record by winning 5 in a row at Notre Dame Stadium. Since 1949 the winner receives the Megaphone Trophy. MSU led 17-0 & 31-14 LY.

The last time these 2 met in 2004 MSU upset the #4 ranked undefeated Badgers 49-14. MSU is 10-4-1 in Big Ten openers & are 3-1 in their 1st conf road game.

In 2006, the Spartans rallied for the biggest comeback in NCAA history rallying from a 38-3 3Q deficit to beat the Wildcats, 41-38. WR Reed had a career high 9 rec's.

MSU has dominated the Old Brass Spittoon series going 38-12-1 S/'50 & winning 8 of 10. Each of the L/10 games was decided by 7+ pts. MSU is 1-5 prior to Ohio St.

Dantonio was Tressel's defensive coordinator when OSU won the National Title in 2002. As the HC of Cincinnati he went 0-2 vs the Bucks with an avg loss by 26 ppg.

Michigan St is just 1-5 in the 2nd of back-to-back road games. MSU has lost 5 in a row in Iowa City with the last win coming in 1989. The home team has won 7 straight.

The Spartans have lost the Paul Bunyan Trophy 5 times in a row to their instate rivals since the 'Clockgate' last play TD pass from Jeff Smoker to TJ Duckett in 2001.

This series is tied 28-28-3 all-time but since Tiller took over in West Lafayette the Boilers are 7-1 with 5 wins by 7 pts or less. MSU has lost 4 straight after UM (all were vs OSU).

The winner of this game is awarded the Land Grant Trophy. Since PSU joined the Big 10 in '93, the Spartans are 3-11 vs the Lions. Tms have played in season finale S/'94.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jeff Smoker 8,932 '00-'03
2. Drew Stanton 6,524 '03-'06
3. Dave Yarema 5,809 '82-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Lorenzo White 4,887 '84-'87
2. Tico Duckett 4,212 '89-'92
3. Blake Ezor 3,749 '86-'89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Andre Rison 2,992 '85-'88
2. Charles Rogers 2,821 '01-'02
3. Kirk Gibson 2,347 '75-'78

MARK DANTONIO (Career 18-17)

1st Year at Michigan St Dantonio's Bowl Record: 1-0

Dantonio's records AT MICHIGAN ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (26,26,3)
Lost: 18 (8,8,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 70,819 (#21)

BIG 10

RB Javon Ringer

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (75,005) (#20)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	6-5	4-8	8-4	5-7	5-6	4-8	37-44
Home	4-2	4-2	3-5	5-2	4-2	3-3	2-5	25-21
Away	1-4	2-3	1-3	3-2	1-5	2-3	2-3	12-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	2-6	5-3	4-4	2-6	1-7	19-37
ATS	6-5	5-6	2-9-1	6-6	5-7	4-7	3-8-1	31-48-2
Home Fav (Bobby Williams)	3-1	1-4	1-5	2-3	1-1	2-3	1-3	11-20
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	0-1-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	0-2-1	5-8-2
Away Fav (Bobby Williams/Morris Watts)	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-3	1-1	0-2	3-9
Away Dog (John L. Smith)	2-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	12-11
Favorite	3-3	1-5	1-5	3-3	2-4	3-4	1-5	14-29
Dog	3-2	4-1	1-4-1	3-3	3-3	1-3	2-3-1	17-19-2
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	2-6	1-7	21-34-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-3	1-3	0-4	2-1	2-1-1	10-14-1
Off SU Win	2-3	3-2	0-3-1	4-3	2-3	2-3	2-1-1	15-18-2
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-3	1-6	2-2	3-3	1-4	1-6	13-26

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Javon Ringer	86	554	57	497	1	5.8
Drew Stanton	110	599	154	445	5	4.0
Jehuu Caulcrick	108	453	27	426	6	3.9
AJ Jimmerson	37	153	13	140	2	3.8
Brett Kahn	8	36	0	36	1	4.5
Jerramy Scott	14	34	8	26	0	1.9
Brian Hoyer	13	30	66	-36	0	-2.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Drew Stanton	269	164	61.0	1807	12	10
Brian Hoyer	144	82	56.9	863	4	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kerry Reed	64	775	12.1	5	44	
Matt Trannon	44	518	11.8	3	49	
Jerramy Scott	26	339	13.0	0	41	
TJ Williams	25	281	11.2	3	24	
Terry Love	18	234	13.0	0	46	
Kellen Davis	12	125	10.4	1	28	
Jehuu Caulcrick	15	123	8.2	1	18	
Javon Ringer	14	96	6.9	1	26	
Devin Thomas	6	90	15.0	1	38	
AJ Jimmerson	12	63	5.2	2	35	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon Fields	57	2469	43.3	–	37.2	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brett Swenson	33-33	6-6	5-8	4-4	0-1	15-19	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Otis Wiley	94	1	5.5	10	0
David Herron	79	2	5	2	1
Kaleb Thornhill	68	0	2.5	3	1
SirDarean Adams	46	1	5.5	6	2
Nehemiah Warrick	45	0	3.5	3	0
Travis Key	42	1	2.5	3	1
Kendell Davis-Clark	39	0	0	0	0
Demond Williams	36	0	1.5	10	2
Ervin Baldwin	35	4	2.5	1	1
Greg Cooper	31	0	0	2	0
Justin Kershaw	26	0	2	1	0
Clifton Ryan	25	4	2	1	0
Jonal Saint-Dic	23	2	1.5	0	0
Ogemdi Nwagbuo	23	0	1.5	0	0
David Stanton	21	1	6	0	0
Steve Juarez	20	0	0	0	0
Adam Decker	10	0	0	0	0
Andrew Hawken	10	0	0	0	0
Brandon Long	8	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terry Love	18	88	4.9	0
Brandon Denson	1	20	20.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Demond Williams	34	690	20.3	0
Javon Ringer	4	85	21.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
96	Sun	-7'	Stanford	0-38
97	Aloha - #25	+5	Washington - #21	23-51
99	Citrus - #9	+2'	Florida - #10	37-34
01	Silicon Valley	+4'	Fresno St - #20	44-35
03	Alamo	+3	Nebraska - #22	3-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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MICHIGAN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	25.2	18	129	4.0	228	59.5	14.2	-1	2006	6	28.4	19	133	3.8	231	58.0	12.8
8*	33.8	26	202	4.9	295	66.1	14.7	-1	2005	5	28.7	22	165	4.6	245	60.6	14.3
7	29.4	22	239	5.7	222	58.6	15.6	-10	2004	5	27.2	19	172	4.4	209	54.9	14.0
6*	27.9	19	97	3.2	270	61.7	13.2	+11	2003	8	22.5	21	125	3.2	255	54.2	16.9
8*	26.3	21	142	4.0	229	55.2	14.1	-7	2002	7	33.2	21	214	4.7	189	49.4	12.1
6*	31.2	23	155	3.7	293	59.4	14.3	-1	2001	5	25.9	20	181	4.4	206	52.1	14.9

2006 STATS BY GAME

MSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Idaho	19	36 - 175	4.9	16 - 25	225	1	16	36 - 113	3.1	17 - 31	155	2	+1
–	E Michigan	29	40 - 264	6.6	29 - 37	322	1	12	28 - 42	1.5	19 - 31	230	2	-1
–	at Pittsburgh	24	48 - 335	7.0	16 - 25	198	1	22	20 - 81	4.1	28 - 47	277	1	+1
–	Notre Dame	18	43 - 248	5.8	11 - 23	140	3	13	17 - 47	2.8	20 - 36	319	2	-1
–	Illinois	14	32 - 82	2.6	17 - 27	177	5	20	44 - 252	5.7	10 - 17	138	0	0
–	at Michigan	14	26 - 60	2.3	20 - 35	252	1	20	42 - 211	5.0	11 - 17	140	0	-2
–	Ohio St	13	30 - 63	2.1	19 - 30	135	4	20	44 - 182	4.1	16 - 24	239	0	0
–	at Northwestern	25	28 - 96	3.4	32 - 43	340	2	19	35 - 177	5.1	16 - 30	263	1	-1
–	at Indiana	8	26 - 66	2.5	14 - 28	149	1	26	51 - 185	3.6	15 - 26	261	2	+1
–	Purdue	19	35 - 144	4.1	16 - 29	161	1	19	27 - 77	2.9	21 - 30	286	3	0
–	Minnesota	20	28 - 3	0.1	28 - 53	341	5	15	33 - 122	3.7	16 - 29	243	0	-3
–	at Penn St	18	15 - 14	0.9	30 - 62	291	3	22	39 - 105	2.7	17 - 37	220	3	+4
TOTALS		221	387 - 1550	4.0	248 - 417	2731	28	224	416 - 1594	3.8	206 - 355	2771	16	-1
AVERAGES		18.4	32 - 129	4.0	21 - 35	228	2.3	18.7	35 - 133	3.8	17 - 30	231	1.3	-0.1

2002 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre #18 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#18	E Michigan	-37	56-7
#15	Rice	-30	27-10
#15	California	-13'	22-46
–	Notre Dame - #12	-2'	17-21
–	Northwestern	-24'	39-24
–	at Iowa - #17	+5	16-44
–	Minnesota	-4'	7-28
–	Wisconsin	+4	24-42
–	at Michigan - #15	+14'	3-49
–	at Indiana	+1'	56-21
–	Purdue	+3	42-45
–	at Penn St - #15	+21	7-61

2003 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	W Michigan	-13'	26-21
–	Rutgers	-19	44-28
–	Louisiana Tech	-11'	19-20
–	at Notre Dame	+11'	22-16
–	Iowa - #13	+7	20-10
#25	Indiana	-16	31-3
#21	at Illinois	-3'	49-14
#15	at Minnesota - #25	+5'	44-38
#9	Michigan - #11	+3'	20-27
#14	at Ohio St - #7	+6'	23-33
#21	at Wisconsin	+1'	21-56
–	Penn St	-5'	41-10

2004 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Rutgers	-4'	14-19
–	C Michigan	-25	24-7
–	Notre Dame	+3	24-31
–	at Indiana	-3	30-20
–	at Iowa	+7	16-38
–	Illinois	-7'	38-25
–	Minnesota - #19	+9	51-17
–	at Michigan - #12	+11	37-45 3OT
–	Ohio St	+2	19-32
–	Wisconsin - #4	+8	49-14
–	at Penn St	-4	13-37
–	at Hawaii	-6	38-41

2005 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Kent St	-21	49-14
–	Hawaii	-31'	42-14
–	at Notre Dame - #10	+6	44-41 OT
#17	at Illinois	-10	61-14
#11	Michigan	-6	31-34 OT
#16	at Ohio St - #15	+6'	24-35
#22	Northwestern	-13'	14-49
–	Indiana	-17'	46-15
–	at Purdue	-4'	21-28
–	at Minnesota	+6	18-41
–	Penn St - #5	+8'	22-31

2006 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Idaho	-29'	27-17
–	E Michigan	-25'	52-20
–	at Pittsburgh	+3	38-23
–	Notre Dame - #12	+3	37-40
–	Illinois	-26	20-23
–	at Michigan - #6	+15'	13-31
–	Ohio St - #1	+14'	7-38
–	at Northwestern	-8	41-38
–	at Indiana	-7	21-46
–	Purdue	-2'	15-17
–	Minnesota	+1	18-31
–	at Penn St	+17'	13-17

INDIANA HOOSIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 Graeme McFarland (PS#112) was notified the night prior to Minny that he would start and he threw for 152 yards. In 2004 he quit the team and decided to play baseball. McFarland returned as the backup in '05 and hit 10 of 25 for 91 yards. Hoeppner helped develop Ben Roethlisberger at Miami, Oh and did a fine job in 2005 with strong armed Blake Powers (6'4" 224, PS#103). By the 5th game of the '05 season Powers had topped Antwaan Randle-El's record of 17 TD passes and he also set the school record for comp (37) and att (57) vs Iowa. After six games he had thrown for 1,520 yds (253.3 ypg) and 20 TD's. With tougher competition and a banged up WR Hardy, he had just 785 (157 ypg) with 2 TD's in the last 5. True frosh Kellen Lewis was able to RS. All 3 QB's returned last year and much was expected of Powers whose 376 pass att in 2005 were the 2nd most in school history (Steve Bradley 402, 1984). Powers injured his ankle in the opener vs Western Mich and McFarland hit 4 of 7 for 60 yards in his place. McFarland started the next week vs Ball St but then suffered a shoulder injury after just 6 plays and the Lewis era began. He hit 15 of 28 for 228 and guided a late comeback win. Powers got 1 more start in the loss to UConn but when Hoeppner returned he announced that Lewis gave the team its best chance to win. Lewis hit 19 of 25 for 255 in the upset of Iowa and was USA Today's Off POW. He had a streak of 146 passes without an int finally end vs Mich St. He had 5 TD passes vs the Spartans and threw for 290 and rushed for 103 against Purdue. Lewis completed 54.9% with a 14-7 ratio and was the team's leading rusher. Powers hit 52.9% of his passes with a 1-5 ratio and moved to TE in the offseason. McFarland departs so the backups are Ben Chappell (PS#44) who had a solid year with the scout team, Dustin Hass (6'1" 210 Jr), Will Suess (5'11" 175 rFr) and true frosh Teddy Schell (PS#69). Lewis should have a fine soph season.

QB Kellen Lewis

RUNNING BACKS - The Hoosiers had to replace their top 2 RB's last year and the leading returning RB rusher was FB Josiah Sears (103 yd). Sears shifted to TB in the one back offense. Demetrius McCray (PS#222) was the scout team offensive MVP in 2005 and the staff even coined the phrase "You got McCrayed" meaning a defender tried to tackle him and didn't come close. The unit also had former WR Marcus Thigpen, who is on the Hoosier track team and is one of the fastest players in the Big 10. Thigpen had an amazing year with returns but was injured and missed the 2H of three different games. He still led all RB's with 387 (3.9) and had 18 rec. McCray added 320 (3.6) and Sears, who was the leading rusher early on, finished with 232 (5.8). This year all 3 return along with Bryan Payton (5'9" 208 So) and Trea Burgess (6'1" 200 rFr). I look for more production from the Hoosier RB corps.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Courtney Roby (#3DC TEN) became the school's all-time career leader in receiving yards. In 2005 the leading returnee was Jahkeen Gilmore (23, 13.4) who was banged up to start the season. Former basketball player James Hardy (6'7") was the star and had an amazing 46 rec for 744 yards in the first six (#2 NCAA, 124 ypg). Unfortunately he was injured and had just 15 rec in the final five. He did break Ernie Jones' 1987 mark of 5 straight games with a TD rec (6). Both he and Gilmore ret'd last year but Hardy was out of sync early on and suspended for 2. He finished last season strong with 3 TD's vs Iowa then a school record 4 TD's vs Mich St. In the season finale vs rival Purdue he had 9 rec for 151 yards and led the team with 51 (14.2). Soph James Bailey had 40 (10.0), rFr Nick Polk 32 (10.2) and Gilmore 28 (15.0). A couple of frosh played in Ray Fisher (24, 9.0) and Andrew Means (20, 13.1). Hardy turned down a shot at the NFL so the only losses are Gillmore (11 st), Ryan Skelton (0 rec), TE Matt O'Neal (3 st) and Lance Bennett (1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE's Brad Martin (6'4" 230 rFr, PS#92), Troy Wagner (6'5" 238 So, PS#152), Ty Harangody (6'1" 239 So, PS#69) and WR's Jake Kocal (5'10" 182 So), Collin Taylor (6'0" 178 So) and Jordan Canada (6'0" 204 rFr). QB Powers has moved into the TE spot and with an experienced QB, I look for much improved stats from the Hoosiers' WR's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Despite a veteran offensive front in 2004, the OL only paved the way for 3.2 ypc rushing. In 2005 they had 3.5 starters back and improved to 3.4 ypc (6.9% sk). Last year they had to replace two starters. Kyle Thomas, who added 30 lbs after moving over from DE, started the first 6 but was injured and only played in three more. True frosh Pete Saxon took off his RS and started the last 5. True frosh LT Rodger Saffold was lost after 6 starts. NT Charlie Emerson moved to the O-line in mid-August and started 11 (RT) while returning starting C Chris Mangiero had 2 starts at RG. LT Justin Frye moved over to start the last 8 at C. Despite the musical chairs on the OL, Indiana improved to 3.5 ypc rush (6% sk) thanks to Lewis' mobility. This year they do lose Frye (12 st, 4Y st'r), OT Scott Anderson (2 st) and Mangiero (6 st). Hoeppner wanted to build a big, tall, athletic O-line like Iowa's 2002 unit so last year he recruited his "Seven Blocks of Limestone". Two played while the other five could contribute this season. Despite the losses they will not have a converted DL and two true frosh starting like they did last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hoosiers allowed 5.0 ypc rushing in 2004 and 2005. Last year they not only had to replace three starters but they moved returning starter NG Charlie Emerson to the O-line in August. They had zero starters back and played a lot of frosh. TE Brian Faires was moved to DE in August, and started 3. Surprisingly the inexperienced front allowed just 174 ypg (4.6), their best in five years, but the D did record just 14 sacks. This year they lose DE Kenny Kendal (12 st, 30 tkl, 4 sk) but have 7 of the top 8 back. This unit is vastly more experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Hoeppner emphasizes speed over size in the LB corps. Last year was a very inexperienced group as they only had two LB's back with more than 10 tackles in '05 and had a combined six starts. They were expecting JUCO Vernon Smith to step in and start but he never enrolled. Most Big 10 units have 12-14 LB's but Indiana had just 8 last year. This year they lose rFr Josh Bailey (7 st, 40 tkl, 7.5 tfl) who transferred to W Kentucky. Jake Powers (33 tkl, 2.5 tfl) is gone as well as Casey Nowinski (1 tkl). This year three players return with starting experience and five had 12 or more tackles. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jamie Lukaszewski (5'9" 185 rFr) and Kyle Petty (5'11" 190 rFr). This is not an overwhelming Big 10 LB corps but it is much more experienced than 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Indiana finished #84 in my pass D rankings in '04 and in Hoeppner's first year moved up to #61 despite having to replace 2.5 starters. Last year all 4 starters returned but Leslie Majors (4.25 spd) lost his spot to Chris Phillips. Tracy Porter was the team's top cover CB and he held Ted Ginn Jr to 5 rec for 72 yards. They did have an inexperienced front 7 that put little pressure on the opponent's QB and Indiana dropped to #111 in my pass D rankings. This year they lose the top two tacklers on the team in FS Will Meyers (12 st, 78 tkl, 4 tfl) and SS Troy Grosfield (6 st, 63 tkl), as well as 3rd string Eric McClurg (4 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back including five with starting experience and they also moved over WR Nick Polk to FS in the spring. This unit could move up in my rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Hoeppner's ST's finished #16 and #12 in his final two seasons with the RedHawks. He inherited a Hoosiers' ST unit that finished #16 and only had to replace their punter. Poor coverage units and kicking woes hurt the team in 2005 and they plummeted to #115. Last year I said they would be one of the most improved ST units in the NCAA and they moved up to #38. Marcus Thigpen tied a Big 10 record and set a school record with 3 KR TD's in the same year and was #1 in the NCAA in KR's (30.1). Tracy Porter took a reverse handoff from Bennett on a PR in the opener and returned it 86 yards for a TD and avg'd an amazing 18.6 on PR (would have been #1 in NCAA if enough att). After attempting an NCAA low 6 FG's in 2005, new K Austin Starr hit 12 of 15 FG's (long 46) and had 12 TB on 57 KO. Tyson Beattie avg'd 40.5 on punts (34.2 net). This year they must replace Beattie but bring in true frosh Chris Hagerup (44.5 avg as HS Sr). Special teams should be a strength for Indiana once again.

COACHES - In six years at Miami (OH) Terry Hoeppner had six winning seasons and an outstanding 48-25 record. In his final two years he guided the team to two MAC Title games winning one in 2003. He spent 19 years at Miami. His OC is Bill Lynch who was the Hoosiers QB coach from '93-'94 and was the HC at Ball St from 1995-'02. He led them to a MAC Title in 1996 and they were MAC West co-Champs in 2001. When Hoeppner missed 2 games last fall due to surgery, Lynch went 0-2 as the interim HC. Lynch also served as the head man this spring while Hoeppner continued his recovery. Hoeppner has co-DC's Brian George and Joe Palcic. Those two shared the same position at Miami in 2004 and here the last 2 years. Hoeppner had his contract extended to 2011 and is expected to return to the team this fall.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1986-1993 under the tutelage of Bill Mallory, the Hoosiers participated in six bowl games but they have now gone through 12 straight losing seasons and are on their 3rd HC in that span. When Gerry DiNardo took over in 2002, the team suffered heavy attrition due to the coaching change and had just 65 scholarship players and a 3-9 season. In 2003 they were 2-10. In 2004 they lost 3 close games in what could have been a winning season but turned out to be just 3-8 despite 17 returning starters. They did get their first win vs a ranked non-conf team on the road since 1973 when they knocked off Oregon and also beat #24 Minnesota but it came in front of the smallest home crowd in 40 years (22,282). The Hoosiers were outgained in conf play by 119.8 ypg. Terry Hoeppner inherited 13 returning starters from a team that could have been 7-4 and got the team off to its first 3-0 start since 1994. He renamed Memorial Stadium "The Rock" adding emphasis on their home games. They started the season 4-1 but lost their last six games and allowed 40+ points in each of their last five for the first time in school history. The defense had allowed just 355.8 ypg in the first five but 469 ypg over the last six. The Hoosiers were outgained in B10 play by 115.4 ypg (3rd worst) which was actually a better mark than Wisconsin (5-3 in B10). Indiana was -8 in turnovers in 2005. Last year they had a soft non-conf slate but unfortunately lost to two teams they should have beaten at home in S Illinois and Connecticut. Hoeppner had offseason surgery for a brain tumor and unfortunately missed both of those games after another surgery was needed. They turned out to be the crucial reason they missed out on a bowl. They got a 33 yard FG on the final play to beat Illinois and the next week stunned #15 Iowa. After beating Mich St they were 3-2 in the Big 10! Needing just one more win to be bowl eligible, they lost their last three. The Hoosiers continue to have the Big 10's longest bowl drought (1993) and last year's squad had 22 seniors. This year the Hoosiers return 9 starters on offense including WR Hardy who turned down the NFL and exciting QB Lewis. They will easily top last year's 23.1 ppg. The D has 7 starters back. Despite their 3-5 B10 record, they were outgained by 88.8 ypg in conf play (3rd worst). The Hoosiers have a manageable non-conf schedule and avoid both Ohio St and Michigan in Big 10 play so they will flirt with bowl eligibility again.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 15 KELLEN LEWIS SO. 6-1 177 9 st rFr, 2221 (54.9%) 14-7 ratio, 638 rush, 146 pass w/o int. **4** Ben Chappell (6-3 215 rFr) PS#44. Teddy Schell (6-5 210 Fr) PS#69.

RB 2 MARCUS THIGPEN JR. 5-9 182 **4.22 spd.** 11 st WR rFr, 32 rec (13.5). 9 st RB LY, 387 (3.9), 18 rec (10.0). **22 Demetrius McCray** (5-11 189 So) 3 st rFr, 320 (3.6), 8 rec (8.6).

WR 7 RAY FISHER SO. 5-9 167 PS#119. 1 st true, 24 rec (9.0). **8** Nick Polk (6-0 200 So) PS#300. 32 rec (10.2) rFr. Also FS spg. **81** Terrance Turner (6-3 200 rFr) PS#232. GS '05.

WR 82 JAMES HARDY JR. 6-7 216 **2nd Tm B10 '05-'06.** 5 st, 61 rec (14.6) '05. 9 st LY, 51 (14.2) miss 2. **13** Andrew Means (6-0 209 So) 5 st rFr, 20 (13.1). Matt Ernest is PS#66.

WR 6 JAMES BAILEY JR. 6-2 205 PS#183. 2 st rFr, 27 (12.4). 4 st LY, 40 (10.0). **19** Brandon Walker-Roby (5-11 182 Jr) 6 st, 15 (7.9) 2Y. **80** Chris Banks (6-2 179 So) PS#127TE.

TE 14 Blake Powers Sr. 6-4 224 PS#103QB. 13 st QB 3Y, 2789 pass yd (55%) 23-23 ratio. **88** Nick Sexton (6-5 250 Sr) PS#120WR. 2 st TE, 2 rec 2Y. **84** Jeff Sanders (6-4 235 rFr) PS#74.

C 61 Ben Wyss Sr. 6-1 280 PS#270. 7 gm 2Y. **71** Alex Perry (6-7 250 rFr) PS#164. **77** Kenny Love (6-2 290 Jr) PS#113DL. 2nd string LY. **63** Jarrod Smith (6-4 278 rFr) PS#197.

RG 50 JONATHAN SANDBERG SR. 6-2 290 PS#210DL. 13 gm '04-'05. 11 st LY (10RG, 1LG). **67** Cody Faulkner (6-5 306 rFr) **PS#54. 75 Chauncey Incarnato** (6-5 283 Jr) **PS#56. Notre Dame** trans.

LG 64 PETE SAXON SO. 6-6 310 PS#226. 8 gm, L/5 st true. **78** Kyle Thomas (6-4 290 Jr) PS#537DL. 7 st LY (6LG, 1LT) until inj. **69** Sean Edmundson (6-4 287 Jr) PS#127. 3 gm 2Y.

RT 70 CHARLIE EMERSON SR. 6-5 266 PS#255DL. 7 st DL '05, 23 tkl, 3 tfl. Moved OL Aug LY, 11 st RT. Mike Stark (6-7 285 rFr) PS#152. **59** Matt Moses (6-3 290 Jr) PS#194. 1 gm 2Y.

LT 76 RODGER SAFFOLD SO. 6-5 275 PS#396. 6 st LT true until inj. **73** James Brewer (6-8 295 rFr) PS#397. 2nd string as true but RS. **59** Mike Reiter (6-2 287 So) PS#381.

K 18 AUSTIN STARR JR. 6-2 199 10 TB on 40 KO in '05. 12 of 15 FG LY, long 46 (only 40+ att). 28-32 xp. **1** Kevin Trulock (6-0 180 Jr) 1-1 xp. **91** Nick Ford (5-9 170 rFr) 52 yd FG HS.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 57 JAMMIE KIRLEW SO. 6-3 250 PS#44TE. Last 7 st rFr, 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 1 pbu. **97** Keith Burrus (6-2 269 So) PS#257. 2 st here LY, 18 tkl, 2 tfl. **96** Arik Wolf (6-3 238 Jr) Wrestling team.

DT 62 GREG BROWN JR. 6-2 303 4 st as rFr, 17 tkl, 2 sk, 2 tfl. 12 st LY, 42 tkl, 1.5 sk, 4 tfl. **53** Emile Bass (6-3 288 So) PS#480. 8 games, 5 tkl as a rFr. Jeff Boyd is PS#106.

NG 95 JOE KREMER SR. 6-2 295 PS#242. 3 st, 15 tkl, 3.5 tfl '05. 11 st LY, 24 tkl, 1 sk. Kevin Burrus (6-2 295 rFr) PS#267JC. **55** Deonte Mack (6-3 275 rFr) PS#245.

DE 98 Greg Middleton So. 6-3 260 PS#217. 6 tkl, 1 tfl true. **85 Brian Faires** (6-3 257 Sr) **PS#19TE**. TE '05. 3 st DE LY, 5 tkl, 2 sk. **94** Fabiene Boone (6-4 240 So) PS#399.

SLB 56 GENO JOHNSON JR. 6-2 210 2 st as true, 22 tkl, 1 tfl. 12 st '06, 52 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **10** Mandela Roberts (6-0 220 So) PS#310. 12 tkl true, 1 tfl. **49** Isaac Price (6-1 235 Jr) PS#129WR.

MLB 51 ADAM McCLURG SR. 6-0 230 1 st, 21 tkl, 4 tfl in '04-'05. 11 st '06, 58 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **43** Matt Mayberry (6-2 211 So) PS#108RB. 12 tkl true, 1.5 tfl. **35** Ryan Marando (6-2 240 Jr) PS#137.

WLB 34 Will Patterson So. 6-1 222 PS#220DB. 4.6 spd. 5 st as true, 41 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **38** Justin Carrington (6-0 204 So) PS#152RB. 15 yd rFr. Mitchell Evans (6-3 190 Fr) PS#84QB.

CB 28 LESLIE MAJORS SR. 5-9 170 PS#191. 18 st, 120 tkl, 12 pbu 3Y. **16** Chris Phillips (6-0 185 Jr) PS#132. 8 st LY, 24 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **21** Rayshun Calhoun (5-10 197 Jr) PS#169.

CB 9 TRACY PORTER SR. 5-11 181 **2nd Tm B10.** 7 st rFr. 11 st '05. 12 st LY. 129 tkl, 10 int, 20 pbu 3Y. **17** Bruce Hampton (5-10 184 So) PS#152. **12** Aaron Burks (5-11 190 rFr) PS#444.

SS 20 Austin Thomas So. 6-2 210 PS#426. 6 st rFr, #6 w/49 tkl. **24** JT Owens (6-0 185 So) PS#417. 7 tkl. Adrian Burks (6-0 186 rFr) PS#373WR. **26** Brandon Mosley (5-8 195 Jr) PS#129.

FS 33 Joe Kleinsmith Jr. 5-11 190 PS#9K. 3 of 6 FG true. 1 st DB LY, 13 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **8** Nick Polk (6-0 200 So). 32 rec LY. **36** Dan Kinsey (6-3 198 So). **4** Jerry Williams (5-9 210 Jr).

P NA Chris Hagerup Fr. 6-5 205 **PS#52QB**. 1100 pass, 450 rush, 44.5 avg P as senior in HS. **93** Michael Hines (5-11 199 Sr) 1 punt 28 yds in '05. **91** Nick Ford (5-9 170 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Eric Thomas 6-4 250 PS#61
WR	Matt Ernest 6-2 175 PS#66
TE	Max Dedmond 6-5 242 PS#24
K	Chris Hagerup 6-5 205 PS#52QB
LB	Darius Johnson 6-0 220 PS#79RB
DL	Jeff Boyd 6-2 275 PS#106
QB	Teddy Schell 6-5 210 PS#69
DL	Kevin Burrus 6-2 295 PS#267JC
LB	Dane Conwell 6-0 220 PS#107
LB	Mitchell Evans 6-3 190 PS#84QB
LB	Tyler Replogle 6-2 230 PS#123
OL	Dennis Zeigler 6-7 315 PS#199
OL	Andrew McDonald 6-5 281 PS#276
RB	Zach Davis-Walker 5-8 176 PS#228
DL	Fred Jones 6-4 242 PS#234
OL	Josh Hager 6-7 260 PS#421
DB	Jarrell Drane 6-2 178 PS#443
LB	Ian Reeves 6-0 220 PS#445
CB	Chris Adkins 6-1 176 PS#504

INDIANA HOOSIERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#72

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score IU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Indiana St	A					
Sep. 8	at Western Michigan	A					
Sep. 15	Akron	A					
Sep. 22	Illinois	A					
Sep. 29	at Iowa	G					
Oct. 6	Minnesota	A					
Oct. 13	at Michigan St	G					
Oct. 20	Penn St (HC)	A					
Oct. 27	at Wisconsin	A					
Nov. 3	Ball St	A					
Nov. 10	at Northwestern	G					
Nov. 17	Purdue	A					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

Sep. 1: The Hoosiers are 2-0 vs the Sycamores with the last meeting coming in the 2003 home opener. Indiana St plays in the Gateway Conference & finished 1-10 in 2006.

Sep. 8: Indiana makes their first ever trip to Kalamazoo and leads the all-time series 3-0. Hoosiers HC Hoeppner is 3-0 vs the Broncos in his career (2-0 at Miami, Oh).

Sep. 15: This is the first ever meeting between the schools but Indiana has won 17 straight vs MAC teams. Hoeppner is 5-1 all-time vs the Zips, including winning 4 straight.

Sep. 22: Indiana is 1-14 in Big Ten Conference openers losing their last 6. The home team has won 4 of 5. The loser has finished in the conference basement the last 5 years.

Sep. 29: Hoeppner is 1-4 all-time vs Iowa but last year's upset of the #15 Hawkeyes was the program's biggest since 1987. WR Hardy had a career high 3 TD receptions.

Oct. 6: This has been a series of shootouts with the last 6 averaging 71 ppg. The home team is 8-1 in this series. QB Lewis had a career high 396 total yds last year.

Oct. 13: MSU has dominated the Old Brass Spittoon series going 38-12-1 since 1950, winning 8 of the L/10. Indiana's 30 1H pts in 2006 was the 2nd most in school history.

Oct. 20: Penn St is the only Big Ten opponent that Indiana has never defeated as the Hoosiers are 0-10 all-time vs the Nittany Lions. IU has won 3 straight HC games.

Oct. 27: The winner of this game has averaged 45 ppg the last 9. Wisconsin has won 8 out of the last 10 matchups. FB Sears did have a career high 100 yds rushing LY.

Nov. 3: Indiana leads the series 3-0 including LY's dramatic 24-23 comeback (trailed 17-0) behind future starting QB Kellen Lewis. This was his 1st game & he had 316 total yds.

Nov. 10: The Hoosiers are 1-25 the game prior to playing in-state rival Purdue. Indiana has lost 7 of the last 9 in this series & hasn't won in Evanston since '93.

Nov. 17: Under Tiller PU is 9-1 in the battle for the Old Oaken Bucket winning by an avg of 26 ppg. Since '93, IU has won just once in Bloomington (Randle El's last gm in '01).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Antwaan Randle El 7,469 '98-'01	1. Anthony Thompson 5,299 '86-'89	1. Courtney Roby 2,524 '01-'04
2. Steve Bradley 6,579 '83-'85	2. Antwaan Randel El 3,895 '98-'01	2. Ernie Jones 2,361 '84-'87
3. Dave Schnell 5,470 '86-'89	3. Alex Smith 3,492 '94-'96	3. Thomas Lewis 2,324 '91-'93

TERRY HOEPPNER (Career 57–39)

3rd Year at Indiana — Hoeppner's Bowl Record: 1-1

Hoeppner's records AT INDIANA

9-14	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
6-7	Home	1-5	Vs Top 25
3-7	Away	1-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
4-12	Vs Conference	3-9	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (19,21,2)
Lost: 24 (11,11,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,063 (#69)

BIG 10

WR James Hardy

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,180) (#55)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	3-9	2-10	3-8	4-7	5-7	25-55
Home	3-3	3-3	3-3	2-4	2-3	3-3	3-4	19-23
Away	0-5	2-3	0-6	0-6	1-5	1-4	2-3	6-32
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	1-7	1-7	1-7	1-7	3-5	13-43
ATS	3-8	5-6	4-7	3-8	4-7	3-6-1	5-6	27-48-1
Home Fav (Cam Cameron)	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0 (Gerry DiNardo)	2-0	1-1	8-5
Home Dog	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	2-2	8-17
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0 (Terry Hoeppner)	0-0-1	0-1	0-2-1
Away Dog	1-4	2-3	2-3	1-5	2-4	1-3	2-2	11-24
Favorite	1-2	2-1	1-2	0-0	1-0	2-0-1	1-2	8-7-1
Dog	2-6	3-5	3-5	3-8	3-7	1-6	4-4	19-41
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	2-6	3-5	2-6	2-6	4-4	19-37
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-1	0-3	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	8-11-1
Off SU Win	0-3	2-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	1-3	7-15
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-3	3-5	3-5	2-5	1-5	3-3	18-30

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kellen Lewis	124	638	197	441	5	3.6
Marcus Thigpen	98	429	42	387	2	3.9
Demetrius McCray	88	361	41	320	2	3.6
Josiah Sears	40	237	5	232	4	5.8
Bryan Payton	15	43	7	36	0	2.4
Blake Powers	10	15	35	-20	0	-2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kellen Lewis	346	190	54.9	2221	14	7
Blake Powers	70	37	52.9	386	1	5
Graeme McFarland	11	5	45.5	58	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
James Hardy	51	722	14.2	10	48
Jahkeen Gilmore	28	419	15.0	0	55
James Bailey	40	401	10.0	0	38
Nick Polk	32	326	10.2	1	39
Andrew Means	20	263	13.1	1	32
Ray Fisher	24	215	9.0	0	32
Marcus Thigpen	18	180	10.0	2	30
Demetrius McCray	8	69	8.6	2	43
Brandon Walker-Roby	5	40	8.0	0	14
Lance Bennett	1	20	20.0	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tyson Beattie	64	2592	40.5	12	34.2	2	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Austin Starr	28-32	4-6	7-8	1-1	0-0	12-15	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Meyers	78	0	4	4	5
Troy Grosfield	63	0	2	1	1
Tracy Porter	59	0	0	8	4
Adam McClurg	58	1	4.5	1	0
Geno Johnson	52	1	2.5	1	0
Austin Thomas	49	0	0	0	0
Greg Brown	42	1.5	4	0	0
Will Patterson	41	1	3.5	3	1
Josh Bailey	40	1	6.5	3	0
Jake Powers	33	0	2.5	1	0
Leslie Majors	32	0	1.5	2	1
Kenny Kendal	30	4	1.5	0	0
Jammie Kirlew	27	1.5	3.5	1	0
Joe Kremer	24	1	0.5	0	0
Chris Phillips	24	0	1	3	1
Keith Burrus	18	0	2	0	0
Joe Kleinsmith	13	0	3.5	0	0
Matt Mayberry	12	0	1.5	0	0
Mandela Roberts	12	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tracy Porter	12	223	18.6	1
Lance Bennett	6	3	0.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Thigpen	24	723	30.1	3
Jahkeen Gilmore	13	234	18.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
87	Peach	+6'	Tennessee - #17	22-27
88	Liberty	-3	South Carolina	34-10
90	Peach	+9'	Auburn	23-27
91	Copper	+3'	Baylor	24-0
93	Independence - #21	+3	Virginia Tech - #22	20-45

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Indiana's All-Time Bowl Record 3–5

INDIANA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	23.1	19	114	3.5	222	54.0	14.6	-4	2006	6	32.8	19	174	4.6	228	61.6	12.3
4	22.5	20	131	3.4	220	55.3	15.6	-8	2005	9	32.8	21	215	5.0	203	55.1	12.7
10*	23.8	17	136	3.2	186	55.3	13.5	+4	2004	7	31.2	23	197	5.0	256	56.4	14.5
6	14.8	20	155	3.4	167	52.7	21.8	+3	2003	6	32.3	22	193	4.5	237	67.1	13.3
7	21.5	19	117	3.2	252	51.1	17.1	-12	2002	5	37.1	22	235	5.4	194	60.3	11.6
7*	27.7	23	269	5.5	166	51.9	15.7	+7	2001	8	27.1	22	144	3.9	250	62.7	14.5

2006 STATS BY GAME

IU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	W Michigan	20	28-71	2.5	20-35	252	3	19	32-72	2.3	25-34	217	3	+1
–	at Ball St	20	29-147	5.1	16-33	226	0	14	22-41	1.9	21-33	289	1	+1
–	Southern Illinois	23	33-76	2.3	20-40	238	2	20	50-244	4.9	10-19	142	1	-1
–	Connecticut	10	27-0	0.0	20-43	192	3	9	53-257	4.8	5-13	27	4	-1
–	Wisconsin	18	33-167	5.1	13-30	113	3	26	46-209	4.5	18-23	330	0	0
–	at Illinois	21	33-149	4.5	20-41	240	2	16	38-209	5.5	11-22	217	1	0
–	Iowa	22	42-158	3.8	19-25	255	1	27	37-175	4.7	23-40	292	0	0
–	at Ohio St	16	28-7	0.3	20-35	158	4	25	39-270	6.9	17-25	270	0	-1
–	Michigan St	26	51-185	3.6	15-26	261	2	8	26-66	2.5	14-28	149	1	-1
–	at Minnesota	26	37-165	4.5	27-47	335	0	24	25-163	6.5	22-33	378	0	-3
–	Michigan	11	20-26	1.3	16-33	105	5	21	46-208	4.5	12-16	168	2	0
–	at Purdue	20	31-215	6.9	26-42	290	1	22	39-175	4.5	18-32	260	1	+1
TOTALS		233	392-1366	3.5	232-430	2665	26	231	453-2089	4.6	196-318	2739	14	-4
AVERAGES		19.4	33-114	3.5	19-36	222	2.2	19.3	38-174	4.6	16-27	228	1.2	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	William & Mary	NL	25-17
–	at Utah	+14	13-40
–	at Kentucky	+17'	17-27
–	C Michigan	-5'	39-29
–	at Ohio St - #6	+29'	17-45
–	Wisconsin - #23	+11	32-29
–	Iowa - #15	+13	8-24
–	at Illinois	+9	14-45
–	at Northwestern	-2'	37-41
–	Michigan St	-1'	21-56
–	Penn St - #16	+24	25-58
–	at Purdue	+22	10-34

2003 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Connecticut	+6	10-34
–	at Washington - #22	+24'	13-38
–	Indiana St	NL	33-3
–	Kentucky	+8'	17-34
–	at Michigan - #11	+33'	17-31
–	at Michigan St - #25	+16	3-31
–	Northwestern	+3'	31-37 OT
–	Ohio St - #8	+20'	6-35
–	at Minnesota - #24	+28	7-55
–	Illinois	+1	17-14
–	at Penn St	+18'	7-52
–	Purdue - #16	+24'	16-24

2004 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	C Michigan	-10'	41-10
–	at Oregon - #24	+20'	30-24
–	at Kentucky	+2	32-51
–	Michigan St	+3	20-30
–	Michigan - #19	+18	14-35
–	at Northwestern	+11	24-31 2OT
–	at Ohio St	+13'	7-30
–	Minnesota - #24	+17'	30-21
–	at Illinois	+2	22-26
–	Penn St	+3'	18-22
–	at Purdue	+20'	24-63

2005 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at C Michigan	-7	20-13
–	Nicholls St	NL	35-31
–	Kentucky	-1'	38-14
–	at Wisconsin - #17	+17'	24-41
–	Illinois	-7	36-13
–	at Iowa	+16	21-38
–	Ohio St - #14	+15'	10-41
–	at Michigan St	+17'	15-46
–	Minnesota	+13	21-42
–	at Michigan - #21	+25'	14-41
–	Purdue	+11	14-41

2006 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Michigan	-6'	39-20
–	at Ball St	-3'	24-23
–	S Illinois	NL	28-35
–	Connecticut	-1	7-14
–	Wisconsin	+11'	17-52
–	at Illinois	+8'	34-32
–	Iowa - #15	+19'	31-28
–	at Ohio St - #1	+30'	3-44
–	Michigan St	+7	46-21
–	at Minnesota	+5'	26-63
–	Michigan - #2	+19	3-34
–	at Purdue	+12'	19-28

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Bryan Cupito was a strong armed pocket passer and he started 3 years here. In his first season he did well vs non-conf teams but completed just 44% in Big 10 play despite teams stacking 8 men in the box to stuff the run. He was the only full-time B10 starter completing less than 50% (47.1%). In 2005, Cupito injured his shoulder and missed one game but threw for 2,530 (59.3%) with a 19-9 ratio. Cupito had a fine senior season last year throwing for 2,819 (59.6%) with a 22-9 ratio. He owns most of the school's passing records topping Cory Sauter for career passing yards. Thanks to playing in 13 games, he topped Mike Hohensee's 1981 mark of 21 TD passes in a season and he also tied Asad Abdul-Khaliq, the QB he succeeded for career TD passes. Tony Mortensen (PS#79) was the backup QB and coaches said he fared well in closed practices. He did struggle in an August scrimmage and appeared in 3 hitting just 2 of 10 passes with 2 int's. He will have to battle dual threat Adam Weber (PS#47) who has a strong arm, Mike Maciejowski (PS#69), Mike Frankberg (6'0" 190 Sr) and Coach Brewster's son, true frosh Clint (PS#40). Mortensen's main advantage of experience in the system is gone with the new spread offense. Mobility appears to be a key and Weber had 1,519 yards and 28 TD's rushing in his HS career. This unit goes from a veteran 3 year starter to an inexperienced group.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 UM became the first school in NCAA history to have 2 backs each top 1,000 yards for three consecutive seasons. Mason recruited a large number of NFL DC's including Laurence Maroney (#1DC NE in '06). Also topping 1,000 yards was Gary Russell but he was ineligible in '06 so the top returnee was Amir Pinnix who had 467 (6.0) in '05. Pinnix (PS#66DB) got into the coaches' doghouse and was #3 on the depth chart in August. Mason was counting on JUCO Brylee Callender (PS#88JC), but he transferred. They moved LB Alex Daniels to RB who had a fine first game with 155 yards and 3 TD's vs Kent St. Daniels led with 78 vs Cal but saw his playing time decrease. Pinnix led with 173 vs Purdue and took over the starting job. True frosh EJ Jones actually started the opener but suffered an ankle injury vs Kent St and finished the year with just 30 yds (2.1). Jay Thomas (PS#167) was coming off an ACL injury and was an afterthought early. He did emerge down the stretch and led with 79 vs Indiana and was #3 with 225 (6.1). Daniels moved to DE when Thomas emerged. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Terrence Sherrer (5'11" 195 So, PS#150), RJ Buckner (5'11" 190 rFr, PS#268), Ken Thompson (5'9" 180 rFr) plus FB's Judd Smith (6'0" 200 So), Damola Ogundipe (5'7" 175 rFr), and Reid Haviland (5'9" 180 So). Brewster was also very impressed with FB Justin Valentine and says he will be used more in the offense. This year everyone is back making the unit much more experienced. It will be interesting to see if Pinnix can keep UM's streak of eight straight 1,000 yard rushers alive in the new offense.

RECEIVERS - The Gophers had a veteran receiving corps with high expectations heading into last year. Good-sized Ernie Wheelwright (6'5") led in receiving yards with 654 (21.8) in '04 and led with 37 rec's (15.4) in '05. Logan Payne was #2 in '05 with 37 (14.3) and the team returned the most complete TE in the country, Matt Spaeth, who had 26 (12.8) in '05. Spaeth is one of the best blocking TE's in the country and almost led the team with 47 (12.0) last year despite playing with a shoulder that needed surgery for the L/3 regular season games to get his team a bowl-berth. He rightfully took home the John Mackey Award for the nation's top TE. Payne led with 59 (13.6) but Wheelwright, who changed his jersey to #1, disappointed with 26 (16.8). Numerous drops even saw him lose his starting job to Eric Decker (26, 14.5). This year they lose Payne (13 st) and Spaeth (11 st, #3DC PIT) but have everyone else back. Brewster said that the team didn't have enough WR's to run his offense in the spring and suggested they may get some JUCO's over the summer for depth. With the loss of the top two guys, I will call this unit down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Gophers under Mason, much like the NFL Broncos, used cut blocking which weighs heavily on the minds of opposing DL's. In 2004 the O-line paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing allowing a minuscule 9 sacks and 3 OL's earned 1st Tm Big 10 honors. They had 2 starters back in 2005 but still paved the way for 273 ypg rush (5.4) while allowing just 3 sacks, the fewest in the NCAA (less than 1%). Last year they lost Outland Award Winner C Greg Eslinger as well as two other starters. Returning starter Tony Brinkhaus, who moved from RT to C, was hampered with an injury and played in pain. The Gophers rushing production dropped to 154 ypg (4.3), their worst since 1998. The sack total, while still decent, rose to 18 (4.8%). This year they lose LG Tyson Swaggert (13 st), RT Joe Ainslie (13 st) and 3rd string C Brad Bultman (9 snaps). Brewster is very high on rFr Dominic Alford (PS#162). Eight of the top 10 are back but they must learn a new offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Gophers had to replace 1.5 starters and allowed 4.4 ypc while recording just 15 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters, but had 4 back with starting experience. Surprisingly the Gophers trimmed the ypc to 4.2 and increased the sack total to 25. The main reason for the increase in sacks was the emergence of DE Willie VanDeSteeg (2nd Tm Big 10) who was #3 in the Big 10 with 10 sacks. This unit looks like the strength of the defense. The only losses are DE Steve Davis who moves to LB, John Jakel who moved back to OT and DT Eric Clark (1 st, 7 tkl). Alex Daniels, who had 2 starts at TB, moved to DE at the end of last year along with OL Otis Hudsen to add depth and athleticism to the unit. They also add in Tennessee transfer Raymond Henderson (PS#9LB!) as well as Eric Small (JUCO). Not listed in the 3 deep below is William Brody (6'4" 245 Jr). The Gophers look much stronger up front in 2007.

RB Amir Pinnix

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Gophers had to replace one starter and had 3 of the top 6 back as Alex Daniels (PS#34) was moved to RB. Three players returned with 6 or more starts. After being injured in 2005, Mike Sherels stayed healthy and led the team with 104 tackles. John Shelvin (6 gm, 46 tkl) was leading the team in tackles when he suffered a foot injury vs Penn St. He was replaced by Deon Hightower (74 tkl). This year UM losses DLB Mario Reese (10 st, 82 tkl, 6 tfl) but not only have 5 of the top 6 back, they also move in starting DE Steve Davis (23 st, 2Y). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Thomas Hennessey (5'11" 215 So, 141 plays), Michael Hart (6'1" 200 rFr), and Ryan Turry (5'10" 200 rFr). Provided they can stay healthy, this is a very experienced LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UM was #65 in my pass D rankings in '05 and last year had to replace one starter and one backup. CB Trumaine Banks (49 tkl) was lost to a broken arm after 7 starts. Dominic Jones (HM B10) moved from SS to fill his spot and Duran Cooley and Kevin Mannion each started 3 at SS. Jones became the team's top cover CB and held Ted Ginn Jr to 3 rec for 22 yards. FS Dominique Barber (HM B10) made a game changing play vs Michigan St with his int in the EZ. The Gophers finished #85 allowing 62.2% with a 24-17 ratio. This year the only losses are Banks (49 tkl) and Seth Thompson (2 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back including 5 with starting experience as Mannion moved to LB. The Gophers should have their highest finish in my pass D rankings since 1999 (#23).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Early on in his tenure Mason had strong ST units with finishes at #5 in 1999 and #17 in 2000. They were #50 in 2005 with almost everyone back. K Jason Giannini hit 13 of 19 FG's with a long of 49 in '05 but slumped to 7 of 12 (long 41). He has also missed 11 xp's in 2 years. Joel Monroe, who has hit 3 of 4 FG's in 2 years, had 27 TB on 69 KO. P Justin Kucek has had nets of 34.2 and 34.1 as an underclassmen. The most exciting player on the ST was Dominic Jones who led the team in PR (11.5) and KR (24.6). Surprisingly the unit finished just #51 due to the FG struggles. Added to the mix this year is rFr K Eric Ellestad (PS#16). With everyone back, this group should contend for Top 25 ST honors.

COACHES - UM had been in 3 bowls in the 21 years prior to Mason's arrival, but have appeared in 7 over the last 8 years. He was the longest tenured HC in the B10 last season but was fired after their record setting bowl loss. The new HC is Tim Brewster who was the Denver Broncos' TE Coach. He was the captain of Illinois' 1983 Rose Bowl team and coached under Mack Brown from 1989-2001 where he earned a reputation as one of the top recruiters. Brewster has never been a coordinator. He made a terrific hire at OC in Mike Dunbar who did a GREAT job as the OC at Northwestern from 2001-'05 and was Cal's OC last year. The perception is Dunbar runs a pass-oriented offense but it is interesting to note that his Cal Bears last year rushed for 2,116 yards while Minnesota's run-based attack had just 2,007 rush. The new DC is Everett Withers who was the Tennessee Titans' DB coach the last six years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Minnesota went to 7 bowl games in 8 years under Coach Glen Mason but never to a Jan bowl. Their best season was 2003 when they finished 10-3 and #20 in the final polls. Their highest ranking under Mason came in 1999 (#12). Mason's two biggest upsets were in 1999 vs #2 Penn St and in 2000 vs #6 Ohio St. In 2005 the Gophers were just 4-4 in the Big 10 but outgained conf foes by 44.0 ypg (4th best). Last year they had a tough schedule and only returned 12 starters and it looked like a rebuilding year. UM usually benefits from a soft non-conf schedule and the last ranked non-league foe they faced prior to facing #22 Cal on the road last year was in 1996. UM won their other two non-conf games by a 106-0 margin and began the season 2-1. They dropped their next 4 games and at 2-5 things looked bleak as they almost lost to IAA North Dakota St at home, a game in which they were outgained 380-249. After losing to Ohio St they won their last 3 just to become bowl eligible. Their 63 points vs Indiana were their most in a Big 10 game since 1916. They beat Mich St on the road and then Iowa by 10 at home despite being outgained 546-459. In the bowl UM led 38-7 in the 3Q but collapsed and lost in OT, which was enough to push Mason out. All of the asst coaches were fired as well. Mason actually did a solid job getting them to a bowl as they were outgained by 92.3 ypg in Big 10 play (2nd worst). A key to their success was a +18 in turnovers (pg 312). New HC Brewster will inherit a new $248 mill on-campus stadium in 2009. UM ran a power running game under Mason but switches to the spread under Dunbar. They have 6 returning starters but have to replace QB Cupito and two receivers who combined for 106 of the team's 218 completions. The D have 9 starters back. With the coaching change and the Turnovers=Turnaround factor, it will be tough for the Gophers to top last year's 6 win total.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

QB 8 Adam Weber rFr. 6-3 210 PS#47. 4771 pass, 1519 rush in HS career. **17** Tony Mortensen (6-3 230 Jr) PS#79. 1 st, 145 pass (32%), 1-3 ratio 3Y. Mike Maciejowski (6-3 215 Jr) PS#69.

RB 29 AMIR PINNIX SR. 6-0 205 PS#66DB. 604 (5.8) '04-'05. 10 st LY, 1272 (5.0), 16 rec. **25** Jay Thomas (6-0 195 So) PS#167. **20** EJ Jones (5-9 185 So) PS#155. **Andre Taté PS#38.**

WR 82 Marc Cheatham Jr. 6-2 210 PS#161JC. **12** Mike Chambers (6-1 190 So) PS#102DB. 1 st, 19 (12.2) rFr. **FB Justin Valentine** (6-1 230 Sr) PS#75. 8 st 3Y, 274 ttl yd. Tommy Becker PS#36LB.

WR 1 ERNIE WHEELWRIGHT SR. 6-5 215 10 st, 30 (21.8) rFr. 11 st '05, 37 (15.4). 12 st LY 26 (16.8). Tray Herndon PS#240. Andy Metz (6-2 200 So). **13** Michael McKelton (5-10 180 So).

WR 7 Eric Decker So. 6-2 210 PS#119. 2 st rFr, 26 (14.5). Ben Fischer (6-1 180 rFr) PS#162. Ben Kuznia (6-0 190 So). Marcus Sherels (5-11 175 So) . Harold Howell PS#506RB.

TE 80 JACK SIMMONS JR. 6-4 240 PS#17. 9 st LY, 17 (13.5). **86** Troy Reilly (6-6 250 So) PS#74. 1 st, 2 rec rFr. **85** Chris Mensen (6-5 245 So) PS#105. Nick Tow-Arnett (6-4 250 So).

C 77 TONY BRINKHAUS SR. 6-3 295 PS#110DL. 1 st rFr. 12 st RT '05, HM B10. 12 st C LY, 760 plays. **53** DJ Burris (6-2 280 rFr) PS#110. **LS 43** Robert McGarry (6-3 215 Sr) 37 gm 3Y.

RG 66 NEDWARD TAVALE SO. 6-2 305 **PS#73.** 13 st RG rFr, 801 play. **69** John Jakel (6-5 300 Sr) PS#477. 3 st DT LY, 11 tkl. **60** Matt Krueger (6-5 260 So) PS#675. Chris Bunders PS#155.

LG 74 Ryan Ruckdashel So. 6-5 275 PS#83. 2nd string rFr, 11 gm, 75 play. **52** Jeff Tow-Arnett (6-2 275 So). Ryan Orton PS#152. Jimmy Snyder (6-2 265 rFr). Ryan Wynn PS#167.

RT 64 STEVE SHIDELL SR. 6-5 290 PS#125DL. 11 st LT '05, 1013 play. 12 st LT LY. 816 play. **79** Matt DeGeest (6-5 275 Jr) PS#270. 11 plays rFr. 2 st LY (1LG, 1LT), 182 plays.

LT 76 Dominic Alford rFr. 6-3 305 PS#162. 2nd string true but RS. **63** Andy Brinkhaus (6-3 275 rFr) PS#135. **73** Jason Meinke (6-5 255 So) 3 gm rFr. Trey Davis PS#68.

K 31 JASON GIANNINI JR. 5-9 185 PS#47. 13 of 19 FG rFr, long 49, 1 miss 50+. 7 of 12 FG LY, long 41, 2 miss 50+. **36** Joel Monroe (5-11 190 Jr). **37 Eric Ellestad (6-2 170 rFr) PS#16.**

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

DE 91 WILLIE VanDeSTEEG JR. 6-4 255 1 st rFr, 25 tkl, 3 tfl. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm B10**, 40 tkl, 10 sk. **30** Lee Campbell (6-3 220 So) PS#211LB. 11 tkl true. **95** Sean McWhirter (6-3 245 rFr) PS#53.

DT 98 NEEL ALLEN SR. 6-3 285 PS#156OL. 12 tkl, 174 play '04-'05. 12 st LY, 37 tkl, 3 sk. **99** Garrett Brown (6-2 285 So) PS#91. 6 tkl true. **75** Otis Hudson (6-5 310 So) PS#139OL. 3 tkl, 97 play LY.

DT 51 ERIC SMALL SO. 6-2 265 PS#194LB in'05. PS#188JC. #1 DT from day 1 in spg. **70 Todd Meisel** (6-4 275 Sr) 7 st 2Y, 32 tkl, 3 sk. **71** Matt Stommes (6-7 270 So). PS#494.

DE 90 Raymond Henderson So. 6-6 255 **PS#9LB.** Tenn trans. **6 Alex Daniels** (6-3 255 Jr) **PS#34LB.** 14 tkl true. 2 st, 309 rush RB LY. **94** Willie Dyson (6-3 230 So) PS#125. 1st, 3 tkl LY.

SLB 92 STEVE DAVIS JR. 6-2 235 PS#117DL. 10 st true DE, 37 tkl, 6 sk. 13 st DE LY, 48 tkl, 4.5 sk. **44** Deon Hightower (6-3 210 Jr) PS#383. 9 st, 74 tkl '06. Steve Moore (6-2 230 Jr) PS#162.

MLB 58 MIKE SHERELS SR. 6-0 240 7 st '05 (inj). 50 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 440 play. 13 st LY, 104 tkl, 4.5 tkl, 896 play. **32** Nathan Triplett (6-3 240 So) PS#105. **16** John Carlson (6-2 220 Jr) PS#48QB. 2 tkl LY.

WLB 46 JOHN SHEVLIN SR. 6-1 225 PS#130DB. 12 st '05, 74 tkl, 9 tfl, 788 play. 6 st LY (inj) 46 tkl, 5 tfl. **42** Logan U'u (5-10 225 Jr) PS#399JC in spg. **28** Kevin Mannion (6-2 210 Jr) 3 st, 19 tkl LY.

CB 11 Desi Steib Sr. 6-0 185 PS#365. 6 tkl '05. 4 st, 19 tkl LY. **9** Keith Massey (6-1 195 So) PS#74WR. 14 tkl rFr. Ryan Collado PS#159. Kyle Theret PS#222. **17** TJ Wentzel (6-1 195 rFr).

CB 2 DOMINIC JONES JR. 5-8 190 PS#44. **4.28 spd.** 7 st true, 55 tkl. 13 st LY (7SS, 6CB), **HM B10**, 82 tkl, 1004 ret yds. Curtis Thomas (6-1 190 Fr) PS#73. **21** Daron Love (6-1 185 rFr).

SS 23 DOMINIQUE BARBER SR. 6-0 210 PS#84RB. 17 tkl '04-'05. 13 st LY, 74 tkl, 4 int, 4 pbu, **HM B10**, 1009 play. **39** Josh Robertson (5-11 175 Sr) PS#446JC. RS LY. Scott Jilek (5-11 190 rFr).

FS 15 JAMAL HARRIS SR. 6-0 185 4 st CB '04. 12 st '05, 63 tkl, 8 pbu. 9 st LY, 50 tkl, 3 int. **26** Duran Cooley (6-0 205 Sr) PS#297 '03 JC. 4 st LY, 45 tkl. Durrell Clark-James PS#130JC.

P 41 JUSTIN KUCEK JR. 6-0 200 PS#53. 37 punts rFr, 39.4, net 34.2. 56 punts LY, 40.3, net 34.1. Blake Haudan (6-0 200 So) PS#76. 43.7 avg HS. Eric Ellestad PS#16, 42.9 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Andre Taté 6-2 215 PS#38
DL	Anthony Jacobs 6-2 265 PS#60
OL	Trey Davis 6-2 275 PS#68
DB	Curtis Thomas 6-1 190 PS#73
QB	Clint Brewster 6-1 190 PS#40
DB	Durrell Clark-James 6-1 190 PS#130JC
WR	Marc Cheatham 6-2 210 PS#161JC
DL	Eric Small 6-2 265 PS#188JC
TE	Collin McGarry 6-4 230 PS#35
DB	Shane Potter 6-1 195 PS#122
OL	Ryan Orton 6-4 265 PS#152
OL	Chris Bunders 6-3 305 PS#155
OL	Ryan Wynn 6-5 240 PS#167
DB	Ryan Collado 5-9 165 PS#159
LB	Logan U'u 5-10 225 PS#399JC
RB	Duane Bennett 5-9 190 PS#163
DB	Justin Chatman 5-9 165 PS#219
DB	Kyle Theret 5-11 185 PS#222
WR	Tray Herndon 5-10 170 PS#240
WR	Jimmy Thompson 6-1 180 PS#341RB
WR	Harold Howell 5-8 160 PS#506RB

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#46

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	Bowling Green	A				
Sep. 8	Miami, Oh	A				
Sep. 15	at Fla Atlantic *(Miami)*	G				
Sep. 22	Purdue	A				
Sep. 29	Ohio St	A				
Oct. 6	at Indiana	A				
Oct. 13	at Northwestern	G				
Oct. 20	North Dakota St	A				
Oct. 27	at Michigan	A				
Nov. 3	Illinois (HC)	A				
Nov. 10	at Iowa	G				
Nov. 17	Wisconsin	A				
Nov. 24						
Dec. 1						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bryan Cupito 7,446 '03-06	1. Darrell Thompson 4,654 '86-'89	1. Ron Johnson 2,989 '98-'01
2. Cory Sauter 6,834 '94-'97	2. Laurence Maroney 3,933 '03-'05	2. Tutu Atwell 2,640 '94-'97
3. Asad Abdul-Khaliq 6,660 '00-'03	3. Thomas Hamner 3,810 '96-'99	3. Ryan Thelwell 2,232 '94-'96

Minnesota is 24-2-1 vs current MAC tms. UM beat BG 31-7 in '86 in their only meeting. The Gophers have won 12 straight home openers by an average of 44-13.

Minnesota has won 13 straight non-conference home games. These schools have met just once before, a 35-3 Gophers win in the dome in 1988.

Minnesota has won 5 straight & 8 of 9 opening road games. UM is 10-0 vs current SBC tms. The Gophers have also won 9 straight games prior to their Big 10 opener.

Minnesota has dropped 8 of 9 vs Purdue with 4 of the last 6 decided by 7 pts or less including 2 OT's. The Gophers have won 5 of 6 prior to Ohio State.

Since 1969, OSU is 32-2 vs Minnesota with the Gophers' last home win coming in the school's old Memorial Stadium in '81. UM is 4-19 all-time in HG's vs the Bucks.

This has been a high scoring series with the last 6 averaging 71 ppg. Last year the Gophers scored a school record 63 pts vs a conference foe. The home team is 8-1.

Coming into the 2007 season, UM is 3-10 in Big 10 road games. UM has won the L/3 in this series with NU's last win coming in Evanston in '01.

There are more than 12,000 N Dakota St alumni in the Twin Cities area. ND St had a 380-249 yd edge. UM leads the series 6-0 but needed a blk'd FG to preserve LY's 10-9 win.

Since '68 the Gophers are just 3-34 vs the Wolverines but the last time they visited Ann Arbor in 2005 they broke a 16 game series losing streak to claim the Little Brown Jug.

Minnesota has won 6 out of the last 7. Illinois has lost the L/4 contests inside the Metrodome with the last win coming in 1994. HC Brewster is an Illini graduate.

Minnesota is 2-10 in Iowa City (last win in '99) in the battle for the Floyd of Rosedale. The Gophers are 4-16 in November road games since 1995.

These two schools have met more times than any other NCAA rivalry with UM leading the series for Paul Bunyan's Axe 59-49-8, despite going 2-10 the last 12.

TIM BREWSTER (Career 0–0)

1st Year at Minnesota

Brewster's Bowl Record: 0-0

Brewster's records AT MINNESOTA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (6–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (18,23,4)
Lost: 12 (7,5,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,206 (#38)

BIG 10

LB Mike Sherels

STADIUM: HHH METRODOME (64,172) (#39)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	4-7	7-5	9-3	6-5	7-4	6-6	45-35
Home	4-2	4-2	5-2	5-2	5-1	4-2	4-2	31-13
Away	2-3	0-5	2-3	4-1	1-4	3-2	2-4	14-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	4-4	3-5	24-32
ATS	5-6	4-6	4-7	7-5	5-5	7-4	6-5	38-38
Home Fav	2-3	1-0	2-2	3-3	3-2	4-1	3-0	18-11
Home Dog	1-0	2-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-7
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	1-0	4-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	11-5
Away Dog	1-2	1-4	1-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	5-15
Favorite	3-4	1-0	3-2	7-3	4-4	6-2	5-1	29-16
Dog	2-2	3-6	1-5	0-2	1-1	1-2	1-4	9-22
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	2-6	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	23-33
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-0	3-0	2-1	15-5
Off SU Win	2-3	0-2	3-4	5-4	3-2	4-3	2-3	19-21
Off SU Loss	2-3	4-3	1-3	1-1	1-3	2-1	3-2	14-16

Glen Mason

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Amir Pinnix	252	1312	40	1272	10	5.0
Alex Daniels	67	313	4	309	5	4.6
Jay Thomas	37	236	11	225	4	6.1
Terrence Sherrer	21	102	3	99	1	4.7
Logan Payne	11	73	3	70	0	6.4
Justin Valentine	17	42	0	42	4	2.5
Tony Mortensen	4	16	0	16	1	4.0
Bryan Cupito	37	60	129	-69	0	-1.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bryan Cupito	359	214	59.6	2819	22	9
Mike Maciejowski	2	1	50.0	18	0	0
Tony Mortensen	10	2	20.0	15	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Logan Payne	59	804	13.6	9	67
Matt Spaeth	47	564	12.0	4	48
Ernie Wheelwright	26	437	16.8	5	64
Eric Decker	26	378	14.5	3	39
Mike Chambers	19	231	12.2	0	33
Jack Simmons	17	229	13.5	1	38
Amir Pinnix	16	138	8.6	0	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Kucek	56	2257	40.3	8	34.1	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Giannini	38-41	1-1	4-4	2-5	0-2	7-12	41
Joel Monroe	9-9	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-3	32

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Sherels	104	0	4.5	6	3
Mario Reese	82	3	3	0	1
Dominic Jones	82	0	2	3	2
Deon Hightower	74	0	3.5	1	0
Dominique Barber	74	0	1	4	4
Jamal Harris	50	0	0	1	3
Trumaine Banks	49	0	3.5	2	0
Steve Davis	48	4.5	2.5	2	0
John Shevlin	46	1	4	0	1
Duran Cooley	45	0	0	1	1
Willie VanDeSteeg	40	10	4.5	0	0
Neel Allen	37	3	0.5	1	0
Kevin Mannion	19	0	0	2	2
Desi Steib	19	0	0	2	0
Todd Meisel	18	2	0.5	1	0
Keith Massey	14	0	0	1	0
John Jakel	11	0	0.5	0	0
Lee Campbell	11	0	0	0	0
Eric Clark	7	0.5	0	0	0
Brody Grandas	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dominic Jones	19	218	11.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dominic Jones	32	786	24.6	1
Jay Thomas	6	87	14.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Music City	+7'	Arkansas - #25	29-14
03	Sun - #24	-4'	Oregon	31-30
04	Music City	+1	Alabama	20-16
05	Music City	-6'	Virginia	31-34
06	Insight	+7	Texas Tech (OT)	41-44

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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MINNESOTA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	28.9	19	154	4.3	221	58.4	13.0	+18	2006	6	26.0	22	158	4.2	268	62.2	16.4
9*	35.8	24	273	5.4	222	57.3	13.8	-1	2005	7	29.0	21	156	4.4	257	56.8	14.2
7	30.1	20	257	5.4	182	47.6	14.6	+7	2004	7	22.8	21	131	3.7	266	60.1	17.4
7*	38.7	25	289	5.5	205	61.3	12.8	-1	2003	9	21.9	20	123	3.5	218	59.0	15.5
5*	28.9	21	210	4.7	183	52.3	13.6	0	2002	8	24.5	19	177	4.3	179	55.3	14.5
7*	28.0	21	217	5.1	205	54.7	15.1	+2	2001	3	27.2	23	202	4.6	223	59.1	15.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

UM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Kent St	25	55 - 322	5.9	8 - 15	146	0	13	37 - 132	3.6	7 - 13	150	5	+5
–	at California	18	32 - 109	3.4	21 - 33	243	2	31	48 - 231	4.8	22 - 31	300	1	-1
–	Temple	20	45 - 282	6.3	9 - 17	166	0	7	29 - 61	2.1	17 - 30	96	3	+2
–	at Purdue	23	45 - 194	4.3	21 - 35	227	3	21	32 - 178	5.6	18 - 27	243	0	-2
–	Michigan	18	24 - 108	4.5	17 - 34	215	0	23	45 - 234	5.2	17 - 24	284	1	0
–	Penn St	21	34 - 68	2.0	25 - 36	347	3	22	40 - 150	3.8	20 - 35	281	1	0
–	at Wisconsin	12	29 - 106	3.7	13 - 28	94	3	21	44 - 208	4.7	12 - 19	193	2	0
–	North Dakota St	12	30 - 99	3.3	14 - 24	150	2	23	39 - 143	3.7	22 - 37	237	3	+2
–	at Ohio St	10	26 - 47	1.8	15 - 28	135	2	29	46 - 266	5.8	17 - 25	218	1	0
–	Indiana	24	25 - 163	6.5	22 - 33	378	0	26	37 - 165	4.5	27 - 47	335	0	+3
–	at Michigan St	15	33 - 122	3.7	16 - 29	243	0	20	28 - 3	0.1	28 - 53	341	5	+3
–	Iowa	23	42 - 192	4.6	18 - 30	267	1	26	36 - 182	5.1	27 - 38	364	1	+4
–	† Texas Tech	25	47 - 195	4.1	19 - 31	263	2	29	24 - 103	4.3	36 - 55	445	2	+2
TOTALS		246	467 - 2007	4.3	218 - 373	2874	18	291	485 - 2056	4.2	270 - 434	3487	25	+18
AVERAGES		18.9	36 - 154	4.3	17 - 29	221	1.4	22.4	37 - 158	4.2	21 - 33	268	1.9	1.4

2002 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Texas St	NL	42-0
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-13	35-11
–	Toledo	-7	31-21
–	Buffalo	-31	41-17
–	at Purdue	+3	15-28
–	Illinois	-3'	31-10
–	Northwestern	-16'	45-42
–	at Michigan St	+4'	28-7
#23	at Ohio St - #6	+13'	3-34
–	Michigan - #13	+6'	24-41
–	Iowa - #6	+11'	21-45
–	at Wisconsin	+7'	31-49

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
–	Tulsa	-30'	49-10
–	Troy	-24'	48-7
–	at Ohio	-19'	42-20
–	Louisiana-Lft	-35	48-14
#24	at Penn St	-2	20-14
#21	at Northwestern	-11'	42-17
#17	Michigan - #20	+2	35-38
#25	Michigan St - #15	-5'	38-44
#24	at Illinois	-15'	36-10
#24	Indiana	-28	55-7
#19	Wisconsin	-8	37-34
#25	at Iowa - #20	+5'	22-40

2004 RESULTS

UM Pre #25 Rank	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#25	Toledo	-11'	63-21
#22	Illinois St	NL	37-21
#22	at Colorado St	-3'	34-16
#19	Northwestern	-14'	43-17
#18	Penn St	-15	16-7
#13	at Michigan - #14	+3'	24-27
#19	at Michigan St	-9	17-51
–	Illinois	-17'	45-0
#24	at Indiana	-17'	21-30
–	at Wisconsin - #5	+6'	14-38
–	Iowa - #19	-4	27-29

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Tulsa	-17	41-10
–	Colorado St	-13	56-24
–	Florida Atlantic	-30'	46-7
–	Purdue - #11	-3	42-35 2OT
#18	at Penn St	-2'	14-44
–	at Michigan - #21	+7'	23-20
#22	Wisconsin - #23	-3	34-38
–	Ohio St - #12	+3'	31-45
–	at Indiana	-13	42-21
–	Michigan St	-6	41-18
–	at Iowa	+6	28-52

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kent St	-15	44-0
–	at California - #22	+8	17-42
–	Temple	-41'	62-0
–	at Purdue	-3	21-27
–	Michigan - #6	+9'	14-28
–	Penn St	+3	27-28 OT
–	at Wisconsin - #25	+8	12-48
–	North Dakota St	NL	10-9
–	at Ohio St - #1	+27'	0-44
–	Indiana	-5'	63-26
–	at Michigan St	-1	31-18
–	Iowa	-3	34-24

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 BIG 12 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Graham Harrell, Texas Tech	Chase Daniel, Missouri	Colt McCoy, Texas	Stephen McGee, Texas A&M
RB	Jamaal Charles, Texas	DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma	Marlon Lucky, Nebraska	Tony Temple, Missouri
RB	Mike Goodson, Texas A&M	Dantrell Savage, Oklahoma St	Jorvorskie Lane, Texas A&M	Shannon Woods, Texas Tech
WR	Malcolm Kelly, Oklahoma	Maurice Purify, Nebraska	Jordy Nelson, Kansas St	Dusty Sprague, Colorado
WR	Adarius Bowman, Oklahoma St	Danny Amendola, Texas Tech	William Franklin, Missouri	Marcus Henry, Kansas
WR	Limas Sweed, Texas	Todd Blythe, Iowa St	Billy Pittman, Texas	Terrence Nunn, Nebraska
TE	Chase Coffman, Missouri	Martellus Bennett, Texas A&M	Martin Rucker, Missouri	Brandon Pettigrew, Oklahoma St
C	Adam Spieker, Missouri	Cody Wallace, Texas A&M	David Washington, Oklahoma St	Brett Byford, Nebraska
OG	Cedric Dockery, Texas	Matt Slauson, Nebraska	Caleb Handy, Kansas St	Chad Smith, Baylor
OG	George Robinson, Oklahoma	Kirk Elder, Texas A&M	Ofa Mohetau, Texas Tech	Brandon Walker, Oklahoma
OT	Corey Clark, Texas A&M	Lydon Murtha, Nebraska	Yemi Babalola, Texas A&M	Edwin Harrison, Colorado
OT	Tony Hills, Texas	Tyler Luellen, Missouri	Louis Vasquez, Texas Tech	Branndon Braxton, Oklahoma
DE	Ian Campbell, Kansas St	Drew Hudgins, Colorado	Jake Ratliff, Texas Tech	Stryker Sulak, Missouri
DT	Frank Okam, Texas	Red Bryant, Texas A&M	Lorenzo Williams, Missouri	George Hypolite, Colorado
DT	Roy Miller, Texas	James McClinton, Kansas	Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska	Brandon Nicolas, Colorado
DE	Chris Harrington, Texas A&M	Nathan Peterson, Oklahoma St	Brian Orakpo, Texas	Barry Turner, Nebraska
LB	Alvin Bowen, Iowa St	Rodrick Johnson, Oklahoma St	Robert Killebrew, Texas	Chris Collins, Oklahoma St
LB	Rashad Bobino, Texas	Jordon Dizon, Colorado	Mike Rivera, Kansas	Brock Christopher, Missouri
LB	Bo Ruud, Nebraska	Corey McKeon, Nebraska	Joe Pawelek, Baylor	Curtis Lofton, Oklahoma
CB	Aqib Talib, Kansas	Darnell Terrell, Missouri	Cortney Grixby, Nebraska	Martel Van Zant, Oklahoma St
CB	Marcus Walker, Oklahoma	Andre Jones, Nebraska	Lendy Holmes, Oklahoma	Terrence Wheatley, Colorado
S	Reggie Smith, Oklahoma	Andre Sexton, Oklahoma St	Joe Garcia, Texas Tech	Caleb Berg, Iowa St
S	Nic Harris, Oklahoma	Marcus Watts, Kansas St	Tierre Green, Nebraska	Dwain Crawford, Baylor
K	Garrett Hartley, Oklahoma	Jeff Wolfert, Missouri	Jason Ricks, Oklahoma St	Scott Webb, Kansas
P	Justin Brantly, Texas A&M	Dan Titchener, Nebraska	Matthew DiLallo, Colorado	Michael Cohen, Oklahoma
KR	Kerry Franks, Texas A&M	Leon Patton, Kansas St	Perrish Cox, Oklahoma St	Marcus Herford, Kansas
PR	Perrish Cox, Oklahoma St	Terrence Nunn, Nebraska	Danny Amendola, Texas Tech	Reggie Smith, Oklahoma

Kansas St DE Ian Campbell

Oklahoma St DE Nathan Peterson

Big 12 Notes: Last year was not a banner year for the Big 12. Oklahoma could easily have competed for the national title but lost their QB in the off-season and then had 3 losses in games they could have won (actually did beat Oregon). In the bowls the Big 12 went just 3-5 (5-3 in '05) and had ZERO teams in the top 10 and just 2 in the top 25 at the end of the year (4 in '05). They did not defeat a SINGLE team with a winning record in the bowls as all three wins were vs 6-6 teams! Their best non conf win all year was when Kansas beat USF. The Big 12 only had 3 wins vs non conf BCS teams which was the weakest of the BCS schools and was tied with the Mountain West (all wins vs B12 opp). They had a 3-8 mark in non conf BCS play also the weakest of the BCS conferences. The 28 players drafted tied them for 4th best among the leagues. They had a 23-15 record vs IA non conf opp which was the 5th best. (In 2005 they were 31-5) They still have 5 berths in the national title game since it was formed in 1998 which is the most of any league. The Big 12 was formed in 1996 and the lone remaining head coach from that year (Dan McCarney Iowa St) was let go at the end of 2006. 7 of the leagues top 10 QB's return this year.

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 BIG 12 FORECAST

BIG 12 SOUTH

1. Oklahoma - I know I picked the Sooners for #1 in the country last year and they ended up losing 3 games, but they had some amazing bad things going against them. Losing QB Bomar and OL Quinn (both starters) over the summer, having the Oregon game stolen from them by the refs, losing to Texas due to 5 turnovers (they had a 100 yard edge) and then losing to Boise St on trick plays. The Sooners only have three Big 12 road games this year (Col, Iowa St, TTech) and of course the Texas game is at its neutral site. Provided they get decent play from their new QB, they have my #1 D in the Big 12, lose the fewest amount of lettermen (10), are tied for the most returning starters (15), and outgained B12 foes by 98.7 ypg last year which was the best mark in the league.

2. Texas - It's hard to pick Texas 2nd in the South as my ratings have them as the #1 offense and #2 defense in the Big 12 and they could very well be the league's most talented team. They get just 3 home games in conf play but 2 of their road games are vs Iowa St and Baylor so it is not that grueling of a schedule. The only question marks for the entire year is their game vs Oklahoma in Dallas, and their revenge game vs Texas A&M in College Station. The Horns could easily find themselves back in the National Title chase which makes picking them 2nd in the Big 12 South a tough call.

3. Texas A&M - After a 3-5 record in the Big 12 in 2005 the Aggies were 5-3 last year, including their upset win of Texas. A&M outgained Big 12 foes by 50.5 ypg which was 3rd best in the league. Four of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to have a winning season this year despite the fact that they must play Miami Fl, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas Tech on the road and host Texas. This is an A&M team that is a clear-cut contender for the Big 12 South Title which could very well come down to their final game vs Texas (in College Station). The Aggies have a chance at being this year's surprise of the Big 12.

4. Oklahoma St - The Cowboys figure to be a much improved team as they have 15 returning starters (tied for most in Big 12) and that includes their big 3 on offense. QB Reid, RB Savage and WR Bowman will try to have the same amount of success as the triplets (QB Fields, RB Bell, WR Woods) did back in 2003. They have to play A&M, Nebraska and Oklahoma on the road but will finish in the upper half of the Big 12 in both offense and defense and will move up in the Big 12 South standings for a 2nd straight year.

5. Texas Tech - Tech is the only Big 12 member to have 11 straight winning seasons and last year outgained league foes by 95.3 ypg, the 2nd best mark in the conference. Their offense will be explosive as they are guided by their 1st veteran QB in the last 5 years. The D is my main question mark as they have just 5 starters back on that side of the ball. This is a scary pick as Tech gets A&M in Lubbock where they have won 6 straight over the Aggies and have never finished lower than fourth in the Big 12 South in the league's 11 year history. Tech's 10 returning starters are however the fewest in the conference.

6. Baylor - The Bears only have 11 returning starters and lose a league high 32 lettermen from a team that was outgained by a league worst 134.2 ypg. Unfortunately the Big 12 South is stacked with 5 teams that will be in bowls this year, making the schedule difficult. Baylor has won five league games the last two years but getting more than one, in a rebuilding season like this year, would be a major accomplishment for Morriss.

BIG 12 NORTH

1. Missouri - Missouri could easily have had a much better record last season as they had 3 net close losses (pg 299) which were tough last second losses to A&M, Iowa St, and Ore St. The Tigers have 14 returning starters including QB Daniel. Despite drawing Oklahoma and Texas A&M out of the Big 12 South, they do get their all-important matchup vs Nebraska at home where Missouri has won 2 straight over the Huskers. The Tigers could have easily been an 11-2 team last season and I will call for them to get to their first ever Big 12 Title game.

2. Nebraska - The Huskers outgained Big 12 foes by 23.5 ypg last year which was the best mark for the Big 12 North teams. This year they have just 11 returning starters (2nd fewest in the Big 12) but will field a team of 13 senior starters (which is the most in the Big 12). They do have one of the league's top offenses and defenses. The Big 12 North probably comes down to the Oct 6th matchup in Columbia vs Missouri and the Huskers are just 8-14 their last 22 Big 12 away games and they also must face Texas in Austin.

3. Kansas St - The Cats finished tied for 2nd place in the Big 12 North last year despite being outscored by 30 points in conf play. They did benefit from 3 net close wins and were outgained by 18 ypg in league play. They had a veteran team last year with 17 returning starters and this year tie for most in the Big 12 high (15). They are also in the 2nd year of the new schemes installed by Coach Prince. K-St does avoid both Oklahoma and Texas A&M out of the Big 12 South and should find itself bowl eligible for a 2nd straight year.

4. Colorado - Usually first year HC's struggle and Dan Hawkins did, as the players had to learn new schemes on both sides of the ball. This year they have 15 returning starters which tied them for most in the league but last year they were outgained by 29.7 ypg in league play (4th worst). The Buffs had 5 net close losses (pg 299) and also lost 24 starts due to injury (see pg 314). Despite one of the toughest schedules in the Big 12, the Buffs should move up in the Big 12 standings again.

5. Kansas - Kansas has never finished in the upper half of the Big 12 North. In fact, their best conf record since the leagues inception in '96 is just 3-5, which they have achieved the last two years. The Jayhawks could have easily been an 11-2 team last season as they had 4 close losses and avoided Texas, Oklahoma and TTech from the Big 12 South. Kansas was outgained by 31.7 ypg (3rd worst) in league play. The Jayhawks are 11-2 at home the last 2 years but unfortunately have five Big 12 foes away from home where they have struggled. This year they avoid Oklahoma & Texas for the 2nd straight year and it should be a bowl eligible season for the Jayhawks, but another finish in the lower half of the Big 12 North standings.

6. Iowa St - I thought Dan McCarney did a tremendous job at Iowa St and this is a team that had 5 winning years in his last seven years. Last year's Cyclones benefitted from 4 net close wins. This year they have the 2nd fewest returning starters in the Big 12 (11) and also had the fewest amount of lettermen returning (28, 55%). While they do host both Colorado and Kansas St at the end of the season where they should be playing their best ball, I will call for a 2nd consecutive finish in the basement for ISU and just their 3rd losing season in 9 years.

2006 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
11	Texas Tech	30.0	3	444.4	1	67.9	11	4.45	6	376.5	1	67.0	1	14.8	9	18	8	12	2
12	Texas	33.8	1	382.9	6	151.4	7	4.01	9	231.5	5	64.7	2	11.3	1	16	6	16	6
13	Oklahoma St	33.0	2	406.1	3	210.6	2	5.17	1	195.5	8	54.8	8	12.3	2	13	3	13	5
16	Missouri	26.8	6	386.0	4	112.5	9	3.42	10	273.5	2	63.4	3	14.4	7	16	6	12	2
18	Nebraska	29.5	4	414.8	2	162.8	6	4.13	7	252.0	4	59.1	5	14.1	6	13	3	22	10
22	Oklahoma	26.0	7	347.8	8	192.9	4	4.54	5	154.9	11	61.0	4	13.4	5	19	9	9	1
24	Texas A&M	24.1	9	385.5	5	212.8	1	4.96	4	172.8	10	58.5	6	16.0	10	6	1	12	2
38	Kansas	29.3	5	378.8	7	185.1	5	5.07	3	193.6	9	53.6	10	12.9	3	22	11	17	7
70	Kansas St	23.5	10	347.6	9	124.3	8	4.02	8	223.4	6	54.0	9	14.8	8	20	10	21	9
73	Baylor	24.3	8	318.8	11	45.4	12	2.20	12	273.4	3	57.7	7	13.1	4	27	12	27	11
85	Iowa St	15.0	12	294.3	12	84.1	10	2.60	11	210.1	7	52.8	11	19.6	12	15	5	31	12
93	Colorado	20.0	11	325.4	10	198.5	3	5.07	2	126.9	12	46.5	12	16.3	11	10	2	17	7

2006 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
5	Oklahoma	15.1	1	249.1	1	83.6	2	2.93	2	165.5	1	50.6	1	16.5	3	13	2	15	9
13	Texas	21.6	2	339.0	3	69.5	1	2.67	1	269.5	11	57.3	6	15.7	4	23	10	24	2
23	Nebraska	21.6	2	391.3	8	134.9	6	4.37	8	256.4	10	53.1	2	18.1	1	13	2	18	6
32	Texas A&M	21.8	4	335.0	2	118.5	3	4.07	6	216.5	5	57.8	8	15.4	5	14	4	12	10
40	Colorado	24.9	6	355.1	5	131.0	5	3.78	4	224.1	7	66.9	11	14.3	7	17	7	12	10
42	Missouri	22.3	5	375.6	7	184.1	11	4.52	9	191.5	3	60.1	9	16.9	2	16	6	18	6
49	Kansas St	27.3	7	365.6	6	161.4	7	4.36	7	204.3	4	57.7	7	13.4	8	17	7	27	1
56	Texas Tech	29.4	9	349.1	4	161.6	8	3.94	5	187.5	2	56.1	5	11.9	11	18	9	21	3
58	Oklahoma St	30.4	10	401.4	9	172.0	9	4.76	10	229.4	8	62.2	10	13.2	9	14	4	20	5
70	Kansas	28.1	8	410.5	11	122.6	4	3.76	3	287.9	12	55.2	3	14.6	6	23	10	21	3
91	Iowa St	32.8	11	407.4	10	176.8	10	5.07	11	230.6	9	71.6	12	12.4	10	11	1	16	8
97	Baylor	40.0	12	453.0	12	232.1	12	5.90	12	220.9	6	55.4	4	11.3	12	16	6	5	12

Baylor
LB Joe Pawelek

Texas A&M
TE Martellus Bennett

2006 BIG 12 STANDINGS

NORTH	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2006	2005	2004
Nebraska	6	2	236	173	9	5	428	256	+23.5	-22.3	-87.3
Missouri	4	4	214	178	8	5	391	254	+10.4	+8.5	+42.8
Kansas St	4	4	188	218	7	6	296	309	-18.0	-110.3	+3.7
Kansas	3	5	234	225	6	6	348	306	-31.7	-11.5	-77.1
Colorado	2	6	160	199	2	10	196	267	-29.7	+10.4	-58.3
Iowa State	1	7	120	262	4	8	226	369	-113.1	+31.4	-32.9
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**2006**	**2005**	**2004**
Oklahoma	7	1	208	121	11	3	424	242	+98.7	+85.0	+148.4
Texas	6	2	270	173	10	3	467	238	+43.9	+211.0	+106.2
Texas A&M	5	3	193	174	9	4	362	267	+50.5	-51.3	+31.1
Texas Tech	4	4	240	235	8	5	422	326	+95.3	+115.0	+103.7
Oklahoma St	3	5	264	243	7	6	458	303	+4.7	-148.7	-38.6
Baylor	3	5	194	320	4	8	283	391	-134.2	-117.0	-142.1

Coach of the Year: Bob Stoops, Oklahoma
BIG 12 TITLE GAME: Oklahoma 21 Nebraska 7

Texas
WR Limas Sweed

Texas Tech
QB Graham Harrell

Iowa St
LB Alvin Bowen

2005 BIG 12 STANDINGS

NORTH	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Colorado	5	3	219	167	7	6	305	307
Iowa St	4	4	232	158	7	5	339	230
Nebraska	4	4	201	208	8	4	296	252
Missouri	4	4	200	236	7	5	369	350
Kansas	3	5	127	210	7	5	269	264
Kansas St	2	6	179	258	5	6	289	305
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Texas	8	0	405	137	13	0	652	213
Texas Tech	6	2	264	182	9	3	473	226
Oklahoma	6	2	241	190	8	4	323	277
Texas A&M	3	5	218	279	5	6	352	343
Baylor	2	6	140	244	5	6	236	291
Oklahoma St	1	7	164	321	4	7	222	344

Coach of the Year: Mack Brown, Texas
TITLE GAME: Texas 70 Colorado 3

2004 BIG 12 STANDINGS

NORTH	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Colorado	4	4	169	205	8	5	304	332
Iowa St	4	4	148	188	7	5	246	259
Missouri	3	5	142	171	5	6	256	215
Nebraska	3	5	178	243	5	6	275	298
Kansas	2	6	161	198	4	7	262	235
Kansas St	2	6	238	259	4	7	326	337
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Oklahoma	8	0	257	117	12	1	452	219
Texas	7	1	263	145	11	1	423	215
Texas Tech	5	3	268	208	8	4	434	314
Texas A&M	5	3	255	207	7	5	341	292
Oklahoma St	4	4	252	220	7	5	387	301
Baylor	1	7	149	319	3	8	224	396

Coach of the Year: Gary Barnett, Colorado
TITLE GAME: Oklahoma 42 Colorado 3

2006 BIG 12 CONFERENCE LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Joel Filani, TTech	13	91	1300	13	100.0	7.0	14.3
Adarius Bowman, Okla St	**13**	**60**	**1181**	**12**	**90.8**	**4.6**	**19.7**
William Franklin, Missouri	**11**	**48**	**829**	**6**	**75.4**	**4.4**	**17.3**
Robert Johnson, TTech	12	89	871	11	72.6	7.4	9.8
Malcolm Kelly, Okla	**14**	**62**	**993**	**10**	**70.9**	**4.4**	**16.0**
Dominique Zeigler, Baylor	11	54	741	3	67.4	4.9	13.7
Trent Shelton, Baylor	12	53	802	8	66.8	4.4	15.1
Limas Sweed, Texas	**13**	**46**	**801**	**12**	**61.6**	**3.5**	**17.4**
Todd Blythe, Iowa St	**9**	**34**	**484**	**8**	**53.8**	**3.8**	**14.2**
D'Juan Woods, Okla St	13	41	647	5	49.8	3.2	15.8

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Colt McCoy, Texas	**318**	**217**	**68.2**	**7**	**2570**	**8.1**	**29**	**161.8**
Bobby Reid, Okla St	**267**	**148**	**55.4**	**11**	**2266**	**8.5**	**24**	**148.1**
Zac Taylor, Nebraska	391	233	59.6	8	3197	8.2	26	146.1
Graham Harrell, TTech	**617**	**412**	**66.8**	**11**	**4555**	**7.4**	**38**	**145.5**
Chase Daniel, Missouri	**452**	**287**	**63.5**	**10**	**3527**	**7.8**	**28**	**145.1**
Paul Thompson, Okla	336	204	60.7	11	2667	7.9	22	142.4
Stephen McGee, A&M	**313**	**194**	**62.0**	**2**	**2295**	**7.3**	**12**	**134.9**
Shawn Bell, Baylor	383	241	62.9	10	2582	6.7	19	130.7
Kerry Meier, Kansas	**184**	**104**	**56.5**	**10**	**1193**	**6.5**	**13**	**123.4**
Bret Meyer, Iowa St	**374**	**211**	**56.4**	**12**	**2546**	**6.8**	**12**	**117.8**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Jon Cornish, Kansas	12	250	1457	5.8	8	121.4
Tony Temple, Missouri	**13**	**193**	**1063**	**5.5**	**7**	**81.8**
Dantrell Savage, Okla St	**11**	**126**	**820**	**6.5**	**8**	**74.5**
Shannon Woods, TTech	**13**	**152**	**926**	**6.1**	**10**	**71.2**
Brandon Jackson, Nebraska	14	188	989	5.3	8	70.6
Jamaal Charles, Texas	**12**	**156**	**831**	**5.3**	**7**	**69.3**
Mike Goodson, A&M	**13**	**127**	**847**	**6.7**	**4**	**65.2**
Hugh Charles, Colorado	**12**	**139**	**779**	**5.6**	**1**	**64.9**
Allen Patrick, Okla	**12**	**169**	**761**	**4.5**	**4**	**63.4**
Bernard Jackson, Colorado	**12**	**155**	**677**	**4.4**	**7**	**56.4**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Alvin Bowen, Iowa St	**12**	**95**	**60**	**155**	**12.9**
Jordon Dizon, Colorado	**12**	**80**	**57**	**137**	**11.4**
Tyrone McKenzie, Iowa St	**12**	**59**	**70**	**129**	**10.8**
Marcus Bacon, Missouri	13	70	42	112	8.6
Rufus Alexander, Okla	14	75	43	118	8.4
Jon Banks, Iowa St	**12**	**58**	**41**	**99**	**8.3**
Brandon Archer, Kansas St	13	57	49	106	8.2
Zach Diles, Kansas St	13	53	46	99	7.6
Mike Rivera, Kansas	**12**	**50**	**40**	**90**	**7.5**
Joe Pawelek, Baylor	**12**	**46**	**40**	**86**	**7.2**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL YDS	OFFENSE YDS/PG
Graham Harrell, TTech	**13**	**32**	**-66**	**617**	**4555**	**4489**	**345.3**
Chase Daniel, Missouri	**13**	**147**	**379**	**452**	**3527**	**3906**	**300.5**
Shawn Bell, Baylor	9	27	-137	383	2582	2445	271.7
Stephen McGee, A&M	**13**	**146**	**666**	**313**	**2295**	**2961**	**227.8**
Bret Meyer, Iowa St	**12**	**137**	**177**	**374**	**2546**	**2723**	**226.9**
Zac Taylor, Nebraska	14	60	-32	391	3197	3165	226.1
Bobby Reid, Okla St	**13**	**119**	**500**	**267**	**2266**	**2766**	**212.8**
Colt McCoy, Texas	**13**	**68**	**170**	**318**	**2570**	**2740**	**210.8**
Paul Thompson, Okla	14	71	151	336	2667	2818	201.3
Kerry Meier, Kansas	**9**	**99**	**346**	**184**	**1193**	**1539**	**171.0**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Tim Crowder, Texas	19	63
Ian Campbell, Kansas St	**17.5**	**81**
Jay Moore, Nebraska	17	70
Adam Carriker, Nebraska	16	61
Abraham Wright, Colorado	15.5	99
James McClinton, Kansas	**14**	**60**
Xzavie Jackson, Missouri	13.5	65
Marque Fountain, Okla St	**13**	**68**
Rashad Bobino, Texas	**13**	**46**
Brent Curvey, Iowa St	12.5	57

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Garrett Hartley, Okla	**14**	**19**	**20**	**95.0**	**46**
Jeff Wolfert, Missouri	**13**	**18**	**20**	**90.0**	**54**
Jason Ricks, Okla St	**12**	**10**	**12**	**83.3**	**53**
Layne Neumann, A&M	12	12	15	80.0	39
Ryan Havens, Baylor	12	11	14	78.6	47
Bret Culbertson, Iowa St	**12**	**8**	**11**	**72.7**	**52**
Scott Webb, Kansas	**12**	**13**	**18**	**72.2**	**49**
Alex Trlica, TTech	**12**	**15**	**21**	**71.4**	**52**
Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas St	13	17	24	70.8	53
Mason Crosby, Colorado	12	19	28	67.9	56

SACKS*

*Numbers come from Big 12 final statistics.

	NO	YDS
Abraham Wright, Colorado	11.5	95
Ian Campbell, Kansas St	**11.5**	**71**
Tim Crowder, Texas	10.5	48
Victor DeGrate, Okla St	9.5	51
Shawn Moorehead, Iowa St	8.5	41
Nathan Peterson, Okla St	**8**	**67**
Xzavie Jackson, Missouri	8	51
Chris Harrington, A&M	**7.5**	**58**
Brent Curvey, Iowa St	7	46
Adam Carriker, Nebraska	7	45

Missouri
QB Chase Daniel

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	12	66	3068	46.5
Alex Reyes, TTech	13	43	1943	45.2
Matt Fodge, Okla St	**13**	**50**	**2244**	**44.9**
Justin Brantly, A&M	**13**	**50**	**2215**	**44.3**
Matt DiLallo, Colorado	**12**	**47**	**2056**	**43.7**
Tim Reyer, Kansas St	**13**	**61**	**2566**	**42.1**
Mike Brandtner, Iowa St	**12**	**56**	**2309**	**41.2**
Michael Cohen, Okla	**13**	**51**	**2091**	**41.0**
Greg Johnson, Texas	12	46	1877	40.8
Adam Crossett, Missouri	**13**	**47**	**1852**	**39.4**
Dan Titchener, Nebraska	**14**	**66**	**2592**	**39.3**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Yamon Figurs, Kansas St	22	323	2	14.7
Perrish Cox, Okla St	**24**	**308**	**0**	**12.8**
Jonathan Lamb, Kansas	15	165	0	11.0
Aaron Ross, Texas	23	240	1	10.4
Queito Teasley, Baylor	**11**	**114**	**0**	**10.4**
Danny Amendola, TTech	**41**	**377**	**0**	**9.2**
Terrence Nunn, Nebraska	**18**	**153**	**0**	**8.5**
Reggie Smith, Okla	**37**	**287**	**1**	**7.8**
Carl Sims, Baylor	**15**	**114**	**0**	**7.6**
Chad Schroeder, A&M	19	140	0	7.4

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Kerry Franks, A&M	**16**	**443**	**1**	**27.7**
Grant Jones, Okla St	21	572	1	27.2
Marcus Herford, Kansas	**29**	**757**	**0**	**26.1**
Perrish Cox, Okla St	**25**	**595**	**1**	**23.8**
Mikail Baker, Baylor	**22**	**522**	**0**	**23.7**
Queito Teasley, Baylor	**15**	**341**	**0**	**22.7**
Milan Moses, Iowa St	**15**	**325**	**0**	**21.7**
Earl Goldsmith, Missouri	**13**	**253**	**0**	**19.5**
Stephone Robinson, Colorado	**15**	**261**	**0**	**17.4**

PHIL'S BIG 12 UNIT RANKING

South Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Oklahoma	**11**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Texas	**3**	**2**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**7**	**7**	**1**
Texas A&M	**4**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**3**	**5**	**4**	**3**	**5**
Oklahoma St	**5**	**5**	**4**	**6**	**7**	**4**	**4**	**2**	**8**
Texas Tech	**1**	**9**	**4**	**9**	**10**	**12**	**7**	**10**	**4**
Baylor	**10**	**12**	**12**	**11**	**12**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**8**
North Division	**QB**	**RB**	**REC**	**OL**	**DL**	**LB**	**DB**	**ST**	**CH**
Missouri	**2**	**5**	**4**	**4**	**6**	**8**	**9**	**9**	**6**
Nebraska	**6**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**8**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**3**
Kansas St	**7**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**5**	**11**	**4**	**4**	**11**
Colorado	**12**	**7**	**8**	**7**	**3**	**6**	**10**	**11**	**10**
Kansas	**9**	**10**	**11**	**10**	**8**	**7**	**3**	**5**	**6**
Iowa St	**8**	**11**	**9**	**12**	**10**	**8**	**12**	**7**	**12**

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Jason White won the Heisman Trophy in 2003 and in his final two years threw for 7,051 (63.4%) with a 75-19 ratio. Paul Thompson (PS#29) was his backup in '03 (224 pass, 70.4%, 203 rush) and redshirted in '04. Thompson won the starting job in '05 but hit just 11 of 26 for 109 with 3 TO's in an opening upset loss to TCU. Rhett Bomar hit just 2 of 5 for 19 with 1 fumble, but took over the starting job and for the season threw for 2,018 (54.2%) with a 10-10 ratio (393 rush). Thompson moved to WR (11 rec, 9.6). Last year Bomar's backups out of spring were JUCO Joey Halzle (4.58 spd), who threw for 2,077 at JC in '05, and true frosh Sam Bradford (PS#20). Bomar was dismissed from the team over the summer so Thompson was moved back from WR to QB and beat out Halzle. Thompson actually had a better season than Bomar in his first and only full year as a starter. Thompson threw for 2,667 (60.7%) with a 22-11 ratio and rushed for an additional 275. He had a career high 309 yards vs TTech and a streak of 99 passes without an int. His best moment came vs Nebraska in the Big 12 Title game with OU up 14-7 and at their own 1. He hit 6 of 8 for 95 yards leading the 99 yard TD drive. Halzle played in just 2 games (15 yd). This year Halzle will battle Bradford (Scout Tm POY) and true frosh Keith Nichol (PS#7) who was in for the spring. Adding depth to the unit are Hays McEachern (5'11" 180 Jr) and John Nimmo (6'1" 190 rFr). Despite the loss of Thompson, OU could increase its QB production for the 2nd straight year. At least this time they know they have to replace their starting QB in the spring instead of finding that out in August.

RUNNING BACKS - True frosh Adrian Peterson lived up to his PS#1 billing from the moment he arrived in Norman. Peterson started 8 as a true, rushed for a school record 1,925 (5.7) and was #2 in the Heisman voting (highest ever for frosh). Kejuan Jones, who led the team in rushing in '03 (925), rushed for 513 (4.0) in '04. Peterson was plagued by ankle injuries and had a stretch of 3 games in which he had just 8 carries for 6 yards in '05. He did set a school record for rushing yards in a half (210) vs Okla St and finished with 1,104 (5.0). Jacob Gutierrez (5'6" 187 Sr, PS#129, 420 bench) rushed for 173 vs Baylor with both Jones and Peterson out. Allen Patrick (PS#50JC, 4.46 spd, 4.9% body fat) had 213 all-purp yards. Last year they had to replace Jones but Peterson was a Heisman contender and had 168 rush att's in the first 6 with the rest of the RB's combining for 20. Peterson rushed for 183 vs Iowa St and at the end of a 53 yard TD run in the 4Q, dove into the EZ and broke his collarbone and DNP again until the bowl. Patrick, who had 62 yards in the first six, became the first RB to top 100 vs Colorado's tough rush D. He then had 157 vs Mizzou and 173 vs A&M but also went down to injury. True frosh Chris Brown (PS#35), who was #4 on the depth chart, led in rushing vs TT (84) then had 169 vs Baylor. Patrick finished with 761 (4.5) while Brown added 343 (4.9) and Gutierrez 219 (4.8). Two players transferred out when Peterson signed with OU, Courtney Tennial and Tashard Choice and they led their teams (Tulsa, GTech) in rushing last year. Keep your eyes on DeMarco Murray (PS#5) who redshirted LY after suffering turf toe. Adding depth are Mossis Madu (5'11" 190 rFr, PS#149) and this year's true frosh. Normally with the loss of a talent such as Peterson, you would expect a big dropoff but keep in mind he only played in 7 LY and Murray could be just as solid.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 Mark Clayton shattered school records with 1,425 receiving yards, 83 rec and 15 TD's. They featured the running game more in '04 and Clayton's numbers dropped to 66 grabs (13.3). In 2005 they had to replace 4 of their top 5 WR's including Clayton (#1DC BAL) as well as a #2 and #3 DC. Travis Wilson started the first 8 in '05 and was leading in rec's but was lost for the season and true frosh Malcolm Kelly (PS#4) led the team with 33 (14.3). Last year they had to replace Wilson (#3DC), their #4 receiver Runnells, and projected starter Paul Thompson was moved back to QB. The unit had great size as 7 of the top 11 were 6'3" or taller and just one was under 6'1". Kelly set a record for receiving yards in a quarter with 134 vs Mid Tenn, breaking John Flynn's 1962 record. Kelly reached 1,000 yards (19 games) faster than any OU rec, topping Antwone Savage (21 gm). Kelly led with 62 (16.0) while Juaquin Iglesias (4.5 spd) had 41 (12.5). Manuel Johnson (PS#14, 4.43 spd) missed 2 games but finished with 36 (10.5). TE Joe Jon Finley (PS#23) had 19 (12.7). Stoops predicted that true frosh TE Jermaine Gresham (PS#3, 4.6 spd) could be a great one and he had 8 (20.1). This year the entire unit returns. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Fred Strong (6'1" 197 Jr, PS#55, 1 st, 9 rec), Carter Whitson (5'11" 190 So) and TE Ryan Allgood (6'4" 245 rFr).

OFFENSIVE LINE - With all five starters back on the O-line in 2004, the unit paved the way for 4.8 ypc rushing while yielding just 9 sacks. In 2005 they had to replace three starters including an Outland Trophy winner then both projected starting OT's were lost in August. Nine different OL's played early as the staff tried several different combinations. The ypc dropped to 4.0 and the sack total rose to 21. Last year they had to replace four starters including #1 and #2 DC's then lost projected starting RG JD Quinn prior to the season (dismissed). RT Branndon Braxton started the 1st 7 LY but broke his leg and true frosh Trent Williams started the last 7. Surprisingly the inexperienced group paved the way for 4.5 ypc and allowed just 16 sacks (4.7%). Of course, having a mobile QB like Paul Thompson helped those numbers. This year the only losses are 1st Tm Big 12 LT Chris Messner (14 st, 2Y st'r), OG Ben Barres (PS#51) and OT Curtis Bailey (PS#26). Six players return with starting experience and the entire 2nd string is made up of capable starters. With the projected starters averaging 6'5" 317 lbs, this should be one of the biggest OL's ever at OU.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sooners had to replace three starters in 2005 but still allowed just 2.8 ypc rushing while the team recorded 45 sacks. Last year they had 3 starters back and also returning was DE Larry Birdine (40 tkl, 7 sk '04) who missed 2005. OU allowed just 99 ypg rush, their 3rd straight year under 100 but the ypc rose to 3.3 (26 sk). This year they lose 1st Tm Big 12 DE CJ Ah You (9 st, 41 tkl, 4 sk, #7DC BUF), 1st Tm Big 12 DE Birdine (13 st, 39 tkl, 7.5 tfl), DE Calvin Thibodeaux (6 st, 31 tkl, 7.5 tfl), DT Carl Pendleton (3 st, 10 tkl, 2.5 tfl) and DT Billy Blackard (reserve). Stoops does have PS#1 DL's from 2005 and 2006 in the unit and they will battle the two returning starters at DT. This unit is less experienced than 2006 but very strong in the middle.

LINEBACKERS - The Sooners had to replace a #3DC and a backup last year but had their #1 and #2 tacklers back and moved S Lewis Baker (7 st '05) to OLB. Rufus Alexander was the Big 12 Def POY with 118 tackles and 12 tfl. Zach Latimer was the #2 tackler for a 2nd straight season (84) adding 10 tfl. Those two must be replaced this season. The top six LB's are all VHT's, three have starting experience and Mike Reed (PS#28JC) joined the team in spring. I like the potential of the group but with the loss of their top two LB's, the group looks a notch or two weaker in 2007.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Sooners always fare well in my pass D rankings but with a young, injury-plagued group in 2004, they were only #29. A more experienced group moved to #16 in 2005. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for just 13 starts and as expected the Sooners moved up to #5. Quite often OU opened with 5 DB's so they have five full-time starters returning. FS Nic Harris is the team's top returning tackler and is called the anchor of the defense and teamed with SS Reggie Smith (PS#6, 8 pbu, 3 int) form one of the nation's best SAF tandems. They have five excellent VHT CB's in Lendy Holmes (2nd Yr DB-WR '05), Marcus Walker (PS#2, 4.4 spd), Dominique Franks (PS#21, 4.48 spd), Jonathan Nelson (PS#38, 41.5" VL) and DJ Wolfe (PS#7RB, 4.48 spd). The only loss this year is SS Jason Carter (1 st, 26 tkl) and this could be the best secondary in the NCAA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This area has been a strength under Stoops with FIVE Top 13 finishes in his 8 years. After slipping to #53 in '04 and #27 in '05, the Sooners had to replace their top PR and P LY but still moved up to #9. Michael Cohen avg 43 at JC in '05 and won the job here LY (41.0). Cohen's avg was boosted by using pooch punter Mike Knall (tm net 36.7). The previous 3 years OU had nets of 38.3, 39.4 and 37.8 showing their great coverage on punts. Reggie Smith (PS#6) had 12 KR (22.6) and 37 PR (7.8, 1 TD). Juaquin Iglesias led in KR (25.9). Garrett Hartley, who hit just 14 of 22 FG's with a long of 52 in '05 (2-3 50+), hit an outstanding 19 of 20 but only had a long of 46 last year. He also had 31 TB on 78 KO. Basically everyone returns and this unit will contend for the #1 ST spot.

COACHES- Prior to Bob Stoops' arrival, Oklahoma had five consecutive non-winning seasons. Stoops not only won a National Championship in his second season but played in the National Title game in each of the next two years. Their streak of 5 straight double-digit winning seasons and 74 consecutive weeks ranked were both snapped in 2005. Over the last 7 years, OU's 79 wins are 3 more than any other team in the NCAA. Last year they had to replace Co-OC Chuck Long who left for the SDSt HC job. Kevin Wilson, who was the OC at Northwestern from 1999-'01, has been Co-OC at OU since '02. Sp Tms coach Kevin Sumlin was elevated to Co-OC LY. Co-DC Brent Venables enters his 9th year here along with Co-DC Bobby Jack Wright (3rd year as Co-DC).

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Oklahoma did not have a single starter miss a single game due to injury. They stunned the nation winning the National Title despite not being ranked in the preseason Top 20. Thanks to regular season-ending loss to Okla St in '01, the Sooners did not get to the Big 12 Title game. They returned to the Big 12 Title game in '02 even with another regular season ending loss to Oklahoma St. In 2003 the Sooners lost in the Big 12 Title game and lost the National Title game. The Sooners probably had their most talented and experienced team yet under Stoops in 2004. They went 12-0 getting to the National Title game vs USC but Bob Stoops, who earned the nickname "Big Game Bob", not only came up short but was embarrassed 55-19 for the school's worst loss since 1997. In 2005 they had just 9 returning starters and topped my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover List with 41 points (pg 308). They were also #12 in my experience ratings in the Big 12. RB Adrian Peterson was banged up early and Stoops, having never lost a non-conf home game, amazingly had a streak of 19 straight home wins snapped in a 17-10 loss to TCU. OU struggled through a 7-4 season and even needed 2 OT's to get past Baylor at home. TTech did get two bad calls on the final drive allowing them to score the game winning TD on the last play. OU finished on a high note knocking off #6 Oregon in the Holiday Bowl. Their offense had amazing balance with 2,130 rush and 2,131 pass. Last year I pegged OU to win the National Title but they had some remarkable circumstances go against them. First, returning starting QB Rhett Bomar and projected starting RG JD Quinn were dismissed from the team over the summer. The Sooners were also robbed of a victory vs Oregon by some ridiculous ref calls. They suffered 5 TO's vs Texas and lost despite a 333-232 yard edge. They lost RB Peterson to injury for over half the season. OU still took home the B12 Title (not only had the best record in conf, but outgained B12 foes by 98.7 ypg, #1 in B12) but then had another amazing loss to Boise St in the bowl, keyed by trick plays. This year OU has 8 returning starters on offense but lose their QB and star RB Peterson. The defense must replace 4 starters. The Sooners have one of the top D's in the country and lose just 10 lettermen (fewest in Big 12). Provided they have a better summer than last year and better fortune during the season, they have a shot at an undefeated year.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB **14 Sam Bradford rFr.** 6-5 197 **PS#20.** Scout Tm POY '06. **6 Keith Nichol** (6-2 180 Fr) **PS#7.** In for spg. **15 Joey Halzle** (6-3 198 Jr) PS#158JC. 4.58 spd. 2 pass here LY.

RB **7 DeMarco Murray rFr.** 6-0 191 **PS#5.** 4.43 spd. **23 Allen Patrick** (6-0 191 Sr) PS#50JC. 136 (5.4) '05. 5 st '06, 761 (4.5). **29** Chris Brown (5-10 190 So) PS#35. 1 st, 343 (4.9) true.

TE/FB **83 BRODY ELDRIDGE SO.** 6-5 258 PS#166DL. 8 st TE rFr, **HM B12.** **34** Matt Clapp (6-2 244 Jr) PS#30DB. **45** Dane Zaslaw (6-1 237 Sr) **PS#22LB.** 1 st, 68 yd. Ian Pleasant (5-10 215 Sr) PS#261JC.

WR **4 MALCOLM KELLY JR.** 6-4 217 **PS#4.** 7 st true 33 (14.3). 13 st LY, **2nd Tm B12,** 62 (16.0). **80** Adron Tennell (6-4 184 So) **PS#3.** 2 rec true. **84** Quentin Chaney (6-4 213 Jr) **PS#28.**

WR **9 JUAQUIN IGLESIAS JR.** 6-1 201 PS#204. 4 st, 19 (15.3) true. 11 st LY, 41 (12.5). **1 Manuel Johnson** (5-11 177 Jr) **PS#14.** 6 st, 46 rec 2Y. **8** Brandon Caleb (6-1 196 So) PS#27.

TE **19 JOE JON FINLEY SR.** 6-6 260 PS#23. 7 rec rFr. 2 st, 13 (11.5) '05. 14 st, **HM B12** LY, 19 (12.7). **18 Jermaine Gresham** (6-6 250 So) **PS#3.** 2 st, 8 rec true. **88** Eric Mensik (6-5 246 rFr) PS#75.

C **50 JON COOPER JR.** 6-2 285 PS#86DL. Started 1 st 2 C true (inj). 13 st C LY, 763 snaps, 125 kd. **75** Chase Beeler (6-3 276 So) PS#51. 1 st C true, 85 snaps, 18 kd.

RG **73 BRANDON WALKER JR.** 6-3 306 PS#12JC. 14 st RG LY, **HM B12.** 125 kd. **74** Brian Simmons (6-4 293 So) PS#275DL. 7 gm, 74 snaps, 10 kd rFr. **64** Kody Cooke is PS#145.

LG **72 GEORGE ROBINSON JR.** 6-5 330 PS#315. Drop 43 lbs, 10 gm as true. 14 st LY LG, 809 snaps (#1 OL), 108 kd, **HM Big 12.** **77** Sheronne Moore (6-3 297 Sr) PS#61JC. 5 gms LY.

RT **76 BRANNDON BRAXTON JR.** 6-6 312 **PS#11.** GS '04, 3 st as RT true. 7 st RT LY until inj, 53 kd. **71 Trent Williams** (6-5 321 So) **PS#33.** Last 7 at RT as true, 462 snaps, 75 kd.

LT **79 Phil Loadholt Jr.** 6-8 350 PS#29JC, in for spring. 2x JCAA. **70** Cory Brandon (6-7 295 rFr) PS#19. Knee inj true. **63** Noah Hughey (6-3 270 So). Alex Williams is PS#40.

K **10 GARRETT HARTLEY SR.** 5-9 198 **PS#6.** 14 of 22 FG '05, long 52. **2nd Tm B12 & 1 of 3 Groza finalists LY, 19 of 20 FG,** long 46 (2x). Jimmy Stevens is **PS#3.** Nat'l HS rec 50 FG's.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE **95 Alan Davis Jr.** 6-2 253 **PS#47.** 4.7 spd. 2 sk rFr, FB/sp tms LY. **33** Auston English (6-3 257 So) PS#70. 2 gm true. RS LY. **85** Tim Johnson (6-5 265 Jr) PS#137JC. RS LY.

DT **90 STEVEN COLEMAN SR.** 6-4 299 **PS#27.** 1 tkl rFr. 6 tkl, 2 tfl '05. 13 st LY, **HM B12,** 16 tkl, 3 sk. **96** DeMarcus Granger (6-3 300 So) **PS#1.** 20 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. **89** Cordero Moore (6-2 297 So) PS#62.

DT **93 GERALD McCOY rFR.** 6-4 289 **PS#1. 97 Cory Bennett** (6-2 278 Jr) PS#61. 1 st rFr, 16 tkl, 2 sk. 12 st LY, 29 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **86** Adrian Taylor (6-4 293 rFr) PS#132. 4.79 speed.

DE **91 Alonzo Dotson Sr.** 6-3 252 **PS#20.** 9 tkl, 2 sk LY. **44** Jeremy Beal (6-4 254 rFr) PS#112LB. Scout Tm POY. **98** John Williams (6-5 249 Sr) PS#112. 8 tkl, 1 sk 2Y. **94** Pryce Macon PS#63.

WLB **16 Lewis Baker Sr.** 6-2 210 **PS#5TE.** 7 st S '05, 36 tkl. LB in '06, 34 tkl, 2 pbu. **8 Ryan Reynolds** (6-1 237 So) **PS#3.** 3 tkl true. RS LY. Knee inj spg. Travis Lewis is PS#49DB.

MLB **38 Mike Reed Jr.** 6-1 250 **PS#28JUCO.** In for spring. Conf MVP at JC '06. **30** Lamont Robinson (6-0 227 So) **PS#25.** 0 tkl LY, reserve. **7** Austin Box is **PS#6.** In for spring.

SLB **40 CURTIS LOFTON JR.** 6-0 235 **PS#10.** 3 tkl true. 5 starts SLB LY, 37 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **51 Demarrio Pleasant** (6-2 231 Sr) **PS#16.** 4 st, 24 tkl, 2 tfl 3Y. **48** Brandon Crow (6-1 220 rFr) PS#69.

CB **11 LENDY HOLMES JR.** 6-1 196 PS#16WR. 2 rec rFr. 11 st CB LY, 42 tkl, 7 pbu, **HM B12. 25 DJ Wolfe** (6-0 196 Sr) **PS#7RB. 11 st CB '05,** 65 tkl, 10 pbu. 3 st LY, 18 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu.

CB **24 MARCUS WALKER SR.** 5-11 192 **PS#2.** 14 tkl, 4 st true. 8 tkl '05 (inj). 11 st LY, **2nd Tm B12,** 3 int, 9 pbu. **15** Dominique Franks (5-11 183 rFr) **PS#21. 4** Jonathan Nelson (5-11 176 rFr) PS#38.

SS **3 REGGIE SMITH JR.** 6-1 197 **PS#6.** 10 st true, 47 tkl, 2 int. 13 st LY, 41 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu, **1st Tm B12. 22** Keenan Clayton (6-1 210 So) **PS#13.** 2 st rFr, 14 tkl. **20** Quinton Carter (6-1 190 So).

FS **5 NIC HARRIS JR.** 6-3 226 **PS#36.** 4.6% body fat. 2 st, 16 tkl true. 10 st LY, 68 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu. **41 Darien Williams** (6-0 197 Sr) **PS#44.** 4 st '05. 11 st '06. 110 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu 2Y.

P **31 MICHAEL COHEN SR.** 6-0 205 PS#109JC. 43 avg at JC. 51 punts, 41.0 avg, tm net 36.7 here LY. **13** Mike Knall (5-9 178 Jr) 44.0 avg in HS. 11 pooch punts LY, 33.5 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Keith Nichol 6-2 180 PS#7
LB	Austin Box 6-3 220 PS#6
LB	Mike Reed 6-1 250 PS#28JC
OL	Phil Loadholt 6-8 350 PS#29JC
DB	Jamell Fleming 5-11 187 PS#38
WR	Ryan Broyles 6-0 170 PS#41DB
DL	Jonte Bumpus 6-4 220 PS#33
LB	Travis Lewis 6-2 220 PS#49DB
OL	Alex Williams 6-5 300 PS#40
OL	Jason Hannan 6-3 270 PS#41
DB	Desmond Jackson 5-11 187 PS#58
K	Jimmy Stevens 5-6 170 PS#3
DB	Sam Proctor 6-0 202 PS#67
OL	Donald Stephenson 6-6 275 PS#75
OL	Frank Alexander 6-5 235 PS#120
OL	Kody Cooke 6-4 315 PS#145
WR	Tyler Stradford 6-3 180 PS#124
WR	Corey Wilson 6-0 185 PS#146
WR	Londell Taylor 6-3 215 PS#299
DL	David Anderson 6-5 220 PS#404
LB	TC Bread 6-3 225 PS#448

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#74

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	North Texas	G				
Sep. 8	Miami, Fl	G				
Sep. 15	Utah St	G				
Sep. 21	at Tulsa (Fri)	A				
Sep. 29	at Colorado	G				
Oct. 6	† Texas (Dallas)	G				
Oct. 13	Missouri (HC)	G				
Oct. 20	at Iowa St	G				
Oct. 27						
Nov. 3	Texas A&M	G				
Nov. 10	Baylor	G				
Nov. 17	at Texas Tech	A				
Nov. 24	Oklahoma St	G				
Dec. 1						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jason White 7,922 '99-'04	1. Billy Sims 4,118 '75-'79	1. Mark Clayton 3,241 '01-'04
2. Josh Heupel 7,456 '99-'00	2. Joe Washington 4,071 '72-'75	2. Antwone Savage 2,009 '99-'02
3. Cale Gundy 6,686 '90-'93	3. Adrian Peterson 4,045 '04-'06	3. Eddie Hinton 1,894 '66-'68

Oklahoma has gone 9-1 in home openers & 8-1 in season openers.
The Sooners held North Texas to just 154 yds in last meeting in 2003, a 37-3 win.

In their last meeting at the '87 Orange Bowl, Miami beat OU 20-14 for the National Title.
Sooners are 27-5 vs current ACC members, but 3 of those loses are to the Hurricanes.

Oklahoma is a perfect 24-0 since 1937 in their 3rd straight game in Norman.
Sooners are 7-1 vs current WAC members & their only loss was in LY's Fiesta Bowl.

Oklahoma is 16-5 the last 5 years on the reg season road (not including UT).
The Sooners have won 7 of 9 road openers, but have lost the last 2.

Not including the RRR & B12 Champ gm, OU is 21-4 since 2000 in B12 road gms.
Oklahoma is 7-0 before taking on rival Texas with their avg margin of victory 24 ppg.

OU had a 333-222 yd edge last year but was done in by -5 TO's. OU had won 5 in a row vs the Horns but dropped the L/2. Every game has been decided by DD S/'98.

The Sooners scored 17 pts off 4 Tiger turnovers last year in Columbia.
Oklahoma is 17-0 since 2002 when hosting Big 12 games (avg score 41-12).

Sooners have won 10 straight vs the Cyclones, dominating the overall series (66-5-2) & have only lost in Ames twice (1st meeting in 1928 & last time in 1960).

Oklahoma is 13-1 since 2003 in November outscoring opp's by an avg of 24 ppg.
A. Patrick rushed for a career high 173 yds (5.4) LY vs a Aggie def that gave up just 132 ypg (4.3).

LY OU held BU to -48 yds rushing, 2nd best all-time (vs Kansas in 1996, -52 yds).
Stoops' OU squads have outscored Baylor on an average of 41-11 ppg.

Sooners scored 24 unanswered pts after trailing 24-10 w/1:43 left in the 2Q LY vs TT.
WR M. Kelly (PS#4) tied a school record w/11 rec that went for 153 yds in LY's gm.

This is the most lopsided series in the nation featuring 2 tms from the same state (OU 77-17-7). Last year's Bedlam win sealed Oklahoma's 5th Big 12 South Title.

BOB STOOPS (Career 86-19)

9th Year at Oklahoma — Stoops' Bowl Record: 4-4

Stoops' records AT OKLAHOMA

86-19	Straight Up	9-6	Vs Top 10
47-2	Home	24-10	Vs Top 25
25-9	Away	10-6	Vs BCS Teams
14-8	Neutral	10-1	Off A Bye
58-11	Vs Conference	12-1	Off A Loss

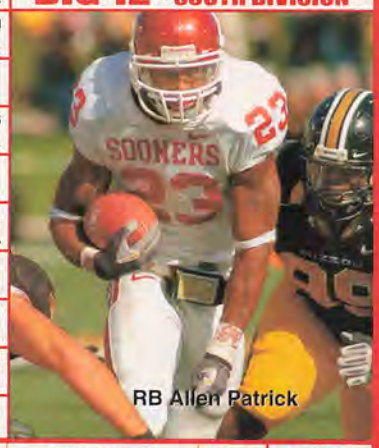
2006 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (25,20,5)
Lost: 10 (3,7,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 84,561 (#13)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION



STADIUM: OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (82,112) (#15)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	12-0	10-2	11-2	12-1	12-0	7-4	11-2	75-11
Home	6-0	6-1	6-0	7-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	42-2
Away	4-0	3-1	3-2	4-0	4-0	1-2	4-1	23-6
Neutral	2-0	1-0	2-0	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	10-3
vs Conf	9-0	6-2	7-2	8-1	9-0	6-2	8-1	53-8
ATS	6-5-1	6-6	7-5-1	7-6	4-8	5-6	8-3-2	43-39-4
Home Fav (Bob Stoops)	2-3	2-5	4-2	4-3	2-4	2-4	4-1-1	20-22-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	1-2	3-0	1-3-1	2-2	0-4	0-0	1-1-1	8-12-2
Away Dog	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	5-2
Favorite	3-5-1	5-5	6-5-1	7-6	4-8	3-4	6-2-2	34-35-4
Dog	3-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-1	9-4
vs Conf	4-4-1	4-4	6-3	5-4	3-6	5-3	6-2-1	33-26-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	1-2-1	2-2	1-2	0-3	2-1-1	10-13-2
Off SU Win	5-5-1	5-5	5-5	6-6	4-7	2-4	6-2-2	33-34-3
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	2-0	8-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Adrian Peterson	188	1071	59	1012	12	5.4
Allen Patrick	169	789	28	761	4	4.5
Chris Brown	70	355	12	343	6	4.9
Jacob Gutierrez	46	226	7	219	0	4.8
Paul Thompson	71	275	124	151	3	2.1
Manuel Johnson	2	13	0	13	0	6.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Paul Thompson	336	204	60.7	2667	22	11
Joey Halzle	2	1	50.0	15	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Malcolm Kelly	62	993	16.0	10	73
Juaquin Iglesias	41	514	12.5	2	37
Manuel Johnson	36	378	10.5	3	32
Joe Jon Finley	19	241	12.7	3	36
Jermaine Gresham	8	161	20.1	1	41
Adrian Peterson	10	136	13.6	1	69
Fred Strong	9	73	8.1	0	25
Dane Zaslaw	6	68	11.3	0	17
Quentin Chaney	5	52	10.4	2	15
Adron Tennell	2	26	13.0	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Michael Cohen	51	2091	41.0	13	36.7(t)	0	8
Mike Knall	11	369	33.5	2	–	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Garrett Hartley	49-50	8-8	7-7	4-5	0-0	19-20	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rufus Alexander	118	3.5	8.5	3	1
Zach Latimer	84	2	8	6	3
Nic Harris	68	2.5	4.5	8	4
Darien Williams	67	2	2.5	6	1
Lendy Holmes	42	1	5	7	1
CJ Ah You	41	4	4.5	3	0
Reggie Smith	41	0	3.5	8	3
Larry Birdine	39	3	4.5	2	0
Curtis Lofton	37	0	4.5	0	0
Lewis Baker	34	0	1	2	0
Marcus Walker	32	0.5	0	9	3
Calvin Thibodeaux	31	1	6.5	1	1
Cory Bennett	29	0.5	2	0	0
Jason Carter	26	0	0	1	0
DeMarcus Granger	20	0	4	0	0
DJ Wolfe	18	0	0.5	3	1
Steven Coleman	16	3	2	0	0
Keenan Clayton	14	0	0.5	1	0
Demarrio Pleasant	11	0	0	1	0
Carl Pendleton	10	1	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Smith	37	287	7.8	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Juaquin Iglesias	14	363	25.9	1
Reggie Smith	12	271	22.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Rose - #8	+6'	Washington St - #7	34-14
03	Sugar - #3	-7	LSU - #2	14-21
04	Orange - #2	+1	USC - #1	19-55
05	Holiday	+3	Oregon - #6	17-14
06	Fiesta - #7	-7	Boise St - #9	42-43

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Oklahoma's All-Time Bowl Record 24-15-1

OKLAHOMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	30.3	18	177	4.5	192	60.3	12.2	-1	2006	9	17.3	15	99	3.3	188	51.8	16.6
5	26.9	19	178	4.0	178	53.3	13.2	-1	2005	4	23.1	17	91	2.8	216	53.0	13.3
10*	34.8	24	208	4.8	254	66.0	13.3	+4	2004	6	16.8	16	95	3.1	204	54.4	17.7
4	42.9	23	146	3.8	293	62.3	10.2	+17	2003	9	15.3	14	113	3.4	146	52.0	17.0
8*	38.6	20	191	4.5	202	57.8	10.2	+19	2002	7	15.4	14	108	3.0	185	47.7	19.0
8	30.5	19	115	3.5	242	60.7	11.8	+9	2001	5	13.0	13	86	2.4	161	45.2	19.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

OU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#10	UAB	14	29 - 143	4.9	14 - 24	227	1	14	40 - 135	3.4	11 - 17	169	1	-3
#15	Washington	22	35 - 181	5.2	21 - 33	272	1	17	40 - 204	5.1	14 - 30	180	0	-1
#15	at Oregon	19	43 - 207	4.8	13 - 24	174	2	26	32 - 158	4.9	27 - 42	343	1	+3
#17	Middle Tenn	21	44 - 190	4.3	14 - 20	272	0	7	28 - 22	0.8	6 - 20	73	3	+3
#14	† Texas	13	36 - 124	3.4	15 - 27	209	2	13	32 - 124	3.9	11 - 18	108	1	-5
#23	Iowa St	17	34 - 185	5.4	16 - 27	195	3	12	29 - 89	3.1	14 - 25	149	3	+2
#20	Colorado	17	49 - 166	3.4	17 - 26	105	0	5	30 - 74	2.5	3 - 14	39	0	+1
#19	at Missouri	21	52 - 231	4.4	11 - 19	127	1	20	27 - 76	2.8	23 - 46	284	1	+2
#18	at Texas A&M	16	45 - 224	5.0	3 - 12	39	1	15	40 - 204	5.1	8 - 18	63	2	-1
#17	Texas Tech	25	36 - 139	3.9	24 - 31	309	1	16	11 - 31	2.8	26 - 48	250	2	-3
#16	at Baylor	17	41 - 236	5.8	12 - 19	178	0	11	20 - (-48)	-2.4	22 - 45	188	5	-3
#13	at Oklahoma St	19	47 - 238	5.1	7 - 11	77	1	20	39 - 119	3.1	17 - 31	243	1	+1
#8	† Nebraska	13	28 - 42	1.5	19 - 35	265	1	17	21 - 84	4.0	23 - 50	282	3	+4
#7	† Boise St	23	38 - 174	4.6	19 - 32	233	2	16	35 - 110	3.1	20 - 30	267	3	-1
TOTALS		257	557 - 2480	4.5	205 - 340	2682	16	209	424 - 1382	3.3	225 - 434	2638	26	-1
AVERAGES		18.4	40 - 177	4.5	15 - 24	192	1.1	14.9	30 - 99	3.3	16 - 31	188	1.9	-0.1

2002 RESULTS

OU Rank | Pre #2 | Opponent | Line | Post #5 Score

OU Rank	Pre #2	Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
#2		at Tulsa	-37	37-0
#2		Alabama	-12	37-27
#2		UTEP	-43	68-0
#2		USF	-28'	31-14
#3		at Missouri	-13	31-24
#5		† Texas - #3	+3	35-24
#2		Iowa St - #9	-8'	49-3
#2		Colorado - #13	-13'	27-11
#1		at Texas A&M	-10	26-30
#4		at Baylor	-38	49-9
#4		Texas Tech - #24	-13	60-15
#3		at Oklahoma St	-15	28-38
#8		† Colorado - #12	-7'	29-7

2003 RESULTS

OU Rank | Pre #1 | Opponent | Line | Post #3 Score

OU Rank	Pre #1	Opponent	Line	Post #3 Score
#1		North Texas	-32'	37-3
#1		at Alabama	-7'	20-13
#1		Fresno St	-28'	52-28
#1		UCLA	-19	59-24
#1		at Iowa St	-21	53-7
#1		† Texas - #11	-6	65-13
#1		Missouri - #24	-26	34-13
#1		at Colorado	-25	34-20
#1		Oklahoma St - #14	-15'	52-9
#1		Texas A&M	-30'	77-0
#1		Baylor	-53	41-3
#1		at Texas Tech	-19'	56-25
#1		† Kansas St - #13	-14	7-35

2004 RESULTS

OU Rank | Pre #2 | Opponent | Line | Post #3 Score

OU Rank	Pre #2	Opponent	Line	Post #3 Score
#2		Bowling Green	-32	40-24
#2		Houston	-37	63-13
#2		Oregon	-28	31-7
#2		Texas Tech	-25	28-13
#2		† Texas - #5	-7	12-0
#2		at Kansas St	-20	31-21
#2		Kansas	-27	41-10
#2		at Oklahoma St - #21	-13	38-35
#2		at Texas A&M - #22	-12'	42-35
#2		Nebraska	-30	30-3
#2		at Baylor	-36'	35-0
#2		† Colorado	-22	42-3

2005 RESULTS

OU Rank | Pre #7 | Opponent | Line | Post #22 Score

OU Rank	Pre #7	Opponent	Line	Post #22 Score
#7		TCU	-25	10-17
#18		Tulsa	-30'	31-15
#21		at UCLA	+6'	24-41
–		Kansas St	-6'	43-21
–		† Texas - #2	+14	12-45
–		† Kansas	-6'	19-3
–		Baylor	-14	37-30 2OT
–		at Nebraska	+1'	31-24
–		Texas A&M	-13'	36-30
–		at Texas Tech - #21	+7'	21-23
–		Oklahoma St	-18'	42-14

2006 RESULTS

OU Rank | Pre #10 | Opponent | Line | Post #11 Score

OU Rank	Pre #10	Opponent	Line	Post #11 Score
#10		UAB	-22'	24-17
#15		Washington	-17	37-20
#15		at Oregon - #18	+4'	33-34
#17		Middle Tenn	-28	59-0
#14		† Texas - #7	+3'	10-28
#23		Iowa St	-19'	34-9
#20		Colorado	-14	24-3
#19		at Missouri - #23	+1'	26-10
#18		at Texas A&M - #21	-2'	17-16
#17		Texas Tech	-9	34-24
#16		at Baylor	-21	36-10
#13		at Oklahoma St	-6	27-21
#8		† Nebraska - #19	-3'	21-7

TEXAS LONGHORNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Vince Young became the first player in NCAA history to have 2,500 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing in a season. He also passed Major Applewhite for UT's total offense record (4,086) and topped Bobby Layne's school record for career wins (30-2) by a starting QB. Had the Heisman Trophy been presented after his electrifying 467 yard performance vs USC, Young would have won by a landslide. He also had a great first year in the NFL after being the 3rd overall pick. Last year rFr Colt McCoy (PS#11) beat out true frosh Jevan Snead (PS#4), who enrolled for the spring. McCoy had a much better season than most expected. He set school records for TD passes in a game (6 vs Baylor) and for the season (29, old record of 26 shared by Young '05 and Chris Simms '02). The 29 TD's also set an NCAA mark for a freshman QB despite missing most of the KSU game and he clearly wasn't 100% vs A&M due to a shoulder injury. Snead played in 8 (49 passes) and opted to transfer prior to the bowl leaving Matthew McCoy (no relation) as the backup. Colt's backups this year figure to be Sherrod Harris (PS#23) and this year's true frosh. Colt threw for 2,570 (68.2%) with a 29-7 ratio and should improve upon those already terrific numbers now that he has experience.

QB Colt McCoy

RUNNING BACKS - Texas has had some great RB's like Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams. Cedric Benson became just the 5th player in NCAA history to top 1,000 yards for 4 straight years including 1,834 (5.6) in '04. Vince Young kept alive Texas' streak of 1,000 yard rushers at 11 but the top RB in '05 was Jamaal Charles (PS#6) who had only 878 (7.4). Ramonce Taylor had 513 (6.8), Selvin Young (PS#19) had 461 (4.8) and 270 lb Henry Melton (PS#13) added 432 (5.0). Taylor was dismissed over the summer of 2006. Charles was a sprinter in the NCAA Championships in '06 showing his great speed and Young dropped 16 lbs to boost his speed. Young injured his ribs vs Iowa St but rushed for 591 (4.3). Charles led with 831 (5.3). Melton added 193 (4.3) and Chris Ogbonnaya (PS#33WR) had 82 (4.6). Interestingly, both Young and Charles topped 100 yards vs Rice but neither topped 100 in any other game! This year they must replace Young (11 st), Melton (moved to DE), FB Marcus Myers (5 yd) and TB Antwaun Hobbs (21 yd) but everyone else returns. Not listed in the 3 deep below are true frosh Foswhitt Whittaker (PS#18) who was in for the spring, Stephen Lane (6'0" 190 Jr), Jamie Carvajal (5'4" 162 Sr) and FB's Antwan Cobb (6'0" 215 rFr, PS#59), Drew Marcantonio (6'1" 208 So) and Alex Spears (5'6" 200 Jr). I fully expect Charles to break the 1,000 yard barrier this season.

RECEIVERS - The Horns had 3 of their top 4 receivers back last year but had to replace TE David Thomas (#3DC) who led the team in rec with 50 (12.3) and was the most prolific TE in TD rec's in UT history. Billy Pittman (PS#47) led the team in '05 with 750 yards (22.1), Limas Sweed (PS#17) had 36 rec (15.1) and Quan Cosby (PS#9DB) added 15 (18.0). Sweed led in '06 with 46 (17.4) while Cosby had 45 (11.7) and Pittman 35 (13.0). TE Jermichael Finley (PS#18WR) had 31 (12.0). The only loss this year is TE Neale Tweedie (13 st, 6, 9.2). I look for improved numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Mobile QB's definitely help the key stats for the O-line as their escapability cuts down on sacks and adds to the ypc rushing. The 2004 O-line had 4 starters back and paved the way for a school record in rushing yards (3,590) and 5.8 ypc (11 sk). They had 4 starters back in 2005 and improved to 5.9 ypc rush with just 14 sacks (4.2%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 3 backups then lost starting RG Cedric Dockery to injury at midseason. With a less mobile QB, the ypc dropped to 4.4 but the sacks only climbed slightly (19). This year they must replace C Lyle Sendlein (13 st, 2nd Tm B12, 2Y st'r), 1st Tm Big 12 LG Kasey Studdard (13 st, 3Y st'r), RT Justin Blalock (13 st, 4Y st'r, set school record with 51 straight starts) and RG Brett Valdez (10 gm). When Dockery went down, Adam Ulatoski started the final 7 and both return along with full-time LT Tony Hills, so there is experience. Every member of the 2 deep is a VHT and while the unit is talented, it is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Despite the plethora of VHT's on the roster, Texas had not fielded a dominant run defense. In 2003 the Horns allowed 153 ypg rushing, their highest total since 1997. In their National Title year of 2005 they yielded 131 (3.7) despite having 4 returning starters. Last year they had to replace one starter (1st Tm AA) and a backup and had their best rush D since 1942 allowing just 61.2 ypg (2.3). They did so despite losing starting DT Derek Lokey to a broken leg after 8 games. This year they must replace DE Brian Robison (9 st, 37 tkl, 5.5 sk, HM B12) and DE Tim Crowder (13 st, 59 tkl, 10.5 sk, 2nd Tm B12). Six of the top 8 are back and they even add in RB Henry Melton (PS#13RB), rFr Eddie Jones (PS#1) and true frosh Dre Jones (PS#5) who was in for the spring. It will be tough to match last year's stats but this is one of the top D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Horns had to replace one starter (3rd Tm AA) and 2 backups. Sergio Kindle (PS#1) was in for the spring but a sprained ankle which set him behind and he had just 21 tackles as a backup. This year the top 6 LB's all return. Some of last year's starters could lose their jobs to the VHT's waiting in the wings in Kindle, Jared Norton (PS#19), Roddrick Muckelroy (PS#30) and true frosh Keenan Robinson (PS#4). This unit is not only more experienced, but has added talent.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Texas almost always finishes in the Top 15 in my pass D rankings including a #1 finish in 2002. However they had an unusual slip to #37 in 2004 allowing 213 ypg, their highest since 1998. They only had to replace one starter in 2005 and moved back up to #6. Last year they had to replace two starters who were #1 and #2 NFL DC's as well as two backups. With the rush D being impenetrable, teams had to pass more often and the Horns allowed 236 ypg passing, their highest total in school history (previous high 227.7, 1988). UT dropped to #63 allowing 58.3% with a 21-13 ratio. This year they must replace Jim Thorpe Award winner CB Aaron Ross (13 st, 80 tkl, 19 pbu, 6 int), CB Tarell Brown (11 st, 53 tkl, 8 pbu), SS Matt Melton (3 st, 10 tkl) and 1st Tm Big 12 FS Michael Griffin (#1 tkl'r, 13 st, 10 pbu). Not listed below is Ishie Oduegwu (5'10" 205 So) PS#40. 7 tkl rFr. Brown did bring in three VHT true frosh last year who are ready to contribute but the group is less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The ST units have benefited from Mack Brown's touch as a master recruiter as almost all of his backups are VHT's and contribute here. From 1999-'04 they finished #18, #10, #16, #15 and #36 in my ST rankings and in 2005 finished #1 in the country. Last year they had to replace their P, K and top KR. Greg Johnson was an all-conf K/P at Vanderbilt before transferring here. I felt Texas had a shot at another Top 10 finish despite the losses and they nearly did it finishing #12. Johnson had a net of 37.6, the best at Texas in over a decade. He did hit just 3 of 6 FG's with a long of 46 and was replaced by Ryan Bailey who nailed the game winning kick vs Nebraska. Bailey hit 6 of 6 including a long of 43 in the bowl. Hunter Lawrence had 15 TB on 42 KO and Johnson had 12 TB on 36. Their top KR was Quan Crosby (25.7) & top PR was Aaron Ross (10.4). Texas has blocked an avg of 4 punts per year over the last 6 seasons! This unit must replace Johnson, Ross and KR Selvin Young so it will be very difficult to finish in the Top 12 again.

COACHES - Mack Brown took over a team that had 3 winning seasons the previous 7 years including a 4-7 record the year before his arrival. He has now won or tied for four Big 12 South Titles and has 17 straight winning seasons overall including 15 straight bowls. He is also the only coach to have 11 straight 9 win seasons with his 9th straight here being a Texas record. OC Greg Davis was with him at N Carolina and his offense has had 7 of the top 8 seasons in passing yards at Texas. They've recorded 30 team offensive records and 30 fifty-point games in his tenure. In 2005 he won the Broyles Award. In 2004 they had to replace DC Greg Robinson who took over as the head man at Syracuse. Brown made a great hire bringing in Auburn DC Gene Chizik. Chizik has now left for the HC job at Iowa St. This year they have co-DC's in Larry MacDuff who was the ST coordinator with the 49ers (4Y) and Duane Akina who is in his 7th year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to Mack Brown's arrival, UT had not finished in the Top 10 since 1983. While Longhorn fans were not thrilled with Brown, as he had the reputation for not being able to win the big one, they finished #5 in the polls in 2001 and outgained Big 12 foes by 200.7 ypg. They ended up #6 in 2002, the first time UT had back-to-back Top 10 finishes since 1977-'78. In 2003 they had double digit wins in back-to-back weeks vs ranked teams for the first time since 1947 but yet were not invited to a BCS bowl despite their #5 ranking. In 2004, for the first time in school history, UT achieved 10+ wins for four straight years and were 11-1 finishing #5 in the polls. Brown came into 2005 just 1-12 vs Top 5 teams and on these pages I drew comparisons to Tom Osborne of Nebraska. He had similar numbers and the reputation of not winning the big one yet walked away with two National Titles. I called for Brown to win his first ever Big 12 Title and gave the Horns an excellent shot at appearing in the Rose Bowl. UT had to defeat Ohio St on the road and also get past nemesis Oklahoma (had lost 5 straight) and did so comfortably 45-12. When they beat defending National Champ USC in the Rose Bowl they won the National Title, their first since 1970. Last year Vince Young decided to leave early for the NFL draft and the Longhorns earned 26 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover (see pg 308). They were still #3 in the preseason AP poll and #2 when they faced #1 ranked Ohio St at home in September. They had their 16 game home win streak and 21 game overall win streak snapped. They still knocked off Oklahoma and were #4 in the polls with a shot at the National Title game when QB McCoy was injured vs Kansas St with the Horns leading 7-0. Despite being upset by KSU, they still had the Big 12 South Title in hand but were stunned by Texas A&M in their first back-to-back losses since 1999. Two weeks after thinking National Title, UT was demoted to the Alamo Bowl where they barely got past Iowa. Last year's offense averaged 35.9 ppg which was more than 2 TD's less than in 2005. This year they have 7 starters back and will be more potent. The Horns have 6 starters back on D, which is their fewest since 2002 but ironically that year they allowed 16.3 ppg (fewest in last 5 years). Despite UT's 6-2 mark in the Big 12, they only outgained Big 12 foes by 43.9 ypg (4th best), a big drop from 2005 (211.0 ypg). The Horns are a legitimate National Title contender this year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

QB 12 COLT McCOY SO. 6-3 205 PS#11. 13 st rFr. 2570 pass (68%) 29-7 ratio, 289 rush gross, **HM B12. 17** Sherrod Harris (6-3 219 rFr) PS#23. **7** John Chiles PS#8. GJ Kinne is PS#24.

RB 25 JAMAAL CHARLES JR. 6-1 200 **PS#6**. 3 st true, 878 (7.4), **2nd Tm B12**. 1 st LY, 831 (5.3). **3** Chris Ogbonnaya (6-1 225 Jr) PS#33WR. 158 rush (4.0) 2Y. **Vondrell McGee PS#20.**

WR 6 QUAN COSBY JR. 5-11 200 PS#9DB in '01. Baseball 4Y. 3 st, 15 rec '05. 8 st, 45 (11.7) LY. **84** George Walker (6-3 215 Jr) **PS#18. FB** Luke Tiemann (6-2 235 Jr) PS#79LB. 1 st.

WR 5 BILLY PITTMAN SR. 6-0 200 PS#47. 9 st '05, 34 (22.1). 12 st LY, 35 (13.0). Jordan Shipley (6-0 188 Jr) **PS#7**. Inj 2Y. 1 st, 16 rec (14.3) LY. Philip Payne (6-2 210 rFr) PS#24. +12 lb.

WR 4 LIMAS SWEED SR. 6-5 219 **PS#17**. 7 st, 23 (11.4) rFr. 13 st, 36 (15.1) '05. 13 st, 46 (17.4), **1st Tm B12 LY.** Nate Jones (6-2 195 Sr) PS#21. 3 st, 29/3Y. Montre Webber (6-3 206 rFr) **PS#21.**

TE 16 Jermichael Finley So. 6-5 236 PS#18WR. 4 st TE LY, 31 (12.0). **86** Peter Ullman (6-4 255 Jr) PS#14. 2 rec, 23 gm 2Y. **83** Greg Smith (6-4 248 rFr) PS#36. Blaine Irby **PS#3.**

C 67 Dallas Griffin Sr. 6-4 285 **PS#38**. 14 gm '04-'05. 2nd string C LY, 8 gm. Aundre McGaskey is **PS#22. 54** Michael Taylor (5-11 240 Jr). **LS 58** William Harvey (5-11 225 Jr).

RG 55 CEDRIC DOCKERY JR. 6-4 320 **PS#10**. 9 game rFr. 6 st RG in '06 until ACL. **71** Chris Hall (6-4 295 So) **PS#35**. 7 gm, 2nd string rFr. **65** Buck Burnette (6-3 310 rFr) **PS#42.**

LG 52 Charlie Tanner So. 6-4 295 **PS#55**. 2nd string rFr, 7 gm. **78** Roy Watts (6-6 315 rFr) **PS#34. 68** Drew Oldis (6-4 282 So). Kyle Hix is **PS#23. 57** Andrew Carroll (6-3 285 rFr).

RT 74 Adam Ulatoski So. 6-8 300 **PS#28**. Start L/7 as rFr RT. **73** J'Marcus Webb (6-8 310 So) **PS#10**. 2nd string as **true**, 12 gm. **75** Steve Moore (6-5 296 rFr) PS#82.

LT 79 TONY HILLS SR. 6-6 305 PS#2TE. Lettered true, 7 gm. 11 gm '05. 13 st LT LY, **HM B12. 63** Michael Huey is **PS#10**. In spring. **72** Britt Mitchell (6-5 280 rFr) PS#9TE.

K 39 RYAN BAILEY JR. 6-2 195 6 gm, 6 of 6 FG's LY, long of 43. 17 of 18 xp. **15** Hunter Lawrence (6-0 175 So) **PS#6**. 32-44 FG in HS. 15 TB on 42 KO in 7 gms as true.

DE 98 Brian Orakpo Jr. 6-4 248 **PS#45**. 2 st, 53 tkl, 5 sk, 5 tfl 2Y. **94** Thomas Marshall (6-6 290 Sr) PS#78. 21 tkl 3Y. **37 Henry Melton** (6-3 268 Jr) **PS#13RB.** 625 rush (4.7) 2Y.

DT 97 FRANK OKAM SR. 6-5 320 **PS#2**. 13 st, **2nd Tm B12 '05**, 48 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 st LY, 38 tkl, 6 tfl. **92** Ben Alexander (6-0 310 So) **PS#34. 93** Dre Jones **PS#5**, in spg. Rene Hinojosa (6-2 240 So).

DT 99 ROY MILLER JR. 6-2 295 **PS#6**. 10 tkl true. 6 st LY, 39 tkl, 3.5 sk. **96 Derek Lokey** (6-2 280 Sr) PS#57. 10 tkl true. 17 tkl '05. 8 st (inj), 24 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **90** Brian Ellis (6-5 287 rFr) **PS#28.**

DE 95 Aaron Lewis Jr. 6-4 260 **PS#9**. 8 tkl true. 21 tkl, 3 sk, 5 tfl LY. **36** Lamarr Houston (6-2 265 So) **PS#4LB**. 14 tkl, 2 tfl true. **Eddie Jones** (6-3 260 rFr) **PS#1**. Nic Redwine (6-3 225 Jr) **PS#32LB.**

SLB 40 ROBERT KILLEBREW SR. 6-2 230 **PS#15**. 10 st '05, 67 tkl, 4 sk, 6 tfl. 12 st LY, 40 tkl, 4 tfl. **2 Sergio Kindle** (6-4 239 So) **PS#1**. 21 tkl, 3 tfl true. **42** Dustin Earnest (6-3 221 rFr) **PS#17.**

MLB 44 RASHAD BOBINO JR. 5-11 228 PS#73. 13 st rFr. 53 tkl, 7 tfl. 13 st LY, 74 tkl, 13 tfl. **11** Jared Norton (6-3 236 So) **PS#19**. 15 tkl **true**. 12 gm. **59** Chad Kugler (6-2 220 Jr).

WLB 33 SCOTT DERRY SR. 6-3 230 PS#57. 21 tkl rFr. Inj '05. 10 st LY, 70 tkl, 9 tfl. **38** Roddrick Muckelroy (6-2 230 So) PS#30. 3 st rFr, inj. **43** Jeremy Campbell (6-2 228 Jr) PS#68DL.

CB 8 Chykie Brown rFr. 6-1 180 **PS#20**. **13** Ryan Palmer (5-10 190 Jr) PS#53. 24 tkl, 2 pbu 2Y. **3 Curtis Brown PS#5**, in spg. **24** Ryan Moench (6-0 195 Jr). Brandon Collins PS#46.

CB 7 Deon Beasley So. 5-10 170 **PS#7**. 1 st true, 7 tkl, 1 pbu. **28** Brandon Foster (5-9 180 Sr) PS#145. 1 st, 35 tkl 3Y. **5** Ben Wells PS#25. **21** Michael Flath (5-9 180 Sr) 1 tkl. Christian Scott PS#26.

SS 26 MARCUS GRIFFIN SR. 6-0 202 32 tkl '05. 10 st '06, 90 tkl, 3 pbu. **12** Robert Joseph (6-2 195 So) **PS#31**. 14 tkl, 1 pbu true. **30** James Henry (6-2 212 rFr) **PS#18.**

FS 4 Drew Kelson Sr. 6-2 215 **PS#4**. 4 st, 54 tkl, 2 sk, 5 tfl, 4 pbu L2Y. **21** Erick Jackson (6-2 200 Sr) **PS#32**. 23 tkl 3Y. **I** Tyrell Galewood (6-2 210 Sr) PS#14WR. 2 rec '05. 12 tkl LY.

P 17 Trevor Gerland So. 6-2 190 PS#33. **50.3** avg as senior HS. 6 punts, 39.2 rFr. **47** John Gold (6-3 200 So). Walk-on. **43** Justin Moore (6-2 197 Jr) 6 KO 2 games as a soph.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

LB	Keenan Robinson 6-3 210 PS#4
DB	Curtis Brown 6-1 175 PS#5
QB	John Chiles 6-2 197 PS#8
OL	Michael Huey 6-5 320 PS#10
DL	Dre Jones 6-5 295 PS#5
TE	Blaine Irby 6-3 230 PS#3
WR	Malcolm Williams 6-3 215 PS#11
DB	Ben Wells 6-1 185 PS#25
DB	Christian Scott 6-0 185 PS#26
RB	Foswhitt Whittaker 5-10 188 PS#18
DB	Earl Thomas 5-10 183 PS#31
DL	Russell Carter 6-3 240 PS#18LB
OL	Aundre McGaskey 6-5 272 PS#22
OL	Kyle Hix 6-7 300 PS#23
TE	Ahmard Howard 6-4 220 PS#29LB
OL	Matt Nader 6-6 295 PS#34
DB	Brandon Collins 6-0 174 PS#46
WR	James Kirkendoll 5-11 175 PS#28
QB	GJ Kinne 6-3 215 PS#24
RB	Cody Johnson 5-11 230 PS#62
TE	Ian Harris 6-4 230 PS#22
DL	Michael Wilcoxon 6-3 285 PS#98
DL	Sam Acho 6-3 250 PS#107
OL	Tray Allen 6-5 310 PS#198
DL	Tyrell Higgins 6-3 255 PS#183

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10th Year at Texas
Brown's Bowl Record: 9-6

Brown's records AT TEXAS

93-22	Straight Up	6-11	Vs Top 10
48-5	Home	21-15	Vs Top 25
33-7	Away	12-8	Vs BCS Teams
12-10	Neutral	13-3	Off A Bye
61-14	Vs Conference	13-3	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (10–3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (20,24,2)
Lost: 15 (8,6,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 88,505 (#10)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

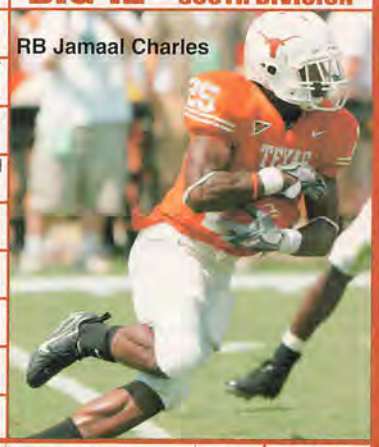
Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#38

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TX	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	Arkansas St	G						The Longhorns have won 7 straight season openers by an average of 52-5. Texas is 11-0 vs current Sun Belt Conf members with a 28 ppg avg margin of victory.
Sep. 8	TCU	G						These former SWC rivals played every yr from 1927-'95. The '95 gm was their last meeting as the Horns have a 60-20-1 advantage all-time & won 27 of the last 28.
Sep. 15	at UCF	G						Under HC Mack Brown Texas is 8-2 in non-conference away gms (7-0 since 2001). The Longhorns have won 6 straight road openers & 17 of L/18 away from Austin.
Sep. 22	Rice	G						LY almost half of the Owls' 168 yds (81) came in the 4Q after the Horns were up 45-0. Texas has won 36 of 37 & the last time instate Rice beat Texas in Austin was 1965.
Sep. 29	Kansas St	G						Texas has won 8 straight conf openers. LY QB McCoy was injured with Texas up 7-0. LY #4 UT lost to an unranked K-State tm (1st loss vs an unranked school S/'03 vs Ark).
Oct. 6	† Oklahoma (Dallas)	G						UT forced TO's on all of OU's 4 possessions (2 int/2 fum) in the 4Q LY to prevent a comeback. This rivalry has been played every yr at the Cotton Bowl S/'29 (TX 57-39-5).
Oct. 13	at Iowa St	G						Mack Brown coached at ISU from '79-'81 & was the Cyclones OC his L2Y there. UT has won all 5 B12 meetings. Former UT Asst HC Gene Chizik is the 29th HC at ISU.
Oct. 20	at Baylor	A						LY QB McCoy set a UT record with 6 TD passes in a single gm vs BU (21-32, 275 yds & a 6-1 ratio). Texas has scored 60+ the L2Y vs BU & have hit that plateau 8 times in the L4Y.
Oct. 27	Nebraska	G						Horns held NU rush attack to just 38 yds (1.6) as NU entered gm avg 208 ypg. Bailey hit a 22-yd FG w/:23 left after a NU fum (2:17 left) on a 1st down completion. Texas has won 6 of L/7.
Nov. 3	at Oklahoma St	A						Texas is 23-4 the L/27 gms in the month of Nov. Texas has won 9 straight in this series. QB McCoy had a career high 346 passing yds (79%, 3-0 ratio) LY vs the Cowboys.
Nov. 10	Texas Tech	G						Texas is 13-1 since 1993 in home finales (only loss was to Texas A&M LY). Longhorns came back LY from 21 down vs The Red Raiders (2nd largest in school history).
Nov. 17								Bonus: Under Brown, TX is 60-12 in B12 regular season play.
Nov. 23	at Texas A&M (Fri)	G						LY vs A&M, UT had the nation's longest active streak without B2B losses snapped at 87 gms. The 19 combined pts in LY's gm ties (19 pts in '86) for the least amount scored S/'67 (17 pts).
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Major Applewhite 8,353 '98-'01
2. James Brown 7,638 '94-'97
3. Peter Gardere 7,396 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ricky Williams 6,279 '95-'98
2. Cedric Benson 5,540 '01-'04
3. Earl Campbell 4,443 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Roy Williams 3,866 '00-'03
2. Mike Adams 3,032 '92-'96
3. BJ Johnson 2,389 '00-'03



STADIUM: TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM (85,123) (#11)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

Mack Brown	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	10-2	10-2	10-2	10-1	12-0	9-3	70-12
Home	6-0	5-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	5-0	5-2	38-3
Away	3-1	5-0	4-1	4-0	4-1	5-0	3-1	28-3
Neutral	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	4-6
vs Conf	7-1	7-2	6-2	7-1	7-1	9-0	6-2	49-9
ATS	7-4	6-5-1	5-7	8-4	5-6	10-2	5-6	46-34-1
Home Fav	4-2	4-1	2-4	3-3	3-3	5-0	3-3	24-16
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Fav	2-1	2-2-1	2-2	4-0	1-2	2-2	1-3	14-12-1
Away Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	4-0
Favorite	6-4	6-5-1	4-7	8-3	4-5	9-2	5-6	42-32-1
Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	4-2
vs Conf	6-2	5-3-1	3-5	5-3	4-4	7-2	3-5	33-24-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-2	3-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	13-10
Off SU Win	5-3	5-4-1	3-6	5-4	4-5	9-2	3-5	34-29-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	8-2

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jamaal Charles	156	870	39	831	7	5.3
Selvin Young	137	630	39	591	7	4.3
Henry Melton	45	196	3	193	6	4.3
Colt McCoy	68	289	119	170	2	2.5
Jordan Shipley	7	110	0	110	0	15.7
Jevan Snead	27	124	37	87	1	3.2
Chris Ogbonnaya	18	84	2	82	1	4.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Colt McCoy	318	217	68.2	2570	29	7
Jevan Snead	49	26	53.1	371	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Limas Sweed	46	801	17.4	12	60
Quan Cosby	45	525	11.7	2	51
Billy Pittman	35	456	13.0	4	62
Jermichael Finley	31	372	12.0	3	40
Jordan Shipley	16	229	14.3	4	56
Jamaal Charles	18	183	10.2	1	72
Selvin Young	23	132	5.7	1	29
Neale Tweedie	6	55	9.2	0	20
Chris Ogbonnaya	7	45	6.4	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Greg Johnson	46	1877	40.8	11	37.6(t)	1	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Greg Johnson	42-43	2-2	0-2	1-2	0-0	3-6	46
Ryan Bailey	17-18	5-5	0-0	1-1	0-0	6-6	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Griffin	126	1	3	10	4
Marcus Griffin	90	1	1	3	1
Aaron Ross	80	1	2	19	6
Rashad Bobino	74	2.5	10.5	4	0
Scott Derry	70	1	8	1	0
Tim Crowder	59	10.5	8.5	3	0
Tarell Brown	53	0	1	8	0
Robert Killebrew	40	0	4	1	0
Roy Miller	39	3.5	2.5	0	0
Frank Okam	38	2	4	0	0
Brian Robison	37	5.5	3.5	3	0
Brian Orakpo	26	4.5	1.5	2	0
Derek Lokey	24	0.5	3.5	0	0
Aaron Lewis	21	3	5	3	0
Sergio Kindle	21	0	3	0	0
Drew Kelson	18	1	4	0	0
Ryan Palmer	16	0	0	2	1
Thomas Marshall	15	0.5	1.5	0	0
Brandon Foster	15	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Aaron Ross	23	240	10.4	1
Quan Cosby	2	64	32.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Quan Cosby	13	334	25.7	0
Selvin Young	11	233	21.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Cotton - #9	-10'	LSU	35-20
03	Holiday - #5	-9'	Washington St - #15	20-28
04	Rose - #6	-7'	Michigan - #13	38-37
05	Rose - #2	+7	USC - #1	41-38
06	Alamo - #18	-8'	Iowa	26-24

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TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	35.9	22	163	4.4	229	65.8	10.9	+9	2006	7	18.3	16	61	2.3	236	58.3	16.2
7*	50.2	25	275	5.9	237	64.9	10.2	+7	2005	9	16.4	17	131	3.7	172	51.1	18.5
7*	35.3	24	299	5.8	165	57.8	13.2	+5	2004	7	17.9	16	107	3.2	213	55.2	17.9
8	41.0	23	233	5.1	207	56.4	10.7	+2	2003	8	21.5	18	153	3.7	177	47.2	15.3
7*	33.8	20	136	3.4	250	59.4	11.4	+17	2002	5	16.3	18	143	3.9	165	48.0	18.9
9*	39.8	23	159	4.1	267	60.4	10.7	+10	2001	8	15.9	14	94	3.0	158	50.6	15.8

2006 STATS BY GAME

TX 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#3	North Texas	27	44-212	4.8	15-26	198	0	6	28-8	0.3	9-19	87	4	0
#2	Ohio St	20	31-172	5.5	19-32	154	1	17	29-79	2.7	17-26	269	3	-2
#8	at Rice	22	43-330	7.7	10-11	163	2	11	20-(-12)	-0.6	18-29	180	3	-1
#7	Iowa St	24	40-193	4.8	19-24	246	1	21	27-21	0.8	25-45	302	7	0
#7	Sam Houston St	22	42-119	2.8	20-24	300	0	9	25-87	3.5	16-26	105	0	+4
#7	† Oklahoma	13	32-124	3.9	11-18	108	1	13	36-124	3.4	15-27	209	2	+5
#6	Baylor	22	37-162	4.4	21-32	275	1	17	11-27	2.5	26-48	320	5	+4
#5	at Nebraska	21	34-128	3.8	25-40	220	3	15	24-38	1.6	16-29	302	4	+2
#5	at Texas Tech	29	44-227	5.2	21-31	256	1	27	14-(-13)	-0.9	42-61	519	2	-2
#4	Oklahoma St	26	45-164	3.6	23-29	346	2	13	21-80	3.8	11-28	123	2	+1
#4	at Kansas St	25	45-143	3.2	17-35	241	5	18	25-23	0.9	22-34	323	2	0
#11	Texas A&M	16	25-70	2.8	17-29	160	2	17	51-244	4.8	7-13	58	1	-3
#18	† Iowa	17	21-70	3.3	26-40	308	0	17	34-89	2.6	15-25	274	3	+1
TOTALS		284	483-2114	4.4	244-371	2975	19	201	345-795	2.3	239-410	3071	38	+9
AVERAGES		21.8	37-163	4.4	19-29	229	1.5	15.5	27-61	2.3	18-32	236	2.9	+1

2002 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #4 Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
#3	North Texas	-35	27-0
#3	at North Carolina	-13'	52-21
#3	Houston	-36	41-11
#3	at Tulane	-31'	49-0
#2	Oklahoma St	-24'	17-15
#3	† Oklahoma - #2	-3	24-35
#8	at Kansas St - #17	+2'	17-14
#7	Iowa St - #17	-12'	21-10
#7	at Nebraska	-3'	27-24
#4	Baylor	-40	41-0
#4	at Texas Tech	-6'	38-42
#10	Texas A&M	-12	50-20

2003 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
#5	New Mexico St	-29	66-7
#6	Arkansas	-13'	28-38
#13	† Rice	-30'	48-7
#14	Tulane	-29'	63-18
#13	Kansas St - #16	-6'	24-20
#11	† Oklahoma - #1	+6	13-65
#20	at Iowa St	-17	40-19
#18	at Baylor	-32'	56-0
#16	Nebraska - #12	-5'	31-7
#11	at Oklahoma St - #21	-3'	55-16
#6	Texas Tech	-18'	43-40
#6	at Texas A&M	-20	46-15

2004 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #7 Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
#7	North Texas	-26	65-0
#7	at Arkansas	-12	22-20
#5	Rice	-32'	35-13
#5	Baylor	-38'	44-14
#5	† Oklahoma - #2	+7	0-12
#9	Missouri	-13'	28-20
#8	at Texas Tech	+1	51-21
#8	at Colorado	-14	31-7
#6	Oklahoma St - #19	-12'	56-35
#6	at Kansas	-22	27-23
#6	Texas A&M - #22	-10'	26-13

2005 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #2 Opponent	Line	Post #1 Score
#2	Louisiana-Lft	-40'	60-3
#2	at Ohio St - #4	+1'	25-22
#2	Rice	-40'	51-10
#2	at Missouri	-14'	51-20
#2	† Oklahoma	-14	45-12
#2	Colorado - #24	-17	42-17
#2	Texas Tech - #10	-17	52-17
#2	at Oklahoma St	-37'	47-28
#2	at Baylor	-29	62-0
#2	Kansas	-32'	66-14
#2	at Texas A&M	-28	40-29
#2	† Colorado	-26'	70-3

2006 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #3 Opponent	Line	Post #13 Score
#3	North Texas	-41	56-7
#2	Ohio St - #1	-2	7-24
#8	at Rice	-33	52-7
#7	Iowa St	-24'	37-14
#7	Sam Houston St	NL	56-3
#7	† Oklahoma - #14	-3'	28-10
#6	Baylor	-27	63-31
#5	at Nebraska - #17	-5	22-20
#5	at Texas Tech	-10	35-31
#4	Oklahoma St	-17'	36-10
#4	at Kansas St	-16	42-45
#11	Texas A&M	-13'	7-12

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Reggie McNeal became Texas A&M's career leading passer but had an off year as a senior in '05 completing 53.2% with a 16-9 ratio. Stephen McGee was forced to start vs Texas in '05 due to a McNeal injury. While McGee hit just 9 of 23 for 83 yards, he became the first Aggie QB to top 100 yards rushing against Texas since Bucky Richardson (1990) and almost engineered an upset. McGee had an excellent soph season completing 62% with a 12-2 ratio while also rushing for 831 gross yards. McGee threw for just 63 yards vs the Sooners and 58 vs Texas but had 2,295 for the season. This year they lose backup Ty Branyon who had 12 att in '06. The new backup figures to be Jerrod Johnson (PS#27WR) who also played on the basketball team in '06 and has a cannon for an arm. Adding depth are TJ Sanders (6'3" 206 Sr, PS#305) who played in 2 games, Jeff Wood (6'5" 210 So), true frosh Brandon Williams (PS#33WR) and true frosh Ryan Tannehill (PS#83) who was in for the spring. McGee should continue to improve and be one of the Big 12's top QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Courtney Lewis (4.37 spd) became the Aggies first 1,000 yard rusher since 1998 when he had 1,024 (5.5) as a rFr in '03. He had a couple of injury plagued campaigns but still led the team in rushing in '04 (742, 4.2) and '05 (723, 6.6). True frosh Jorvorskie Lane (274 lbs, PS#14) emerged in '05 with 595 (5.0) giving them a Thunder-and-Lightning combo. Lewis was plagued by injuries again in '06 and appeared in just 8 games which allowed true frosh Mike Goodson (PS#4) to emerge. Goodson, who has blazing speed, rushed for 847 with an outstanding 6.7 ypc and Lane added 725 (4.4). This year Lewis (222, 4.7) must be replaced along with Brandon Leone (11, 2.8) but everyone else is back including 2nd Tm Big 12 FB Chris Alexander (PS#39, 6 st). Not listed in the 2 deep below are TB Latrael Cooper (6'0" 217 rFr, PS#41), Ryan O'Bryant (5'11" 227 So) and FB Jodie Richardson (6'0" 233 So, PS#82LB). The Lane/Goodson combo figures to be one of the Big 12's best.

RECEIVERS - The Aggies had three #2DC's between '01 and '05. In '05 the unit was injury plagued. Chad Schroeder (PS#73QB) had 5 TD's (4 rec, 1 rush) on his first 5 touches of the season but broke his leg vs Iowa St and still finished #2 with 20 (16.8). They also lost Earvin Taylor (PS#23) after 2 starts and L'Tydrick Riley (PS#13DB) for the entire year to injuries. Their leading receiver was Jason Carter (54, 15.3). Last year they had to replace Carter and their #3 receiver but had TE Martellus Bennett (PS#1) back. Bennett, who is an amazing combination of size and speed and one of my favorites for the Mackey Award this year, had 38 (13.1). Schroeder led with 39 (15.7) and Taylor chipped in 19 (8.4). Riley finished as the #3 WR with 23 (10.3). This year they lose Schroeder (12 st, HM B12), Riley (5 st) and Greg Boothe (2 gm, 0 rec). Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Chris Caflisch (6'2" 182 rFr, PS#148QB), Jamie McCoy (6'3" 224 So), Terrence McCoy (6'4" 195 rFr), Antonio Perry (6'2" 171 So, PS#174), Michael Corey (6'4" 209 Sr), Jeremy Brown (6'2" 205 So) and TE's Andrew Key (6'4" 238 So) and Ryan Vaughan (6'4" 240 Jr). Despite the loss of their top guy, this is a deep group that is more experienced.

RB Jorvorskie Lane

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies had a veteran O-line in 2004 which paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing. In 2005 they only had to replace one starter but then 3 returning starters lost their jobs. It was surprising that the group opened holes for 5.7 ypc (16 sk all'd) but QB McNeal's mobility helped. Last year they had 6 of the top 10 returning including 4 full-time starters and 8 VHT's. QB McGee's mobility aided the numbers and they averaged 5.0 ypc rush while allowing just 19 sacks (5.8%). This year they must replace G Grant Dickey (13 st) and backup Alex Kotzur (13 gm) but do have everyone else returning. LT Yemi Babalola is arguably their top lineman and missed most of last year with injury. He returns and the open G spot could be filled by Chris Yoder, who had 12 starts in 2004, or VHT Michael Shumard (PS#14). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Josh Russell (6'4" 328 So) and Craig Raschke (6'5" 231 rFr). This is one of the best O-lines in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - With 5 of the top 8 back in 2005, they allowed a respectable 3.6 ypc rush despite an off year for the defense. Last year they had to replace one starter (#6DC), three backups and DT Red Bryant who was lost after 8 starts. Even though the Aggies' D was much improved, they surprisingly allowed 4.3 ypc rush as their sack total dropped by 6 (20). This year they lose DE Jason Jack (10 st, 21 tkl, 3 tfl), DT Bryce Reed (10 st, 16 tkl) and DT Marques Thornton (8 st, 30 tkl). The DT's have great size with the top 4 averaging 317 lbs and DE Chris Harrington had 7.5 sacks last year. I look for the Aggies to be much tougher vs the run in the 2nd year of the 4-2-5 defense.

LINEBACKERS - A&M's Wrecking Crew D is known for their LB play. In 2003 the inexperienced group returned just 2 of the top 11 tacklers. They played much better in 2004 but struggled some in 2005. Last year they switched to a 4-2-5 and I include the WHIP in this position. They had just one starter returning but it was their #1 tackler, Justin Warren and he led the team again (HM Big 12). This year Warren departs (12 st) as does Nurahda Manning (12 tkl). A question mark as of this writing is the status of Brock Newton (5'11" 183 Sr, PS#191DB). Newton had 8 starts in '05 and 7 last year but was dismissed at the end of last season. There is a possibility he could return, and if he does, two starters are back. Overall including the WHIP position four players return with starting experience and not listed below are Colby Renfro (5'11" 213 Jr), Derek Dumas (6'1" 220 So), Dustin Riewe (6'0" 224 Jr), Mark Metzger (6'3" 234 rFr), Jarrett Cantu (6'2" 230 So), Tim McKay (6'0" 216 Sr), Nathan Haile (6'0" 214 Sr) and Newton. With or without Newton, this is a more experienced unit in 2007.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005, with just one starter back, the Aggies were shredded for an NCAA worst 304.6 ypg passing and finished #104 in my pass D rankings. They threw numerous frosh into the fire as no DB started all 11. Last year they only had to replace two players, who combined for 16 starts, and climbed all the way up to #32 allowing 190.5 ypg (55.2%) with a 14-11 ratio. This year they lose SS Melvin Bullitt (13 st, 82 tkl, 7.5 tfl) but have 7 of the top 8 back and I list the talented 2 deep below. Jordan Peterson was picked on for a couple of game winning TD's and he will have to battle Arkeith Brown for his starting spot. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Matthew Almaraz (5'10" 194 Jr), David Latham (6'2" 200 Jr) and Marcus Gold (5'7" 180 So).

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies are famous for their "12th man" special teams unit (4 Top 10 finishes). So it was surprising that they finished #73, #99 and #89 in Franchione's first 3 years. They were a banged up team in '05 and a lack of depth always hurts the kick coverage units. Last year they had to replace their K and top KR but finally played like a "12th man" unit finishing #27. P Justin Brantly (PS#3) improved the team net (37.0). Layne Neumann hit 12 of 15 FG's but his long was just 39. Richie Bean (PS#20) had 19 TB's on 41 KO in '05 but no attempts last year. True frosh Matt Szymanski hit 2 of 5 FG's and 25 TB's on 69 KO. Kerry Franks blocked a punt against The Citadel (and had a 52 yd KR) and later had a 99 yard KR for a TD vs TT. He avg'd an outstanding 27.7 on KR. Chad Schroeder led the team in PR (7.4). This year they lose Schroeder and Neumann but I believe the Aggies are finally back to having one of the nation's premier ST units and are worthy of the "12th man" designation.

COACHES - Dennis Franchione has had previous HC stops at New Mexico, TCU and Alabama and has led all four schools to a bowl. His OC is Les Koenning who has been the OC at Duke, Houston, TCU, Alabama and here for 3 seasons. Last year the new DC was Gary Darnell who was W Mich's HC for 8 years, including MAC Coach of the Year honors in 2000. He was also the interim HC at Florida for 7 games prior to Spurrier's arrival and has been the DC at K-St, Texas, Florida and ND. In his first year, the D allowed 10.7 ppg and 121 ypg less than in 2005.

PHIL'S FORECAST

A&M took a streak of 20 consecutive non-losing years into Dennis Franchione's first season in 2003. Franchione inherited just 11 returning starters (fewest B12) and the team had to learn new schemes. I pegged them to finish 5th in the Big 12 South but A&M struggled even more than expected. The D allowed 38.8 ppg which is more than double that of a normal Wrecking Crew defense. The team suffered its first 8-loss season since 1972. In 2004 I pointed out the Aggies were -11 in turnovers in 2003 and called A&M the NCAA's most improved team. The Aggies at one point stood 6-1 but faded down the stretch finishing just 7-5 (3rd B12 South) vs the 4th toughest schedule in the country. The 5th loss was a disappointing Cotton Bowl performance. The defense was a major problem for the Aggies again in '05. Clemson hit a FG with :02 left knocking out the #17 Aggies in the opener but they still managed a 5-2 start before the bottom fell out. Last year I made the same observation I did in 2004 which was that the defensive unit had far too much athletic talent to fare as poorly as they did in '05 and called for them to be much improved. The D went from allowing 31.2 ppg to 20.5 (best in 5 years) and trimmed the ypg by 121! In last year's magazine I mentioned that they should be 4-0 when they hosted TT and that if they won that game they would have a shot at being 9-0. A late int was overturned by replay and they lost to TT on a TD with :26 left and they stood 8-1 after 9 games. A&M suffered a pair of 1 point losses to the two teams that played in the Big 12 Title game, but then knocked off Texas (first win since 1999) in the season finale to get to the Holiday Bowl. Unfortunately they were thrashed by Cal in the bowl. A&M had 5 close wins last year as they could easily have been 4-9. They also had 3 close losses and could have been 12-1. A&M was +9 in turnovers and narrowly missed qualifying for page 312. This year they have 9 starters back on offense including an experienced QB and should top last year's 27.8 ppg. The defense has 6 starters back including 14 of their top 18 tacklers. I rate the Aggies as having the #3 offense and #4 D in the Big 12. Last year they outgained Big 12 foes by 50.5 ypg (3rd best). Despite road games vs Miami, Fl, Texas Tech, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Missouri and a home game vs Texas, I give the Aggies a shot at topping 2006's 9 wins and they could be the surprise team in the B12 this year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 STEPHEN McGEE JR. 6-3 208 **PS#7**. 1 st rFr, 283 pass, 300 rush. 13 st LY, 2295 (62%) 12-2 ratio, 831 rush. **1 Jerrod Johnson** (6-6 223 rFr) **PS#27WR. 19** Ryan Tannehill is PS#83.
TB 3 MIKE GOODSON SO. 6-0 192 **PS#4**. 1 st true, 847 (6.7). Bradley Stephens is **PS#12. 23** Cornell Tarrant (6-0 192 rFr) PS#142. **26** Keondra Smith (5-9 214 So) PS#77.
RB 11 JORVORSKIE LANE JR. 6-0 274 **PS#14. 2nd Tm B12**. 14 st, 2Y, 1320 (4.6). **32** Samson Taylor (6-0 205 Jr) PS#27. **FB 24 Chris Alexander** (5-11 242 Sr) **2nd Tm B12**. 6 st, 311 ttl yards 3 years.
WR 6 Pierre Brown Jr. 6-2 200 PS#90. 4 st, 20 rec (10.1) 2Y. **5** Howard Morrow (6-0 205 Jr) **PS#13**. 4 st, 13 rec (13.5) 2Y. **9 EJ Shankle** (5-11 177 So) PS#66. **Fastest** WR.
WR 2 EARVIN TAYLOR SR. 6-3 228 PS#23. 9 st '04, 22 (13.0). Inj'd '05. 11 st LY, 19 (8.4). **8** Kerry Franks (5-11 196 Sr) PS#40. 2 st, 32 rec (18.8) 3Y. **88** Cody Beyer (6-1 180 So) PS#81.
TE 13 MARTELLUS BENNETT JR. 6-7 248 **PS#1. 2nd Tm B12**, 13 st, 38 rec (13.1) n '06. **81** Joey Thomas (6-5 250 Sr) **PS#9**. 7 st 3Y. **86** Amos Gbunblee (6-5 250 Jr) PS#34. 1 st '05.
C 70 CODY WALLACE SR. 6-4 294 PS#47. 11 st C rFr. 13 st C LY, **2nd Tm B12, 740 squat**. Kevin Matthews (6-4 300 So) PS#237. **LS** Cory Davis (6-1 247 Jr). Corey Gibas (5-11 215 So).
SG 51 Chris Yoder Sr. 6-3 299 PS#67. 12 st C rFr. 2nd string '05 & '06. **700 squat. 76** Michael Shumard (6-5 305 So) **PS#14**. 2nd string rFr, 36" VL, OL record. **56** Matt Rankin (6-2 255 rFr).
QG 64 KIRK ELDER SR. 6-5 298 **PS#50**. 11 st rFr. 11 st '05. 13 st LY. **HM B12 3Y.** 390 bench. **80 Vincent Williams** (6-4 300 So) **PS#19DL**. 470 bench. **73** Price Ferguson (6-2 285 rFr).
ST 54 COREY CLARK SR. 6-6 317 PS#43. 11 st '05, 13 st LY, **HM B12**, 415 bench. **74 Lee Grimes** (6-6 310 So) **PS#29**. ACL rFr. **68** Eric Pennington (6-4 315 rFr) PS#412.
QT 71 YEMI BABALOLA JR. 6-4 298 PS#260. 11 st QT rFr. 4 st LY (inj). **75** Travis Schneider (6-8 295 Jr) PS#239. 9 st OT LY. 530 squat. Robbie Frost (6-6 308 So) **PS#38.**
K 7 Matt Szymanski So. 6-1 188 PS#76. 61 yd FG in HS. 2-5 FG true, 25 TB on 69 KO. **27** Richie Bean (6-0 180 Jr) **PS#20**. 55 yd FG HS. KO's '05. David DeLaFosse (5-11 172 So).

DE 49 Cyril Obiozor Jr. 6-5 257 PS#72. 40.5" VL. 3 st, 37 tkl, 2 tfl. **11 Michael Bennett** (6-4 263 Jr) 4 st, 2Y, 54 tkl, 10.5 tfl **93** Paul Freeney (6-3 252 So) **PS#25**. Von Miller is **PS#27.**
DT 85 RED BRYANT SR. 6-5 324 PS#48. 12 st '04. 10 st '05. 8 st LY (inj). 81 tkl, 13.5 tfl, 3Y. **78** Lucas Patterson (6-5 306 rFr) **PS#62OL**. OL LY. **80** Vincent Williams (6-4 300 So) **PS#19.**
DT 91 Kellen Heard So. 6-6 330 **PS#26OL**. 13 tkl, 2.5 sk rFr. **95** Henry Smith (6-3 307 Sr) **PS#48. Alabama** '02. PS#133JC. 22 tkl, 2 sk here LY. **97** Cody Williams (6-4 238 rFr) **PS#28LB.**
DE 92 CHRIS HARRINGTON SR. 6-5 267 **PS#47**. 14 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 11 st '05, 25 tkl, 4 sk. 13 st LY, 59 tkl, 7.5 sk. 660 squat. **84** Chris Smith (6-4 260 Jr) **PS#21**. 6 tkl, 13 gm LY.
LB 37 MISI TUPE SR. 5-10 250 PS#144JC. 8 st here LY, 54 tkl, 4 tfl. **50** Mark Dodge (6-2 222 Sr) **PS#72JC**. 5 st here LY, 51 tkl, 2.5 tfl, **HM B12. Derrick Stephens is PS#10.**
LB 36 Anthony Lewis So. 6-2 244 **PS#15**. 1 tkl true (inj). **46 Matt Featherston** (6-3 240 So) PS#315. 1 st, 26 tkl rFr. Billy Chavis is PS#37. **55** Nick LaMantia (6-1 227 Jr) 11 tkl 2Y.
WHIP 25 Jordan Pugh So. 5-11 190 PS#26. 2 tkl true. **28** Japhus Brown (5-11 199 Sr) PS#147RB. 10 st FS '04, 62 tkl. 1 st SS '05, 20 tkl. 5 st WHIP LY, 17 tkl. **30** Chevar Bryson (6-0 185 So) PS#125.
CB 27 JORDAN PETERSON SO. 5-10 186 PS#114. 11 st rFr, 30 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. **18** Arkeith Brown (5-11 170 Jr) PS#64. 2 st, 34 tkl, 5 pbu, 2Y. **1** Johnathan Batson (6-1 190 Sr) PS#80JC. 1st, 12 tkl here LY.
CB 4 DANNY GORRER JR. 6-0 178 PS#123. 4 st rFr, 30 tkl, 7 pbu. 13 st LY, 52 tkl, 3 pbu. **13** Marquis Carpenter (6-0 179 Sr) PS#37JC. 7 st '05. 39 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu. 15 tkl LY.
SS 9 Alton Dixon Jr. 5-11 200 PS#39. 32 tkl, 2Y. **29** Stephen Hodge (6-1 225 Sr) PS#68. 34 tkl 3Y. **31** Will Harris (6-1 206 Jr) JUCO LY. **45** Rawley Farrell (6-0 193 Sr) PS#259.
FS 26 DEVIN GREGG JR. 6-0 195 PS#57. 440 bench. 3 st true, 31 tkl. 13 st LY, 64 tkl, 2 int. **15** Kenny Brown (6-2 194 rFr) PS#46WR. **41** DeMaurier Thompson (6-1 175 rFr) PS#77LB.
P 16 JUSTIN BRANTLY JR. 6-4 228 **PS#3**. 46 punts true, 43.2 avg, net 32.7. 50 punts LY, 44.3 avg, team net 37.0. **2nd Tm B12**. **27** Richie Bean is **PS#20**. 43.4 avg HS. 19 TB on 41 KO '05.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Bradley Stephens 5-10 200 PS#12
LB	Derrick Stephens 6-2 228 PS#10
DL	Von Miller 6-3 218 PS#27
QB	Brandon Williams 6-2 215 PS#33WR
LB	Billy Chavis 6-5 231 PS#37
DL	Michael Ebbitt 6-4 244 PS#61LB
DL	Ben Bass 6-4 274 PS#77
DL	Brandon Joiner 6-2 231 PS#78
OL	Evan Eike 6-4 320 PS#85
DB	Jarius Neal 6-3 218 PS#113JC '06
WR	Roger Holland 5-10 175 PS#69
TE	Frank Avery 6-5 220 PS#31
WR	Nick Trice 6-1 200 PS#89
QB	Ryan Tannehill 6-4 210 PS#83
OL	Danny Baker 6-5 293 PS#136DL
LB	Charles Young 6-2 210 PS#151
TE	Harold Turnage 6-4 240 PS#59
WR	Garrick Williams 6-2 217 PS#185
DB	Lionel Smith 6-0 175 PS#224

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#10

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score A&M	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Montana St	G					Bobcats upset Big 12 member Colorado 19-10 in LY's season opener & finished 8-5. LY MSU lost to Div IAA Champs Appalachian St in the 2nd round of the IAA playoffs.
Sep. 8	Fresno St	G					This is the 1st meeting. A&M is 11-0 vs current WAC tms winning by an avg of 28 ppg. The Aggies have won 5 straight in the second of a 3+ game homestand.
Sep. 15	ULM	G					Texas A&M is 17-1 vs current SBC teams while ULM is 0-9 vs current Big 12 teams. A&M has gone 10-1 vs non-conf home games coming into this season.
Sep. 20	at Miami, Fl (Thur)	G					The Aggies are 10-11 vs current ACC teams & beat Miami in their lone meeting ('44). A&M is just 1-3 the L4Y in non-conf AG's as LY they escaped the Alamo Dome w/a win.
Sep. 29	Baylor	G					Aggies are 30-11-3 all-time hosting the Bears with a 17 ppg avg margin of victory. A&M has won 15 of the L/16. A&M gained a season-high 507 yds LY at Waco.
Oct. 6	Oklahoma St	G					Texas A&M & Ok St were 2 of only 6 schools that avg'd 190+ yds rushing & passing pg LY. The Aggies are 9-2 in B12 play vs the Cowboys, with an average score of 28-20.
Oct. 13	at Texas Tech	A					From '81-'01 these 2 schools avg'd 39 ppg (21 gms) but L5Y have avg'd 74 ppg. Last year was the 1st time in B12 play that A&M won all their conference road gms.
Oct. 20	at Nebraska	A					Texas A&M's last & only win (1-6) in Lincoln was a 27-0 shutout in 1955. The Aggies have dropped 4 straight & 9 of 10 meetings vs the Huskers.
Oct. 27	Kansas	G					The only time A&M has ever lost to KU was in their 1st meeting in 1974, 28-10 (7-1). Both HC's were asst's at Kansas St (Franchione from 1978-'80 & Mangino 1991-'98).
Nov. 3	at Oklahoma	G					In 3 of the last 4 years these teams have combined to score 66 & 77 pts twice. RB Mike Goodson (PS#4) ran for a career high 127 yds vs a stout OU defense LY.
Nov. 10	at Missouri	A					Aggies had a 41:30-18:30 TOP edge converting 9-15 (60%) 3rd down's LY vs the Tigers. A&M is 7-2 in the series (did lose 2 of L/3) & the avg margin of victory is 25 ppg.
Nov. 17							
Nov. 23	Texas (Fri)	G					This will be the schools' 113th meeting as they have played ever yr S/'15 (1st gm was in 1894). A&M rushed for 183 yds over the mark that Texas allowed on avg during the ssn (61 ypg).
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Reggie McNeal 6,992 '02-'05
2. Corey Pullig 6,846 '92-'95
3. Kevin Murray 6,506 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darren Lewis 5,012 '87-'90
2. Curtis Dickey 3,703 '76-'79
3. Greg Hill 3,262 '91-'93

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terrence Murphy 2,600 '01-'04
2. Bethel Johnson 1,740 '99-'02
3. Jamaar Taylor 1,705 '01-'03

DENNIS FRANCHIONE (Career 100-77) (Div II, NAIA & IAA 80-19-2)
5th Year at Texas A&M Franchione's Bowl Record: 3-3

Franchione's records AT TEXAS A&M

25-23	Straight Up	0-6	Vs Top 10
17-9	Home	3-14	Vs Top 25
7-12	Away	1-5	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	3-4	Off A Bye
15-17	Vs Conference	8-10	Off A Loss

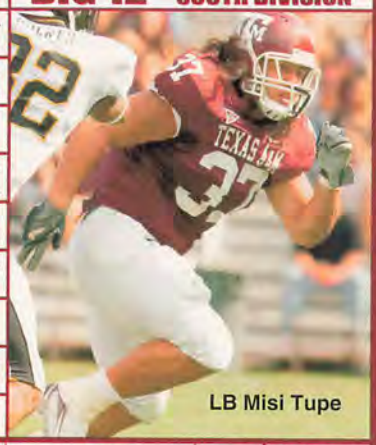
2006 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (20,21,6)
Lost: 17 (7,8,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 75,985 (#18)

BIG 12 – SOUTH DIVISION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STADIUM: KYLE FIELD (82,600) (#13)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	6-6	4-8	7-4	5-6	9-3	45-35
Home	4-2	5-1	3-4	4-3	5-1	4-2	4-3	29-16
Away	3-2	2-3	3-2	0-5	2-3	1-4	4-0	15-19
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-3	3-5	5-3	27-29
ATS	6-5	3-6-1	4-8	2-10	7-4	4-6	8-2-1	34-41-2
Home Fav (R.C. Slocum)	3-1	2-2	1-4	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-1	15-13
Home Dog (R.C. Slocum)	2-0	0-0-1	1-1	0-3	2-0	1-0	2-0-1	8-4-2
Away Fav (Dennis Franchione)	1-2	0-1	2-2	0-0	1-1	0-2	2-0	6-8
Away Dog (Dennis Franchione)	0-2	1-3	0-1	0-5	1-2	1-2	2-0	5-15
Favorite	4-3	2-3	3-6	2-2	4-2	2-4	4-2	21-22
Dog	2-2	1-3-1	1-2	0-8	3-2	2-2	4-0-1	13-19-2
vs Conf	4-4	2-5-1	3-5	2-6	5-3	3-5	6-1-1	25-29-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	1-3	0-4	2-1	1-1	2-1	9-12
Off SU Win	5-2	2-5	1-5	0-4	4-3	0-4	6-2	18-25
Off SU Loss	1-2	1-1-1	3-2	2-5	3-0	4-1	2-0-1	16-11-2

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Goodson	127	929	82	847	4	6.7
Jorvorskie Lane	166	740	15	725	19	4.4
Stephen McGee	146	831	165	666	4	4.6
Courtney Lewis	47	229	7	222	2	4.7
Chris Alexander	14	76	0	76	1	5.4
Jamie McCoy	6	68	0	68	1	11.3
Ty Branyon	4	26	6	20	1	5.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Stephen McGee	313	194	62.0	2295	12	2
Ty Branyon	12	6	50.0	98	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Chad Schroeder	39	612	15.7	4	63	
Martellus Bennett	38	497	13.1	3	75	
Kerry Franks	10	265	26.5	1	67	
L'Tydrick Riley	23	238	10.3	0	35	
Earvin Taylor	19	160	8.4	0	14	
Joey Thomas	10	158	15.8	2	56	
Mike Goodson	17	113	6.6	0	19	
Pierre Brown	12	104	8.7	0	29	
Howard Morrow	7	82	11.7	0	28	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Justin Brantly	50	2215	44.3	4	37.0(t)	0	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Layne Neumann	23-25	8-9	4-4	0-2	0-0	12-15	39
Matt Szymanski	13-13	0-0	2-4	0-1	0-0	2-5	35

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Justin Warren	93	1	2.5	3	0
Melvin Bullitt	82	0	7.5	7	1
Devin Gregg	64	0	0.5	0	2
Chris Harrington	59	7.5	4	3	0
Misi Tupe	54	1	3	2	0
Danny Gorrer	52	0	0	3	1
Mark Dodge	51	0.5	2	1	2
Brock Newton	47	0	1	3	0
Cyril Obiozor	37	1	1	1	1
Marques Thornton	30	0.5	0	0	0
Jordan Peterson	30	0	0	8	2
Michael Bennett	27	2	4	1	0
Matt Featherston	26	0	1	0	0
Henry Smith	22	2	2	0	0
Jason Jack	21	0	3	2	0
Arkeith Brown	21	0	0	4	0
Red Bryant	19	1	1.5	5	0
Japhus Brown	17	0	0	1	2
Bryce Reed	16	0	0.5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Chad Schroeder	19	140	7.4	0
Johnathan Batson	2	15	7.5	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Kerry Franks	16	443	27.7	1
Pierre Brown	8	198	24.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Alamo - #18	+7	Penn St - #13	0-24
00	Independence	-1'	Mississippi St (OT)	41-43
01	galleryfurniture.com	-5	TCU	28-9
04	Cotton - #22	-4'	Tennessee - #15	7-38
06	Holiday - #21	+3	California - #20	10-45

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Texas A&M's All-Time Bowl Record 13-16

TEXAS TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	27.8	20	207	5.0	191	61.2	14.3	+9	2006	7	20.5	17	132	4.3	191	55.2	15.7
9*	32.0	22	235	5.7	207	51.7	13.8	+6	2005	8	31.2	23	139	3.6	305	60.6	14.2
8*	28.4	20	167	4.6	261	59.0	15.1	+9	2004	8	24.3	23	143	3.6	244	59.0	15.9
6*	25.3	19	177	4.4	213	53.9	15.4	-11	2003	5	38.8	24	225	4.8	206	61.7	11.1
9*	28.8	19	118	3.4	268	51.5	13.4	+2	2002	7	23.3	18	131	3.4	208	57.1	14.5
6*	20.7	16	113	3.1	192	57.6	14.8	+8	2001	5	17.8	18	102	2.7	178	55.4	15.7

2006 STATS BY GAME

A&M 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	The Citadel	21	41 - 184	4.5	16 - 25	200	1	12	33 - 115	3.5	19 - 38	128	2	-3
–	Louisiana-Lft	26	40 - 225	5.6	23 - 32	271	2	10	38 - 154	4.1	2 - 12	17	3	+2
–	† Army	18	44 - 262	6.0	7 - 11	102	1	24	39 - 186	4.8	17 - 32	136	1	+2
–	Louisiana Tech	22	34 - 153	4.5	21 - 33	336	1	13	24 - 73	3.0	13 - 32	229	2	0
–	Texas Tech	22	47 - 250	5.3	9 - 20	103	0	24	11 - 41	3.7	32 - 45	392	0	0
–	at Kansas	20	31 - 146	4.7	25 - 45	240	1	10	27 - 113	4.2	14 - 32	175	2	0
–	Missouri	23	51 - 180	3.5	20 - 24	223	1	20	26 - 74	2.8	22 - 31	306	1	+3
#23	at Oklahoma St	24	48 - 231	4.8	17 - 27	192	3	21	37 - 226	6.1	10 - 22	133	1	-1
#22	at Baylor	23	48 - 292	6.1	12 - 21	215	1	12	24 - 77	3.2	14 - 23	260	1	+1
#21	Oklahoma	15	40 - 204	5.1	8 - 18	63	2	16	45 - 224	5.0	3 - 12	39	1	+1
#24	Nebraska	13	27 - 155	5.7	19 - 32	288	3	19	38 - 123	3.2	21 - 36	267	4	+1
–	at Texas	17	51 - 244	4.8	7 - 13	58	1	16	25 - 70	2.8	17 - 29	160	2	+3
#21	† California	21	38 - 163	4.3	18 - 29	186	2	22	32 - 241	7.5	19 - 24	235	0	0
TOTALS		265	540 - 2689	5.0	202 - 330	2477	19	219	399 - 1717	4.3	203 - 368	2477	20	+9
AVERAGES		20.4	42 - 207	5.0	16 - 25	191	1.5	16.8	31 - 132	4.3	16 - 28	191	1.5	0.7

A&M Pre #23 2002 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#23	Louisiana-Lft	-28'	31-7
#20	at Pittsburgh	-3'	14-12
#19	Virginia Tech - #7	+1'	3-13
#24	Louisiana Tech	-13	31-3
#23	Texas Tech	-6	47-48 OT
–	at Baylor	-20	41-0
–	at Kansas	-23	47-22
–	Nebraska	-5'	31-38
–	at Oklahoma St	-3'	23-28
–	Oklahoma - #1	+10	30-26
–	Missouri	-9'	27-33 2OT
–	at Texas - #10	+12	20-50

A&M Pre– 2003 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Arkansas St	-29	26-11
–	Utah	-9'	28-26
–	at Virginia Tech - #8	+13'	19-35
–	Pittsburgh - #17	+1	26-37
–	at Texas Tech	+5	28-59
–	Baylor	-20	73-10
–	at Nebraska - #19	+10	12-48
–	Oklahoma St - #18	+6	10-38
–	Kansas	-11'	45-33
–	at Oklahoma - #1	+30'	0-77
–	at Missouri	+13'	22-45
–	Texas - #6	+20	15-46

A&M Pre– 2004 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Utah - #20	+8'	21-41
–	Wyoming	-11	31-0
–	Clemson	E	27-6
–	Kansas St	-4	42-30
–	at Iowa St	-7	34-3
#23	at Oklahoma St - #16	+7	36-20
#17	Colorado	-19'	29-26 OT
#16	at Baylor	-25	34-35 OT
#22	Oklahoma - #2	+12'	35-42
#22	Texas Tech	-2'	32-25 OT
#22	at Texas - #6	+10'	13-26

A&M Pre #17 2005 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#17	at Clemson	-1'	24-25
–	SMU	-28	66-8
–	Texas St	NL	44-31
–	Baylor	-23	16-13 OT
–	at Colorado	+3	20-41
–	Oklahoma St	-20	62-23
–	at Kansas St	-6	30-28
–	Iowa St	-11'	14-42
–	at Texas Tech - #16	+15	17-56
–	at Oklahoma	+13'	30-36
–	Texas - #2	+28	29-40

A&M Pre– 2006 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	The Citadel	NL	35-3
–	Louisiana-Lft	-21'	51-7
–	† Army	-28	28-24
–	Louisiana Tech	-23'	45-14
–	Texas Tech	-2'	27-31
–	at Kansas	-1	21-18
–	Missouri - #19	+1'	25-19
#23	at Oklahoma St	+3	34-33 OT
#22	at Baylor	-5	31-21
#21	Oklahoma - #18	+2'	16-17
#24	Nebraska	+1	27-28
–	at Texas - #11	+13'	12-7

OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004, two year starter Josh Fields opted to play baseball so the starting job was a dog fight between Donovan Woods and true frosh Bobby Reid (PS#5). Reid suffered an injury and redshirted. Woods was actually #1 in the Big 12 in pass efficiency prior to the finale and set a school frosh record for total offense. In '05 they brought in OC Larry Fedora who features the passing game. Woods started the first two but then moved to DB and Reid took all of the snaps the next 3 weeks but was then injured. Al Pena started 4 and led the team in passing with 1,102 (49.7%) with an 8-13 ratio. Reid thew for 602 (48.1%, 2-4 ratio) while rushing for 269. OSU's 3 QB's combined for 49.5% with an 11-17 ratio. Over the summer, Reid mentioned it was like night and day for him and he took all of the snaps with the #1's. After having just 2 TD passes in '05, he threw 4 in the opener and 5 vs Kansas, a game in which he had a school record 457 all-purpose yards (beat Gundy's 434 in '89). Reid was injured vs A&M but was #3 in the NCAA in pass efficiency prior to an 11 of 28 (123 yd) effort vs Texas. Reid was injured again in the regular season finale and Zac Robinson (PS#43WR) took the field for the final drive. Reid threw for 2,266 (55.4%) with a 24-11 ratio while Robinson threw for 345 (49%, 3-0 ratio). Those two return along with #3 Alex Cate (6'1" 190 rFr, PS#17). In 46 years OSU has failed to produce an All-Conf QB. Reid will try to end that streak this season.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cowboys have had some great RB's like Barry Sanders, Thurman Thomas and Terry Miller. Tatum Bell (#2DC DEN) topped 1,000 in each of his last 2 years and Vernand Morency (#3DC HOU) rushed for 1,474 (5.7) in '04. In '05 rFr Mike Hamilton (PS#62) won the job and nearly got to the 1,000 mark (961, 5.0). Julius Crosslin (6'0" 230 Sr) added 231 (3.3). Last year Hamilton returned and they added speedy Dantrell Savage (PS#11JC, 4.3 spd) and true frosh Keith Toston (PS#77). Savage missed two with injury, including the opener and in 5 starts rushed for 820 (6.5) while Toston had 2 starts (631, 6.0). Hamilton had 7 starts (546, 5.6) and Crosslin added 71 (2.4). Hamilton opted to transfer to Georgia Southern and also gone is Calvin Roberts (15, 3.0). Adding depth are John Johnson (6'1" 255 Jr, PS#148), Jeremiah Burton (6'1" 250 Jr, PS#522LB), Zach Carter (6'1" 225 Sr, PS#247LB), DeAaron Martin (5'8" 190 Sr) and true frosh Kendall Hunter. Savage should be one of the Big 12's best RB's and the Cowboys return 80% of 2006's rush yds.

RECEIVERS - Rashaun Woods set the school record for career receiving yards and topped 1,000 yards for 3 straight years. As a senior, Woods (#1DC SF) had more than twice the catches of the #2 receiver. In 2004, D'Juan Woods drew comparisons to his brother on a weekly basis with some acrobatic catches. He was #3 in the NCAA in ypc (20.9) as the feature WR (33 rec). In 2005 Woods was the only receiver returning with more than 7 rec in '04 and was clearly OSU's main target with 56 rec (15.7) and #2 WR Ricky Price had just 16 (14.9). Those two returned last year and they had the huge addition of N Carolina transfer Adarius Bowman (6'4", PS#16). Woods struggled as he had 5 drops and just 10 rec in the first 5 games but Bowman had a huge year including a school record 300 yard receiving day vs Kansas. Bowman avg a nifty 19.7 on 60 rec and Woods added 41 (15.8) with TE Brandon Pettigrew grabbing 24 (12.9). Price only had 4 (23.0). This year they must replace Woods and need to uncover another top-notch receiver to eliminate the blanket coverage that teams will put on Bowman. True frosh Desmond Bryant (PS#5) may be the answer.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cowboys had to replace two starting OL last year including the first OL DC in twenty years (#6DC). Two frosh earned starts and the O-line improved as the season went on. After a poor 3.9 ypc in '05, they improved to 5.2 ypc while allowing just 18 sacks (5.6%). This year they lose 1st Tm Big 12 OT Corey Hilliard (13 st, 3Y st'r), RG Kurt Seifried (13 st) and backup OT Marshall Tetsworth. Seven of the top 10 are back including 4 who started 5 or more games last year and they should be just as solid as last year's group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cowboys had 7 of their top 8 back last year and went from allowing 4.9 ypc in '05 to 4.0 LY and were among the NCAA leaders in tfl (#8, 7.7 per game). This year they must replace all 4 starters. Gone are 2nd Tm Big 12 DE Victor DeGrate (10 st, 45 tkl, 9.5 sk), DT Ryan McBean (12 st, 25 tkl, 4.5 sk), DE Darnell Smith (9 st, 25 tkl, 3 tfl), NG Larry Brown (12 st, 22 tkl, 8.5 tfl), NG Xavier Lawson-Kennedy (9 tkl) and DL Steve Mocco (2 tkl). They look to be in good shape at DE as Nathan Peterson had 4 sacks and 3 starts in '04 before an ACL injury. He had 8 sacks last year in his 2nd year away from injury and was HM B12. Marque Fountain had a couple of injury-plagued seasons but did have 9 starts in 2004 and 4 more last year (4.5 sk). They have some VHT's in the 2 deep below to fill in and while I like the talent level, the unit is clearly less experienced.

RB Dantrell Savage

LINEBACKERS - In last year's magazine I pointed out that despite losing all three starters the Cowboys were much more experienced and talented than the stats indicated at this position. Rodrick Johnson was not a starter in '05 but was the #3 tackler and returned. RFr Chris Collins became the team's top defensive player in the first year as a starter, but tore his ACL after 6 games. He was leading the team in tackles before his injury. True frosh Patrick Lavine started the last nine and finished as the team's #2 tackler. This year the unit is much more experienced as the entire 2 deep returns including six players with starting experience and plenty of VHT's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OSU was inexperienced at DB in 2005 and at one point had 3 true frosh and a converted QB on the field vs Ark St. OSU was just #98 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters. The Cowboys moved up but only to #80. This year they are more experienced and the only loss is SS Grant Jones (17 tkl). Not only do 7 of the top 8 return, but 9 DB's have been starters in Div IA including former WR Ricky Price (10 career st) who moves to SS. The Cowboys should have their best finish in my pass D rankings in over 5 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - OSU had finished in the Top 40 of my ST ratings 10 straight years. One of my favorite ST coordinators (also an excellent recruiter) is Joe DeForest whose units finished #3, #18 and #11 in his first 3 years here. In '05 they had to replace super K Ricks who redshirted due to injury (hit 55 yd'r as true) as well as their top KR and PR and surprisingly dropped down to #73. Last year I called for OSU to be back in the Top 25 and the Cowboys climbed up to #19. True frosh PS#12 Perrish Cox (23.8) became only the 2nd Cowboy ever to return the opening KO of the season for a TD joining Barry Sanders who actually accomplished that twice ('87 & '88). Grant Jones (27.2) had an 89 yard KR TD vs Texas. Cox also led the team in PR (12.8). Punter Matt Fodge (PS#35) got off to a great start avg 52.2 after 3, and had a net of 40.8. Fodge finished the season with a 44.9 avg, but the net was just 34.3. Bruce Redden had 34 TB on 83 KO and was 1 for 1 on FG's with 9 xp's vs Baylor. Jason Ricks (PS#40) handled the FG duties and hit 10 of 12 with a long of 53. This year the only losses are Redden and Jones so the Cowboys should contend for a Top 10 finish.

COACHES - Mike Gundy was a star QB here and was the QB Coach and OC in the early '90's. He moved to Baylor as the passing game coordinator in '96 and was the WR coach at Maryland for 4 years. He returned here in '01 as the asst HC and OC and took over the HC job in '05. Gundy, at 38, was the youngest HC in the NCAA in '05 but had 15 years as a full-time asst under his belt. His OC is Larry Fedora who was the OC at Florida in '04 and was the Mid Tenn OC from 1999-'01 and was on Baylor's staff with Gundy. This year they bring in a new DC in Tim Beckman who was Ohio St's CB coach the last 2 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Okla St had 51 returning lettermen in '03 including their big 3 offensive players in QB Fields, RB Bell and WR Woods. They were ranked #24 in the preseason poll, the first time they were ranked S/'85. OSU opened the season 7-1 before finishing a solid 9-4. In '04 they had to replace the big 3 but RB Morency rushed for 1,474 and the Cowboys recorded their 3rd straight winning year after having just 1 in the previous 12. They blew a 35-14 lead vs Texas and despite a 5-0 start, finished just 7-5 benefitting from +16 turnovers. In 2005, despite a weak non-conf schedule, I mentioned the possibility of a losing season. The team installed new synthetic turf and opened up 3-0 but were hardly impressive vs three weak opponents. Colorado dealt them their first shutout loss in 14 years (34-0). The Cowboys lost 7 of their last 8 to finish 4-7. Last year they had 9 starters back on offense. That improved offense helped OSU get to and win a bowl game. They almost doubled their win total finishing 7-6 despite 4 close losses which were decided on the final play (see Hardcore pg 322)! That bodes well for this year (see pg 299). The Cowboys return 8 starters on offense including their top QB, RB and WR from their 4th most productive offense in school history. OSU and Boise were the only two schools to avg 200+ ypg both rushing and passing in 2006. Last year I pointed out that despite having just 5 starters back on D, they would be a tougher stop unit as I was impressed with the overall talent. They have 7 starters (entire LB and DB corps) back on defense this year including their top 7 tacklers. They improved from allowing 31.3 ppg in 2005 to 25.6 last season and should improve again. The Cowboys' 15 returning starters tie for the tops in the Big 12 and despite road games vs five teams that were in bowls last year, the Cowboys could top last year's 7 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 14 BOBBY REID JR. 6-3 235 **PS#5**. 6 st '05, 602 (48%) 2-4 ratio. 13 st LY, 2266 pass (55%), 24-11 ratio, 500 net rush. **11** Zac Robinson (6-3 205 So) PS#43WR. 7 gm rFr, 345 pass, 165 rush.
RB 22 DANTRELL SAVAGE SR. 5-9 195 **PS#11JC**. Inj early '06, last 5 st, 820 (6.5). **HM B12**. **5** Keith Toston (6-1 210 So) PS#77. 4.4 spd. 2 st, 631 (6.0). **32** Julius Crosslin 373 rush yd 3Y.
WR NA Desmond Bryant Fr. 6-1 220 **PS#5! 4** Anthony Parks (6-1 190 Sr) PS#109JC. 1 st, 3 rec LY. **9** Jeremy Broadway (6-0 195 So) PS#45. 2 rec true. RS LY. Todd Nelson (6-2 205 Jr).
WR 12 ADARIUS BOWMAN SR. 6-4 220 **PS#16**. 2 st true NCar. 18 (18.3) '04. 13 st here LY, 60 **(19.7!), B12 Off Newcomer Yr**, 300 yd vs Kan. **15** Seth Newton (6-3 195 Jr) PS#101. 1 rec LY.
WR 83 ARTRELL WOODS SO. 6-1 185 PS#96DB. 10.5 100m. **10** Tommy Devereaux (6-0 185 Sr) PS#51. 1 st, 3Y, 20 rec (9.4). 4.32 spd. **81** Scott Broughton (6-0 200 Sr) PS#167JC. 1 tkl SS LY.
TE 87 BRANDON PETTIGREW JR. 6-6 260 PS#61. 9 st rFr, 11 rec (11.6). 13 st '06, 24 (12.9). **HM B12. 82 Justin Waller** (6-4 240 Jr) **PS#16. 6 st** LY, 5 rec. Paschal Smith (6-5 260 Sr) 6 st '04 & '05.
C 63 DAVID WASHINGTON JR. 6-3 305 PS#137. 11 st rFr. +15 lb LY, 13 st. **52** Andrew Lawrence (6-4 305 So) PS#301. 2nd string rFr. **LS 55** Zach Allen (6-1 260 Jr) PS#221. 24 gm 2Y.
RG 65 Steve Denning Jr. 6-5 300 St'r at JC '04. RS '05. 2nd string LY. **77** Noah Franklin (6-5 310 So) PS#316. **71** Trent Perkins (6-5 300 rFr) PS#180. Mike Grimes (6-2 310 rFr).
LG 54 Andrew Lewis So. 6-5 295 PS#180. +25 lbs rFr, 2nd string LY. **78** Michael Booker (6-3 310 rFr) PS#176. +20 lbs as RS. **67** Jerry Palmoore (6-6 315 Jr) PS#205. Orig signed w/Ark.
RT 61 DAVID KOENIG SR. 6-5 290 PS#396. 1st 3 st rFr until inj. 11 st LG '05. 13 st LG LY. **57** Jacob Secrest (6-5 295 rFr) PS#115. In for spg LY but RS. Nick Martinez is PS#191.
LT 76 RUSSELL OKUNG SO. 6-5 290 PS#138. Started L/8 at RT as true. Added 20 lbs. **60 Brady Bond** (6-6 290 So) PS#162DL. 1st 5 st LT rFr until injury. Jonathan Rush is PS#187.
K 85 JASON RICKS JR. 6-2 200 PS#40. 11 of 16 FG '04, long 55. RS '05. 10 of 12 LY, long 53. Dan Bailey (6-0 205 rFr) PS#60. **37** Elliott Goudge (6-0 195 rFr). Patrick Kollars (6-0 200 So).

DE 97 Marque Fountain Sr. 6-2 260 PS#188. 18 tkl, 4 tfl true. **9 st** '04, 35 tkl, 7 tfl. RS '05. 4 st LY, 35 tkl, 4.5 sk, 8.5 tfl. **98** Derek Burton (6-5 265 So) **PS#38**. 11 tkl, 2 tfl as true.
NG 96 Jeray Chatham Jr. 6-3 280 **PS#67OL**. 4 tkl 2Y. **92 Tonga Tea Jr.** (6-0 320 Jr) **PS#59JC**. **46** Shane Jarka (6-4 260 rFr) PS#171LB. +25 lbs. **94** Patrick Quencey (6-3 265 rFr) PS#175.
DT 93 Jonathan Lewis So. 6-2 290 **PS#38**. Orig at K-St. 2 tkl here LY. **56** Maurice Cummings (6-4 265 Sr) 1 st, 8 tkl, 3Y. Quinton Prince is PS#133OL. **62** Allen Oh (6-1 290 Jr).
DE 13 Nathan Peterson Sr. 6-2 240 **PS#26**. 14 tkl, 4 sk, 3 st true until inj. 1 st '05. 3 st LY, **HM B12**, 28 tkl, **8 sk**. **91** Ugo Chinasa (6-6 245 rFr) **PS#31**. **Richetti Jones is PS#9.**
SLB 44 CHRIS COLLINS SO. 6-2 240 **PS#39**. 6 starts as rFr (inj). **#1 tkl'r** when inj'd. **19 Jeremy Nethon** (6-0 225 Sr) 5 st LY, 51 tkl, 1.5 tfl. Jared Glover **PS#46**. Doug Woodford (6-0 215 rFr).
MLB 2 RODRICK JOHNSON SR. 6-3 250 **PS#28**. 8 tkl true. 1 st '05, 74 tkl, 5 tfl. 11 st LY, 69 tkl, 8 tfl. **35** Marcus Brown (6-2 240 Jr) 3 st Air Force '04. 1 st. 18 tkl here LY. Justin Gent (6-2 235 rFr) PS#42.
WLB 4 PATRICK LAVINE SO. 6-3 220 PS#82DB. 9 st true, 70 tkl, 9 tfl. **36** Alex Odiari (6-0 240 Jr) PS#88. 4 st LY. 17 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y. **41** Orie Lemon (6-1 225 So) **PS#28QB.** 1 int LY.
CB 17 JACOB LACEY JR. 5-11 175 1 st, 14 tkl true. 13 st LY. 48 tkl, 5 pbu. **16 Perrish Cox** (6-1 185 So) **PS#12**. 4 st true, 24 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. **28** Al'Darius Thompson (5-11 180 So) PS#273.
CB 7 MARTEL VAN ZANT SR. 6-1 210 PS#66. 4 st '05, 26 tkl. 13 st LY, 67 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **27** Calvin Mickens (6-2 200 Jr) PS#181. 6 st true. 40 tkl, 2Y. TJ Bell (6-0 185 Jr) PS#131.
SS 20 ANDRE SEXTON SO. 6-1 210 PS#94. 4.38 spd. 13 st true, 79 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **6** Ricky Price (6-1 190 Jr) PS#126. 10 st WR, 20 rec 2Y. **25** Clint Coe (6-2 195 Sr) 4 st at Troy '04.
FS 8 DONOVAN WOODS SR. 6-2 225 **PS#37QB. 12 st QB '04**, 1628 pass, 541 rush. 2 st QB, 5 st FS '05, 32 tkl, 2 int. 12 st LY, 62 tkl, 2 int. Quinton Moore (5-11 185 Jr) PS#72. 2 st, 34 tkl 2Y.
P 18 MATT FODGE JR. 6-1 195 PS#35. 65 punts true (39.9). **2nd Tm Big 12 LY.** 50 punts (44.9) net 34.3. **38** Cole Reynolds (6-2 225 So) PS#85. **39** Robert Benge (5-9 190 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Desmond Bryant	6-1 220 PS#5
DL	Richetti Jones	6-4 240 PS#9
CB	William Cole	6-0 175 PS#25WR
DL	Tonga Tea Jr.	6-0 320 PS#59JC
DB	James Thomas	6-0 180 PS#56
LB	Jared Glover	6-5 220 PS#46
DL	Ahmad Jones	6-3 310 PS#67
WR	Josh Cooper	6-1 175 PS#73
DB	Deron Fontenot	5-10 190 PS#98 '06
DL	Quinton Prince	6-4 295 PS#133OL
WR	Hubert Anyiam	6-0 175 PS#105
LB	Kenny Alexander	6-1 215 PS#99
TE	Wilson Youman	6-4 240 PS#42
RB	Kendall Hunter	5-8 180 PS#116
DB	Jacolby Reed	5-11 175 PS#164
OL	Jonathan Rush	6-5 250 PS#187
OL	Nick Martinez	6-4 290 PS#191
DL	Jamie Blatnick	6-3 250 PS#182
WR	Damian Davis	6-5 190 PS#206DB
OL	Grant Garner	6-3 265 PS#242
LB	Marcus Richardson	6-0 220 PS#404
DB	Adrian Moore	6-0 200 PS#325QB
LS	Marc Yerry	6-4 200 PS#540DB

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#13

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at Georgia	G						This will be the 3rd all-time meeting as OSU is 0-2. OSU has won 3 straight opening road gms. The Cowboys are just 3-10 in their L/13 road gms losing by an avg of 19 ppg.
Sep. 8	Florida Atlantic	A						Oklahoma St is 21-1 all-time vs current SBC members (only loss was in '78 to N Texas). Cowboys have won 11 straight home openers (last loss was in 1995 vs Nebraska).
Sep. 14	at Troy (Fri)	A						This will be the inaugural game between Oklahoma St & Troy. LY Troy changed to a spread offense similar to what Oklahoma St started running 2 yrs ago.
Sep. 22	Texas Tech	A						Since the B12 began in 1996, Ok State is just 3-8 in their conference opener. OSU (#10) & TT (#11) were 2 of the most potent off's LY & have avg 64 ppg S/'99.
Sep. 29	Sam Houston St	A						Oklahoma St has won 10 straight non-conf home games coming into this season. Former OU QB Rhett Bomar who transferred to SHSU LY will be their signal caller TY.
Oct. 6	at Texas A&M	G						Two botched extra pts proved costly for Ok State LY vs A&M, losing by 1 in OT. Cowboys allowed 62 pts (694 yds) in their last trip to Kyle Field (most S/'95's opener vs Nebraska, 64).
Oct. 13	at Nebraska	A						HC Gundy was 0-4 vs NU as a QB here, but did put up 42 pts in '88 (most ever vs a NU squad). The home team has won 4 straight in this series.
Oct. 20	Kansas St (HC)	A						Ok St has lost 3 straight on Homecoming day. OSU is just 1-10 in this in this series. Cowboys were stunned by the Wildcats LY giving up 2 late scores in the final 3:04.
Oct. 27								
Nov. 3	Texas	A						The Cowboys are 4-10 the last 14 games after a bye allowing 29 ppg. OSU is 2-19 all-time vs Texas (1-10 in B12 play) & their last win was in 1997.
Nov. 10	Kansas	A						LY WR A. Bowman set career high's with 13 receptions, 300 yds, & 4 TD's vs KU. In their 5 B12 meetings, OSU & KU have avg 68 ppg (58 pts combined lowest total in '99).
Nov. 17	at Baylor	A						Mike Gundy spent the 1996 season as the BU QB's coach & passing gm coordinator. These 2 have avg'd 74 ppg the L7Y (lowest total 59 pts). Ok St has won 10 of 11 vs Baylor.
Nov. 24	at Oklahoma	G						LY bkup QB Robinson had a career high 149 yds & almost pulled the upset over #13 OU as he guided OSU on its final drive to the OU 25, but his EZ pass was high. OSU has lost 6 of 8.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Mike Gundy 7,997 '86-'89
2. Josh Fields 6,090 '00-'03
3. Toné Jones 4,812 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Thurman Thomas 4,595 '84-'87
2. Terry Miller 4,581 '74-'77
3. David Thompson 4,314 '93-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Rashaun Woods 4,414 '00-'03
2. Hart Lee Dykes 3,171 '85-'88
3. D'Juan Woods 2,751 '02-'06

MIKE GUNDY (Career 11-13)

3rd Year at Oklahoma St — Gundy's Bowl Record: 1-0

Gundy's records AT OKLAHOMA ST

11-13	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
7-5	Home	2-4	Vs Top 25
3-8	Away	1-0	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
4-12	Vs Conference	4-7	Off A Loss

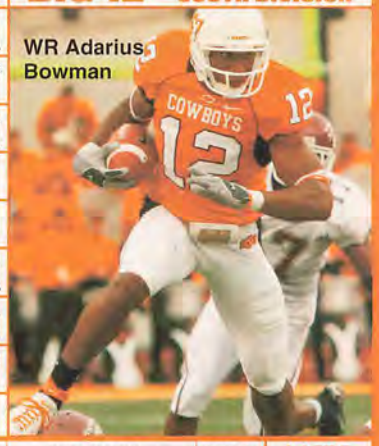
2006 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (20,21,4)
Lost: 17 (9,7,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 40,954 (#56)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION



WR Adarius Bowman

STADIUM: BOONE PICKENS STADIUM (44,700) (#69)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	7-5	9-3	7-4	4-7	6-6	40-40
Home	2-4	2-4	6-1	6-1	4-2	3-3	4-2	27-17
Away	1-4	2-3	1-4	3-2	3-2	1-4	2-4	13-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	1-7	2-6	5-3	5-3	4-4	1-7	3-5	21-35
ATS	3-7	4-6	7-4	6-5	7-4	3-7	6-4-1	36-37-1
Home Fav (Bob Simmons)	1-0	0-2 (Les Miles)	2-0	3-1	3-2	0-1 (Mike Gundy)	2-1	11-7
Home Dog	2-2	1-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	1-0-1	11-8-1
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	7-3
Away Dog	0-4	2-2	1-3	0-2	2-2	0-4	2-2	7-19
Favorite	1-1	1-2	3-0	5-2	4-2	1-1	3-2	18-10
Dog	2-6	3-4	4-4	1-3	3-2	2-6	3-2-1	18-27-1
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	6-2	3-5	5-3	2-6	4-3-1	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	10-8
Off SU Win	1-1	1-2	4-2	4-3	4-3	1-3	3-3	18-17
Off SU Loss	2-5	2-4	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-4	3-1-1	16-17-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dantrell Savage	126	843	23	820	8	6.5
Keith Toston	106	642	11	631	6	6.0
Mike Hamilton	97	564	18	546	4	5.6
Bobby Reid	119	652	152	500	5	4.2
Zac Robinson	29	165	21	144	1	5.0
Julius Crosslin	29	75	4	71	3	2.4
Calvin Roberts	5	15	0	15	0	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bobby Reid	267	148	55.4	2266	24	11
Zac Robinson	51	25	49.0	345	3	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Adarius Bowman	60	1181	19.7	12	75
D'Juan Woods	41	647	15.8	5	72
Brandon Pettigrew	24	310	12.9	4	31
Keith Toston	10	92	9.2	2	33
Ricky Price	4	92	23.0	0	43
Justin Waller	5	72	14.4	0	27
Dantrell Savage	8	48	6.0	0	26
Mike Hamilton	7	48	6.9	0	17
John Johnson	5	38	7.6	3	15
Tommy Devereaux	3	37	12.3	0	33

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Fodge	50	2244	44.9	9	34.3	2	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Ricks	47-49	4-4	3-3	2-4	1-1	10-12	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Andre Sexton	79	0	8.5	1	0
Patrick Lavine	70	2	7	4	1
Rodrick Johnson	69	2	6	2	0
Martel Van Zant	67	1	2	6	2
Donovan Woods	62	0	2	4	2
Jeremy Nethon	51	0.5	1	3	0
Jacob Lacey	48	0	2	5	0
Victor DeGrate	45	9.5	2	1	0
Marque Fountain	35	4.5	8.5	0	0
Chris Collins	31	1	2.5	2	0
Nathan Peterson	28	8	4	1	0
Ryan McBean	25	4.5	2.5	0	0
Darnell Smith	25	0	3	0	1
Perrish Cox	24	0	0	5	2
Quinton Moore	23	0	0	1	0
Larry Brown	22	1.5	7	1	0
Marcus Brown	18	0	2	0	0
Grant Jones	17	0	0	1	0
Alex Odiari	14	1.5	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Perrish Cox	24	308	12.8	0
Tommy Devereaux	8	85	10.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Perrish Cox	25	595	23.8	1
Grant Jones	21	572	27.2	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
97	Alamo - #24	+4'	Purdue - #17	20-33
02	Houston	-10	S Mississippi	33-23
03	Cotton - #21	+2'	Mississippi - #16	28-31
04	Alamo	-3'	Ohio St - #24	7-33
06	Independence	-2'	Alabama	34-31

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OKLAHOMA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	35.2	21	208	5.2	202	54.2	11.6	+5	2006	5	25.6	20	147	4.0	217	60.8	14.2
5*	20.2	18	154	3.9	171	49.4	16.1	-15	2005	6	31.3	19	204	4.9	214	61.8	13.4
6	32.3	19	237	4.8	144	51.7	11.8	+16	2004	8	25.1	20	174	4.6	222	59.6	15.8
8*	35.9	22	218	5.4	197	54.6	11.5	-4	2003	6	25.1	22	160	3.9	241	56.5	16.0
7*	34.3	21	148	4.4	263	53.5	12.0	-2	2002	8	27.4	22	147	3.5	252	54.8	14.6
6*	22.0	18	94	2.7	213	58.6	13.9	-8	2001	7	25.5	22	135	3.4	241	60.6	14.7

2006 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Missouri St	21	44-230	5.2	12-24	213	1	12	30-68	2.3	19-31	266	1	+1
–	at Arkansas St	15	41-171	4.2	11-18	167	0	14	39-110	2.8	7-19	78	6	0
–	Florida Atlantic	19	43-246	5.7	9-19	186	4	13	35-49	1.4	16-28	166	5	+3
–	at Houston	17	27-165	6.1	13-22	281	0	27	46-196	4.3	21-28	313	3	-1
–	at Kansas St	19	41-193	4.7	14-22	138	2	14	36-180	5.0	10-15	177	3	-1
–	at Kansas	27	43-192	4.5	23-35	411	2	18	35-178	5.1	15-27	187	3	-2
–	Texas A&M	21	37-226	6.1	10-22	133	1	24	48-231	4.8	17-27	192	3	+1
–	Nebraska	25	41-267	6.5	13-21	229	2	29	40-211	5.3	21-39	241	5	-1
–	at Texas	13	21-80	3.8	11-28	123	2	26	45-164	3.6	23-29	346	2	-1
–	Baylor	26	54-387	7.2	13-15	123	0	23	21-93	4.4	24-41	262	2	+6
–	at Texas Tech	24	50-221	4.4	13-34	164	3	19	17-81	4.8	28-44	353	1	0
–	Oklahoma	20	39-119	3.1	17-31	243	1	19	47-238	5.1	7-11	77	1	-1
–	† Alabama	23	41-207	5.0	15-30	212	1	18	34-108	3.2	18-33	168	2	+1
TOTALS		270	522-2704	5.2	174-321	2623	18	256	473-1907	4.0	226-372	2826	37	+5
AVERAGES		20.8	40-208	5.2	13-25	202	1.4	19.7	36-147	4.0	17-29	217	2.8	0.4

2002 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Louisiana Tech	+1	36-39
–	N Iowa	NL	45-10
–	UCLA - #23	+7	24-38
–	SMU	-16'	52-16
–	at Texas - #2	+24'	15-17
–	at Kansas St - #19	+14'	9-44
–	Nebraska	+8'	24-21
–	Texas A&M	+3'	28-23
–	at Texas Tech	+9	24-49
–	at Kansas	-23	55-20
–	Baylor	-28	63-28
–	Oklahoma - #3	+15	38-28

2003 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre #24 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#24	at Nebraska	+7'	7-17
–	Wyoming	-21	48-24
–	Missouri St	NL	42-3
–	at SMU	-24	52-6
–	Louisiana-Lft	-35	56-3
–	Kansas St - #22	+2'	38-34
#23	Texas Tech	-3	51-49
#18	at Texas A&M	-6	38-10
#14	at Oklahoma - #1	+15'	9-52
#21	Texas - #11	+3'	16-55
#24	Kansas	-20	44-21
#23	at Baylor	-27	38-21

2004 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at UCLA	+1	31-20
–	Tulsa	-21'	38-21
–	SMU	-34'	59-7
#25	Iowa St	-17	36-7
#22	at Colorado	-6'	42-14
#16	Texas A&M - #23	-7	20-36
#22	at Missouri	+3	20-17
#20	Oklahoma - #2	+13	35-38
#19	at Texas - #6	+12'	35-56
#25	Baylor	-25'	49-21
#23	at Texas Tech	+4'	15-31

2005 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Montana St	NL	15-10
–	at Florida Atlantic	-13'	23-3
–	Arkansas St	-24'	20-10
–	Colorado	+3	0-34
–	Missouri	+4	31-38
–	at Texas A&M	+20	23-62
–	at Iowa St	+14	10-37
–	Texas - #2	+37'	28-47
–	Texas Tech - #13	+23	24-17
–	at Baylor	+3	34-44
–	at Oklahoma	+18'	14-42

2006 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Missouri St	NL	52-10
–	at Arkansas St	-13	35-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-30	48-8
–	at Houston	+1	25-34
–	at Kansas St	-3	27-31
–	at Kansas	+2'	42-32
–	Texas A&M - #23	-3	33-34 OT
–	Nebraska - #20	+5'	41-29
–	at Texas - #4	+17'	10-36
–	Baylor	-16'	66-24
–	at Texas Tech	+6'	24-30
–	Oklahoma - #13	+6	21-27

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - This is one of those positions that no matter who you plug in, they will have great numbers as long as Mike Leach is in charge. Last year was the first time since 2001 that Tech did not have a senior starter at QB. The last time a sophomore started, Kliff Kingsbury broke the single season school record for passing in his first year (3,418), reset it as a junior and again as a senior throwing for 5,017. The next 3 years they started a 5th year senior, who had no previous starting experience but were well versed in Leach's offense and most were walk-ons. In 2003 BJ Symons set the NCAA single season record with 5,833 yards passing (65.4%) with a 55-22 ratio (340 rush). Sonny Cumbie stepped in for 2004 and threw for 4,742 (65.6%) with a 32-18 ratio. In '05 it was Cody Hodges who threw for 4,238 (66.5%) and a 31-12 ratio. Kingsbury threw for 186 in his first start, Symons 297, Cumbie 470 and Hodges 454. Last year the position did have a VHT in Graham Harrell (PS#16) who threw for 422 (67.3%) with a 3-0 ratio as Hodges' backup in '05. Leach announced that Harrell won the job over rFr Chris Todd (PS#37) in August, and he threw for 342 and 5 TD's in his debut vs SMU. He tossed 2 int that were ret'd for TD's in a :28 span vs Missouri and was benched for a series. The next week vs Colorado, he was benched to start the 2H but Leach later called the move disruptive and Harrell took almost every snap for the rest of the year. Harrell threw for 368 vs Iowa St, 519 vs Texas, 483 vs Baylor and 353 vs Okla St with a 19-4 ratio over the last 6 (incl bowl). Harrell attempted more passes than any other QB in the NCAA throwing for "only" 4,555 (66.8%). He did have a 38-11 ratio. Todd played in 5 and opted to transfer to a JC. Taylor Potts (PS#19) will be the backup this season and I would expect Harrell to improve on his '06 numbers which put him #3 in passing yds in the NCAA.

RUNNING BACKS - Taurean Henderson led the team in rushing in each of his four seasons and also avg'd an additional 76 rec per year. Last year he departed as Tech's all-time leader in rec's (302) while setting an NCAA record for rec by a RB. He was also excellent at picking up blitzes (a key in the spread offense) and was just the 3rd player in NCAA history to have 3,000 yards rushing and 2,000 receiving yards. Shannon Woods was the top backup in '05 and had 481 all-purpose yards. Leach said he would use 3 RB's last year including true frosh Baron Batch (PS#40) and rFr Kobey Lewis (5'5" 173, PS#181). Woods led the team with 926 (6.1) yds rushing and also had 75 rec (7.6). Batch played in 6 games (84 ttl yds) before an injury and Lewis had just 44 total yards. Woods, like Henderson, is a solid blocker and now is in his 2nd year as a starter.

RB Shannon Woods

RECEIVERS - In 2003 three WR's topped 1,000 yards with another having 975. Three of the top 4 had to be replaced in '04 with Jarrett Hicks leading in receiving yards with 1,177 (15.5) and setting a school record with 13 TD's. He returned in '05 (65,13.1, 10 TD) and explosive QB Robert Johnson (PS#12JC) moved to WR and led with 67 (14.2). Joel Filani set a Big 12 record (at the time) with 255 rec yards vs Kan St and led in rec yards with 1,048 (16.1). Last year Filani, Johnson and Hicks all returned. Hicks missed the first 3 (acad) and later was injured in the final 3 and had just 25 (13.4). Robert Johnson had an up and down year as he broke Wes Welker's 2002 record for rec in a game (14) with 15 vs SMU (139 yds) but didn't have another 100 yard game until Okla St in the season finale. Filani led the team in yards with 1,300 (14.3). Danny Amendola (PS#53) added 48 (10.1). This year they must replace Hicks (5 st), Filani (12 st) and Johnson (10 st). Todd Walker (PS#16DB) has the fastest forty on the team and Michael Crabtree (PS#63QB) was dominant in Thursday night scrimmages all year with the scout team. Seven WR's return with starting experience and not listed in the 3 deep below are Kelly Hildebrandt (5'8" 179 Sr), Brik Brinker (6'1" 173 rFr) and Shane Jones (5'11" 194 rFr). I felt Tech's WR's underachieved last year including 9 drops vs TCU. Despite being less experienced, they should put up top-notch numbers once again.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 they had to replace 3 starters and of the 14 scholarship OL's, five were true frosh. Leach called it a great crop of true frosh and they trained each at all 5 positions. Louis Vasquez would have played more but was limited to just 5 games (ankle). At the beginning of the year the OL coach said he only had 7 OL's he felt comfortable playing. While Tech's ypc improved to 4.2, the sack total also went up to 36 (6.1%). Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 19 starts so they basically had 4 starters back who opened holes for a Leach-high 4.7 ypc rush while allowing a minuscule 19 sacks (2.9%). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are RT Gabe Hall (13 st, 2Y st'r), C Brandon Jones (13 st, 2Y st'r), RG Manuel Ramirez (12 st, HM B12, 4Y st'r) and 2nd Tm B12 LT Glenn January (13 st, 2Y st'r). Six of the top 10 are back and I like the overall athleticism of this group including former minor league baseball pitcher Rylan Reed and former BYU starter Ofa Mohetau (PS#1). This group is less experienced, but has potential but will not match 2006's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year Tech had two starters back and DE Seth Nitschmann (12 st '04) also returned. Tech allowed just 3.8 ypc rushing (best of the Leach era) and the defense increased their sack total by 13 (31). This year they lose 2nd Tm B12 DE Keyunta Dawson (13 st, 63 tkl, 6 sk), NT Chris Hudler (13 st, 41 tkl, 4 sk, HM B12) and DT's Dek Bake (9 st, 47 tkl, 6.5 sk), Ken Scott (4 st, 28 tkl) and Nitschmann (22 tkl, 3 sk). There is decent athleticism up front, but this group is clearly weaker than last year's top-notch front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tech had to replace two starters but Brock Stratton (a 2 year starter that was injured in 2005) returned so basically two starters were back. Stratton led the team in tackles (88). This year they must replace Stratton (13 st, HM B12), Fletcher Session (10 st, 49 tkl, 4 tfl) and Brent Slaughter (23 tkl). Paul Williams did start six games due to injury and returns. With the loss of the unit's top 2 tacklers, this group is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech had an inexperienced secondary in 2003 and finished #80 in my pass D rankings. They had three starters back in 2004 and 2005 and improved to #24 and #38. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but only dropped to #48. This year the secondary is in stark contrast to the front 7 as it is experienced and deep. The only loss from the 2 deep is CB Antonio Huffman (13 st, 75 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu). The 3 returnees stared 37 games in '06. Not listed in the 3 deep below are LaShawn Vation (5'9" 170 So, PS#90), Nathan Stone (5'8" 170 rFr), James Conwright (5'10" 176 Sr), Pete Richardson (5'9" 185 So), Trent Nickerson (6'3" 192 rFr), Taylor Read (6'1" 231 Sr), Jordy Rowland (6'0" 190 Jr), Sam Aholo (5'11" 208 So) and Loy White (5'8" 192 Sr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '03 TT hired Ruffin McNeill as ST coach and had their highest finish in my ST rankings under Leach at #49. In '04 they had to replace Wes Welker who left as the NCAA's all-time leader in both PR yards and PR TD's. Danny Amendola stepped in and despite having a 74 yard PR TD called back, avg a B12 best 12.8. TT surprisingly dropped to #56 in '04 and even further to #76 in '05. Texas scored 24 pts on short drives (26 yds or less) and Leach vowed to play more starters on the unit. Everyone returned last year and P Alex Reyes avg 45.2 with a net of 38.3. It's surprising that with those type of numbers, Tech only finished #75 because of poor return units. Surprisingly Tech's best KR team avg in Leach's 7 years has been 19.9 and in 5 of the 7 years, they avg'd less than 18.6 per KR! Amendola has been compared to Wes Welker but has only avg 10.4 the L3Y. Keith Toogood had 38 TB's on 66 KO's and must be replaced but Alex Trlica is back after connecting on 15 of 21 FG's with a long of 52 and was 1 of 3 from 50+. He broke the NCAA record for most consecutive xp's which currently stands at 166 (John Becksvoort, Tennessee, 161). With the loss of their P and KO man, it may be tough to improve upon last year's finish.

COACHES - Mike Leach enters his 8th year here and has done a tremendous job. His Tech teams have led the NCAA in passing 4 out of the last 5 years and in total in offense 2 out of the last 4 years. Last year he had co-OC's in Sonny Dykes and Dana Holgorsen. Dykes has moved on and Holgorsen is now in his 3rd year but make no mistake about it, this is Leach's offense and he calls the plays. In 2002 he brought in Lyle Setencich as the DC and he has done a fine job. He was Cal's DC from '97-'01. He was also the HC at Cal Poly from 1987-1993 where he compiled a 41-29-2 record and Boise St's HC from 1983-'86 where he was 24-20.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tech has now had 14 straight non-losing seasons and even more impressive to me is that they are the ONLY member of the Big 12 with 12 straight winning seasons. They are surprisingly 12 games over .500 in conf play since the Big 12 was formed. For 3 straight years (2003-05) they had to break in a new QB but it was a 5th year senior each time and they averaged 42.5, 36.2 and 39.4 ppg. Tech outgained Big 12 foes by 134.9 (3rd best) in '03, 103.7 in '04, 115 ypg (2nd best) in '05 and 95.3 ypg (2nd best) last year. In 2004 they were 8-4 and their #18 finish in the AP poll was the highest since 1976. Because the offense scores so quickly, I felt the D did a great job in '04 allowing 26.2 ppg and just 18.8 ppg in '05 with 8 starters back. Despite their recent success, Tech has not won 10 regular season games since 1976. In 2005 TT was ranked in the preseason Top 25 (#21) for the first time since 1977 (#8). They got off to their best start since 1998 at 6-0 but lost at #2 Texas (52-17). They were #13 after an 8-1 start but suffered a stunning loss to Okla St. They then got a fortuitous win over Oklahoma thanks to a couple of ref calls. They played in their 3rd ever Cotton Bowl (1939 & 1995) where they lost to #13 Alabama by 3. They were +9 in turnovers (see pg 312) which was the best TO margin in the Leach era. Last year marked the first time they were in the preseason Top 25 (#25) for 2 consecutive years. They replaced their home surface with FieldTurf taking away the crown on the field. This time their first year starting QB was a soph and the ppg dropped to 32.5 with Harrell being pulled after a couple of IR TD's vs Missouri. TT had a fortunate season with 4 close wins. Early on they did not score a TD vs TCU (only 2nd time under Leach) and were fortunate to get close wins vs UTEP and Texas A&M. CU, who came in with a 10 game losing streak, smacked TT 30-6. Leach called the team posers, frontrunners, showboats and prima donnas after the TCU loss but was remarkably calm after the loss to Colorado. They almost upset Texas at home, a game in which Leach questioned some calls afterwards, and UT did not get their first lead until their final TD. They recorded the NCAA's best ever bowl comeback after trailing Minnesota by 31 points in the Insight Bowl. This year they only have 5 starters back on offense but have a veteran QB for the first time since 2002. They also have just 5 starters back on D, losing 9 of their top 15 tacklers and figure to take a step back after allowing just 18.8 and 25.1 ppg the last two years. Tech's 10 returning starters is the fewest in the Big 12, but I will call for their 13th straight winning season and another bowl trip.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 6 GRAHAM HARRELL JR. 6-3 197 **PS#16**. 422 (67%) rFr. 13 st LY, 4555 (67%) 38-11 ratio. **15** Taylor Potts (6-5 210 rFr) **PS#19**. **18** Steven Sheffield (6-4 185 rFr). PS#269.

RB 2 SHANNON WOODS JR. 5-11 190 1 st rFr, 481 all-purp yds. 13 st LY, **1st Tm B12**, 926 rush (6.1), 75 rec (7.6). **25** Baron Batch (5-10 190 So) **PS#40**. 84 ttl yd until injury as true.

WR 20 DANNY AMENDOLA SR. 5-11 177 **PS#53**. 9 st '04-'05, 47 (10.9). 11 st LY, 48 (10.1). 1061 PR yds (10.4) 3Y. **12** Eric Morris (5-8 174 Jr) 35 rec (12.2) 2Y. Tramain Swindall is PS#92.

WR 4 TODD WALKER JR. 6-1 178 **PS#16DB. 4.25 spd.** 77 all-purp yds as true. 4 st LY, 21 (10.2). **86** LA Reed (6-2 201 Jr) 6 st, 23 (12.7) 2Y. Physical. Detron Lewis is PS#81.

WR 5 Michael Crabtree rFr. 6-2 208 **PS#63QB**. Scout Tm star LY. **27** Edward Britton (6-0 177 So) **PS#42RB**. 1 st, 10 (13.1) rFr. **29** David Schaefer (6-3 227 Sr) 4 st, 2 rec 2Y. 4.5 spd.

WR 19 Grant Walker Sr. 6-0 189 PS#145QB. 11 tkl Purdue rFr. 2 st WR here LY, 23 (11.5). **80** Adrian Reese (6-6 203 So) **PS#57TE**. 1 st, 4 rec true. **87** Daitric Williams (6-4 215 rFr).

C 64 Shawn Byrnes So. 6-3 317 PS#176. 2nd string C rFr, 3 gm. Justin Keown (6-4 280 Fr) Hargrave LY. Blake Emert PS#162. **LS 50** Austin Burns (5-10 244 So) 12 gm LS LY.

RG 60 Brandon Carter So. 6-6 356 **PS#66**. 1 st RG rFr, 12 gm, Lettered. Strong. **61** Andrew Johnson (6-4 304 So) PS#185. Backup as rFr. Buddy Brumit (6-3 304 rFr) **PS#80**.

LG 75 Ofa Mohetau Sr. 6-3 362 **PS#1**. 8 st at BYU true '03. JUCO '04 & '05, PS#27JC. 2 st LG LY. Jerrod Gooch is PS#30. 400 bench. **71** Stephen Hamby (6-3 280 Jr).

RT 74 Rylan Reed Jr. 6-6 285 PS#179DL. Orig signed w/Ark. Minor league baseball P. 425 bench. 11 gm LY. **77 Chris Olson** (6-5 298 rFr) **PS#65**. Mickey Okafor is **PS#63.**

LT 65 LOUIS VASQUEZ JR. 6-6 341 PS#133. 5 game true. 11 st LG LY, **HM B12**. **67** Marlon Winn (6-5 324 So) PS#345. 9 gm rFr. **62** Adrian Archie (6-5 313 rFr) PS#235.

K 30 ALEX TRLICA SR. 5-11 176 7 of 13 FG, long 34 true. 13 of 18 FG '05, long 47. 15 of 21 FG LY, long 52. NCAA record 166 straight xp's. **37** Cory Fowler (5-8 160 Jr).

DE 84 Brandon Williams So. 6-3 243 PS#289. 16 tkl, 3.5 sk true. 4.8 spd. **94** Phillip Jones (6-4 242 So) PS#109LB. 2 tkl rFr. **85** Sean Estelle (6-2 240 rFr) PS#264. **86** Clint Stoffels (5-11 248 rFr).

NT 91 Rajon Henley So. 6-3 258 PS#160. 14 tkl, 11 gm true. **90** Brian Jones (6-2 292 Jr) PS#247. 4 tkl rFr, 6 gm. Inj LY. **68** Britton Barbee (6-2 270 rFr). David Neill is PS#175.

DT 97 Richard Jones So. 6-2 285 PS#99. 6 tkl, 1 sk, 10 gm true. Brandon Sharpe (6-4 240 Jr) PS#284JC. 9 sk at JC LY. Daniel Howard (6-3 240 So) PS#453JC. 12 sk JC LY.

DE 98 JAKE RATLIFF JR. 6-8 250 PS#136DL. 5 tkl rFr. 13 st LY, 50 tkl, 3.5 sk, 4 qbh, **HM B12**. **89** Tyler Yenzer (6-4 244 Sr) PS#135. 6 tkl '05. ST's LY. **Sam Fehoko is PS#24LB.**

SLB 56 KELLEN TILLMAN SR. 6-2 240 PS#125. ACL '03. 5 tkl '05. 10 starts LY, 41 tkl, 4 tfl **57** Brian Duncan (6-2 228 rFr) PS#46. **50** Ryan Hale (6-0 219 So) PS#164. **59** Ty Linder (6-2 215 Sr).

MLB 48 Paul Williams Sr. 6-1 221 PS#74. 16 tkl '05. 6 st LY, 30 tkl, 1.5 sk. **52** Victor Hunter (5-10 260 So) PS#134TE. **46** Sandy Riley (6-1 257 So) PS#82TE. Chris Wallace (5-10 220 So).

WLB 35 Blake Collier So. 6-2 194 **PS#40**. 4.46 spd. 3 tkl true. **54** Chad Hill (6-1 229 Sr) 21 tkl 3Y. **39** Marlon Williams (5-11 225 So) PS#99. 5 tkl true. Julius Howard (6-0 223 rFr) PS#138.

CB 17 CHRIS PARKER SR. 5-10 178 1 st, 25 tkl, 5 pbu '04-'05. 11 st LY, 50 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. I Marcus Bunton (5-8 196 Jr) PS#280QB. 2 st, 17 tkl 2Y. **28** Steven Harris (5-11 184 rFr) PS#93WR.

CB NA De'Shon Sanders Jr. 6-1 191 PS#75JC. **3 Jamar Wall** (5-10 194 So) PS#52RB. 12 tkl true. **12** LaRon Moore (5-9 186 rFr) PS#43. **33** Brent Nickerson (6-0 174 So) PS#107.

SS 49 JOE GARCIA SR. 6-1 217 PS#168. 3 st, 26 tkl '04-'05. 13 st LY, 87 tkl, **HM B12**. **24** Lance Fuller (6-0 218 Jr). 14 tkl 2Y. **37** Franklin Mitchem (6-2 185 rFr) PS#114.

FS 7 DARCEL McBATH JR. 6-1 196 PS#140. 13 st LY, 75 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. **10** Daniel Charbonnet (6-0 195 Jr) 14 tkl, 2 st at **Duke** '04 as true. 10 tkl LY. **23** Anthony Hines (6-1 236 Jr).

P NA Jonathan LaCour Fr. 6-2 190 PS#17. 40.7 avg as P in HS in '06, 7 inside 10, 54 yd FG. Won Texas Lone Star Challenge (150 players). **82** Grant Berg (6-5 198 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Sam Fehoko 6-2 230 PS#24LB
OL	Jerrod Gooch 6-5 290 PS#30
DB	De'Shon Sanders 6-1 191 PS#75JC
OL	Lonnie Edwards 6-5 315 PS#46
QB	Stefan Loucks 6-2 185 PS#34
OL	Mickey Okafor 6-6 305 PS#63
RB	Aaron Crawford 5-11 200 PS#54
WR	Detron Lewis 6-0 190 PS#81
WR	Jacob Amie 6-4 228 PS#84
WR	Tramain Swindall 6-3 180 PS#92
WR	Rashad Hawk 6-3 180 PS#101
DL	Brandon Sharpe 6-4 240 PS#284JC
OL	Blake Emert 6-5 275 PS#162
TE	Adam James 6-3 222 PS#54 '06
WR	Jacoby Franks 6-2 180 PS#145
DL	David Neill 6-5 260 PS#175
K	Jonathan LaCour 6-2 190 PS#17
DL	Daniel Howard 6-3 240 PS#453JC
DL	Colby Whitlock 6-3 290 PS#220
RB	Jared Flannel 6-0 180 PS#223
WR	Lyle Leong 6-0 168 PS#231 '06
DB	Taylor Charbonnet 5-9 164 PS#298
OL	Omar Castillo 6-6 310 PS#364
DB	Bront Bird 6-4 201 PS#365
OL	Dominique Delpeche 6-7 338 PS#485
OL	Bobbie Agocuha 6-4 315 PS#381
DL	Tyrone Sonier 6-3 225 PS#451
OL	Justin Keown 6-4 280 PS#606

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#42

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TT	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 3	at SMU (Mon)	A						TT is 11-0 vs SMU S'89 winning every game by DD (avg margin of victory 27 ppg). Tech QB G. Harrell threw for 342 yds (69%) & 5 TD's in his 1st career start LY vs SMU.
Sep. 8	UTEP	A						LY TT barley got past UTEP on the road winning by just 3 in OT & allowing 495 yds. Texas Tech is 13-1 in their L/14 home openers with the avg score TT 45-16.
Sep. 15	at Rice	A						The Red Raiders haven't won in Houston S/'88 dropping their L/3 gms at Rice Stadium. These former SWC members played every year from 1960-'95. TT leads 25-20-1.
Sep. 22	at Oklahoma St	A						TT is the only school in the Big 12 to be bowl eligible & post a winning record each season since the league's inception in '96. The HT has won 5 straight in this series.
Sep. 29	Northwestern St	A						First meeting between these schools. NSU went 4-7 LY losing to Div IA Kansas & Baylor by an average of 48-14. In those 2 games they were only outgained by 34 ypg.
Oct. 6	Iowa St (HC)	A						Under HC Leach TT is avg 392 ypg (71%) with a 10-3 ratio vs ISU. Last year Harrell passed for 6 TD's (career best) vs the #118 pass eff def. TT is 6-1 all-time vs ISU.
Oct. 13	Texas A&M	A						TT has beaten A&M 6 straight times in Lubbock outscoring the Aggies on avg by 16 ppg. Texas Tech scored with :26 left LY on a 37 yd TD pass to pull out the win.
Oct. 20	at Missouri	A						This will be just Texas Tech's 3rd trip to Columbia (0-2) & they have been outscored on avg 48-19 & outgained on avg 467-383. TT is just 4-7 after facing Texas A&M.
Oct. 27	Colorado	A						This will be just the 9th overall meeting & the home team has won all 8 previous. TT was shutout & only ran 3 offensive plays in CU territory in the 1st 3Q's last year.
Nov. 3	at Baylor	A						The TT & BU series is tied at 32-32-1, but TT has won 11 straight w/their avg win by 30 ppg. RB Woods rushed for a career high 125 yds (12.5, 3 TD's) LY vs the Bears' defense.
Nov. 10	at Texas	G						In the last 5 years, these 2 schools have averaged 74 ppg (66 pts lowest score). Red Raiders are just 5-26 all-time in Austin & their last win was in '97 (UT's last losing ssn).
Nov. 17	Oklahoma	A						Leach was the OC at OU in 1999-'00, guiding them to a #1 finish in total offense. Texas Tech is 23-6 in their last 29 November home games. HT is 4-1 in series.
Nov. 24								Bonus: TT outgained opp's by 234 ypg at home LY (outgained opp's by just 1 ypg on road).
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Kliff Kingsbury 12,429 '99-'02
2. Robert Hall 7,908 '90-'93
3. Zebbie Lethridge 6,789 '94-'97

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Byron Hanspard 4,219 '94-'96
2. James Gray 4,066 '86-'89
3. Ricky Williams 3,661 '97-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Wes Welker 3,069 '00-'03
2. Lloyd Hill 3,059 '90-'93
3. Carlos Francis 3,027 '00-'03

MIKE LEACH (Career 56–33)

8th Year at Texas Tech — Leach's Bowl Record: 4-3

Leach's records AT TEXAS TECH

56-33	Straight Up	2-13	Vs Top 10
35-9	Home	6-24	Vs Top 25
17-21	Away	5-5	Vs BCS Teams
4-3	Neutral	2-3	Off A Bye
31-25	Vs Conference	22-5	Off A Loss

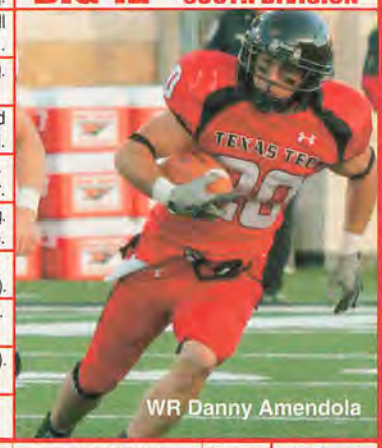
2006 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (14,29,5)
Lost: 15 (8,6,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,874 (#39)

BIG 12 – SOUTH DIVISION


WR Danny Amendola

STADIUM: JONES AT&T STADIUM (52,882) (#54)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

Mike Leach

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	7-4	8-5	7-5	7-4	9-2	7-5	52-30
Home	6-2	4-2	5-1	5-1	4-1	7-0	4-2	35-9
Away	1-3	3-2	3-4	2-4	3-3	2-2	3-3	17-21
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	6-2	4-4	31-25
ATS	7-5	6-3-1	7-6	8-4	5-6	4-5	5-6	42-35-1
Home Fav	4-2	1-1-1	4-1	4-1	3-2	3-2	2-2	21-11-1
Home Dog	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-4
Away Fav	0-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-3	7-10
Away Dog	3-1	1-1	1-4	3-1	2-1	0-1	1-1	11-10
Favorite	4-2	4-1-1	5-2	5-2	3-5	4-4	3-5	28-21-1
Dog	3-3	2-2	2-4	3-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	14-14
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	4-4	3-5	4-4	31-25
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-0-1	2-3	3-1	1-2	1-0	1-2	11-10-1
Off SU Win	2-5	4-2	4-4	6-2	1-5	2-4	2-4	21-26
Off SU Loss	4-0	2-1	3-1	1-2	4-0	1-1	2-2	17-7

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Shannon Woods	152	958	32	926	10	6.1
Baron Batch	9	46	3	43	1	4.8
Joel Filani	4	34	0	34	0	8.5
Edward Britton	5	33	2	31	0	6.2
Kobey Lewis	7	24	0	24	0	3.4
Chris Todd	4	11	12	-1	0	-0.2
Graham Harrell	32	40	106	-66	2	-2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Graham Harrell	617	412	66.8	4555	38	11
Chris Todd	35	25	71.4	241	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Joel Filani	91	1300	14.3	13	76	
Robert Johnson	89	871	9.8	11	37	
Shannon Woods	75	572	7.6	2	54	
Danny Amendola	48	487	10.1	5	45	
Eric Morris	25	347	13.9	1	31	
Jarrett Hicks	25	334	13.4	2	48	
Grant Walker	23	264	11.5	0	56	
Todd Walker	21	214	10.2	2	20	
LA Reed	12	157	13.1	2	43	
Edward Britton	10	131	13.1	1	20	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Alex Reyes	43	1943	45.2	14	38.3	1	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alex Trlica	51-51	7-8	6-8	1-2	1-3	15-21	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brock Stratton	88	0.5	2.5	2	2
Joe Garcia	87	0	3	0	1
Antonio Huffman	75	0	2	8	2
Darcel McBath	75	0	0.5	5	3
Keyunta Dawson	63	6	3.5	0	0
Jake Ratliff	50	3.5	3.5	4	0
Chris Parker	50	0	0	6	2
Fletcher Session	49	1	3	5	1
Dek Bake	47	6.5	1	1	0
Chris Hudler	41	4	3	1	0
Kellen Tillman	41	1	3	1	0
Paul Williams	30	1.5	0.5	1	0
Ken Scott	28	0.5	1.5	0	0
Brent Slaughter	23	0	1.5	1	0
Seth Nitschmann	22	3	2	0	0
Brandon Williams	16	3.5	0	1	0
Rajon Henley	14	0	1	0	0
Chad Hill	13	0	0	0	0
Dan'Tay Ward	12	0	1	0	0
Jamar Wall	12	0	0	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Danny Amendola	41	377	9.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shannon Woods	18	310	17.2	0
Eric Morris	12	201	16.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Tangerine	-5	Clemson	55-15
03	Houston	-11'	Navy	38-14
04	Holiday - #23	+11	California - #4	45-31
05	Cotton - #18	-3'	Alabama - #13	10-13
06	Insight	-7	Minnesota (OT)	44-41

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Texas Tech's All-Time Bowl Record 9-20-1

TEXAS TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	32.5	24	79	4.7	369	66.8	13.8	0	2006	5	25.1	20	151	3.8	182	58.4	13.3
4	39.4	27	107	4.2	389	66.5	12.6	+9	2005	8	18.8	20	155	4.0	180	55.0	17.8
6	36.2	27	92	3.8	400	65.4	13.6	-5	2004	9	26.2	20	176	4.3	181	51.2	13.7
9	42.5	32	107	4.5	475	64.9	13.7	-8	2003	5	34.0	23	197	4.7	256	57.3	13.3
7*	38.4	27	99	3.6	389	66.9	12.7	-10	2002	9	31.4	21	164	4.2	240	55.7	12.9
8*	33.5	22	82	3.5	335	67.8	12.4	+6	2001	4	23.4	20	173	4.1	187	56.6	15.4

2006 STATS BY GAME

TT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	OFF SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	DEF SKS BY	TURN
#25	SMU	28	23-138	6.0	38-54	363	1	10	34-118	3.5	10-19	71	1	0
#24	at UTEP	29	18-103	5.7	40-53	376	0	26	26-120	4.6	35-52	375	0	+1
#24	at TCU	13	15-38	2.5	23-47	204	3	13	44-180	4.1	13-23	101	2	-1
–	SE Lousiana	26	17-106	6.2	31-44	403	1	7	32-58	1.8	12-19	61	5	+2
–	at Texas A&M	24	11-41	3.7	32-45	392	0	22	47-250	5.3	9-20	103	0	0
–	Missouri	29	16-78	4.9	44-61	378	4	18	40-133	3.3	15-22	173	2	-4
–	at Colorado	14	15-31	2.1	29-45	245	2	20	46-228	5.0	12-19	152	3	-3
–	at Iowa St	24	20-107	5.4	31-40	368	1	18	36-75	2.1	14-34	146	5	0
–	Texas	27	13-(-1)	-0.1	42-62	519	1	29	44-227	5.2	21-31	256	1	+2
–	Baylor	32	19-175	9.2	38-58	507	1	16	29-20	0.7	16-30	197	6	+2
–	at Oklahoma	16	11-31	2.8	26-48	250	2	25	36-139	3.9	24-31	309	1	+3
–	Oklahoma St	19	17-81	4.8	28-44	353	1	24	50-221	4.4	13-34	164	3	0
–	† Minnesota	29	24-103	4.3	36-55	445	2	25	47-195	4.1	19-31	263	2	-2
TOTALS		310	219-1031	4.7	438-656	4803	19	253	511-1964	3.8	213-365	2371	31	0
AVERAGES		23.8	17-79	4.7	34-50	369	1.5	19.5	39-151	3.8	16-28	182	2.4	0.0

2002 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Ohio St - #13	+6	21-45
–	at SMU	-20	24-14
–	Mississippi	-3'	42-28
–	NC State - #17	-1'	48-51 OT
–	at New Mexico	-8	49-0
–	at Texas A&M - #23	+6	48-47 OT
–	at Iowa St - #11	+6'	17-31
–	Missouri	-6'	52-38
–	at Colorado - #21	+6	13-37
–	Baylor	-32	62-11
–	Oklahoma St	-9	49-24
–	Texas - #5	+6'	42-38
#24	at Oklahoma - #4	+13	15-60

2003 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	SMU	-23'	58-10
–	New Mexico	-13'	42-28
–	at NC State	+6'	21-49
–	at Mississippi	+3	49-45
–	Texas A&M	-5	59-28
–	Iowa St	-16'	52-21
–	at Oklahoma St - #23	+3	49-51
–	at Missouri	-3	31-62
–	Colorado	-14	26-21
–	at Baylor	-27'	62-14
–	at Texas - #6	+18'	40-43
–	Oklahoma - #1	+19'	25-56

2004 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
–	at SMU	-24'	27-13
–	at New Mexico	-3'	24-27
–	TCU	-5'	70-35
–	at Kansas	-6	31-30
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+25	13-28
–	Nebraska	-7	70-10
–	Texas - #8	-1	21-51
–	at Kansas St	+2'	35-25
–	Baylor	-31	42-17
–	at Texas A&M - #22	+2'	25-32 OT
–	Oklahoma St - #23	-4'	31-15

2005 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre #21 Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
#21	Florida Int'l	-34	56-3
#19	Sam Houston St	NL	80-21
#19	Indiana St	NL	63-7
#16	Kansas	-18'	30-17
#15	at Nebraska	-4	34-31
#13	Kansas St	-15'	59-20
#10	at Texas - #2	+17	17-52
#17	at Baylor	-13	28-0
#16	Texas A&M	-15	56-17
#13	at Oklahoma St	-23	17-24
#21	Oklahoma	-7'	23-21

2006 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre #25 Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#25	SMU	-25	35-3
#24	at UTEP	-8	38-35 OT
#24	at TCU - #20	-1	3-12
–	SE Louisiana	NL	62-0
–	at Texas A&M	+2'	31-27
–	Missouri - #23	-5	21-38
–	at Colorado	-6'	6-30
–	at Iowa St	-2	42-26
–	Texas - #5	+10	31-35
–	Baylor	-16	55-21
–	at Oklahoma - #17	+9	24-34
–	Oklahoma St	-6'	30-24

BAYLOR BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Shawn Bell started the last two of 2003 and had 576 yards (61.2%). The 2004 season was the first time in 8 years that Bears' QB's had more TD's than int with Bell (3 st until inj) being 1 of 3 QB's. Bell had a streak of 159 passes without an int snapped, tossing 2 in the opener in 2005. He still set the school record for completions with 190 (old record: Don Trull 174,1963). Bell threw for 1,964 (59.4%) with a 12-6 ratio. HC Morriss switched to backup Terrance Parks for 3.5 games and it cost them a winning season. Parks moved to TE last year and Bell was the clear cut starter in the first year of the Texas Tech style offense. Bell started 9 and threw for 2,582 (62.9%) with a 19-10 ratio. His lowest yardage production of the year came vs Army (241). He set a school record with 11 straight 200+ games (Trull 7, 1963) and had a school record 394 vs Kansas. He was #4 in the NCAA in passing when he suffered a torn ACL vs A&M ending his career. At the start of August, walk-on Jason Lovvorn (5'11" 172 Jr) was taking snaps with the 2nd string but it was Blake Szymanski (PS#163) that won the backup job. Szymanski had 9 snaps prior to his first start vs TT and suffered 6 sacks vs Tech and 5 vs Okla under heavy pressure. In 5 games Szymanski threw for 689 (52.9%) with a 4-7 ratio while rushing for 162. He returns and will have to battle Kent St transfer Michael Machen and JUCO transfer John David Weed. Weed (6'4" 214) threw for 2,104 (53.9%) with 19 TD's at JC last year. Machen started for Kent St in '05 in the spread offense and threw for 2,078 (54.8%) with an 11-18 ratio. He only saw action in 4 gms LY after Kent St switched to a run-oriented offense. He will not have to sit out as he has already graduated. There is plenty of experience at this position but they likely will not match Bell's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - The last time Baylor avg'd over 4.0 ypc (4.7) as a team was 1997 despite the fact that they have had plenty of VHT RB's. In fact, 3.1 is their top ypc in the last 9 years. Paul Mosley (PS#63) was a good-sized power back and despite not starting in '04 led with 582 (4.6). Brandon Whitaker missed '04 (RS). Baylor dubbed Mosley and Whitaker the "Thunder and Lightning" combo with Whitaker the elusive speed back. Mosley started 8 in '05 and led with 657 (3.7) while Whitaker started 2 and had 481 (4.8). They combined for 323 touches without a fumble. Baylor OC Hays has said that the RB is a key part of the spread offense. Mosley started 7 in '06 and rushed for 479 (4.8) and had 23 rec (5.3). Whitaker started 4 and had 158 (3.9) with 30 rec (6.4). Despite the 2 averaging 4.5 ypc, the team lost 320 yards in sacks, bringing the team ypc to just 2.1 and the Bears ranked dead last (#119) in the NCAA in rushing at just 40.2 ypg. Besides Mosley, they also lose Mario Price (2 st, 71 ttl yd) and FB Damon Dotson (1 st). Adding depth are Jacoby Jones (PS#101), Andre Pierce (PS#198), Jay Finley (5'11" 195 rFr), Trent Gunnels (5'11" 189 rFr), FB Keegan Vann (6'0" 255 Sr, 1 st) and SE MO St transfer Tony Anderson (PS#88). This is an underwhelming group but in the second year of the offense, should have increased production.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Dominique Zeigler, who is 6'3" and was a high jumper on the track team, emerged as the best WR. Former Oklahoma co-DC Bo Pelini said, "he's probably their best offensive player." He led with 55 (9.7). Marques Roberts led in receiving yards with 570 (14.2). In '05 they had to replace Roberts but returned Zeigler and their #3 receiver Trent Shelton (38, 11.2). Zeigler led with 48 (11.7) and a new threat emerged in Shaun Rochon (44, 10.1) who was also their top returnman. Shelton's numbers climbed to 39 (11.6) and true frosh Carl Sims had 9 rec. Last year the only loss was Rochon and they finally got the addition of VHT track star David Gettis (PS#37) who did not pass the NCAA clearinghouse in '05. He is 6'4" with 4.35 speed and has the best hands on the team. They moved backup QB Parks to WR and he was #3 in rec yds when he was dismissed after 6. Zeigler led with 54 (13.7) and Shelton had 53 (15.1, #1 in yds). Gettis (4 rec) saw limited action behind the top two. This year they must replace Shelton (11 st), Zeigler (10 st), Parks (3 st) and Trey Payne (4 st, 15 rec). While I expect big things out of Gettis as a soph, with the loss of 3 of their top 4, this unit figures to be down a few notches.

RB Brandon Whitaker

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Baylor had 8 of the top 10 back and added Tulane transfer C William Blaylock and VHT JUCO Matt Lott. The unit still only opened holes for 3.1 ypc rush (their best since 1999) and allowed a respectable 26 sacks (6.6%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and moved TE Jason Smith (7 st '05) to OT. With a new offense to learn, they only opened holes for 40 ypg rush (2.1) and allowed 36 sacks (7.1%) as they learned the new offense. This year they lose Blaylock (12 st, 2Y st'r), LT Travis Farst (12 st), C Adam Boatner (2 st) and LT Matt Lott (2nd string). They lose 3 of their top 6 OL's but have 3 starters back, add in a JUCO and have 322 lb Ariz St trans JD Walton plugged in at C. I look for a good-sized improvement from the OL this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Baylor lost a #6DC but had 7 of the top 8 back including 8 with starting experience. They had the best ypg allowed under Morriss (162) and ypc (4.1). Last year they had to replace two starters but had 6 of the top 8 back (7 with st exp). Surprisingly the Bears allowed 191 ypg (5.0) while recording just 11 sacks (tied for #116 NCAA). This year they lose NT MT Robinson (8 st, 23 tkl), DE Marcus Foreman (4 st, 30 tkl, 4 tfl), DE Julian Hill (19 tkl, 4 tfl), DT Corey Ford (4 st, 20 tkl), NT Quincy Jenkins (9 tkl, 1 sk) and DT Klayton Shoals (4 st, 16 tkl). While three starters do return, they lose five of their top 8. Their DT's have good size and the unit has more returning starters than 2006 and can only improve on those numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Baylor runs a 4-2-5 D but I list the OSS position here making it a 3 man unit. Last year they had to replace all 3 starters. RFr Joe Pawelek stepped in to earn 2nd Tm Big 12 honors, leading the team in tackles (86) while GT transfer Nick Moore was #2 (75). This year the only losses are OSS Maurice Linguist (12 st, 71 tkl, HM B12), OSS Paul Howard (5 tkl) and LB Chudi Ogadi (1 tkl). They add in a JUCO and PS#53 true frosh Earl Patin and 5 of the top 6 LB's are HT's. With the top two back, this group is much more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Morriss' first two years, Baylor finished #104 and #113 in my pass D rankings allowing a ghastly 59-10 ratio. All 4 starters returned in 2005 including VHT SS Willie Andrews and they snagged 16 int (most since '94) to climb up to #15. Last year they had to replace Andrews (#7DC) and one other starter but had the excellent CB duo of 6'1" CJ Wilson (4.38 spd) and 6'2" Anthony Arline. Surprisingly the Bears dropped to #70 but still had 16 int allowing 57.7%. This year they lose Wilson (12 st, 59 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu, #7DC CAR), Arline (12 st, 2 int, 3 pbu) and FS James Todd (1 st, 25 tkl, 3 int). While five of the top 8 are back, they may once again drop in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Baylor did have two Top 10 finishes in my ST rankings under former coach Chuck Reedy but in 2002 finished #116. Morriss brought in ST coach Mark Nelson, who guided some fine units at Kentucky. P Daniel Sepulveda took home the Ray Guy Award in 2004 (40.6 net) and it was the 2nd time in 3 years that Nelson had coached a Ray Guy semifinalist. The Bears moved up to #28 that year. Sepulveda avg 46.2 (net 36.8) in '05 and the team moved up to #14. Shaun Rochon and Willie Andrews combined to avg 11.8 on PR's and 26.2 on KR's. Both returnmen had to be replaced last season and Sepulveda tore his ACL in April. He was fanatical with his rehab and amazingly took home the Ray Guy Award an unprecedented 2nd time leading the NCAA with a 46.5 avg (39.0 net). Sepulveda broke Shane Lechler's (Texas A&M in 1999) record for career avg punting (45.24) and became just the 5th ever unanimous AA for Baylor, joining Bill Glass (1956), Mike Singletary (1980), Thomas Everett (1986) and Santana Dotson (1991). The team lost ST coach Nelson (at L'ville now). Return defense was a liability early and they allowed 23.1 per KR on the year. Ryan Havens hit 11 of 14 FG's with a long of 47 including misses of 50 and 58. Havens had 24 TB on 54 KO. Despite the presence of Sepulveda, the unit dropped to #32. This year they lose Sepulveda (#4DC PIT) and Havens so it will be tough to match the last few year's lofty finishes.

COACHES - In two years at Kentucky, Guy Morriss did a fine job taking UK from a 2-9 team in '01 to a 7-5 finish in 2002, Morriss was an All-SWC OL at TCU in the early '70's. He hired 39 year old Lee Hays, who was the OC at West Texas A&M and runs a TT-type offense as the OC LY. His QB's set a conf record with 363.8 ypg in Div II in '05. In '05 Morris hired his former NFL teammate Bill Bradley as the DC. Bradley left for the SD Chargers in Feb '07 and Larry Hoefer takes over as the DC. It is Hoefer's 1st year as DC and 5th year as the secondary coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Baylor had been the worst team in the Big 12, by far, in its short history with a 6-66 league record heading into 2005. In 2002 they snapped a 29 game Big 12 losing streak with one win and pulled upsets in both 2003 and 2004. Heading into 2005, the Bears had been outscored in league play by margins of 35.8, 32.5, 27.5, 34.2, 30.7 and 21.3. Morriss' first squad had just 12 returning starters, 76 scholarship players and was -232 ypg in B12 play. In his second season at Kentucky he improved the Wildcats' record from 2-9 to 7-5 so expectations were optimistic for the Bears in 2004. They disappointed with a 3-8 record. Morriss had a very talented team in 2005 with 14 returning starters and the Bears nearly achieved a winning record. With a much improved defense, they snapped a streak of 24 straight road losses by beating SMU, Army and Iowa St on the road. The ISU win was their first ever Big 12 road win (0-37 prior). They opened up 3-0 for the first time since 1996 and led A&M 10-7 before a late FG forced OT where they fell by 3. Baylor was 4-1 when they hosted Nebraska but came up short. They nearly stunned Oklahoma on the road losing in 2 OT's. They outplayed TT for 3Q's but a couple of questionable calls negated scores and they lost. When Morriss went to backup QB Parks, they struggled down the stretch and most likely would have made a bowl had he stuck with Bell the entire season. Last year the Bears were picked last in the Big 12 South in the media poll and that upset Morriss. They played a solid game vs #22 TCU and led 7-3 late 3Q but lost. Wash St got a 17 yard FG with :09 left to beat the Bears by 2 in Seattle. They led Army 10-0 but lost in OT and got a 3OT win over Colorado. Baylor was tied for #1 in the Big 12 South with Texas at 2-0 and led that game 10-0 before Texas blew them out. They trailed Kansas 35-17 but got the comeback win to stand 3-1 in the Big 12. A&M got a FG with 6:32 left to take the lead for good. The Bears lost QB Bell and got pounded in their final 3 losing by 34, 42 and vs the Aggies 26. Their 3 Big 12 wins were their most ever but they were outgained by 134.3 ypg in league play, which was the worst mark in the conf. Baylor was also -7 in turnovers. The Bears only have 11 returning starters (2nd fewest in conf) and lose 32 lettermen so this appears to be a rebuilding year. I will call for the Bears to have their 12th straight losing season.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GREEN

QB 7 **Michael Machen Sr.** 6-6 237 PS#59JC. **10 st Kent St '05**. 2078 (55%) 11-18 ratio. 17 **John David Weed** (6-4 214 Jr) PS#40JC. 6 **Blake Szymanski** (6-4 209 So) PS#163. **3 st LY.**

RB 2 **Brandon Whitaker Sr.** 5-10 197 PS#190. 6 st 3Y, 681 (3.9), 62 rec (5.8). Jacoby Jones (5-11 219 Jr) PS#101. 110 ttl yd 2Y. Andre Pierce (5-10 180 rFr) PS#198. Tony Anderson (6-2 232 So) PS#88.

WR 85 **Justin Fenty So.** 5-10 174 PS#190. 3 st rFr, 19 (9.6). 10 Queito Teasley (6-1 187 Jr) PS#65DB. 455 ret yards LY. 13 Ernest Smith (6-3 186 So) PS#209. 1 st true, 6 rec.

WR 4 **David Gettis So.** 6-4 206 **PS#37. 4.35 spd**. 4 rec (20.5) true LY. Track team. 3 Mikail Baker (6-0 186 Jr) PS#120. 1 st, 16 rec 2Y. 19 Joe Bennett (5-7 167 Jr) 1 st LY.

WR 21 **THOMAS WHITE JR.** 6-2 206 10.6 in 100m. 5 st LY, 26 rec (14.3), 245 snaps. 24 Carl Sims (5-10 182 Jr) PS#188DB. 5 st 2Y, 24 (7.5). 87 Ben Randle (6-5 206 rFr) PS#142TE.

TE 82 **Justin Akers So.** 6-5 237 PS#46. 2 st rFr, 5 rec. 80 **Jordan Adams** (6-4 247 Sr) PS#74. New Mex trans. 2 st, 8 rec 2Y. 18 Brad Taylor (6-3 232 rFr) PS#192QB.

C 55 **JD Walton So.** 6-2 322 PS#439. Ariz St trans. Huge. Sat out '06. 53 Mike Miller (6-3 273 Sr) PS#345QB. 4 st TE '04-'05. 115 snaps LY. 77 Reid Prince (6-4 274 rFr) PS#258.

RG 70 **CHAD SMITH SR.** 6-6 280 **PS#113**. 9 gms true but inj, RS. 2 st '05, 188 snap. 12 st LG LY, 770 snap. James Barnard (6-4 291 So) PS#181JC. In spg. Ricky Hasoon (6-2 289 Sr) 8 gm 2Y.

LG 71 **DAN GAY JR.** 6-5 311 PS#482DL. 5 tkl rFr. 10 st RG LY, 683 snaps. 60 Sam Sledge (6-2 270 So) PS#92TE. 2nd string rFr. 64 Jeremy Michel (6-5 292 rFr) PS#360.

RT 74 **Thad Boatner So.** 6-7 289 PS#208. 8 gm, 30 snaps rFr, 2nd string all year. 75 Jordan Hearvey (6-4 305 So) PS#539. 79 Dylan Hagens (6-7 277 rFr) PS#462.

LT 72 **JASON SMITH JR.** 6-5 288 PS#133TE. 7 st TE as rFr, 6 rec. 356 bench. 12 st RT LY, 789 snaps. 78 Chris Griesenbeck (6-3 267 So). 73 Ted Tanner (6-3 291 Sr).

K NA **Shea Brewster Fr.** 6-0 160 PS#44. 10 of 14 FG at HS, incl 2 game winners, 31-31 xp's. 20 Caleb Allen (6-0 169 Jr) PS#83. Orig signed w/Air Force. 1 KO in '06.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GREEN

DE 88 **JASON LAMB SO.** 6-6 253 PS#31TE. 8 st rFr, 38 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 481 snaps. 51 Adam Geib (6-5 250 Jr) PS#227LB. Air Force trans. Raylon Walters (6-5 228 So). Ryan Douglass is PS#180.

DT 91 **VINCENT RHODES JR.** 6-2 302 PS#324. 2 st rFr, 16 tkl. 8 st LY, 35 tkl, 5 tfl. 99 **Rex McDougald PS#66**. 95 Damien Taylor (6-3 271 So) 8 tkl, 96 snaps rFr. Randy King (6-3 242 rFr) PS#419LB.

DT 97 **Trey Bryant So.** 6-3 310 PS#76. 5 tkl, 53 snap rFr. 92 Connor Redfearn (6-2 287 Sr) PS#482JC. 4 tkl, 112 snaps LY. 94 Chris Buford (6-4 264 rFr). 58 Chris Carey (6-3 245 So).

DE 57 **GEOFF NELSON SR.** 6-2 260 4.6 spd. 10 tkl true. 13 tkl, 1 tfl '05. 12 st LY, 36 tkl, 2.5 sk, 522 snaps. 49 **Leon Freeman** PS#98JC. In spg. 10 Jameon Hardeman (6-1 262 rFr) PS#176.

WLB 44 **NICK MOORE SR.** 6-1 226 PS#101. 7 tkl **Ga Tech** true. 23 tkl here '05. 11 st LY, 75 tkl, 4 tfl. 8 **Antonio Jones** (6-3 226 So) PS#146. 3 st, 44 tkl LY. 48 Chad Lowe (6-1 223 rFr) PS#170.

MLB 41 **JOE PAWELEK SO.** 6-2 231 **2nd Tm B12**, 10 st rFr. 86 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 855 snaps. 34 Ben Hixson (6-2 225 Jr) PS#123. 13 tkl 2Y. 48 Daniel Lopez (5-11 230 Sr). Ty Findley (6-0 210 Jr).

OSS 4 **Jeremy Williams So.** 5-10 204 PS#367. 82 snap rFr. Ray Sims PS#324JC. 42 Zach Jones (5-11 195 Sr) 17 tkl 2Y. 32 Desmond Jenkins (5-10 198 Jr). 50 Sam Shalala (6-1 223 Jr) PS#421LB.

CB 20 **Alton Widemon Sr.** 5-11 178 PS#148. 6 st true **Tulane**, 16 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. 4.4 spd. 13 tkl here '05. 5 st ROV, 20 tkl LY. 7 Ralph Rodriguez (5-10 181 Sr). 5 tkl, 106 snaps LY.

CB 2 **Josh Bell Sr.** 6-0 168 4 tkl rFr. 21 tkl, 254 snap '05. 8 tkl, 314 snap LY. 27 Dominique Criss (5-9 189 rFr) PS#179. +14 lbs. 5 Braelon Davis (5-11 172 Sr) 5 st. 32 tkl 2Y.

SS 9 **BRANDON STIGGERS SR.** 6-0 199 PS#275JC. 8 st in '06, 47 tkl, 3 tfl, 487 snaps. 11 Marlon Price (6-2 193 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y, 158 snaps. +13 lbs. 12 Jake LaMar (6-0 188 Jr) 23 tkl, 2Y.

FS 1 **DWAIN CRAWFORD JR.** 6-0 208 PS#299. 1 st true, 14 tkl. 10 st LY, 55 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. 21 Jordan Lake (6-2 209 So) 15 tkl LY until inj, 5 gm. 30 Tim Atchison (6-2 203 rFr) PS#269.

P NA **Derek Epperson Fr.** 6-3 215 PS#35. 43.0 avg in HS in '06. 20 Caleb Allen (6-0 169 Jr) #1 punter in spring. Shea Brewster is PS#44. 31 punts as senior in HS, 37.0 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	John David Weed 6-4 214 PS#40JC
LB	Leon Freeman 6-2 235 PS#98JC
LB	Earl Patin 6-2 230 PS#53
DL	Rex McDougald 6-3 290 PS#66
OL	John Jones 6-5 305 PS#83
OL	Anthony Morgan 6-4 315 PS#98
DB	Barry Valcin 5-11 177 PS#100
OL	James Barnard 6-4 291 PS#181JC
OL	Courtney Green 6-4 285 PS#113DL
DB	Larry Rosebud 5-10 170 PS#132
LB	Chris Francis 5-11 216 PS#111
DB	Elliot Coffey 6-0 195 PS#141
DB	Ray Sims 6-0 210 PS#324JC
WR	Romie Blaylock 5-11 170 PS#132
DL	Matt Singletary 6-4 215 PS#172
DL	Ryan Douglass 6-3 225 PS#180
WR	Krys Buerck 6-1 175 PS#192
K	Derek Epperson 6-3 215 PS#35
DB	VJ McElroy 5-11 180 PS#225
WR	Eddy Newton 6-2 210 PS#453JC
DL	Zac Scotton 6-6 245 PS#211
WR	Stacy Williams 6-0 180 PS#228
DL	Antonio Johnson 6-1 215 PS#288LB
K	Shea Brewster 6-0 160 PS#44
WR	Chris Tuck 6-5 197 PS#297
OL	Hunter Hightower 6-5 255 PS#485
DB	Cliff Odom 5-11 180 PS#467

BAYLOR BEARS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#28

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	at TCU	G				
Sep. 8	Rice	A				
Sep. 15	Texas St	A				
Sep. 22	at Buffalo	A				
Sep. 29	at Texas A&M	G				
Oct. 6	Colorado	A				
Oct. 13	at Kansas	A				
Oct. 20	Texas	A				
Oct. 27	at Kansas St	A				
Nov. 3	Texas Tech (HC)	A				
Nov. 10	at Oklahoma	G				
Nov. 17	Oklahoma St	A				
Nov. 24						
Dec. 1						

Last yr was 1st time these former SWC members played S/'95 (played every yr from '45-'95). Baylor has dropped 4 of 5 season openers. BU leads the series 49-48-7.

The attendance last year of 42,733 was the largest crowd for a season opener since 1973 (46,000 vs Oklahoma). Baylor has won 4 of 6 home openers.

TSU was a playoff team in 2005 but went 5-6 last year including a 41-7 loss to UK. They 1st met in 1909 as Baylor holds a 6-0 advantage with the avg score 41-8.

First meeting as BU will be making just their 6th all-time trip to New York (4-1). The last and only time BU played a current MAC member was in 1981 beating BG 38-0.

BU surrendered 73 pts vs A&M in '03, which is the most ever allowed in B12/SWC play. Baylor is 2-42 in B12 AG's, but have their only 2 wins in each of the last 2 years.

Last year Baylor rushed for 70 yds over their season avg (40 ypg) vs Colorado. In their last 2 meetings, BU has pulled off 2 upset wins (34-31 LY, 42-30 in '03).

With its win LY, BU swept B12 N opp's for the 1st time ever & had a school best 3 B12 wins. LY BU rallied from an 18 pt 4Q deficit to score 19 pts in the gm's final 9:22 vs the Jayhawks.

The 69 BU losses to Texas are the most to one school in the history of the program. In their L/5 games, Baylor has been outscored 266-45 & shutout 3 times vs UT.

Even though BU was outgained 341-312 LY vs KSU it was the 1st time they ever held a B12 opp w/o a TD. Bears are 1-5 being outscored on average 38-11 all-time vs the Wildcats.

Baylor is 1-8 in their last 9 Homecoming games. In QB Szymanski's 1st career start LY vs TT, he became the 1st BU QB to rush for at least 2 TD's in a gm S/'92 (JJ Joe).

OU is the only tm (at least 5 gms played) that BU has never beaten in school history (0-16). BU has scored just 86 pts (11 ppg) the last 8 years vs Oklahoma.

The 66 pts scored by OSU last year were the 2nd most ever allowed by a conf opp S/'89 (Houston). Baylor is now 2-12 in sesason finales with each loss by 8+ pts.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. JJ Joe 5,995 '90-'93	1. Walter Abercrombie 3,665 '78-'81	1. Gerald McNeil 2,651 '80-'83
2. Shawn Bell 5,666 '03-'06	2. Jerod Douglas 2,811 '94-'97	2. Reggie Newhouse 2,552 '99-'02
3. Jeff Watson 5,531 '94-'97	3. Alfred Anderson 2,424 '80-'83	3. Lawrence Elkins 2,094 '62-'64

GUY MORRISS (Career 24-45)

5th Year at Baylor — Morriss' Bowl Record: 0-0

Morriss' records AT BAYLOR

15-31	Straight Up	0-5	Vs Top 10
11-14	Home	1-12	Vs Top 25
4-16	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	2-1	Off A Bye
7-25	Vs Conference	8-20	Off A Loss

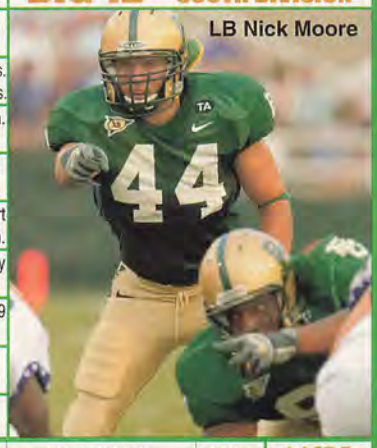
2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (20,21,1)
Lost: 32 (13,17,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,080 (#64)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION


LB Nick Moore

STADIUM: FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000) (#61)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Prestige System)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	3-9	3-9	3-8	5-6	4-8	23-57
Home	1-5	3-4	3-3	3-4	3-3	2-3	3-4	18-26
Away	1-4	0-4	0-6	0-5	0-5	3-3	1-3	5-30
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Vs Conf	0-8	0-8	1-7	1-7	1-7	2-6	3-5	8-48
ATS	3-7	4-6	1-10	7-4	6-3-1	6-4	3-8	30-42-1
Home Fav (Kevin Steele)	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	4-3
Home Dog	1-4	1-4	0-3	3-2	4-0-1	0-3	1-3	10-19-1
Away Fav (Guy Morriss)	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	3-0
Away Dog	1-3	2-2	0-6	3-2	2-3	3-1	1-3	12-20
Favorite	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	3-0	0-2	7-3
Dog	2-7	3-6	0-9	6-4	6-3-1	3-4	3-6	23-39-1
vs Conf	2-6	2-6	0-8	5-3	5-2-1	4-4	2-6	20-35-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	10-7
Off SU Win	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-2	9-10
Off SU Loss	2-5	2-5	1-6	5-3	3-2-1	3-3	1-5	17-29-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
85	Liberty - #15	E	LSU - #12	21-7
86	Bluebonnet - #14	-5'	Colorado	21-9
91	Copper	-3'	Indiana	0-24
92	John Hancock	+6'	Arizona - #22	20-15
94	Alamo	+5'	Washington St - #24	3-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Baylor's All-Time Bowl Record 8-8

BAYLOR'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	23.6	17	40	2.1	275	60.2	13.4	-7	2006	4	32.6	20	191	5.0	217	57.7	12.5
6	21.5	18	110	3.1	208	56.6	14.8	+5	2005	8	26.5	22	162	4.1	216	51.3	14.3
6*	20.4	18	99	3.0	213	59.5	15.3	-15	2004	7	36.9	21	206	4.6	215	59.0	11.4
6*	15.9	16	110	2.8	171	56.7	17.7	-5	2003	6	37.9	21	194	5.1	257	56.0	11.9
6*	16.8	18	103	2.8	232	56.0	19.9	-17	2002	9	41.3	21	164	4.5	242	61.5	9.8
9*	18.6	19	96	2.6	215	53.5	16.7	-3	2001	7	32.5	23	171	3.9	247	60.7	12.9

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Paul Mosley	100	499	20	479	6	4.8
Brandon Whitaker	**41**	**188**	**30**	**158**	**1**	**3.9**
Blake Szymanski	**44**	**162**	**144**	**18**	**2**	**0.4**
Mario Price	6	13	4	9	0	1.5
Shawn Bell	27	33	170	-137	0	-5.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Shawn Bell	383	241	62.9	2582	19	10
Blake Szymanski	**121**	**64**	**52.9**	**689**	**4**	**7**
Dominique Zeigler	3	2	66.7	29	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Trent Shelton	53	802	15.1	8	75	
Dominique Zeigler	54	741	13.7	3	79	
Thomas White	**26**	**372**	**14.3**	**2**	**34**	
Terrance Parks	26	217	8.3	0	29	
Brandon Whitaker	**30**	**192**	**6.4**	**1**	**16**	
Justin Fenty	**19**	**183**	**9.6**	**1**	**19**	
Trey Payne	15	131	8.7	4	17	
Paul Mosley	23	122	5.3	1	16	
Carl Sims	**15**	**108**	**7.2**	**0**	**17**	
Mikail Baker	**8**	**65**	**8.1**	**1**	**21**	
Mario Price	13	62	4.8	0	20	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Daniel Sepulveda	66	3068	46.5	10	39.0(t)	0	26

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Havens	32-33	4-4	3-3	4-5	0-2	11-14	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Pawelek	**86**	**2**	**2.5**	**4**	**1**
Nick Moore	**75**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Maurice Linguist	71	1	6.5	2	0
CJ Wilson	59	0	0	6	4
Dwain Crawford	**55**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**3**
Brandon Stiggers	**47**	**0.5**	**2.5**	**3**	**0**
Antonio Jones	**44**	**0**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**
Jason Lamb	**38**	**1**	**4.5**	**0**	**0**
Geoff Nelson	**36**	**2.5**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**
Vincent Rhodes	**35**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Marcus Foreman	30	0	4	2	0
Anthony Arline	26	0	1	3	2
James Todd	25	0	1.5	3	3
MT Robinson	23	0	0	0	0
Corey Ford	20	0	1.5	0	1
Alton Widemon	**20**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Julian Hill	19	1	3	1	0
Klayton Shoals	16	0	1.5	0	0
Jordan Lake	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Carl Sims	**15**	**114**	**7.6**	**0**
Queito Teasley	**11**	**114**	**10.4**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mikail Baker	**22**	**522**	**23.7**	**0**
Queito Teasley	**15**	**341**	**22.7**	**0**

2006 STATS BY GAME

BU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	TCU	24	20-47	2.4	31-47	286	1	16	35-98	2.8	18-27	233	1	-1
–	Northwestern St	17	8-20	2.5	27-46	330	2	14	39-147	3.8	14-28	182	3	+4
–	† Washington St	15	14-(-10)	-0.7	31-49	256	5	20	34-51	1.5	25-38	285	1	0
–	Army	17	28-62	2.2	26-35	241	1	18	38-140	3.7	15-22	138	1	+1
–	Kansas St	13	19-18	0.9	26-47	294	4	12	21-45	2.1	22-55	296	0	+1
–	at Colorado	20	26-110	4.2	31-44	272	2	22	49-276	5.6	9-25	75	0	0
–	at Texas	17	11-27	2.5	26-48	320	5	22	37-162	4.4	21-32	275	1	-4
–	Kansas	24	15-66	4.4	33-55	394	2	22	46-284	6.2	11-24	98	2	-2
–	Texas A&M	12	24-77	3.2	14-23	260	1	23	48-292	6.1	12-21	215	1	-1
–	at Texas Tech	16	29-20	0.7	16-30	197	6	32	19-175	9.2	38-58	507	1	-2
–	at Oklahoma St	23	21-93	4.4	24-41	262	2	26	54-387	7.2	13-15	123	0	-6
–	Oklahoma	11	20-(-48)	-2.4	22-45	188	5	17	41-236	5.8	12-19	178	0	+3
TOTALS		209	235-482	2.1	307-510	3300	36	244	461-2293	5.0	210-364	2605	11	-7
AVERAGES		17.4	20-40	2.1	26-43	275	3.0	20.3	38-191	5.0	18-30	217	0.9	-0.6

2002 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at California	+7'	22-70
–	Samford	NL	50-12
–	at New Mexico	+9'	0-23
–	Tulsa	-11'	37-25
–	Kansas	-4	35-32
–	Texas A&M	+20	0-41
–	at Colorado - #23	+28	0-34
–	Kansas St - #20	+31	10-44
–	at Texas Tech	+32	11-62
–	at Texas - #4	+40	0-41
–	Oklahoma - #4	+38	9-49
–	at Oklahoma St	+28	28-63

2003 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	UAB	+9	19-24
–	at North Texas	+14'	14-52
–	SMU	-1'	10-7
–	Sam Houston St	NL	27-6
–	Colorado	+19'	42-30
–	at Texas A&M	+20	10-73
–	at Kansas	+21	21-28
–	Texas - #18	+32'	0-56
–	at Kansas St	+40'	10-38
–	Texas Tech	+27'	14-62
–	at Oklahoma - #1	+53	3-41
–	Oklahoma St - #23	+27	21-38

2004 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at UAB	+14	14-56
–	Texas St	NL	24-17
–	North Texas	+3'	37-14
–	at Texas - #5	+38'	14-44
–	Missouri	+20	10-30
–	at Nebraska	+23	27-59
–	Iowa St	+7'	25-26
–	Texas A&M - #16	+25	35-34 OT
–	at Texas Tech	+31	17-42
–	at Oklahoma St - #25	+25'	21-49
–	Oklahoma - #2	+36'	0-35

2005 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at SMU	-1'	28-23
–	Samford	NL	48-14
–	at Army	-5'	20-10
–	at Texas A&M	+23	13-16 OT
–	at Iowa St	+8	23-13
–	Nebraska	+2'	14-23
–	at Oklahoma	+14	30-37 2OT
–	Texas Tech - #17	+13	0-28
–	Texas - #2	+29	0-62
–	at Missouri	+8'	16-31
–	Oklahoma St	-3	44-34

2006 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	TCU - #22	+6'	7-17
–	Northwestern St	NL	47-10
–	† Washington St	+13	15-17
–	Army	-11'	20-27 OT
–	Kansas St	+1'	17-3
–	at Colorado	+5'	34-31 3OT
–	at Texas - #6	+27	31-63
–	Kansas	-3	36-35
–	Texas A&M - #22	+5	21-31
–	at Texas Tech	+16	21-55
–	at Oklahoma St	+16'	24-66
–	Oklahoma - #16	+21	10-36

MISSOURI TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Brad Smith set 69 Big 12 school and NCAA records in his career and became the first player in NCAA history to have over 8,000 yards passing and 4,000 yards rushing. He left (#4DC NYJ) as the Missouri school record holder for yards passing, rushing, total offense, passing TD's and many other categories and broke Antwan Randle El's record for career rushing yards for a QB. In 2005, true frosh Chase Daniel (PS#7) surprisingly beat out rFr Chase Patton (PS#12) for the #2 spot. Daniel showed a glimpse of the future vs Iowa St when he came off the bench for an injured Smith and led two 4Q drives of 73 and 87 yards for scores and the comeback win. Brad Smith accounted for 69% of the entire offense during his career. Daniel started the 2006 season by setting a Missouri record with 5 TD passes vs Murray St. For the season, Daniel threw for 3,527 (63.5%) with a 28-10 ratio while rushing for 598 yards. Daniel shattered Terry McMillan's school record of 18 TD passes in a season (1969) and had a career best 356 vs Kansas despite having a 75 yard TD pass called back on nullifying penalties away from the play. Backup QB Brandon Coleman (PS#138) was just 1 of 6 in 8 games and surprisingly Patton did not attempt a pass. This year they must replace Coleman but Daniel now has experience and Patton will have to hold off rFr JP Tillman (6'3" 250, PS#103) and Dominic Grooms (6'1" 185, PS#317). Daniel will be a candidate for the Davey O'Brien Award this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003, HC Gary Pinkel compared Marcus Woods favorably to Darren Sproles and despite splitting the RB duties, he rushed for 428 (4.2). Pinkel burned the redshirt on Tony Temple (PS#4) in the 8th game, but he was injured and missed the rest of the year. Woods and Temple fought for the top spot in 2005. Temple had 2 starts and missed 3 with an injury but led the RB's with 437 (5.4). Woods added 435 (4.7) and QB Smith took the lion's share of the carries (1301, 5.7). Earl Goldsmith (5'9" 200 Jr, PS#171) suffered a knee injury and played in just 7 (37 yd). Jimmy Jackson (PS#99) had 182 (4.9). Everyone returned last year. Temple was suspended during the offseason but was reinstated by the opener and led with 1,063 (5.5). Woods suffered an Achilles injury on Aug 1 and suffered a cut in his hand vs Ole Miss (5 stitches). In 11 games he only rushed for 84 (4.0). Jackson rushed for 123 (3.8) and Goldsmith 109 (3.9). This year once again everyone returns with the exception of Connell Davis who saw time at LB in the spring. Added to the mix are 3 true frosh including Derrick Washington (PS#26) and soph Austin Huff (5'8" 190). I look for the RB rushing numbers to continue to improve.

RECEIVERS - In 2005, the team's top 2 receivers were both TE's in Martin Rucker (PS#31) and Chase Coffman (PS#14). Pinkel said Coffman has a "remarkable future" and led with 8 grabs in the bowl. They returned both TE's and 2 of their top 3 WR's in '06. Coffman led with 58 (11.0) and Rucker caught 53 (9.6). True frosh Jeremy Maclin (PS#28) was expected to contribute immediately but tore his ACL. WR Tommy Saunders benches 375 and his goal last year was to do 100,000 push ups. He not only hit his goal, he went 84 over (because that's his jersey number). Brad Ekwerekwu (6'4") had 32 (8.8) in '05 and had his appendix removed in August but still played in all 13 (32, 13.4). William Franklin was leading the team with 48 rec (17.3) when he was hurt and missed the final 2. True frosh Jared Perry (PS#137) took his place as a starter and had 37 (11.6). This year they must replace Ekwerekwu (7 st, UFA KC) and backup TE DeQuincy Howard (12 gm, 0 rec) but have everyone else returning. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Michale Oldroyd (5'10" 170 rFr), Adam Casey (6'1" 195 Jr), Lucas Null (6'0" 200 Jr) and Blake May (5'11" 190 So).

OFFENSIVE LINE - With only one starter back in '04, the ypc rushing dropped from 5.6 to 4.0. They had to replace three starters in 2005 but ran more option with QB Smith so the totals improved to 4.8 ypc rush with just 16 sacks allowed (3.4%). Last year they lost a 1st Tm Big 12 starter and a backup but the O-line had 62 career starts and averaged 6'5" 312. Surprisingly, the numbers dropped to 4.3 ypc rush but they still allowed just 4.1% sacks (19). This year they lose 1st Tm Big 12 RT Joel Clinger (25 st, 2Y st'r, UFA NYG), RG Mike Cook (20 st, 2Y st'r) and backup LT Phinney Troy. They do have 8 of their top 10 back again including 4 players who started 7 or more last year and I look for the ypc to increase.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, the Tigers had to replace three starters and all 3 ended up on NFL rosters but they still allowed just 3.8 ypc rush, their best since 2000. While they had to replace four backups last year, 7 of the team's top 17 tacklers were DL's and all 7 returned. The Tigers were dominating early as they were #1 in the NCAA in total defense after 4 games allowing just 175 ypg. DT Evander Hood broke his foot and after 3 sacks in the first 3, had just 1 the rest of the year due to injury. Their top player was DE Brian Smith and he fractured his right hip in the 8th game but still earned 2nd Tm Big 12 honors. The Tigers' ypc finished the same (3.8) but they did allow 16 ypg less rushing and the D had 6 more sacks. This year they lose Smith (8 st, 30 tkl, 7.5 sk, #4DC JAX), DE Xzavie Jackson (12 st, 64 tkl, 8 sk, HM B12, UFA CIN), DE DeMarcus Scott (4 st, 32 tkl, 3 tfl) and NT Jamar Smith (4 st, 33 tkl, 6 tfl). Pinkel brings in 3 JC's, two of whom were in for the spring, and also adds Lincoln University trans Charles Gaines and rFr Bart Coslet (PS#28TE). Despite being less experienced and losing its star, this unit could end up being tougher vs the run provided it stays healthy.

LINEBACKERS - The Tigers moved from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3 in 2004. They had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups in 2005 but last year had 5 of the top 6 back. Projected starter Van Alexander was injured over the summer and missed the first 6 (6 tkl). Dedrick Harrington (UFA DAL) lived up to his VHT billing and had 100 tackles and SLB Marcus Bacon earned 1st Tm Big 12 honors (#1 tkl'r). This year those two depart but 4 of the top 6 do return. Alexander is 100% healthy and they added 2 VHT true frosh in the spring in Michael Keck (PS#7DL) and Luke Lambert (PS#52). RB Connell Davis also saw time here in the spring. While they lose their top 2, this unit probably will not have as big a drop off as expected.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tigers were #63 in my pass D rankings in 2005 but last year had to replace 3 starters and 3 backups. Pinkel brought in four JUCO's, but two did not qualify then starting CB Domonique Johnson was lost after 5 starts (knee) but did return for the final 2. Surprisingly, MO climbed to #46 allowing 57.8% with a 19-13 ratio. This year they lose 2nd Tm Big 12 FS David Overstreet (13 st, 93 tkl, 2 tfl), SS Brandon Massey (10 st, 67 tkl) and CB Johnson (5 st, 19 tkl) who left the team abruptly in the offseason. While the losses appear heavy, four players are back with starting experience and two JUCO's who redshirted will make this a highly competitive secondary. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Jeremy Davis (6'1" 185 rFr), Travis Cardoza (5'11" 205 Sr, 1 tkl), Erik Rudin (5'9" 180 So), Tremaine Vaughns (5'9" 180 Jr, PS#92JC) and Alex Joannes (6'3" 200 So). This is a much more experienced unit than Pinkel's first edition when he had just one scholarship CB on the roster.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Missouri has not had a KR for a TD in 277 games (Ricky Doby in '82), the longest streak in the NCAA. After a #17 finish in my ST rankings in '02, they dropped to #65, #104 and #59 the next 3 years. In 2005, all of the key players returned including strong-legged Adam Crossett who hit 14 of 20 FG's last season. Crossett struggled in August and lost his job to Jeff Wolfert (former swim tm member) who hit an outstanding 18 of 20 FG's with a long of 54. Crossett avg 42.7 on punts in '05 but just 39.4 last year (32.2 net). Crossett had 48 TB on 149 KO the last two years. Marcus Woods led with a remarkable 26.9 avg on PR's in '05 but only had 9 PR (4.3) in '06. Temple avg'd 23.5 on KR in '05 but Earl Goldsmith was the top KR in '06 (19.5). Missouri slipped to #79 and with everyone back, could move into the Top 40.

COACHES - The staff remains intact for the 7th straight year. Gary Pinkel came over from Toledo where he was highly successful (73-37-3 in 10 years). His OC is Dave Christensen who was his OC at Toledo for 4 years. The DC is Matt Eberflus who was at Toledo from '94 to 2000 (DB coach '99-'00).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Pinkel had two losing seasons to open up his tenure here but improved to 8-5 in 2003 including MU's first bowl appearance since 1998. The Tigers were fortunate in TO's (+11) as they were actually -6.5 ypg in Big 12 play. In 2004, MU was the preseason favorite to win the B12 North. They were ranked #18 in the AP preseason poll, their highest since 1980, and had dreams of their first league crown since 1969. They stunningly blew big leads vs Troy, Okla St and K-St and despite being favored in 9 games, finished just 5-6. In 2005, they had just 6 senior starters returning (fewest in Big 12) and despite their 3-5 2004 B12 record, they were +42.8 ypg (4th best B12). Pinkel labeled the 2005 team the fastest team he had coached anywhere. I called for Missouri to get back to a bowl game and they did, despite ten scholarship players quitting the team from the end of spring to the start of Sept. After 3 games, they were #5 in the NCAA in total offense (554 ypg). After a 5-2 start they finished 6-5 but then made a miracle comeback vs Spurrier's Gamecocks in the bowl which prompted them to retain Pinkel. His teams have managed to get upset by a weaker non-conf opponent 3 of the last 5 years (BG in '02, Troy in '04, NMex '05). Last year they had 15 returning starters but had to replace super QB Brad Smith. Daniel had a fine season throwing for 3,527 yards and Missouri got off to a great start at 6-0 and was ranked #19 when they suffered a tough loss at A&M. They rebounded to beat Kan St for the first time since 1992 and their 7-1 start was the best since 1973. Unfortunately, they lost to the two Big 12 division winners (Okla & Neb) and at Iowa St in McCarney's final game as a holding call negated their game winning TD at the end. Pinkel said the B12 phoned him and apologized for the call. Prior to those losses, there was talk of the Holiday Bowl but they ended up in the Sun Bowl where they led Oregon St by 14 in the 4Q but suffered a tough loss, going 1-4 in their last 5 games. The offense looks potent with 9 starters back and they return 90.8% of their yards from scrimmage, which could translate into their most productive offense in over 20 years. The D loses 6 key starters and was actually #1 in the NCAA in total D after 4 games and allowed just 19.5 ppg, their best since 1987. The Tigers must face Okla on the road but only have 3 road games in the Big 12 as Kansas is now at a neutral site. They also get the all-important game vs Neb at home so they are my favorite to get to their first Big 12 Title Game.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 10 **CHASE DANIEL JR.** 6-0 225 **PS#7**. 347 (58%) true. 13 st LY, 3527 (63.5%) 28-10, 598 rush, **2nd Tm B12.** 14 Chase Patton (6-5 220 Jr) **PS#12**. 1 gm, 0 att 2 years.

RB 22 **TONY TEMPLE SR.** 5-9 200 **PS#4**. 2 st, 437 (5.4) '05. 12 st LY, 1063 (5.5). 20 Marcus Woods (5-8 195 Sr) PS#46. 13 st 3Y, 947 (4.4). 1 Jimmy Jackson (5-9 200 Jr) PS#99.

TE 45 **CHASE COFFMAN JR.** 6-6 245 **PS#14**. 1 st, 47 (10.7) true. 5 st LY, **1st Tm B12**. 58 (11.0). **WR** 8 Jared Perry (6-0 170 So) PS#137. 2 st, 37 (11.6) true. Danario Alexander (6-4 205 So) 15 rec LY.

WR 3 **WILLIAM FRANKLIN SR.** 6-2 205 PS#62. 11 st, 40 (10.3) '05. 11 st LY until inj, 48 (17.3), **HM B12**. Greg Bracey (6-2 215 Sr) PS#48. **4.29 spd**. Track tm. 3 rec. Rolandis Woodland PS#39.

WR 84 **TOMMY SAUNDERS JR.** 6-0 210 3 st, 12 rec (8.2) '05. 13 st LY, 25 rec (10.8). 9 Jeremy Maclin (6-1 185 rFr) **PS#28**. **4.3 spd.** 4 Jason Ray (6-1 215 Sr) PS#68. 9 rec 3Y.

TE 82 **MARTIN RUCKER SR.** 6-6 255 PS#31. 11 st rFr, 19 rec. 12 st '05. 47 (12.1). 13 st LY, **1st Tm Big 12**, 53 (9.6). 43 Jon Gissinger (6-3 235 So) PS#101. 13 gm LY.

C 77 **ADAM SPIEKER SR.** 6-3 305 PS#123. 36 st 3Y. **HM B12** '05-'06. 52 Tim Barnes (6-4 305 rFr) **PS#73**. Jesse Hernandez (6-3 305 rFr) PS#462. JT Beasley PS#309.

RG 71 **Monte Wyrick Sr.** 6-5 325 **PS#86**. 2nd string rFr until injury. 1 st RG '05. 7 st G LY. 54 James Stigall (6-3 305 So) PS#63. 3 gm LY. 76 Gordon Bowen (6-1 300 So).

LG 75 **RYAN MADISON JR.** 6-5 300 PS#228DL. 2 gm rFr. Last 10 st at LG LY, 12 gm. 54 Chris Tipton (6-4 310 Sr) 2 gm LY, 3rd string. 50 Jamie Vaughn (6-2 250 rFr).

RT 68 **Dain Wise So.** 6-5 305 **PS#46**. 2nd string '05 but RS. 2nd string LY, 5 gm. 79 Kurtis Gregory (6-5 305 So) PS#113DL. 2nd string LT rFr, 13 gm. Mike Prince (6-4 295 rFr) PS#219.

LT 79 **TYLER LUELLEN SR.** 6-7 295 **PS#45**. 3 st rFr. 12 st LT '05. Offseason ACL injury but 13 st at LT '06. 61 Colin Brown (6-8 325 Jr) 15 gm 2Y. 52 Ryan Schelsneur (6-3 250 rFr).

K 89 **JEFF WOLFERT JR.** 6-2 185 18 of 20 FG LY, **HM Big 12**, long 54, 4 of 5 from 50+, 45-45 xp. 80 Adam Crossett (6-3 225 Sr). Hit 14 of 20 FG's in '05, long of 50. 0-1 LY.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 48 **Jaysen Corbett Jr.** 6-4 260 PS#73JC. 10 sk JC LY. In spg. 92 Tommy Chavis (6-2 280 Jr) PS#248. JC '05. 16 tkl, 13 gm LY. 97 Tarell Corby (6-3 235 So) PS#101. Zach Milligan (6-1 220 rFr).

DT 94 **EVANDER "Ziggy" HOOD JR.** 6-4 295 600 lb squat. 23 tkl, 2.5 tfl true. 7 st LY, 3 sk in 1st 3 gm then inj. Andy Maples PS#84JC. Charles Gaines (6-1 305 Sr). Lincoln U trans. Solid on scout tm.

NT 96 **LORENZO WILLIAMS SR.** 6-1 295 PS#54LB. 21 tkl rFr. 12 st '05, 35 tkl, 5.5 sk. 12 st LY, 53 tkl, 6 sk. 98 Jaron Baston (6-1 295 So) PS#135. 14 tkl rFr. Jason Townson PS#268JC.

DE 24 **Stryker Sulak Jr.** 6-5 240 7 st rFr, 38 tkl, 4 sk, **1st Tm B12 Fr**. 5 st LY, 51 tkl, 5 tfl. 89 Bart Coslet (6-5 240 rFr) PS#28TE. 83 John Stull (6-4 275 rFr). 55 Steven Blair (6-3 235 Sr).

WLB 12 **Sean Weatherspoon So.** 6-1 230 PS#223. 17 tkl true. 16 Steve Redmond (6-0 235 Jr) PS#99TE. 7 tkl 2Y. 6 Connell Davis (6-3 215 So) PS#117DB. 40 Marquis Booker (6-1 235 rFr).

MLB 34 **BROCK CHRISTOPHER JR.** 6-2 240 PS#80. 31 tkl as true. 11 st at SLB LY, 87 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 52 Luke Lambert (6-3 215 Fr) PS#52 in spg. John Ruth (5-10 220 Jr). Quran Barge (6-0 215 Jr) PS#64RB.

SLB 45 **Michael Keck Fr.** 6-5 215 **PS#7DL.** In spg. 5 Van Alexander (6-0 230 Jr) **PS#29**. 20 tkl rFr. Proj st'r LY but inj, 6 tkl. Marlon Galbreath (6-2 215 rFr). George White PS#75.

CB 26 **HARDY RICKS SO.** 6-0 190 8 st rFr, 40 tkl, 1 pbu. 21 **Castine Bridges** (6-2 200 Jr) **PS#97JC** '06. RS. 9 Trenile Washington (5-11 190 Jr) PS#117WR. 4.4 spd.

CB 2 **DARNELL TERRELL SR.** 6-3 205 **PS#25** '03. PS#47JC. 13 st here LY, 70 tkl, 1 int, 9 pbu, **HM B12**. 6 Paul Simpson (6-2 190 Sr) PS#445JC. 13 tkl LY. La'Roderick Thomas (6-0 185 rFr) PS#425QB.

SS 13 **Cornelius "Pig" Brown Sr.** 5-11 205 PS#53JC. 1 st LY, 40 tkl, 1 pbu. 9 Justin Garrett (6-2 200 Jr) PS#75JC '06. In spg. Mack Breed (6-1 205 Jr) PS#121QB. Kevin Duncan (5-10 205 Jr) PS#344RB.

FS 21 **William Moore Jr.** 6-1 215 PS#86WR. 2 st FS rFr, 30 tkl, 2 pbu. 4 st LY, 51 tkl, **8 pbu**. 17 Del Howard (5-11 195 So) PS#159. 9 tkl, 2 int true. 32 Kevin Rutland (6-0 185 rFr) Fast.

P 36 **ADAM CROSSETT SR.** 6-3 225 23 punts '04. 39.4 avg. 57 punts '05, 42.7 avg, net 32.9. 39.4 avg LY, net 32.2. Jake Harry (6-1 190 So) 38.9 avg at JC last year, 20 TB on KO's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

LB	Michael Keck 6-5 215 PS#7DL
RB	Derrick Washington 6-1 195 PS#26
DL	Jaysen Corbett 6-4 260 PS#73JC
DL	Andy Maples 6-4 295 PS#84JC
OL	Jayson Palmgren 6-3 295 PS#50
WR	Rolandis Woodland 6-5 190 PS#39
DB	Justin Garrett 6-2 200 PS#75JC '06
LB	Luke Lambert 6-3 215 PS#52
WR	Tremaine Vaughns 5-9 180 PS#92JC '06
QB	Gilbert Moye 6-2 205 PS#37
LB	George White 6-3 255 PS#75
DL	Chris Earnhardt 6-5 250 PS#96
OL	Bryan Webb 6-6 270 PS#38TE
DL	Jason Townson 6-4 260 PS#268JC
DL	Dominique Hamilton 6-6 280 PS#124
K	Jake Harry 6-1 190 PS#381JC
DB	Trey Hobson 5-11 180 PS#170
DB	Donte Neal 5-11 195 PS#182
OL	Elvis Fisher 6-5 300 PS#201
DL	Terrell Resonno 6-6 250 PS#173
LB	Andrew Gachkar 6-3 210 PS#176
RB	Carl Gettis 5-11 190 PS#205
WR	Kendall Irving 6-0 180 PS#243
OL	JT Beasley 6-2 275 PS#309
LB	Tyler Crane 6-3 225 PS#276DL
RB	De'Vion Moore 5-9 185 PS#295
OL	Austin Wuebbels 6-4 260 PS#485

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GARY PINKEL (Career 110-72-3)
7th Year at Missouri (Pinkel's Bowl Record: 2-2)

Pinkel's records AT MISSOURI

37-35	Straight Up	1-7	Vs Top 10
25-13	Home	1-15	Vs Top 25
8-20	Away	4-3	Vs BCS Teams
4-2	Neutral	3-6	Off A Bye
20-28	Vs Conference	18-12	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: **(8-5)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (20,17,2)
Lost: 20 (8,11,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 55,918 (#33)

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#41

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MU	Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	† Illinois *(St Louis)*	A				
Sep. 8	at Mississippi	A				
Sep. 15	Western Michigan	A				
Sep. 22	Illinois St	A				
Sep. 29						
Oct. 6	Nebraska	A				
Oct. 13	at Oklahoma	G				
Oct. 20	Texas Tech (HC)	A				
Oct. 27	Iowa St	A				
Nov. 3	at Colorado	G				
Nov. 10	Texas A&M	A				
Nov. 17	at Kansas St	A				
Nov. 24	† Kansas *(Kansas City)*	G				
Dec. 1						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brad Smith 8,799 '02-'05
2. Jeff Handy 6,959 '91-'94
3. Phil Bradley 5,352 '77-'80

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Brad Smith 4,289 '02-'05
2. Zack Abron 3,198 '00-'03
3. Brock Olivo 3,026 '94-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Justin Gage 2,704 '99-'02
2. Victor Bailey 2,144 '90-'92
3. Linzy Collins 1,760 '89-'90

Missouri has now won 5 straight season openers with an avg score of 40-16. This will be the schools' 21st all-time meeting (MO 13-7) and 3rd straight gm in St Louis.

MO is 17-8-1 all-time (4-1 vs Ole Miss) vs current SEC tms (avg 32 ppg combined). The Tiger defense held the Rebels to just 162 yds & outgained Ole Miss 169-7 in the 1Q LY.

Missouri is 8-2 their L/10 home openers outscoring opponents by an avg of 22 ppg. This will Gary Pinkel's 1st gm vs WM as MO's HC, but was 8-2 as HC at Toledo ('91-'00).

The Redbirds finished 9-4 LY, which is the 2nd highest win total in school history. ISU HC Denver Johnson was a finalist for the 2006 Eddie Robinson COY award.

LY's gm ultimately decided who would win the Big 12 North. Missouri is looking for its 3rd consecutive win in Columbia over NU which they have not accomplished since '57-'61.

Missouri is 1-16 since 1984 vs Oklahoma. The Tigers are just 13-31 (30%) in B12 road gms & have never won more than 2 road games in a season S/'96 (B12 began).

MO defense forced TT QB Harrell into 4 TO's (2 int/2 fum) LY resulting into 28 pts. In their 6 meetings, these schools have avg'd 65 ppg with the 3 most recent avg 81 ppg.

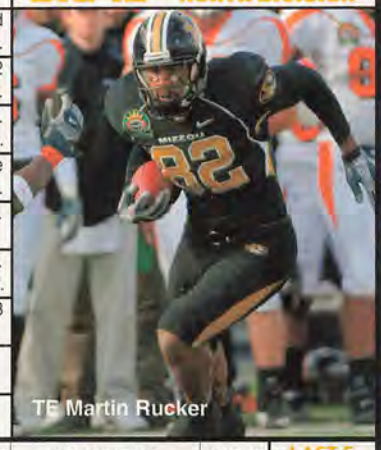
LY QB Daniel scored from a foot out on 4th & goal w/just :26 left to put MO up. The TD was nullified (holding) & later ruled to be incorrect according to the B12 office.

Missouri hasn't won in Boulder S/'97 & the Tigers are just 1-10 in their L/11 trips to CU. The Tigers are 8-21 (28%) their last 29 Nov/Dec regular season games.

MO only had the ball for 18:30 (31%) & 3 TO's turned into 10 A&M pts which cost them LY. This will be just the schools 10th all-time meeting (MO 2-7) as their 1st gm was in '57.

After their victory LY over KSU in driving rain, Mizzou was off to its best start S/'73 at 7-1. The Tigers had lost 13 straight to the Wildcats prior to a 20 pt win LY.

Last year QB Daniel threw for a career-best 356 yds (68%, 4 TD's). Missouri is 3-6 in the season finale but all 3 wins came in the the last 4 years.


TE Martin Rucker

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (68,349) (#32)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	5-7	8-4	5-6	6-5	8-4	39-41
Home	2-4	2-4	3-3	6-0	3-3	5-2	6-1	27-17
Away	1-4	2-3	1-4	1-4	2-3	0-3	2-3	9-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-0
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	2-6	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	22-34
ATS	5-5	4-6	7-5	8-3	4-6-1	5-6	5-6	38-37-1
Home Fav (Larry Smith)	1-1	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-4	2-2	4-2	15-11
Home Dog (Larry Smith)	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	7-6
Away Fav (Gary Pinkel)	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-2-1	1-1	0-3	3-9-1
Away Dog (Gary Pinkel)	1-3	2-3	2-2	2-0	2-0	0-2	1-1	10-11
Favorite	2-1	1-1	3-1	4-3	2-6-1	4-3	4-5	20-20-1
Dog	3-4	3-5	4-4	4-0	2-0	1-3	1-1	18-17
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-4	6-2	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	27-28-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-2	3-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	11-9
Off SU Win	1-2	1-3	3-2	3-3	2-1-1	1-5	3-4	14-20-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-2	3-3	4-0	2-4	3-1	2-2	21-15

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tony Temple	193	1151	88	1063	7	5.5
Chase Daniel	147	598	219	379	4	2.6
Jimmy Jackson	32	129	6	123	1	3.8
Earl Goldsmith	28	119	10	109	1	3.9
Marcus Woods	21	101	17	84	2	4.0
Brandon Coleman	8	88	9	79	1	9.9
Jared Perry	7	55	0	55	0	7.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chase Daniel	452	287	63.5	3527	28	10
Brandon Coleman	6	1	16.7	13	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
William Franklin	48	829	17.3	6	68	
Chase Coffman	58	638	11.0	9	37	
Martin Rucker	53	511	9.6	5	47	
Brad Ekwerekwu	32	430	13.4	2	42	
Jared Perry	37	429	11.6	3	74	
Tommy Saunders	25	271	10.8	2	29	
Danario Alexander	15	251	16.7	1	74	
Greg Bracey	3	79	26.3	1	46	
Earl Goldsmith	5	59	11.8	0	22	
Jason Ray	6	50	8.3	0	23	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Adam Crossett	47	1852	39.4	7	32.2	1	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jeff Wolfert	45-45	6-6	8-9	3-4	1-1	18-20	54

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marcus Bacon	112	3	2.5	4	2
Dedrick Harrington	100	3.5	5	4	1
David Overstreet	93	0.5	1.5	5	0
Brock Christopher	87	0	6.5	3	0
Darnell Terrell	70	0	3	9	1
Brandon Massey	67	0	4	5	3
Xzavie Jackson	64	8	5.5	3	1
Lorenzo Williams	53	6	4.5	2	0
Stryker Sulak	51	2	3	5	0
William Moore	51	0	1.5	8	1
Cornelius Brown	40	0.5	0	1	0
Hardy Ricks	40	0	1	1	0
Evander "Ziggy" Hood	36	4	1	1	0
Jamar Smith	33	0	6	0	0
DeMarcus Scott	32	0.5	2.5	2	0
Brian Smith	30	7.5	2	5	0
Domonique Johnson	19	1	0	3	2
Sean Weatherspoon	17	0	1	0	0
Tommy Chavis	16	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Tommy Saunders	11	118	10.7	0	
Marcus Woods	9	39	4.3	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Earl Goldsmith	13	253	19.5	0	
Marcus Woods	4	51	12.8	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
97	Holiday - #19	+3'	Colorado St - #18	24-35
98	Insight.com - #23	-3'	West Virginia	34-31
03	Independence	+2'	Arkansas	14-27
05	Independence	+4	South Carolina	38-31
06	Sun	+3'	Oregon St - #24	38-39

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MISSOURI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	30.1	22	149	4.3	276	62.6	14.2	+2	2006	7	19.5	19	135	3.8	186	57.8	16.4
6*	30.8	23	205	4.8	225	59.1	14.0	-1	2005	4	29.2	20	151	3.8	217	56.6	12.6
4*	23.3	19	165	4.0	208	52.3	16.0	+5	2004	9	19.5	15	152	3.9	149	53.4	15.4
9*	30.7	21	237	5.6	166	60.0	13.1	+11	2003	6	22.1	21	167	3.9	214	63.0	17.3
6*	30.0	20	184	4.5	203	53.7	12.9	+12	2002	7	29.3	24	168	3.9	283	59.4	15.4
8*	21.8	20	167	4.6	172	47.0	15.6	-1	2001	6	30.0	21	199	4.2	200	64.9	13.3

2006 STATS BY GAME

MU RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Murray St	27	40-256	6.4	24-35	333	3	10	25-27	1.1	20-30	123	3	0
–	Mississippi	26	42-218	5.2	25-41	253	1	10	28-72	2.6	13-29	90	3	+2
–	at New Mexico	21	40-197	4.9	25-36	199	0	15	27-33	1.2	16-31	168	8	+1
–	Ohio	21	39-170	4.4	18-34	258	0	14	30-43	1.4	17-33	145	2	-1
#25	Colorado	23	40-100	2.5	23-37	253	1	18	36-183	5.1	13-27	190	4	-2
#23	at Texas Tech	18	40-133	3.3	15-22	173	2	29	16-78	4.9	44-61	378	4	+4
#19	at Texas A&M	20	26-74	2.8	22-31	306	1	23	51-180	3.5	20-24	223	1	-3
#24	Kansas St	24	37-171	4.6	24-31	262	2	19	47-262	5.6	5-20	63	4	+2
#23	Oklahoma	20	27-76	2.8	23-46	284	1	21	52-231	4.4	11-19	127	1	-2
–	at Nebraska	21	32-119	3.7	20-38	244	1	20	47-183	3.9	14-22	236	0	-1
–	at Iowa St	22	24-90	3.8	29-44	310	3	23	48-196	4.1	15-27	153	1	0
–	Kansas	27	37-137	3.7	26-38	356	1	14	29-160	5.5	12-23	162	3	+2
–	† Oregon St	21	33-202	6.1	17-32	359	3	30	29-101	3.5	31-54	356	2	0
TOTALS		291	457-1943	4.3	291-465	3590	19	246	465-1749	3.8	231-400	2414	36	+2
AVERAGES		22.4	35-149	4.3	22-36	276	1.5	18.9	36-135	3.8	18-31	186	2.8	0.2

2002 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Illinois	+7'	33-20
–	Ball St	-14	41-6
–	at Bowling Green	-3'	28-51
–	Troy	-12	44-7
–	Oklahoma - #3	+13	24-31
–	at Nebraska	+8	13-24
–	at Texas Tech	+6'	38-52
–	Kansas	-21	36-12
–	at Iowa St - #22	+9	35-42
–	Colorado - #18	+4'	35-42 OT
–	at Texas A&M	+9'	33-27 OT
–	Kansas St - #10	+15	0-38

2003 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Illinois	-3'	22-15
–	at Ball St	-14	35-7
–	E Illinois	NL	37-0
#23	Middle Tennessee	-21'	41-40 OT
#23	at Kansas	-9'	14-35
–	Nebraska - #10	+7'	41-24
#24	at Oklahoma - #1	+26	13-34
–	Texas Tech	+3	62-31
#22	at Colorado	-4'	16-21
–	Texas A&M	-13'	45-22
–	at Kansas St - #19	+14'	14-24
–	Iowa St	-26'	45-7

2004 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#18	Arkansas St	-32'	52-20
#18	at Troy	-11'	14-24
–	Ball St	-25'	48-0
–	Colorado	-7	17-9
–	at Baylor	-20	30-10
–	at Texas - #9	+13'	20-28
–	Oklahoma St - #22	-3	17-20
–	at Nebraska	-2'	3-24
–	Kansas St	-4	24-35
–	Kansas	-11	14-31
–	at Iowa St	+4'	17-14 OT

2005 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Arkansas St	-24'	44-17
–	New Mexico	-10'	35-45
–	Troy	-20	52-21
–	Texas - #2	+14'	20-51
–	at Oklahoma St	-4	38-31
–	Iowa St	-6'	27-24 OT
–	Nebraska	+1'	41-24
–	at Kansas	-5	3-13
–	at Colorado - #25	+12	12-41
–	Baylor	-8'	31-16
–	at Kansas St	+3	28-36

2006 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Murray St	NL	47-7
–	Mississippi	-10	34-7
–	at New Mexico	-14	27-17
–	Ohio	-22	31-6
#25	Colorado	-16	28-13
#23	at Texas Tech	+5	38-21
#19	at Texas A&M	-1'	19-25
#24	Kansas St	-14'	41-21
#23	Oklahoma - #19	-1'	10-26
–	at Nebraska	+4'	20-34
–	at Iowa St	-13'	16-21
–	Kansas	-7	42-17

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - When you switch from a pure option offense to a pass offense, teams generally struggle (see Hardcore). Taylor threw for a school record 2,653 in the 2nd year of the system (55.1%, 19-12 ratio) breaking David Humm's 1972 mark of 2,074. Taylor was back for his senior season in '06 and Beck, who had the best arm on the team, transferred to NCSt. Taylor broke his own school record by throwing for 3,197 (59.6%) and added a school record 26 TD passes (old record Vince Ferragamo 20 in '76) with just 8 int. Ganz played in 5 (13 pass att). Beau Davis (6'4" 180 Jr, PS#131) DNP. Taylor departs but they bring in Sam Keller, who was Ariz St's starting QB in 2005. Keller hit 25 of 45 for 370 in his first start in the '04 Sun Bowl vs Purdue. He threw for 2,165 (58.7%) with a 20-9 ratio before getting hurt in '05. Two new signees were both in for the spring in Zac Lee (PS#13JC) and Patrick Witt (PS#60). Keller was acclimated to HC Callahan's system during his transfer year and there should not be much of a drop-off at this position.

RUNNING BACKS - Callahan is known for bringing the pass offense to NU but surprisingly in his first year he had the first 1,000 yard I-back since 2001 when Cory Ross rushed for 1,102 (5.3). NU struggled to run the ball in '05 with an inexperienced O-line. The team totals dropped from 176 ypg (4.7) to just 96 (2.7). Ross led again but had just 882 (3.9) while true frosh Cody Glenn (PS#25) had 131 (2.9) and Marlon Lucky (PS#3) had 129 (3.0). The Huskers had one of the deepest backfields in the NCAA last year. Glenn and Lucky returned along with Brandon Jackson (PS#50), who had 442 yards in 2 years, and added to the mix was speedy JUCO Kenny Wilson (PS#1JC). Lucky ran tentatively in 2005 and his longest gain was 11 yards, but he was much stronger in '06 with 728 (5.2). Brandon Jackson (4.3 spd) emerged down the stretch leading the team in rushing in 6 of the last 7 games finishing with 989 (5.3). Glenn was injury-plagued and after having 24 carries in the first 2, had just 47 the rest of the year (370, 5.2). Surprisingly Wilson had 62 carries in the first 4, but just 13 after that. This year they lose Jackson, who left early for the NFL (#2DC GB), as well as FB Dane Todd (8 st). True frosh Marcus Mendoza (PS#41) is one of the fastest and was in for the spring and DB Major Culbert (PS#63DB) played IB in the spring as well. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB's Andy Sand (6'2" 230 Sr), Paul Farino (6'0" 270 So) and Thomas Lawson (6'0" 240 Jr). Wilson broke his femur in the spring and is doubtful for 2007. The Huskers have one of the top RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - In Callahan's first year, Nate Swift (PS#66) was one of the biggest WR's at 6'2" and the group was very inexperienced. Coupled with a QB that completed less than 50%, the leading receiver had just 27 (12.5). In 2005 Swift emerged as the top man hauling in 45 (14.2). Terrence Nunn (PS#92) added 43 (11.5) and JUCO Frantz Hardy (PS#36) added 25 (14.0). Basically everyone returned in '06 and added the outstanding 6'4" JUCO Maurice Purify (PS#3). Purify was not cleared until mid-August but still led in rec yards (630, 18.5) while Nunn led in rec (42, 14.2). They had 6 WR's who were 6'0" or taller. Swift had 22 (17.0). TE Matt Herian returned from a RS and while not 100%, had 12 (12.5). This year the only loss is Herian (12 st). Chris Brooks (PS#31) and Will Henry (6'5" 210 rFr, PS#195) were outstanding on the scout team last year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dan Erickson (6'1" 195 Sr), Xavier Rucker (5'6" 160 rFr, PS#214), Wes Cammack (5'11" 185 So), Patrick Kitzul (6'1" 195 rFr) and TE's Ben Tasa (6'4" 230 rFr), Dan Glassman (6'4" 245 rFr) and Dreu Young (6'4" 220 rFr). This is by far Callahan's most talented and most experienced receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Through the years Nebraska was famous for its "Pipeline" O-line. In 2005 they had to replace two starters then lost both starting OT's to injury. The top three OT's for the bowl were two frosh and a soph. The unit slipped to 2.7 ypc while allowing 38 sacks (8.6%). Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 29 career starts and 2 year starting C Kurt Mann missed 5 basically giving them 1.5 starters back. The less experienced group improved to 171 ypg rush (4.3) while allowing 30 sacks (7.3%). This year they lose LG Greg Austin (8 st until inj, 2Y st'r), C Mann (1 st) and LT Chris Patrick (12 st, left early NFL). Another question mark this year is RG Mike Huff who started 13 but suffered an Achilles' injury in the offseason and is very questionable for the year. Still, this is a veteran group and including Huff they have 7 players back with starting experience and also add six VHT frosh. Their two tackles combined for five starts LY however they both have NFL potential. This looks like one of the Big 12's stronger O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under the category "Hard to Believe but True", the Huskers' D-line has not had an AA since 1997. Last year they had to replace both starting DT's (#6 & #7 DC's) but returned their excellent DE tandem of Adam Carriker and Jay Moore. JUCO Brandon Johnson was expected to make an impact but did not report in shape and only had one tackle. Surprisingly the Huskers allowed 3.7 ypc rush and saw the sack total drop by 19 to 31. This year they lose all 4 senior starters as well as DL Coach John Blake. Gone are 1st Tm B12 DE Carriker (14 st, 52 tkl, 7 sk, 9 tfl, #1DC STL), DT Ola Dagunduro (14 st, 31 tkl, 3.5 sk), 2nd Tm B12 DE Moore (14 st, 45 tkl, 6 sk, 11 tfl, #4DC SF) and DT Barry Cryer (14 st, 31 tkl, 2.5 sk). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Kevin Luhrs (6'1" 270 Sr). There is talent in the 3 deep below including some new JUCO signees, but this unit is clearly the biggest question mark on the 2007 Husker squad.

LINEBACKERS - The last 2 years the Husker LB corps were not only inexperienced, but injury-plagued. Steve Octavien was knocked out with a knee injury (1 st in '05) and Phillip Dillard (PS#16) started the '05 opener but then was lost for the year. MLB Corey McKeon saw his tackle total drop from 98 in '05 to 69 LY as he too battled injuries. This year they lose their top tackler in Stewart Bradley (14 st, HM B12, #3DC PHI) and 3rd stringer Andy Kadavy (8 tkl). Bo Ruud earned 1st Tm Big 12 honors and moves from WLB to SLB. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Tyler Wortman (6'3" 230 Jr) and Colton Koehler (6'1" 230 So). They have five players returning with starting experience but there could be some big-time battles for starting spots if Dillard and Octavien stay healthy.

LB Bo Ruud

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskers were #5 in my pass D rankings in 2003 with an incredible 10-32 ratio. In 2004 they only had to replace one starter but dropped to #47. They had to replace 3 starters including #1 and #2 DC's in 2005 but surprisingly still finished #12. Last year they had to replace two starters then CB Zackary Bowman (5 st '05) was lost for the year. NU slipped to #44 allowing a respectable 53.4% with a 17-12 ratio. This year they must replace FS Andrew Shanle (14 st, HM B12, 4 int) but should have one of the most improved secondaries in the country. Not only are both VHT CB's Andre Jones (PS#5) and Cortney Grixby (PS#6) back, but they could lose their spots to VHT JUCO's Zackary Bowman (PS#8) and Armando Murillo (PS#7) who are NFL prospects. SS Tierre Green moves to FS to open a spot for JUCO Larry Asante (PS#32JC). Not listed below are Matt O'Hanlon (5'11" 200 Jr, 8 tkl), Adam Watson (6'0" 185 rFr) and Bryan Wilson (6'1" 205 Sr, 4 tkl). If Bowman returns healthy (ruptured patella tendon in spring), this group will be near the top of my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last 12 years, the Huskers have ranked in the Top 10 of my ST rankings 5 times including 2001, 2002 and 2005. In Callahan's first year, he inherited a group that finished #24 in '03 but had to replace their top P, KR and PR and dropped down to #88. They were #9 in '05 and last year their only loss was P Sam Koch (39.8). Dan Titchener (PS#28) did a fine job with a super team net of 37.2. Titchener only had 3 TB all year and set a Big 12 Title game record with 6 punts inside the 20. Jordan Congdon (PS#1) improved his leg strength but his longest FG was 40 yards with only 2 attempts from 40+. This year they bring in true frosh Adi Kunalic who has a cannon for a leg. Surprisingly, despite having plenty of VHT's, the top PR was Terrence Nunn (8.5) and the top KR Brandon Jackson (17.4). The Huskers have not had a KR TD since 1998 and last year were #112 in the NCAA in KR avg. The Huskers dropped to #65. I would expect them to contend for Top 10 honors with everyone back except Congdon and Jackson.

COACHES - In 2004 Nebraska made a dramatic change bringing in Bill Callahan, who unlike the previous two HC's, had not been a longtime NU asst. Jay Norvell, who was the Oakland Raiders' TE coach the previous two years, was brought in to run the West Coast offense although Callahan called the plays. Switching from the option to a pass offense is generally a 3 to 4 year process and the Huskers improved to 30.6 ppg last year, their best in five years. Norvell moves on to UCLA and TE Coach Shawn Watson takes over. Watson turned down a pair of OC jobs to take the TE job at Nebraska. DC Kevin Cosgrove had been Wisconsin's DC from 1995-'03 (4th year).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska was 11-0 and headed for the Big 12 Title game in 2001 when they were upset at Colorado 62-36. From that point through the end of 2004, the team had nine losses by 22 or more points including 3 in 2004. Frank Solich's last team finished 10-3 in 2003 and earned an amazing 35th straight bowl but he was let go. In 2004 they were making a dramatic switch on offense going from the option to a West Coast pass attack. That year I called for Iowa St, who finished 2003 at 2-10, to top NU in the Big 12 North standings. NU's loss to Colorado in the finale gave them their first losing season since 1961. After being +23 in turnovers in 2003, they were -13 in '04. Callahan brought in 12 JUCO's for 2005. They installed new FieldTurf and made $50 million worth of improvements to Memorial Stadium. They had to replace 31 lettermen (most in Big 12). The defense did record an NCAA high 50 sacks despite losing 3 players in the first 40 picks of the NFL draft. NU was young with 25 frosh and soph on the 2 deep for the Alamo Bowl. Their upset of #20 Michigan in the bowl gave them an 8-4 finish. Last year the Huskers were in the 3rd year of their new systems and had the most returning starters yet under Callahan (15). Despite playing a schedule that included USC and Texas, I said the Huskers had a great shot at topping 2005's 8 wins and getting to the Big 12 Title game. On the Big 12 annual cover of my 2006 magazine I had OU and Nebraska with the headline "The Big 12 Title Game, A Rivalry Renewed". The Huskers were ranked in the preseason AP poll for the 1st time since 2002 at #20. They rolled to a 6-1 start with their only loss being on the road at #4 USC. They had a great home crowd for their game vs Texas and nearly got the win, but fumbled after a game clinching FD. They suffered a letdown the next week and lost on the road to Okla St but rebounded with 3 wins and took home the Big 12 North Title (first B12 Champ game since 1999). They had 60,000 fans in Kansas City for that game and played much better than the score would indicate as they were -4 in turnovers. They dominated Auburn in the 1H of the bowl but suffered a tough loss. This year they have 6 starters back on offense and while they must replace QB Taylor, Keller had great success at Ariz St. The Blackshirt defense has just 5 starters back but does return 4 of their top 5 tacklers. It was good to see the Huskers back in a BCS bowl (first Jan bowl since 2001). Even with USC and Texas on the schedule (2nd yr in a row), I give the Huskers a great shot at topping last year's 9 wins. Their Oct 6th meeting at Missouri is the key to the Big 12 North Title.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Armando Murillo 6-0 195 PS#7JC
QB	Zac Lee 6-2 210 PS#13JC
WR	Niles Paul 6-1 210 PS#7
DB	Larry Asante 6-1 210 PS#32JC
LB	Blake Lawrence 6-2 200 PS#17
OL	Jaivorio Burkes 6-5 315 PS#21
DL	Kevin Dixon 6-3 295 PS#47JC
DL	Joseph Townsend 6-3 285 PS#48JC
RB	Marcus Mendoza 5-10 185 PS#41
RB	Quentin Castille 6-1 235 PS#43
DB	Shawn Sullivan 5-10 190 PS#75
OL	Marcel Jones 6-7 300 PS#77
DL	Shukree Barfield 6-4 310 PS#120JC
DB	Latravis Washington 6-3 210 PS#48QB
LB	Austin Stafford 6-2 205 PS#83
RB	Prince Amukamara 6-1 180 PS#73
QB	Patrick Witt 6-4 220 PS#60
DL	Jared Crick 6-6 260 PS#109
DL	William Yancy 6-4 230 PS#114
RB	Roy Helu 6-0 220 PS#98
DL	Demetrious Davis 6-2 285 PS#126
WR	Eric Hagg 6-1 195 PS#122
WR	Curenski Gilleylen 6-0 210 PS#123
DB	Anthony Blue 5-10 175 PS#149
DL	Kevin Thomsen 6-2 245 PS#143
TE	Ryan Hill 6-3 230 PS#56
DL	Terrence Moore 6-3 275 PS#190
OL	Aaron Schulte 6-6 320 PS#232
K	Adi Kunalic 6-0 175 PS#23
WR	Matt Dohahue 6-2 175 PS#233
DB	Austin Cassidy 6-1 205 PS#169QB
DL	Luke Ligenfelter 6-4 240 PS#320
DB	Matthew May 6-1 195 PS#378
DL	Taylor Escamilla 6-1 275 PS#343

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 5 Sam Keller Sr. 6-4 230 PS#42. 1 st '03-'04, 853 (57%) 6-2 ratio. 7 st '05 **Ariz St** (until inj), 2165 (59%) 20-9. **12 Joe Ganz** (6-1 200 Jr) PS#117. **Zac Lee is PS#13JC.**

IB 20 Marlon Lucky Jr. 6-0 210 **PS#3**. 6 st, 857 (4.7) 2Y. **34** Cody Glenn (6-0 230 Jr) **PS#25**. 370 (5.2) LY. Marcus Mendoza is PS#41. **27** Kenny Wilson (6-0 220 Sr) **PS#1JC.**

HB 85 JB PHILLIPS SR. 6-3 245 PS#290OL. 11 st TE '05, 12 st TE LY, 28 rec 2Y, **4** Menelik Holt (6-4 215 So) **PS#36WR. FB 42** Matt Senske (6-3 245 Sr). Justin Makovicka (6-1 235 rFr).

WR 83 TERRENCE NUNN SR. 6-0 190 PS#92. 6 st, 16 (13.6) '04. 12 st, 43 (11.5) '05. 10 st LY, 42 (14.2). **87** Nate Swift (6-2 200 Jr) PS#66. 8 st 2Y, 67 (15.1). 1 Chris Brooks (6-2 210 So) PS#31.

WR 15 MAURICE PURIFY SR. 6-4 220 **PS#3JC**. 5 st LY, 34 (18.5). **7** Frantz Hardy (6-1 190 Sr) PS#36JC. 3 st, 39 (17.1) 2Y. **17** Todd Peterson (6-4 210 Jr) PS#304. 2 st, 28 (16.3) 2Y.

TE 81 Josh Mueller Sr. 6-5 265 **PS#7**. 5 st 2Y, 6 rec. **44** Mike McNeill (6-4 225 rFr) PS#29. **86** Sean Hill (6-3 250 Sr). **89** Hunter Teafatiller (6-3 230 Jr) 2 st, 5 rec in 2006.

C 59 BRETT BYFORD SR. 6-3 300 PS#51. 1 gm rFr. 2nd string '05. 13 st LY, **HM B12**. **75** Victory Haines (6-7 290 Sr) PS#80JC. 5 gm LY. **LS. 82** TJ O'Leary (6-1 245 Jr).

RG 70 MATT SLAUSON JR. 6-5 335 PS#451, 3 st RT true. 11 st RT, **2nd Tm B12 LY. 61 Mike Huff** (6-4 300 Jr) PS#116. **13 st RG LY**. Achilles' ? '07. **68** Keith Williams (6-5 310 rFr) PS#62DL.

LG 62 ANDY CHRISTENSEN JR. 6-3 300 PS#74DL. 6 st LG LY. Jacob Hickman (6-4 285 So) **PS#50**. 1 st RG true. Cruz Barrett (6-4 325 rFr) **PS#78**. Jordan Picou (6-2 305 Sr) PS#260JC. DT LY.

RT 76 Lydon Murtha Jr. 6-7 305 **PS#4**. 3 st LT rFr. 3 st LY (2LT, 1RT). **73** DJ Jones (6-5 310 rFr) **PS#17**. Jaivorio Burkes is **PS#21. 57** Dennis Bergland (6-1 290 rFr).

LT 77 Carl Nicks Sr. 6-5 330 **PS#24JC**. 11 gm LY. 2 st RT. Orig signed w/ NMSt '03. **97** Mike Smith (6-6 285 rFr) **PS#45DL**. DE as true. Marcel Jones is **PS#77**.

K NA Adi Kunalic Fr. 6-0 175 PS#23. 2-2 FG's from 50+ in HS. **90** Alex Henery (6-2 170 rFr) **PS#12**. **37** Jake Wesch (6-1 200 Jr) 15 TB on 62 KO 2Y. **29** Daniel Lee is PS#12.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 99 Barry Turner Jr. 6-3 250 **PS#40**. 14 tkl, 6 sk true. 18 tkl, 4 tfl LY. 4.53 spd. **88 Clayton Sievers** (6-4 245 Jr) PS#86LB. 3 st TE rFr. LB LY. **63** Ben Martin (6-4 270 rFr) PS#166.

DT 43 Ty Steinkuhler Jr. 6-3 285 PS#88. 27 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y. **Kevin Dixon is PS#47JC.**

96 Brandon Johnson (6-3 315 Sr) PS#161JC. 1 tkl LY. **91** Seth Jensen (6-3 295 rFr) PS#98OL.

DT 93 Ndamukong Suh So. 6-4 305 **PS#7**. 1 st LY, 19 tkl, 3.5 sk, 4.5 tfl. **56** Shukree Barfield PS#120JC, in spg. Joseph Townsend is PS#48JC. Craig Roark (6-2 305 So) PS#32OL.

DE 98 Zach Potter Jr. 6-7 280 **PS#29**. 4 tkl 2Y. **95** Pierre Allen (6-5 265 rFr) PS#112. **80** David Harvey (6-4 255 So) PS#116. **85** Thomas Rice (6-1 240 Sr). **86** Andy Poulosky (6-2 255 Sr).

SLB 51 BO RUUD SR. 6-3 235 **PS#34**. 10 st '05, 80 tkl, 2.5 sk, 12 tfl, 6 pbu. **1st Tm Big 12 LY**, 65 tkl, 7 tfl, 13 st. Blake Lawrence is **PS#17. 38** Kyle Moore (6-2 225 rFr).

MLB 13 COREY McKEON SR. 6-1 225 **PS#29**. 12 st '05. **2nd Tm B12**, 98 tkl, 7 sk, 15 tfl, 13 st LY, 69 tkl, 8 tfl. **52 Phillip Dillard** (6-1 250 So) **PS#16**. Inj LY. **45** Nick Covey (6-2 240 So) PS#60.

WLB 15 Steve Octavien Sr. 6-0 240 PS#108JC, 2 st 2Y (inj), 36 tkl, 6 tfl. **40** Lance Brandenburgh (6-1 230 Sr) **PS#35**. 2 st 3Y, 67 tkl, 9 tfl. Austin Stafford (6-2 205 Fr) PS#83.

CB 14 ZACKARY BOWMAN SR. 6-2 200 **PS#8JC**. Last 5 st '05, 2 int, 11 pbu. **4.36 spd.** ACL LY. **2 Cortney Grixby** (5-9 170 Sr) PS#6. 28 st 3Y, **HM B12**, 120 tkl, 2 int, 25 pbu, 39" VL.

CB 25 ANDRE JONES SR. 6-0 190 PS#5JC. 13 st in '06, #2 tkl'r (74), 1 int, 7 pbu. **5 Armando Murillo** is **PS#7JC**, in spg. **23** Corey Young (6-0 195 So) PS#66. Shawn Sullivan is PS#75.

SS 4 Larry Asante So. 6-1 210 PS#32JC, in spg. **3** Rickey Thenarse (6-0 190 So) PS#49RB. 9 tkl true. **46** Ben Eisenhart (5-11 200 Sr) 26 tkl 3Y. Latravis Washington PS#48QB.

FS 30 TIERRE GREEN SR. 6-1 200 3 st RB '04, 782 all-purp yd. 7 st CB '05, 29 tkl, 4 pbu. 14 st SS LY, 65 tkl, 1 int. **6** Major Culbert (6-0 210 So) PS#63. **22** Anthony West (6-0 195 rFr) PS#149.

P 97 DAN TITCHENER JR. 6-0 200 PS#28. 66 punts LY, 39.3 avg, **tm net 37.2**, 26 inside 20. **90** Alex Henery 41.4 avg HS. **91** Michael Such (6-2 205 rFr) PS#79. Tyler Kester (6-1 205 Sr) PS#109.

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#17

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Nevada	A					Last time NU lost a home opener was in '85 a 17-13 loss to Florida St (21-0 since). Nevada along w/Ball St are 2 schools Nebraska will meet for the very 1st time in 2007.
Sep. 8	at Wake Forest	A					In their last meeting in 2005 NU forced 4 WF TO's and scored 3 defensive TD's. NU is 6-3 in non-conf AG's as a Big 12 member averaging just 41 combined ppg.
Sep. 15	USC	A					LY's attn was 92,000 (25,000 Husker fans) which tied for the 3rd most ever to see a NU gm. NU has played every member of the Pac 10, but has never won vs USC, Arizona, or Stanford.
Sep. 22	Ball St	A					Nebraska is 19-1 in the game prior to their conference opener. NU is 3-0 all-time vs current MAC tms & the last game vs the conf was a 59-14 win vs Akron in '97.
Sep. 29	Iowa St	A					RB's B Jackson & Glenn each topped 100+ yds LY vs ISU (1st time in B12 play S/'03). NU is 10-1 w/the avg win by 18 ppg in their B12 opener (only loss to #19 ISU in 2002).
Oct. 6	at Missouri	A					Including LY's B12 Championship gm, NU is just 8-14 in their L/22 B12 away gms. Last time in Columbia, NU rushed for -2 yds which was the schools 2nd lowest ttl all-time.
Oct. 13	Oklahoma St	A					RB B Jackson had a career high 182 yds (8.7) last year vs the Cowboys. Nebraska is 20-1 vs OSU in Lincoln. The only loss was in the teams 1st meeting in '60.
Oct. 20	Texas A&M	A					LY vs A&M, NU QB Taylor led the Huskers on a TD drive with :21 left to secure the Big 12 North Championship. Nebraska has won 4 straight in this series.
Oct. 27	at Texas	G					NU is 1-6 vs Texas in Big 12 Conf play, but only have been outscored by an avg of 4 ppg. Including bowls, the Cornhuskers are 8-3 since 2000 in the state of Texas.
Nov. 3	at Kansas	A					NU's 36 gm win streak over KU (2nd longest in Div IA) was snapped last meeting in Lawrence. In their 1st 111 meetings KU & NU have avg just 34 ppg, but the L2Y have avg 63 ppg.
Nov. 10	Kansas St	A					Last yr's win marked the Huskers 800th in history joining just Mich, ND, & Tex. NU is 18-1 hosting KSU. Neb has won the last 2 home finales but lost 3 straight prior.
Nov. 17							
Nov. 23	at Colorado (Fri)	G					In last year's game, the Cornhuskers only led 21-14 after 3Q's & then outscored the Buffaloes 16-0 in the 4Q. NU has gone 7-2-1 since 1987 when visiting Boulder.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zac Taylor 5,850 '05-'06
2. Dave Humm 5,035 '72-'74
3. Jerry Tagge 4,704 '69-'71

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Rozier 4,780 '81-'83
2. Ahman Green 3,880 '95-'97
3. Eric Crouch 3,434 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnny Rodgers 2,479 '70-'72
2. Matt Davison 1,456 '97-'00
3. Matt Herian 1,243 '03-'06

BILL CALLAHAN (Career 22-15)

4th Year at Nebraska — Callahan's Bowl Record: 1-1

Callahan's records AT NEBRASKA

22-15	Straight Up	0-5	Vs Top 10
15-5	Home	3-6	Vs Top 25
6-8	Away	4-2	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	4-1	Off A Bye
13-12	Vs Conference	7-5	Off A Loss

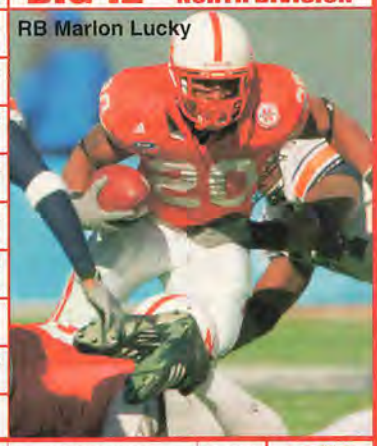
2006 RECORD: (9–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (23,23,3)
Lost: 20 (8,10,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,044 (#12)

BIG 12 – NORTH DIVISION


RB Marlon Lucky

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM 81,067 (#21)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	11-1	7-6	9-3	5-6	7-4	9-4	57-26
Home	6-0	8-0	6-2	6-1	4-2	5-2	6-1	41-8
Away	3-2	3-1	1-4	3-2	1-4	2-2	3-2	16-17
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	6-2	7-1	3-5	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-3	34-23
ATS	4-7	7-5	6-6	7-5	4-6	5-5	7-4-1	40-38-1
Home Fav	2-4	4-4	4-1	4-2	1-3	2-3	4-1	21-18
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	4-2
Away Fav	2-3	3-1	0-2	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-1-1	12-10-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	3-7
Favorite	4-7	7-5	4-3	7-3	2-4	3-4	6-2-1	33-28-1
Dog	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	7-10
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	3-5	4-4	5-3-1	30-26-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	10-12
Off SU Win	3-5	7-4	3-4	3-5	0-5	4-2	4-3-1	24-28-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	0-0	2-2	3-0	4-1	1-3	2-1	13-8

Frank Solich | Bill Callahan

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Rose - #4	+8'	Miami, Fl - #1	14-37
02	Independence	-7	Mississippi	23-27
03	Alamo - #22	-3	Michigan St	17-3
05	Alamo	+10	Michigan - #20	32-28
06	Cotton - #22	+2	Auburn - #10	14-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Nebraska's All-Time Bowl Record 22–22

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Jackson	188	1023	34	989	8	5.3
Marlon Lucky	141	762	34	728	6	5.2
Cody Glenn	71	375	5	370	8	5.2
Kenny Wilson	75	354	19	335	4	4.5
Terrence Nunn	4	21	2	19	0	4.8
Joe Ganz	3	10	20	-10	0	-3.3
Zac Taylor	60	154	186	-32	1	-0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Zac Taylor	391	233	59.6	3197	26	8
Joe Ganz	13	7	53.8	122	3	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Maurice Purify	34	630	18.5	7	63
Terrence Nunn	42	597	14.2	3	75
Marlon Lucky	32	383	12.0	0	42
Nate Swift	22	374	17.0	2	49
Frantz Hardy	14	317	22.6	3	78
Brandon Jackson	33	313	9.5	2	49
Todd Peterson	19	307	16.2	2	48
Matt Herian	12	150	12.5	2	36
Dan Erickson	4	85	21.2	0	57
JB Phillips	13	82	6.3	2	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dan Titchener	66	2592	39.3	28	37.2(t)	0	26

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jordan Congdon	55-56	2-2	2-3	1-2	0-0	5-7	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Stewart Bradley	76	1	5	1	0
Andre Jones	74	1	1	7	1
Corey McKeon	69	1	7	3	0
Bo Ruud	65	2	5	4	2
Tierre Green	65	0	1	2	1
Andrew Shanle	57	0	0	7	4
Cortney Grixby	53	0	2	11	1
Adam Carriker	52	7	9	3	1
Jay Moore	45	6	11	3	0
Lance Brandenburgh	41	0.5	3.5	0	0
Steve Octavien	32	1	3	2	0
Ola Dagunduro	31	3.5	5.5	0	0
Barry Cryer	31	2.5	7.5	3	0
Ty Steinkuhler	22	0.5	2.5	0	0
Ndamukong Suh	19	3.5	4.5	0	1
Barry Turner	18	1.5	2.5	2	0
Ben Eisenhart	13	0	2	0	0
Corey Young	12	0	0	0	0
Major Culbert	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrence Nunn	18	153	8.5	0
Cortney Grixby	13	92	7.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Jackson	9	157	17.4	0
Marlon Lucky	8	153	19.1	0

NEBRASKA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	30.6	20	171	4.3	244	59.4	13.6	0	2006	7	18.3	17	117	3.7	215	53.4	18.1
5	24.7	18	96	2.7	224	53.8	13.0	-2	2005	5	21.0	18	124	3.2	208	51.1	15.8
6	25.0	18	176	4.7	187	48.4	14.5	-13	2004	6	27.1	19	104	2.9	268	56.7	13.7
5*	24.8	18	236	4.3	109	49.0	14.0	+23	2003	7	14.5	17	119	3.5	178	50.7	20.5
5	27.4	19	269	5.2	104	44.7	13.6	-3	2002	5	23.9	19	147	3.7	215	50.3	15.1
4*	35.6	22	306	5.5	131	54.2	12.3	-1	2001	6	17.4	16	116	3.4	185	44.9	17.3

2006 STATS BY GAME

NU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#20	Louisiana Tech	30	48-252	5.3	24-36	332	0	13	21-67	3.2	13-32	238	2	+1
#21	Nicholls St	30	50-261	5.2	21-26	237	1	7	47-187	4.0	0-3	0	0	+2
#19	at USC	10	36-68	1.9	9-17	143	1	26	31-142	4.6	25-37	257	1	-1
#23	Troy	25	46-316	6.9	16-23	281	1	10	27-48	1.8	15-24	92	4	+2
#21	Kansas	16	32-116	3.6	15-33	395	2	26	40-169	4.2	27-54	405	0	+1
#22	at Iowa St	17	45-251	5.6	17-21	131	2	18	24-53	2.2	18-39	262	1	0
#21	at Kansas St	16	43-190	4.4	13-22	166	4	17	18-22	1.2	23-47	272	4	+2
#17	Texas	15	24-38	1.6	16-29	302	4	21	34-128	3.8	25-40	220	3	-2
#20	at Oklahoma St	29	40-211	5.3	21-39	241	5	25	41-267	6.5	13-21	229	2	+1
–	Missouri	20	47-183	3.9	14-22	236	0	21	32-119	3.7	20-38	244	1	+1
–	at Texas A&M	19	38-123	3.2	21-36	267	4	13	27-155	5.7	19-32	288	3	-1
#23	Colorado	24	46-190	4.1	20-30	278	1	14	31-166	5.4	11-23	131	4	-2
#19	† Oklahoma	17	21-84	4.0	23-50	282	3	13	28-42	1.5	19-35	265	1	-4
#22	† Auburn	17	38-104	2.7	14-27	126	2	12	35-67	1.9	10-21	111	5	0
TOTALS		285	554-2387	4.3	244-411	3417	30	236	436-1632	3.7	238-446	3014	31	0
AVERAGES		20.4	40-171	4.3	17-29	244	2.1	16.9	31-117	3.7	17-32	215	2.2	0.0

2002 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre #10 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#10	Arizona St	-22	48-10
#9	Troy	-32'	31-16
#9	Utah St	-30'	44-13
#8	at Penn St	-5	7-40
#20	at Iowa St - #19	+1	14-36
–	McNeese St	NL	38-14
–	Missouri	-8	24-13
–	at Oklahoma St	-8'	21-24
–	at Texas A&M	+5'	38-31
–	Texas - #7	+3'	24-27
–	Kansas	-36	45-7
–	at Kansas St - #11	+12'	13-49
–	Colorado - #13	+1	13-28

2003 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
–	Oklahoma St - #24	-7'	17-7
#23	Utah St	-32'	31-7
#18	Penn St	-10	18-10
#15	at S Mississippi	-10'	38-14
#12	Troy	-27'	30-0
#10	at Missouri	-7'	24-41
#18	Texas A&M	-10	48-12
#14	Iowa St	-24	28-0
#12	at Texas - #16	+5'	7-31
#19	at Kansas	-18	24-3
#18	Kansas St	+2'	9-38
#25	at Colorado	-2'	31-22

2004 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Illinois	NL	56-17
–	S Mississippi	-14'	17-21
–	at Pittsburgh	-4'	24-17
–	Kansas	-13	14-8
–	at Texas Tech	+7	10-70
–	Baylor	-23	59-27
–	at Kansas St	+4'	21-45
–	Missouri	+2'	24-3
–	at Iowa St	-4	27-34
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+30	3-30
–	Colorado	-2'	20-26

2005 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
–	Maine	NL	25-7
–	Wake Forest	-6'	31-3
–	Pittsburgh	-9	7-6
–	Iowa St - #23	-3'	27-20 2OT
–	Texas Tech - #15	+4	31-34
–	at Baylor	-2'	23-14
–	at Missouri	-1'	24-41
–	Oklahoma	-1'	24-31
–	at Kansas	+1	15-40
–	Kansas St	-6	27-25
–	at Colorado	+16	30-3

2006 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre #20 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#20	Louisiana Tech	-24	49-10
#21	Nicholls St	NL	56-7
#19	at USC - #4	+17'	10-28
#23	Troy	-23'	56-0
#21	Kansas	-22'	39-32 OT
#22	at Iowa St	-7	28-14
#21	at Kansas St	-6'	21-3
#17	Texas - #5	+5	20-22
#20	at Oklahoma St	-5'	29-41
–	Missouri	-4'	34-20
–	at Texas A&M - #24	-1	28-27
#23	Colorado	-14	37-14
#19	† Oklahoma - #8	+3'	7-21

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In '04 Ell Roberson departed as the all-time KSU leader in total offense and was their #2 career rushing leader. The only experienced QB returning was Dylan Meier (229 ttl yds '03). He battled Allen Webb (PS#75), an Indiana transfer, and true frosh Allan Evridge (PS#50). Meier suffered through an injury-plagued season and was 3-3 as a starter and Webb was 1-4. Meier threw for 1,436 (57.7%) with a 9-5 ratio (306 rush). Meier had shoulder surgery in '05 and Webb started the first 5, Evridge the final six. Last year it appeared all 3 would return but Webb and Evridge quit over the summer (now at Wisc) and they had just 3 scholarship QB's on the roster in Meier, true frosh Josh Freeman (PS#10) and Carson Coffman (PS#76). Coffman had offseason shoulder surgery and was not available so Meier started the first five. He threw for 775 (51.1%) with a 3-4 ratio. Freeman became the first K-St frosh starting QB since 1976 (Duane Howard) vs Okla St. After attempting just 3 passes the first 3Q's, he led scoring drives of 92 and 58 yards in the 2H for the win. In Freeman's first 4 starts, the team managed just 4 TD's on 53 poss. In the first 8 Freeman hit just 40.6% with an 0-8 ratio, but over the last 5 he completed 62% with a 6-7 ratio. This year they must replace Meier but I look for a big improvement from Freeman who should be one of the Big 12's best.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Josh Scobey set K-St's single season rushing record with 1,410 yards. Darren Sproles topped that in each of his 3 seasons establishing the new record with 1,986 in '03. In 2005 Florida St transfer Thomas Clayton (PS#13) rushed for 177 and 152 in the first 2 games but missed some time and finished with just 637 (4.6). Parrish Fisher (PS#53) had 289 yards (6.0) including 169 vs NT. Those two returned last year and they added JUCO James Johnson (PS#6) who had 36 TD's in 2 years at JC and has 4.29 speed. True frosh Leon Patton (PS#159) was also impressive. Clayton was leading the team with 322 (4.8) after 5 but did not see the field after that. Patton emerged with 151 vs Okla St and both Johnson and Patton topped 100 vs Missouri. Patton rushed for 609 (5.6) and Johnson 403 (4.1). Terry Petrie (PS#164) rushed for 54 (6.8). Not listed in the 3 deep below are John McCardle (5'8" 200 Jr, PS#189), Antonio Brown (5'9" 156 So) and Brandon Bortz (5'11" 231 rFr). This year Clayton, Carlos Alsup (2 st, 38 ttl yd), Donnie Anders and FB Donald Raymer (2 st, 8 yd) are the only losses so I look for greatly improved numbers.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the Cats' top 2 receivers were Jermaine Moreira (39, 10.4) and Yamon Figurs (4.29 spd) who led in yards (483, 15.6). In 2005 they had to replace their starting TE (#3 rec). Jordy Nelson (4.36 spd) who moved from DB, led with 45 (14.9) while Moreira had 35 (13.9) and Figurs had 14 (17.4). Those 3 all returned last year but Moreira was injured after 8 (23, 18.2) and Nelson led again with 39 (14.0). TE Rashaad Norwood (PS#30) had 36 (9.9) and Figurs added 28 (14.9). This year they must replace Figurs (12 st) and Moreira (2 st). However with more experienced QB's, the receivers should have improved stats this year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 K-State had an inexperienced, injury-plagued O-line that only opened holes for 3.5 ypc (lowest since 1996) while allowing 26 sacks (8.2%). Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 9 of their top 10 back. Due to injuries and coaching decisions they were shuffled around all year and had to learn a new system. Just one player started all 13 (5LG, 8LT) and that was Greg Wafford (HM B12). K-St improved to 4.0 ypc while allowing 28 sacks (6.7%). This year they must replace Wafford, RT Mike Frieson (9 st), C Jacob Voegeli (1 st, quit) as well as Matt Boss (quit 10/6) and John Hafferty (2 st, quit 4/15). Prince has brought in three JUCO's, some who could play right away. Seven players return who started last year so the Cats should be stronger up front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under Snyder the Wildcats had an annual infusion of JUCO talent at this position and it was usually a top-notch group. They did not allow over 3.2 ypc rush in a 7-year stretch and yielded just 2.0 in 2002. In 2004, the DL had to replace 3 starters then lost the lone returnee to injury and allowed 4.1 ypc. In 2005 they had to replace 3 starters but improved to 3.5 ypc. Last year they had 3 starters back again. JUCO Moses Manu was expected to start but had mono in August and was limited to just 9 tackles and the four DT's alternated most of the year. The star was walk-on Ian Campbell who had 11.5 sacks and earned 1st Tm Big 12 honors. Surprisingly K-State yielded 149 ypg (4.1), their highest ypc since 1991 but the D did record 40 sacks (19 more than '05). This year they must replace NT Quintin Echols (6 st, 31 tkl, 4 tfl) and DT Blake Seiler (9 st, 21 tkl, 3 sk). Six of the top 8 are back, five with starting experience and I look for more production out of Manu and the numerous JUCO's in the unit. Not listed below is Pete Yemm (6'3" 238 Jr), a S Dakota transfer.

LINEBACKERS - The Cats only had to replace one starter last year but returning starter WLB Maurice Mack (10 tkl) lost his job, meaning they had two brand-new starters in MLB Zach Diles and WLB Reggie Walker. Diles did have 50 tackles in 2005, the same amount as the starter lost. This year they lose their #1 tackler, 2nd Tm B12 WLB Brandon Archer (13 st, 106 tkl, 7 tfl), MLB Diles (13 st, 99 tkl, HM B12) and Mack. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Chris Bamberger (6'1" 218 Jr), Steve Mathias (6'0" 222 Sr), Taylor Jones (6'2" 205 rFr), Cory Warren (6'1" 205 rFr) and Taner Litton (6'0" 211 So). I think Prince will be able to fashion a solid unit but it is a little less experienced with the loss of their top two tacklers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Snyder always used a deep rotation in the secondary that allowed them to offset large graduation losses almost every year. The Cats had 4 consecutive finishes in the Top 10 in my pass D rankings but then slipped to #19, #61 and #55 in his last 3 years. That 2005 unit had 4 brand-new starters so Prince only had to replace one starter. Their star FS, Marcus Watts (2nd Tm B12), was injured after 9 games and CB Bryan Baldwin was lost after four starts. The other returning starter, Byron Garvin, lost his spot. K-State was #54 allowing 58.3% with an 18-10 ratio. This year they must replace SS Kyle Williams (13 st, 65 tkl, HM B12). They have 8 players back with starting experience and get two VHT newcomers in Gary Chandler (PS#24JC) and Lamark Brown (PS#36) who could move to WR. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Adrian Stryker (6'1" 188 So), Otis Johnson (5'11" 185 So), Scott Evans (5'10" 191 So) and Jordan Henricks (6' 0" 181 So). This is a much improved unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bill Snyder's special teams were always special. They finished #4 in my rankings in 2002 and #25 in '03. Surprisingly they "dropped" to #39 and #44 his last two years. 2006 was again a special year with 5 TD's including a school record 3 by KR. Justin McKinney became the first K-St player in 70 years to return the opening KO of a game for a TD helping K-St finish #1 in my ST rankings. Tim Reyer returns for his 4th year as the punter and should improve upon his 35.4 net. Most of the key returnmen are back with the exception of Yamon Figurs (14.7 PR, 22.6 KR, 2 TD's). They do lose Jeff Snodgrass who hit 17 of 24 FG's including 3 of 4 from 50+ and had 15 TB on 32 KO. With those 2 losses, it will be tough to finish at the top again but this remains a top-notch unit.

COACHES - Last year Ron Prince, who was the OC at Virginia the previous 3 years, took over as HC and had to fill the large shoes of Bill Snyder. James Franklin is in his 2nd year as the OC and was the WR coach at Green Bay in '05 (first time OC). Fourteen year strength and conditioning coach Rod Cole left for the same position at Texas A&M. DC Raheem Morris came over from the Tampa Bay Bucs (1st time DC). Morris returned to TB after the season so Prince appointed Tim Tibesar as the DC. He was the DC at N Dakota in '04 when they led Div II in scoring D.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bill Snyder did an absolutely amazing job at this school taking a team with the worst combined record in the history of the NCAA and guiding them to bowl games in eleven straight years. I think he did one of the best coaching jobs ever in the NCAA getting this team into the National Title contention role in five different years. Snyder opted to step aside from his miracle in Manhattan and left with 136 wins which is not only triple the wins of the #2 coach in K-St history, but was two more than all of KSU's prior coaches combined since 1937!! Snyder guided them to their first conf title since 1934 including Big 12 Titles in 1998, 2000 and 2003. They actually had 11 wins in six out of seven years. They even renamed the stadium Bill Snyder Family Stadium. In 2003 they outgained B12 foes by 171.6 ypg but unfortunately slipped in his last 2 years. In 2004 K-St plunged to 4-7 despite being #13 in the preseason polls and had their first season without a bowl since 1992. Despite a 2-6 record in the Big 12, they outgained B12 conf by 3.7 ypg in '04. In 2005 for just the 2nd time since the B12 was formed, K-St was not in the preseason Top 25. They opened up 3-0 and had plenty of shots at a winning season but went just 5-6 including 2-6 in Big 12 play being outgained by 113.1 ypg. Last year they had 16 returning starters, the most since 1998, but were shifting their offense from the option to a more pass-based attack. I gave K-St a shot at returning to a bowl for the first time since 2003 and that they did going 7-5 in the regular season before being wiped out by Rutgers in the Texas Bowl. K-St was fortunate as they had 3 net close wins (pg 299). They had to stop a 2-pt conversion vs IAA Illinois St to win by 1, trailed OSU 27-17 needing an int in the EZ to hold on to a 4-point lead at the end then had Texas lose their starting QB on the first series. The highlight of their season was the upset of #4 Texas but they had to play again the next week vs rival Kan who was fresh off a bye and Freeman had 6 TO's in that game. They are in the second year of the new offense and return 8 starters. Freeman improved greatly towards the end of the season. They should easily top 2006's 22.8 ppg which was the lowest S/'92 (17.7)! The D has 7 starters back and while they lose 3 of their top 4 tacklers, this should be a good unit and improve upon the 23.8 ppg allowed. The D's 3.3 sacks per game (reg ssn) was best in the B12 and #8 in the NCAA. The Wildcats are improved and should make it to a 2nd straight bowl.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Gary Chandler 5-11 186 PS#24JC
WR	Lamark Brown 6-3 215 PS#36DB
OL	Alesana Alesana 6-6 295 PS#109JC
WR	Deon Murphy 5-10 170 PS#110JC
OL	Clyde Aufner 6-7 260 PS#71
WR	Ernie Pierce 6-4 204 PS#123JC
RB	Dee Bell 5-9 170 PS#60
RB	Jeremy Reed 5-11 205 PS#61
K	Josh Cherry 6-1 170 PS#4
LB	Chris Patterson 6-3 215 PS#190JC
OL	Colten Freeze 6-7 270 PS#123
DL	Payton Kirk 6-6 240 PS#130OL
TE	Dante Pinchback 6-5 265 PS#135OL
LB	Kevin Rohleder 6-1 205 PS#98
OL	Eldridge Sims 6-6 279 PS#325JC
QB	Tysyn Hartman 6-2 190 PS#82
DL	Michael Abana 6-7 295 PS#328JC
OL	Penisini "Ben" Liu 6-6 325 PS#343JC
LB	Brandon Walls 6-1 205 PS#135
RB	Justin Woods 5-10 180 PS#137
WR	Jerrell McDaniel 6-0 175 PS#188
DL	Raphael Guidry 6-4 240 PS#201
DB	Kendrick Matthews 5-10 180 PS#223
TE	Jeremy Mack 6-4 210 PS#77
OL	Corey Adams 6-4 230 PS#311
DB	Darhnaz Tigner 6-2 200 PS#277
WR	Danny Hogan 6-2 190 PS#327
OL	Jake Roepke 6-7 300 PS#485
DL	Xzavier Stewart 6-1 275 PS#381
DB	Reggie Haynes 6-0 170 PS#467
LB	Brian Harris 6-4 217 PS#500
WR	Richard Evans 5-10 170 PS#495

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 1 JOSH FREEMAN SO. 6-6 238 **PS#10.** 1st 8 gm true, 41%, 0-8 ratio. Last 5 st LY, 62%, 6-7 ratio. **14** Carson Coffman (6-2 200 rFr) PS#76. Tysyn Hartman is PS#82.

RB 9 LEON PATTON SO. 5-7 184 PS#159. 3 st, 609 (5.6), 10 rec true. **8 James Johnson** (5-11 200 Sr) **PS#6JC**. 5 st, 403 (4.1) 10 rec LY. **26** Terry Petrie (5-8 183 Sr) PS#164.

WR 27 JORDY NELSON SR. 6-2 213 **4.36 spd.** 11 st '05, 45 (14.9), **HM B12**. 9 st LY, 39 (14.0). **83** Daniel Gonzalez (6-3 216 Sr) PS#266JC. 4 st, 15 (13.3). Toney Coleman (6-1 193 Sr) PS#232.

WR 88 Cedric Wilson Jr. 6-1 190 PS#156 '04. JC '05. 1 st (10.9) LY. **Lamark Brown PS#36DB. Deon Murphy PS#110JC** 4.3 spd. Stephen Harrison (5-11 167 rFr). Tony Purvis (5-11 159 So).

TE 85 JERON MASTRUD SO. 6-6 255 PS#174. 9 st true, 17 (13.8). **80** Brett Alstatt (6-4 229 Jr) PS#413RB. 1 rec rFr. Ernie Pierce is PS#123JC. **47** Gabe Gantz (6-4 240 rFr).

TE 89 RASHAAD NORWOOD SR. 6-3 229 **PS#30**. 1 st, 1 rec true. 8 st 13 (12.3) '05. 10 st LY, 35 (9.9). **82** Michael Pooschke (6-3 245 Sr) PS#53JC. 2 st, 6 rec LY. Dante Pinchback PS#135OL.

C 79 JORDAN BEDORE JR. 6-3 302 PS#270RB. 8 st C rFr, 9 st C in '06, incl last 5. **68** Brad Rooker (6-6 291 Jr) PS#59TE. 9 gm DT '05. 3 st C LY. **LS 60** Sean Kolich (6-1 216 rFr).

RG 65 Logan Robinson Sr. 6-8 338 PS#419. 1 gm '05. 8 gm LY incl last 4 st RG. **Added 28 lbs. 76** Brock Unruh (6-5 301 So) PS#99DL. 4 st, 9 gm rFr. Clyde Aufner is PS#71.

LG 69 CALEB HANDY JR. 6-1 313 PS#108. 8 st RG rFr. 11 gm LY, last 8 st LG. Eldridge Sims PS#325JC. **61** Zach Lucas (6-2 270 Jr). Walk-on. Colten Freeze is PS#123.

RT 64 NICK STRINGER SO. 6-6 271 PS#147. 9 st rFr (8 RT, 1 LT). **67** Kenneth Mayfield (6-4 300 rFr) PS#194. Powerful. **71** Derek Meyer (6-6 301 So). 5 gm LY til inj, 1 letter.

LT 78 Alesana Alesana Jr. 6-6 295 PS#109JC. In for spg. AA at JC '06. **73** Gerard Spexarth (6-6 312 Jr) PS#154. 2nd string true but RS. 3 gm '05 LT. 3 st RG LY then off 2 deep.

K 18 Jared Parker Jr. 5-11 197 PS#51. 11 TB, 34 KO 2Y. **26** Tim Schwerdt (5-8 174 Sr) 1-2 FG, 6-7 xp 2Y. Brooks Rossman (6-1 175 Jr) PS#45. **Ohio trans**. 7 of 14 FG, long 47 true '04.

DE 95 ROB JACKSON SR. 6-3 265 PS#196 '04 Syr. 12 st LY, 36 tkl, 4.5 sk, **HM B12**. **96** Moses Manu (6-2 258 Sr) PS#38RB. 9 tkl, 3.5 tfl (not 100%) LY. Clayton Cox PS#69JC.

DT 50 Alphonso Moran Jr. 6-0 294 PS#204. 7 st rFr, 21 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 4 st LY, 18 tkl, 4 tfl. **59** Zach Kendall (6-4 280 rFr) PS#118. **55** Vlad Faustin (6-2 244 Jr) PS#315, 4 tkl 2Y.

DT 99 STEVEN CLINE SR. 6-1 291 PS#187. 7 st LY, 22 tkl, 3 tfl. **93** Gabriel Crews (6-2 310 rFr) PS#220. **92** Brandon Balkcom (6-0 278 Jr) PS#430JC. Michael Abana PS#328JC.

OLB 98 IAN CAMPBELL JR. 6-5 232 7 tkl '05. **1st Tm Big 12 '06.** 13 st, 67 tkl, 11.5 sk, 6 tfl. **90** Eric Childs (6-3 230 So) PS#112. 1 st, 17 tkl, 2 sk rFr. Patrick Goldak (6-0 215 rFr).

SLB 53 REGGIE WALKER JR. 6-0 223 PS#128. 16 tkl true. 9 starts in '06, 36 tkl, 1 tfl. **37** Marcus Perry (6-1 225 Sr) 2 st LY, 21 tkl, 2 tfl. **44** Davyon McGhee (5-10 228 rFr) PS#225RB.

MLB 42 Ross Diehl So. 6-2 220 **PS#58**. 3 tkl as rFr. Chris Patterson PS#190JC.

51 Justin Roland (6-0 245 Sr) PS#352JC. 17 tkl LY. **39** John Houlik (5-10 212 So) 8 tkl true.

WLB 43 Antwon Moore Jr. 5-10 209 PS#223JC. 26 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **33** Greg Gaskins (6-0 219 Sr) PS#182DB. Kevin Rohleder PS#98. **57** MacKenzie Rosel (6-1 222 So) PS#255.

CB 4 JOSHUA MOORE SO. 5-10 168 PS#271. L/5 st LY, 35 tkl, 5 pbu, top CB later in ssn.

6 Byron Garvin (5-10 180 Sr) 12 st, 88 tkl, 9 pd 2Y. **12** Devin Anderson (5-8 178 Sr) PS#176JC. 2 st.

CB 22 JUSTIN McKINNEY SR. 5-9 185 PS#142JC. 3 st, 29 tkl, 3 int '05. 12 st LY, 54 tkl, 8 pbu. **Bryan Baldwin** (5-10 190 Sr) PS#159WR. 11 st '05, 38 tkl, 6 pbu. 4 st LY til inj. **Ray Cheatham PS#69JC.**

SS 21 Gary Chandler Jr. 5-11 186 **PS#24JC**. **30** Chris Carney (6-1 175 So) PS#113. 5 tkl true. **20** Courtney Herndon (5-11 201 So) PS#195. 1 st, 7 tkl rFr. **15** Kevin Hollis (5-11 190 So) PS#194.

FS 2 MARCUS WATTS SR. 6-1 191 11 st, 71 tkl '05, 5 st (inj) LY, **2nd Tm B12**, 26 tkl, 3 int. **36** Andrew Erker (6-0 195 Jr) 7 st, 36 tkl. Brice Bernbeck (5-11 181 So). Heath Alexander (6-0 186 Jr).

P 17 TIM REYER SR. 5-11 208 36 punt true, 42.4 avg, 35.0 net. 65 punt '05, 40.3 avg, 32.8 net. 61 punt (42.1) net 35.4 LY. **14** DJ Fulhage (5-10 172 rFr). Cole Brokenicky (5-10 197 Sr).

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#40

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at Auburn	G					
Sep. 8	San Jose St	A					
Sep. 15	Missouri St	A					
Sep. 22							
Sep. 29	at Texas	G					
Oct. 6	Kansas	A					
Oct. 13	Colorado	A					
Oct. 20	at Oklahoma St	A					
Oct. 27	Baylor (HC)	A					
Nov. 3	at Iowa St	G					
Nov. 10	at Nebraska	A					
Nov. 17	Missouri	A					
Nov. 24	at Fresno St	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Lynn Dickey 6,208 '68-'70
2. Chad May 5,253 '93-'94
3. Carl Straw 5,223 '87-'90

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darren Sproles 4,979 '01-'04
2. Ell Roberson 2,818 '00-'03
3. Eric Hickson 2,537 '94-95, '97-'98

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kevin Lockett 3,032 '93-'96
2. Michael Smith 2,457 '88-'91
3. Aaron Lockett 2,400 '98-'01

Kansas State is 17-0 in season openers since 1990. They have, however, lost 4 of 5 in their 1st true road game. Wildcats are 0-2 all-time vs Auburn ('78-'79).

The Wildcats have won 17 straight home openers by an avg of 37-10. Kansas St is 29-3 in Manhattan vs non-conference opponents since 1996.

MSU HC Terry Allen was the former HC at Kansas from 1997-'01 (record of 20-33). The Bears finished 2-9 last year as members of the Div IAA Gateway Conference.

Since the inception of the B12 ('96), KSU has won more gms than any member. This will be the 8th straight yr K-State opens B12 play on the road (2-7 all-time in B12 openers on road).

Kansas State is 39-16 (71%) vs Big 12 North Division members since 1996. The Wildcats 6 TO's in LY's gm led to 30 of the Jayhawks 39 pts.

Kansas State is just 18-43-1 all-time vs Colorado & just 3-7-1 at home. KSU had 439 yds of off LY vs CU, the most in B12 play since 2003 (519 yds vs OU).

RB Leon Patton had 301 all-purpose yds LY vs Ok St (Kan St freshman record). QB Josh Freeman (1st career start) scored on a 21 yd run w/1:11 left to rally KSU.

Kansas St & Baylor combined for 9 TO's, just 25 FD's & 653 yds in last year's game. Wildcats are 15-2 S/'90 on Homecoming. KSt won 5 straight vs Baylor prior to LY.

Kansas St is 11-2 vs Iowa St since 1994 winning by an average of 32 ppg. Wildcats' defense has combined to sack ISU QB Bret Meyer 12 times the last 3 yrs.

KSU only rushed for 22 yds, but Freeman's 272 passing yds were the most ever by a True Fr QB. NU holds a 73-16-2 all-time edge. The home team has won 8 of 10.

RB's James Johnson & Patton each topped 100+ yds LY vs MO (1st time 2 RB's in single gm S/'95). LY KSU entered MO territory in its 5 1H drives (No pts) & had 3 TO's in its 1st 3 drives of the 2H.

KSU was outgained 400-180 in their last and only meeting with Fresno St (2004). Only 2nd time in the last 20 yrs that the season finale is vs a non-conf opponent.

RON PRINCE (Career 7–6)

2nd Year at Kansas St — Prince's Bowl Record: 0-1

Prince's records AT KANSAS ST

7-6	Straight Up	1-1	Vs Top 10
6-2	Home	1-3	Vs Top 25
1-3	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
4-4	Vs Conference	2-2	Off A Loss

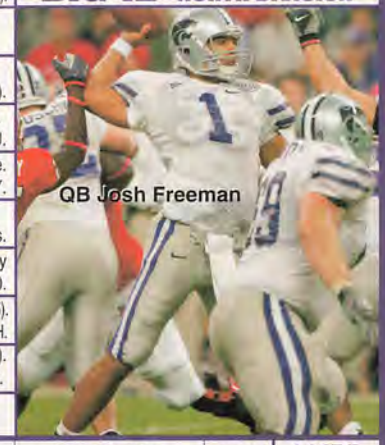
2006 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (22,27,2)
Lost: 20 (10,7,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 46,693 (#43)

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION


QB Josh Freeman

STADIUM: BILL SNYDER FAMILY STADIUM (50,000) (#60)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-3	6-5	10-2	11-3	4-7	5-6	7-5	53-31
Home	6-1	4-2	7-1	7-1	3-4	4-2	6-2	37-13
Away	3-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-3	1-4	1-3	13-17
Neutral	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1
vs Conf	6-3	3-5	6-2	7-2	2-6	2-6	4-4	30-28
ATS (Bill Snyder)	6-6-1	8-3	8-2	6-6	3-7	6-5	(Ron Prince) 6-5	43-34-1
Home Fav	3-3	4-2	5-1	2-4	1-4	3-1	3-0	21-15
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-2	6-2
Away Fav	2-2	2-1	3-1	2-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	9-9
Away Dog	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-3	1-2	6-6
Favorite	5-6	6-3	8-2	4-6	1-6	3-2	3-1	30-26
Dog	1-0-1	2-0	0-0	2-0	2-1	3-3	3-4	13-8-1
vs Conf	4-4-1	5-3	6-2	6-3	3-5	5-3	4-4	33-24-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-0	2-0	0-3	0-2	1-2	2-1	10-10
Off SU Win	5-4-1	5-0	6-2	4-4	0-4	1-3	4-3	25-20-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-3	2-0	2-1	3-3	5-1	2-2	17-11

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Leon Patton	108	640	31	609	6	5.6
James Johnson	98	428	25	403	2	4.1
Thomas Clayton	67	338	16	322	3	4.8
Yamon Figurs	3	71	0	71	2	23.7
Terry Petrie	8	55	1	54	1	6.8
Daniel Gonzalez	1	38	0	38	0	38.0
Carlos Alsup	16	37	6	31	0	1.9
Dylan Meier	7	15	14	1	0	0.1
Josh Freeman	54	163	184	-21	2	-0.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Josh Freeman	270	140	51.9	1780	6	15
Dylan Meier	141	72	51.1	775	3	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jordy Nelson	39	547	14.0	1	74	
Jermaine Moreira	23	419	18.2	2	55	
Yamon Figurs	28	418	14.9	3	68	
Rashaad Norwood	36	358	9.9	0	28	
Jeron Mastrud	17	235	13.8	0	66	
Daniel Gonzalez	15	199	13.3	1	30	
Leon Patton	10	126	12.6	0	33	
Cedric Wilson	11	120	10.9	1	20	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tim Reyer	61	2566	42.1	21	35.4	2	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeff Snodgrass	32-32	5-6	2-3	7-11	3-4	17-24	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon Archer	106	2.5	4.5	4	0
Zach Diles	99	3.5	4	1	1
Ian Campbell	67	11.5	6	4	0
Kyle Williams	65	0	2	5	1
Byron Garvin	58	2	5	3	2
Justin McKinney	54	0	4	8	0
Rob Jackson	36	4.5	3.5	2	0
Andrew Erker	36	0	0.5	2	0
Reggie Walker	36	0	1	1	0
Joshua Moore	35	0	2.5	5	1
Quintin Echols	31	1	3	0	0
Antwon Moore	26	2	2	0	0
Marcus Watts	26	2	1	1	3
Steven Cline	22	2	1	1	0
Blake Seiler	21	3	1	0	0
Marcus Perry	21	0	2	0	0
Alphonso Moran	18	1	3	0	0
Eric Childs	17	2	1	0	0
Justin Roland	17	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Yamon Figurs	22	323	14.7	2
Jermaine Moreira	4	10	2.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Justin McKinney	12	296	24.7	1
Leon Patton	10	321	32.1	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Cotton - #11	-3'	Tennessee - #21	35-21
01	Insight.com	-6	Syracuse - #18	3-26
02	Holiday - #6	-18'	Arizona St	34-27
03	Fiesta - #8	-7	Ohio St - #7	28-35
06	Texas	+8'	Rutgers - #16	10-37

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Kansas St's All-Time Bowl Record 6–7

KANSAS ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	22.8	16	115	4.0	200	51.6	13.8	-4	2006	8	23.8	18	149	4.1	197	58.3	14.5
4	26.3	17	138	3.5	201	51.6	12.9	-6	2005	3	27.7	18	129	3.5	231	55.6	13.0
6	29.6	21	186	4.3	178	56.1	12.3	-6	2004	4	30.6	16	148	4.1	201	53.7	11.4
7*	36.6	21	229	5.0	212	52.3	12.0	-1	2003	5	16.3	15	108	3.0	175	50.1	17.4
4*	44.8	21	264	5.2	159	53.8	9.4	+9	2002	7	11.8	14	70	2.0	179	45.7	21.0
5	27.5	21	239	4.5	143	42.8	13.9	-1	2001	3	17.1	14	98	2.9	162	47.0	15.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

KSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Illinois St	13	28-44	1.6	15-26	163	2	20	34-93	2.7	24-38	253	3	0
–	Florida Atlantic	18	30-221	7.4	10-24	125	0	13	42-59	1.4	12-25	141	4	0
–	Marshall	19	27-99	3.7	19-35	256	0	8	22-50	2.3	16-28	92	3	+1
–	Louisville	13	19-108	5.7	17-45	139	2	22	42-228	5.4	18-26	173	2	+1
–	at Baylor	12	21-45	2.1	22-55	296	0	13	19-18	0.9	26-47	294	4	-1
–	Oklahoma St	14	36-180	5.0	10-15	177	3	19	41-193	4.7	14-22	138	2	+1
–	Nebraska	17	18-22	1.2	23-47	272	4	16	43-190	4.4	13-22	166	4	-2
–	at Missouri	19	47-262	5.6	5-20	63	4	24	37-171	4.6	24-31	262	2	-2
–	Iowa St	15	32-156	4.9	14-20	161	2	21	35-104	3.0	23-41	280	6	+2
–	at Colorado	19	38-188	4.9	22-26	251	2	16	40-225	5.6	10-18	145	3	+1
–	Texas	18	25-23	0.9	22-34	323	2	25	45-143	3.2	17-35	241	5	0
–	at Kansas	20	30-118	3.9	23-44	244	4	21	36-247	6.9	11-23	108	2	-2
–	† Rutgers	6	21-31	1.5	12-24	131	3	21	37-211	5.7	16-28	268	0	-3
TOTALS		203	372-1497	4.0	214-415	2601	28	239	473-1932	4.1	224-384	2561	40	-4
AVERAGES		15.6	29-115	4.0	16-32	200	2.2	18.4	36-149	4.1	17-30	197	3.1	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
–	W Kentucky	NL	48-3
–	ULM	-37'	68-0
–	E Illinois	NL	63-13
#25	USC - #11	-2'	27-20
#13	at Colorado	-3'	31-35
#19	Oklahoma St	-14'	44-9
#17	Texas - #8	-2'	14-17
#20	at Baylor	-31	44-10
#14	at Kansas	-33	64-0
#12	Iowa St - #21	-13'	58-7
#11	Nebraska	-12'	49-13
#10	at Missouri	-15	38-0

2003 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre #7 Opponent	Line	Post #13 Score
#7	† California	-28	42-28
#7	Troy	-37'	41-5
#7	McNeese St	NL	55-14
#7	Massachusetts	NL	38-7
#6	Marshall	-19'	20-27
#16	at Texas - #13	+6'	20-24
#22	at Oklahoma St	-2'	34-38
–	Colorado	-18	49-20
–	Kansas	-20	42-6
–	Baylor	-40'	38-10
–	at Iowa St	-18	45-0
–	at Nebraska - #18	-2'	38-9
#19	Missouri	-14'	24-14
#13	† Oklahoma - #1	+14	35-7

2004 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#13	W Kentucky	NL	27-13
#13	Fresno St	-12'	21-45
–	Louisiana-Lft	-31	40-20
–	at Texas A&M	+4	30-42
–	at Kansas	-3'	28-31
–	Oklahoma - #2	+20	21-31
–	Nebraska	-4'	45-21
–	Texas Tech	-2'	25-35
–	at Missouri	+4	35-24
–	at Colorado	-2'	31-38
–	Iowa St	-11	23-37

2005 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Florida Int'l	-33	35-21
–	at Marshall	-9	21-19
–	North Texas	-24'	54-7
–	at Oklahoma	+6'	21-43
–	Kansas	-5	12-3
–	at Texas Tech - #13	+15'	20-59
–	Texas A&M	+6	28-30
–	Colorado	+7'	20-23
–	at Iowa St	+8	17-45
–	at Nebraska	+6	25-27
–	Missouri	-3	36-28

2006 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Illinois St	NL	24-23
–	Florida Atlantic	-20'	45-0
–	Marshall	-9'	23-7
–	Louisville - #8	+14	6-24
–	at Baylor	-1'	3-17
–	Oklahoma St	+3	31-27
–	Nebraska - #21	+8'	3-21
–	at Missouri - #24	+14'	21-41
–	Iowa St	-4	31-10
–	at Colorado	+3'	34-21
–	Texas - #4	+16	45-42
–	at Kansas	+2'	20-39

COLORADO BUFFALOES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - James Cox (PS#64) played in one game as a rFr and started one game (Iowa St) in '04 throwing for 330 (57%) with a 2-3 ratio. In '05 he started the bowl game but struggled. Brian White (PS#83) came off the bench to hit 7 of 12 for 81 yards and got the offense moving. Cox hit just 17 of 41 passes on the year. He missed the spring of 2006 which featured the installation of the new offense and the top two were White and Bernard Jackson (PS#59). Jackson, an athletic QB, also played RB and WR in 2005. Surprisingly, Cox won the starting job and took all of the snaps in the opener but hit just 8 of 22 for 110. Jackson was a surprise starter vs Colo St and in the first drive led the team 65 yards for a TD. White quit after that game and Cox attempted just 8 more passes. That left the backup job in the hands of true frosh Cody Hawkins (coach's son, PS#38), who they wanted to RS, and TE Tyson DeVree. Jackson hit just 3 of 14 for 39 vs Oklahoma and 8 of 20 vs Kansas but played better in the final 3 including a 13 of 19, 200 yard effort vs Iowa St. For the season he completed just 49.3% for 1,298 yards with a 7-7 ratio (4-0 ratio in the final 3). He will battle Hawkins, who knows the offense well, and JUCO Nick Nelson who was in for the spring. They also add in true frosh Matt Ballenger (PS#57). Jackson will play a slash role this year despite having the strongest arm and the most athleticism as Hawkins and Nelson ended the spring 1-2. This unit is in much better shape heading into 2007.

RUNNING BACKS - Colorado's 5,450 yards rushing by the TB's led the NCAA in 2001-'02. In 2003, the top rusher was Brian Calhoun who had 810 (4.2). Calhoun transferred to Wisconsin where he had a huge year in 2005. 2004's top rusher was Bobby Purify who, despite being injured, rushed for 1,097 (4.7). In 2005, Hugh Charles got off to a great start avg 105 ypg in the first four but was banged up and finished with 858 (4.5). He returned last year as did #3 rusher Byron Ellis (PS#105) who had 224 (2.9) in '05. Charles was in and out of the coach's doghouse and rushed for 779 (5.6). Walk-on Mell Holliday had 126 vs Iowa St including 92 after the contact and finished with 512 (4.9). Ellis had 126 (3.3). JUCO Thomas Perez (PS#124) at 210 lbs has intriguing size and Hawkins says he is an "angry and violent" runner but he RS'd LY and is ineligible again this season (acad). This year they lose Holliday but everyone else is back. They add Demetrius Sumler (5'10" 210 rFr, PS#60) and PS#4JC Patrick Gates, who rushed for 1,338 (6.0) with 23 TD's in 2006, plus this year's true frosh. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jake Behrens (6'0" 230 So, PS#69), Kevin Moyd (5'7" 195 So), Cory Nabors (5'9" 185 rFr) and FB's Maurice Cantrell (6'0" 240 Jr, PS#97LB, 5 st) and Samson Jagoras (5'10" 225 Sr, 1 st). In the 2nd year of Hawkins' system, look for improved rushing numbers.

RB Hugh Charles

RECEIVERS - In 2003, DJ Hackett and Derek McCoy combined for a school record 141 rec's but the top 5 all had to be replaced in 2004. Deep threat Blake Mackey (4.39 spd) led with 449 yards (16.0) and TE Joe Klopfenstein was #2 with 33 rec (12.7). The inexperienced receivers dropped 39 passes. Mackey tore his ACL in '05 and the fastest WR was rFr Patrick Williams (PS#46QB) with Alvin Barnett a close second. Last year they had to replace three of the team's top four receivers including their top WR and top 2 TE's who were. Dusty Sprague (PS#64DB) was the top returnee (44, 10.7) and Williams had 29 (8.9) in '05. Mackey returned from the ACL inj but did not catch a pass. Riar Geer (PS#153QB) was an option QB in HS and was worked into the TE rotation and led the team in receiving with just 24 (10.9). Barnett had 21 (11.0) with Williams adding 19 (12.7). Cody Crawford had 15 (14.8) and Sprague's total dropped down to 11 (16.3). TE Tyson DeVree had 55 rec at W Mich in '03 & '04 and was also the backup QB at times, but had just 4 grabs LY. Gone are Mackey (1 st), TE Paul Creighton (2 st, 0 rec), TE Dan Goettsch (4 st, 3 rec) and WR Nick Holz (3 st, 3 rec). They also moved CB Cha'pelle Brown (4 st, 35 tkl) into the unit and true frosh Markques Simas (6-2 195, PS#20) could steal a starting spot. Not listed below are TE's Patrick Devenny (6'3" 240 So), Joe Sanders (6'3" 235 Sr), Devin Shanahan (6'5" 230 So), Nate Solder (6'8" 270 rFr) and WR's Cameron Ham (6'1" 195 rFr), Scotty McKnight (5'10" 185 rFr) and Michael Kachmer (6'0" 185 So). This unit is much more experienced than in 2006 and are in the 2nd year of the Hawkins offense which means they can only improve upon last year's production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Buffs had a veteran O-line in 2005 but it was injury-plagued and only opened holes for 3.4 ypc rushing. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup. Even in a poor 2-10 season, the ypc improved to 4.5 although the sacks allowed rose to 31 (12.2%). Mark Fenton started the first 4 at C before getting injured. Bryce MacMartin filled in for the next 7 starts (Fenton started 4). This year both must be replaced. Also gone are LG Brian Daniels (HM B12, 12 st, 714 snaps, 4Y st'r), RG Jack Tipton (2 st, 117 snaps), RT Paul Backowski (1 st, 56 snaps) and Jeremy Hauck (2nd string). Basically 3 starters return and they add in PS#1OL Ryan Miller. Even though for most of the spring they only had 6 OL's available and true frosh dominate the unit, the group looks to be improved.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Gary Barnett's final season in '05, the Buffs allowed the lowest ypc of his tenure (2.8). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and a backup but added in VHT ND transfer Brandon Nicolas. The Buffs yielded 3.3 ypc rush with 25 sacks (6.4%). A good number of those sacks were credited to 1st Tm Big 12 DE Abraham Wright (57 tkl, 11.5 sk, 11 st). Unfortunately, Wright departs (#7DC MIA) as do DE's Walter Boye-Doe (12 st, 49 tkl, 2.5 sk) and DT Alex Ligon (3 st, 11 tkl, 1 sk). The Buffs add Drew Hudgins (PS#15JC) who was in for the spring. Even with the loss of their top sack man, the new contributor could make this just as strong as the 2006 version.

LINEBACKERS - Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup. True frosh Michael Sipili only had 55 snaps in the first 8 but earned 2 starts and finished with 31 tackles. Jordan Dizon led the team with 137 tackles. Dizon was the Big 12 Def Newcomer of the Year in 2004 but surprisingly he was just the #6 tackler in 2005. This year they must replace their #2 tackler, Thaddaeus Washington (8 st, 6.5 tfl) and Joe Sanders moves to TE so 4 of the top 6 return to the unit. They are just as experienced as 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Buffs had an experienced secondary in 2005 and finished #48 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had 7 players back with starting experience and appeared to have all 4 starters returning. Unfortunately, SS Tyrone Henderson (12 st '05) and CB Gerett Burl (13 st '05) were dismissed. One of the two returning starters, JJ Billingsley, was injured (6 st). The Buffs dropped to #94 allowing 66.9%. This year they lose SS Billingsley (52 tkl), CB's Terry Washington (7 st, 48 tkl), and Lorenzo Sims (6 st, 29 tkl) while CB Brown (4 st) moves to WR. This unit is much more experienced than one would expect (5 with starting exp). They also add in Daniel Dykes, who started two years at SS at Idaho and was on my Preseason WAC 2nd Tm prior to transferring. They also bring in an excellent class of true frosh. I call for the Buffs to significantly rise in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Barnett always put a big emphasis on this unit and CU almost always finished in the Top 25 of my ST rankings including #2 in '04 and #3 in '05. Hawkins' Boise St teams blocked a lot of punts and also finished in the upper half of my rankings each year. Oddly after recording 6 blocks in '04 and '05, CU did not get to a punt in '06. CU did have perhaps the best K ever in college football in Mason Crosby (see Hardcore). New P Matthew DiLallo (PS#30) avg 43.7 (36.7 team net). He basically had 3 punts blocked as he dropped a snap vs Missouri and was tackled. Stephone Robinson was the top KR (17.4) and PR (5.1) but had five fumbled punts, losing two. CU shockingly dropped to #74 and now must replace its star, Crosby (#6DC GB). However everyone else returns and the Buffs could actually move up in my rankings.

COACHES - Dan Hawkins enters his second year at CU. Previously he was the HC at Boise St from '01-'05 after being an asst there for three years. He guided his Boise team to its highest finish ever in the AP poll for three straight years and was WAC Coach of the Year twice with four straight WAC Titles. He was also the HC at Willamette from 1993-'97, with his team going 22-3 his final two years there. Mark Helfrich was Ariz St's QB coach and passing game coordinator from 2001-'05 and is in his 2nd year as OC here. Hawkins added BYU OL Coach Jeff Grimes as an asst HC and run game coordinator this year. The DC is Ron Collins (2nd yr) who was Boise's DC for four years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After a stunning 3-8 season in 2000 (4 losses by 4 points or less), I called Colorado a surprise National Title contender in my 2001 magazine. They finished 10-2 that season and #3 in the country narrowly missing out on playing in the National Title game. In 2002, they won the Big 12 North again with a 7-1 conference record but with just 9 starters back in 2003 (fewest B12) slipped to 5-7. Barnett did not get to coach the team in the spring of 2004 but they rallied late and won the Big 12 North yet again and also won their bowl game. CU finished 8-5 despite being outgained by 58.3 ypg in Big 12 play and outscored by 8.3 ppg. In 2005, they were my pick to win the Big 12 North and did so once again. Coming into the year, Barnett said it didn't appear that they had any weaknesses. They were 7-2 with their only losses coming to #12 Miami, Fl and #2 Texas but then gave up two 66 yd TD returns (int and fumble) vs Iowa St and lost that game despite a 363-287 yard edge. Embarrassing blowouts followed to both Nebraska and Texas (B12 Title game). Barnett was let go before the bowl and Mike Hankwitz was named the interim HC and they lost 19-10 to Clemson. Last year they had just 5 returning offensive starters and 6 on defense but the Buffs did not catch many breaks. They played their first ever IAA foe in Montana St and stunningly lost the opener. Incidentally just one CU coach since 1932 has won his debut and that was Rick Neuheisel. They were 0-3 following losses to Colorado St and Arizona St when they travelled to #9 Georgia. They led 13-0 with a little over 9:00 to go and had completely outplayed UGA up to that point but came up short on the scoreboard. They outgained Missouri the next week 373-353 but after going 0 for 5 on 4th down, lost by 15. They suffered their 10th straight loss which matched their longest in 117 years of the program in a 3OT game to Baylor. The next week they dominated TTech 30-6. After losing at Oklahoma, CU led Kansas 9-0 at the half but lost. They did manage a win vs Iowa St but lost in the season finale to Nebraska. The Buffs had 4 net close losses (pg 299) but surprisingly were +8 in turnovers. This is the 2nd year of Hawkins' schemes and they have 9 starters back on offense and can only be more potent (16.3 ppg in '06) as their previous low the last 22 years was 22.9 ppg in 2000. The defense allowed just 341 ypg which was its best performance in 8 years. They have 6 starters back on D including 5 of the top 6 tacklers and will rank in the upper half of Big 12 stop units. The Buffs must face 7 teams that made it to bowls last year but will be a much stronger team in Hawkins' 2nd year and have a shot at bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 7 **CODY HAWKINS rFR.** 5-11 190 **PS#38.** 3 **Nick Nelson** (6-1 220 Jr) PS#68JC. 2241 (63%) at JC LY. 10 **Bernard Jackson** (6-0 200 Sr) **PS#59.** 11 st LY, 1298 (49%) 7-7 ratio, 884 rush (5.7).

RB 2 **HUGH CHARLES SR.** 5-8 190 PS#78. **HM B12** LY. 19 st 3Y, 1737 rush (4.9), 38 rec. **Patrick Gates PS#4JC.** 27 Byron Ellis (6-0 215 Sr) PS#105. 411 rush (3.0), 5 st, 3Y.

WR 4 **PATRICK WILLIAMS JR.** 6-2 200 PS#46QB. 4.4 spd. 29 rec (8.9) '05. 7 st, 19 (12.7) '06. 48 Cody Crawford (5-11 175 Jr) 2 st, 15 (14.8). 86 Jarrell Yates (5-11 200 So) PS#51.

WR 17 **ALVIN BARNETT SR.** 5-11 190 PS#140JC. 8 st LY, 21 (11.0). Stephone Robinson (5-8 190 Sr) PS#49. 2 st, 8 rec 3Y, 1516 ret yds. Cha'pelle Brown (5-7 175 So) 4 st, 35 tkl CB as true.

WR 83 **DUSTY SPRAGUE SR.** 6-4 190 PS#64DB. 24 (12.3) rFr. 1 st '05, 44 (10.7). 2 st LY, 11 (16.3). **Markques Simas PS#20.** 38 Chase McBride (5-7 160 Sr) PS#155RB. 6 PR (6.8).

TE 87 **RIAR GEER SO.** 6-3 245 PS#153QB. 9 st rFr, 24 (10.9). 84 **Tyson DeVree** (6-5 245 Sr) PS#97. 5 st W Michigan 2Y, 55 rec (10.0). 4 st here LY, 4 rec (9.0).

C 75 **DANIEL SANDERS JR.** 6-3 305 4 starts as rFr at OG. 11 st RG LY. 655 snaps. 56 Keenan Stevens (6-3 275 rFr). Blake Behrens PS#80. **LS** 70 Justin Drescher (6-1 230 So).

RG NA **Ryan Miller Fr.** 6-8 310 **PS#1OL!** Averaged 10 pnck per gm in HS. Shawn Daniels (6-3 265 Fr) PS#105OL. 90 pnck. Matthew Bahr (6-5 285 Fr) PS#294. 60 pnck.

LG 72 **Devin Head So.** 6-4 285 PS#121. 1 st RG rFr, 55 snaps. 61 Erick Faatagi (6-2 310 Jr) PS#411JC. RS in '06. Mike Iltis PS#192. Kealaka'i Maiava PS#256.

RT 76 **EDWIN HARRISON SR.** 6-4 300 PS#59. 10 gm rFr, 222 snaps. 7 st SG '05, 359 snaps. 9 st RT LY, 548 snaps. 85 Wes Palazzi (6-1 285 rFr) PS#204. Sione Tau (6-6 310 Fr) PS#121.

LT 77 **TYLER POLUMBUS SR.** 6-8 300 **PS#80.** 3 gm rFr. 3 st, 13 gm '05, 396 snaps. 12 st LT LY, #1 OL on team with 715 snaps. No spg. Ethan Adkins (6-5 280 Fr) PS#108.

K 39 **Kevin Eberhart Sr.** 5-11 195 PS#14. 10 of 15 FG's as senior in HS, long 57. 0-2 FG here '03, 9 TB on 24 KO. RS '04. Backup '05-'06. 89 Jim Parra (5-6 140 Fr) PS#22 '06.

DE 43 **Drew Hudgins Jr.** 6-4 235 PS#15JC. In spring. **19 sk, 93 tkl JUCO 2006!** 90 Marquez Herrod (6-2 255 rFr) PS#155. Conrad Obi PS#68. Lagrone Shields is PS#258.

DT 86 **GEORGE HYPOLITE JR.** 6-1 285 PS#72RB. 10 tkl true. 8 st DT LY, 50 tkl, 2.5 sk, 10 tfl, **HM B12.** 97 Taj Kaynor (6-4 265 So) PS#174. 1 tkl rFr. Eugene Goree is PS#181.

NT 94 **BRANDON NICOLAS JR.** 6-3 280 **PS#41. Notre Dame trans.** 11 st LY, 57 tkl, 4 tfl. 78 Jason Brace (6-4 265 So) PS#109. 3 tkl true. 88 Eric Lawson (6-3 260 rFr) PS#153.

DE 91 **Maurice Lucas Jr.** 6-4 255 PS#49. 7 st 2Y, 34 tkl, 5 tfl. 47 Alonzo Barrett (6-3 235 Sr) PS#208. 14 tkl, 2 sk true. 2 st '05 until inj, 16 tkl. 12 tkl LY. Christopher Perri 9 sk JC LY.

WLB 44 **JORDON DIZON SR.** 6-0 225 11 st true, 90 tkl. 12 st '05, 65 tkl. **2nd Tm B12**, 11 st LY, 137 tkl, 11 tfl. 54 Marcus Burton (6-0 245 Jr) PS#72. 1 st 2Y, 37 tkl. 45 Jeff Smart (5-11 210 So).

MLB 10 **Michael Sipili So.** 6-1 250 2 st true, 31 tkl. Added 15 lbs. 34 RJ Brown (6-1 225 Jr). Team Captain in '07. 57 Jake Duren (6-0 230 So) PS#238. Tyler Ahles (6-3 235 Fr).

SLB 40 **BRAD JONES JR.** 6-3 225 PS#49. 4.48 speed. 21 tkl rFr. 11 st LY, 72 tkl. 53 BJ Beatty (6-1 230 rFr) PS#234DL. 52 Bryan Stengel (6-2 210 So). Josh Hartigan PS#404.

CB 26 **TERRENCE WHEATLEY SR.** 5-10 170 **4.37 spd, 1st Tm B12.** 7 st '03-'04, 64 tkl. RS '05. 12 st LY, 5 int, 11 pbu. Anthony Perkins PS#65RB. Jonathan Hawkins (5-11 185) PS#289. GS.

CB 42 **Benjamin Burney Jr.** 5-11 195 2 st, 29 tkl 2Y. 8 Gardner McKay (5-11 160 Jr) PS#105. 11 tkl 2Y, 1 pbu. Lamont Smith PS#106. 3 Jimmy Smith (6-2 200 rFr) PS#166.

SS 25 **Lionel Harris Sr.** 6-0 195 PS#131. 6 st, 67 tkl, 2 pbu LY. 9 **Daniel Dykes** (6-2 205 Jr) **12 st Idaho true.** 11 st '05, 69 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. Anthony Wright PS#113. 4 int (2 TD's).

FS 15 **RYAN WALTERS JR.** 5-11 200 **PS#24QB.** 17 tkl as rFr. 10 st, 57 tkl, 3 pbu, 2 int LY. 20 Terry Wilson (5-10 205 Jr) PS#159. 1 gm LY, 4 snaps. 38 Reggie Foster (5-10 200 So) PS#64.

P 14 **MATTHEW DiLALLO SO.** 6-1 205 PS#30. 47 punts as rFr, 43.7 avg, **net of 38.5!** Added 10 lbs. 85 Tom Suazo (5-11 190 Jr). 38 Kevin Eberhart (5-11 195 Sr). 43.6 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Ryan Miller 6-8 310 PS#1
RB	Patrick Gates 5-11 190 PS#4JC
DL	Drew Hudgins 6-4 235 PS#15JC
WR	Markques Simas 6-2 195 PS#20
QB	Nick Nelson 6-1 220 PS#68JC
DL	Conrad Obi 6-4 245 PS#68
OL	Blake Behrens 6-4 285 PS#80
DB	Anthony Perkins 5-11 180 PS#65RB
OL	Shawn Daniels 6-3 265 PS#105
OL	Ethan Adkins 6-5 280 PS#108
DB	Lamont Smith 5-9 170 PS#106
QB	Matt Ballenger 6-4 215 PS#57
OL	Sione Tau 6-6 310 PS#121
DB	Anthony Wright 6-0 185 PS#113
WR	Kendrick Celestine 6-1 185 PS#116
OL	Mike Iltis 6-3 285 PS#192
DL	Eugene Goree 6-2 285 PS#181
K	Jim Parra 5-6 140 PS#22 '06
OL	Kealaka'i Maiava 6-1 290 PS#256
DL	Christopher Perri 6-4 270 PS#453JC
OL	Matthew Bahr 6-5 285 PS#294
DB	Jonathan Hawkins 5-11 185 PS#289 '06
DL	Lagrone Shields 6-4 260 PS#258
RB	Devan Johnson 6-1 230 PS#273
DB	Nate Vaiomounga 5-11 190 PS#291LB
LB	Tyler Ahles 6-3 235 PS#320
LB	Josh Hartigan 6-1 210 PS#404
RB	Brian Lockridge 5-8 175 PS#400
WR	Josh Smith 6-1 185 PS#406

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DAN HAWKINS (Career 55-21) (NAIA 39-12-1)
2nd Year at Colorado Hawkins' Bowl Record: 2-2

Hawkins' records AT COLORADO

2-10	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
2-4	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
0-5	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
2-6	Vs Conference	2-7	Off A Loss

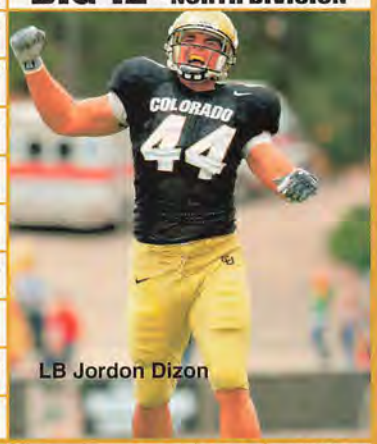
2006 RECORD: (2–10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,19,3)
Lost: 27 (12,13,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 46,048 (#45)

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION



LB Jordon Dizon

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#34

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	† Colorado St (Denver)	G					
Sep. 8	at Arizona St	G					
Sep. 15	Florida St	G					
Sep. 22	Miami, Oh	G					
Sep. 29	Oklahoma (HC)	G					
Oct. 6	at Baylor	A					
Oct. 13	at Kansas St	A					
Oct. 20	Kansas	G					
Oct. 27	at Texas Tech	A					
Nov. 3	Missouri	G					
Nov. 10	at Iowa St	G					
Nov. 17							
Nov. 23	Nebraska (Fri)	G					
Dec. 1							

LY QB Jackson made his 1st career start as CU had just 28 yds of offense in the 2H. The L/5 gms have been decided by a total of 22 pts. CU is 3-1 L4Y but 4-4 the L/8.

CU is 7-2 the last 9 years after playing CSU with the average score 30-17. QB Jackson was sk'd 5 times LY by Arizona St, 4 of them came on 3rd down.

Number 10 ranked FSU rolled CU in the only prior meeting between the schools 47-7 in 2003. The Buffaloes are 16-3 since 1988 in Folsom Field openers but did lose last year.

First meeting between the schools as CU has only played 1 current MAC tm (won 42-0 vs Kent St in '77). Colorado has won 4 straight in 2nd of B2B HG's. Colorado is 17-1 prior to OU.

LY CU & OU played in 20-25 mph stiff winds as they combined for just 384 yds of offense. Colorado is 60-27-5 (69%) all-time on Homecoming. CU has dropped 5 straight vs OU.

CU has lost their L/6 B12 road gms including '05 title gm losing by an avg of 24 ppg. Last year's game lasted 3OT's which was the longest in Colorado history.

Since 1955 Colorado has gone 16-9-1 in Manhattan. Colorado allowed 439 yds of offense in last year's game vs K-State which was the most given up all season.

CU was up 9-0 at the half in LY's game vs KU settling for 37, 26, and 32 yd FG's. The Buffaloes are 18-9 (67%) when hosting B12 North rivals (12-3 since 2001).

This series has avg'd just 43 ppg & the home team has won all 8 games. In their 5 B12 meetings, CU has held the TT passing gm to 272 ypg (57%) w/a 5-14 ratio.

LY QB Jackson accounted for 283 total off yds (76% of CU's total) vs Mizzou. CU has only lost to MO 4 times S/'85. These schools have played every yr S/'46.

Colorado has dominated this series going 47-13-1 all-time including 5 of the last 6. Buffaloes are 8-3 vs the Big 12 prior to playing its rival game vs the Cornhuskers.

The winner of this game, decided the Big 8 Champ in the last 7 yrs of it's existence. Colorado is just 3-19-1 hosting Nebraska since 1962 (only wins in 2001, 1989 & 86).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Joel Klatt 7,375 '02-'05
2. Kordell Stewart 6,481 '91-'94
3. Koy Detmer 5,390 '92-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Eric Bieniemy 3,940 '87-'90
2. Rashaan Salaam 3,057 '92-'94
3. Bobby Purify 3,016 '00-'04

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Michael Westbrook 2,548 '91-'94
2. Rae Carruth 2,540 '92-'96
3. Charles E. Johnson 2,447 '90-'93

STADIUM: FOLSOM FIELD (53,750) (#53)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	10-2	9-4	5-7	7-5	7-5	2-10	43-41
Home	1-4	5-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	5-1	2-4	25-16
Away	2-3	3-1	4-1	1-4	2-2	2-3	0-5	14-19
Neutral	0-1	2-0	0-2	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	4-6
vs Conf	3-5	8-1	7-2	3-5	4-5	5-3	2-6	32-27
ATS	5-6	8-4	8-5	5-7	6-6	5-7	4-7	41-42
Home Fav (Gary Barnett)	1-3	3-2	3-2	0-3	1-2	4-2	1-2	13-16
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	6-5
Away Fav	1-1	1-1	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	7-5
Away Dog	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	0-2	2-3	11-10
Favorite (Dan Hawkins)	2-5	5-3	6-3	1-4	1-2	5-4	1-2	21-23
Dog	3-1	3-1	2-2	4-3	5-4	0-3	3-5	20-19
vs Conf	4-4	6-3	7-2	4-4	4-5	4-5	3-5	32-28
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-3	1-3	2-1	1-2	1-2	9-14
Off SU Win	1-2	7-2	6-3	1-4	5-2	3-4	0-2	23-19
Off SU Loss	4-3	1-1	2-1	3-3	1-3	2-2	4-5	17-18

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Insight.com	-7'	Boston College - #25	62-28
01	Fiesta - #3	-3	Oregon - #2	16-38
02	Alamo - #14	-7	Wisconsin (OT)	28-31
04	Houston	-4	UTEP	33-28
05	Champs Sports	+10'	Clemson - #23	10-19

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COLORADO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	16.3	15	173	4.5	119	46.9	17.8	+8	2006	6	22.3	19	112	3.3	229	66.9	15.3
7*	23.5	19	110	3.4	223	58.5	14.2	+2	2005	9	23.6	19	101	2.8	248	58.1	14.8
7*	23.4	17	125	3.6	215	59.0	14.5	+1	2004	5	25.5	22	161	3.9	260	58.0	16.5
3	26.6	20	94	2.6	279	62.6	14.0	-6	2003	6	33.2	22	151	4.0	281	59.4	13.0
7*	28.4	19	233	5.0	142	51.6	13.2	+7	2002	8	23.2	20	170	4.3	196	56.1	15.8
9*	31.7	22	215	4.6	212	58.7	13.4	-2	2001	8	24.5	19	130	3.9	238	54.5	15.1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Hugh Charles	139	800	21	779	1	5.6
Bernard Jackson	155	884	207	677	7	4.4
Mell Holliday	105	525	13	512	1	4.9
Byron Ellis	38	133	7	126	1	3.3
Patrick Williams	7	31	9	22	0	3.1
James Cox	10	18	30	-12	1	-1.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Bernard Jackson	219	108	49.3	1298	7	7
James Cox	30	11	36.7	124	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Riar Geer	24	261	10.9	3	28	
Patrick Williams	19	242	12.7	1	42	
Alvin Barnett	21	232	11.0	1	38	
Cody Crawford	15	222	14.8	0	31	
Dusty Sprague	11	179	16.3	0	63	
Hugh Charles	9	85	9.4	0	33	
Jarrell Yates	2	43	21.5	1	29	
Maurice Cantrell	2	38	19.0	0	20	
Tyson DeVree	4	36	9.0	1	18	
Byron Ellis	4	26	6.5	0	7	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matthew DiLallo	47	2056	43.7	3	36.7(t)	2	14
Issac Garden	6	216	36.0	1	–	0	1
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mason Crosby	19-19	5-6	7-8	5-5	2-9	19-28	56

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jordon Dizon	137	4	7	1	0
Thaddaeus Washington	107	0.5	6	4	1
Brad Jones	72	0.5	0	1	1
Lionel Harris	67	0	3	2	1
Abraham Wright	57	11.5	4	3	0
Terrence Wheatley	57	1.5	2	11	5
Brandon Nicolas	57	0	4	0	0
Ryan Walters	57	0	1	3	2
JJ Billingsley	52	0	2	4	1
George Hypolite	50	2.5	10	3	0
Walter Boye-Doe	49	2.5	3	2	0
Terry Washington	48	0	2	2	0
Cha'pelle Brown	35	0	3	2	1
Michael Sipili	31	0	0	1	0
Lorenzo Sims	29	0	0	4	0
Benjamin Burney	23	0	1	0	0
Maurice Lucas	14	1	0	0	0
Alonzo Barrett	12	0	0	0	0
Alex Ligon	11	1	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Stephone Robinson	15	76	5.1	0	
Chase McBride	6	41	6.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Stephone Robinson	15	261	17.4	0	
Terry Washington	10	194	19.4	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

CU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Montana St	12	32 - 106	3.3	8 - 22	110	2	16	35 - 50	1.4	24 - 35	238	3	-1
–	† Colorado St	9	33 - 75	2.3	9 - 15	71	4	16	34 - 15	0.4	20 - 23	233	6	+1
–	Arizona St	13	44 - 133	3.0	8 - 18	86	5	24	37 - 182	4.9	21 - 37	248	1	+1
–	at Georgia	17	39 - 173	4.4	14 - 27	140	2	16	27 - 54	2.0	18 - 29	230	2	0
–	at Missouri	18	36 - 183	5.1	13 - 27	190	4	23	40 - 100	2.5	23 - 37	253	2	+2
–	Baylor	22	49 - 276	5.6	9 - 25	75	0	20	26 - 110	4.2	31 - 44	272	2	0
–	Texas Tech	20	46 - 228	5.0	12 - 19	152	3	14	15 - 31	2.1	29 - 45	245	2	+3
–	at Oklahoma	5	30 - 74	2.5	3 - 14	39	0	17	49 - 166	3.4	17 - 26	105	0	-1
–	at Kansas	18	43 - 173	4.0	9 - 27	83	3	14	33 - 161	4.9	18 - 29	180	2	+2
–	Kansas St	16	40 - 225	5.6	10 - 18	145	3	19	38 - 188	4.9	22 - 26	251	2	-1
–	Iowa St	18	38 - 263	6.9	13 - 19	200	1	19	30 - 102	3.4	18 - 29	209	2	0
–	at Nebraska	14	31 - 166	5.4	11 - 23	131	4	24	46 - 190	4.1	20 - 30	278	1	+2
TOTALS		182	461 - 2075	4.5	119 - 254	1422	31	222	410 - 1349	3.3	261 - 390	2742	25	+8
AVERAGES		15.2	38 - 173	4.5	10 - 21	119	2.6	18.5	34 - 112	3.3	22 - 33	229	2.1	0.7

2002 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre #7 Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
#7	† Colorado St	-8	14-19
#17	San Diego St	-22	34-14
#18	USC - #17	-3	3-40
–	at UCLA - #20	+11'	31-17
–	Kansas St - #13	+3'	35-31
–	at Kansas	-21	53-29
#23	Baylor	-28	34-0
#21	Texas Tech	-6	37-13
#13	at Oklahoma - #2	+13'	11-27
#18	at Missouri	-4'	42-35 OT
#17	Iowa St	-9'	41-27
#13	at Nebraska	-1	28-13
#12	† Oklahoma - #8	+7'	7-29

2003 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Colorado St - #23	+2	42-35
#24	UCLA	-3	16-14
#17	Washington St	-4'	26-47
–	at Florida St - #10	+20	7-47
–	at Baylor	-19'	30-42
–	Kansas	-6'	50-47 OT
–	at Kansas St	+18	20-49
–	Oklahoma - #1	+25	20-34
–	at Texas Tech	+14	21-26
–	Missouri - #22	+4'	21-16
–	at Iowa St	-7'	44-10
–	Nebraska - #25	+2'	22-31

2004 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Colorado St	-4	27-24
–	† Washington St	+3	20-12
–	N Texas	-20'	52-21
–	at Missouri	+7	9-17
–	Oklahoma St - #22	+6'	14-42
–	Iowa St	-10'	19-14
–	at Texas A&M - #17	+19'	26-29 OT
–	Texas - #8	+14	7-31
–	at Kansas	+2'	30-21
–	Kansas St	+2'	38-31
–	at Nebraska	+2'	26-20
–	† Oklahoma - #2	+22	3-42

2005 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Colorado St	-7	31-28
–	New Mexico St	-24	39-0
–	at Miami, Fl - #12	+14	3-23
–	at Oklahoma St	-3	34-0
–	Texas A&M	-3	41-20
#24	at Texas - #2	+17	17-42
–	Kansas	-16	44-13
–	at Kansas St	-7'	23-20
#25	Missouri	-12	41-12
#22	at Iowa St	-1'	16-30
–	Nebraska	-16	3-30
–	† Texas - #2	+26'	3-70

2006 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Montana St	NL	10-19
–	† Colorado St	+2	10-14
–	Arizona St - #22	+11'	3-21
–	at Georgia - #9	+27	13-14
–	at Missouri - #25	+16	13-28
–	Baylor	-5'	31-34 3OT
–	Texas Tech	+6'	30-6
–	at Oklahoma - #20	+14	3-24
–	at Kansas	+2	15-20
–	Kansas St	-3'	21-34
–	Iowa St	-8'	33-16
–	at Nebraska - #23	+14	14-37

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Kansas' QB situation has been very unstable due to injuries and poor performance as no less than 9 QB's have been used by Mangino in his time here. Adam Barmann had 3 starts as a true frosh in '03. He started the first 8 in 2004 but was lost due to injury. In 2005 he started the first two but eventually lost his job. Mangino likes mobile QB's and used WR Marcus Herford some but it was Jason Swanson and Brian Luke who combined to throw for 2,190 yards but with just a 13-18 ratio. Last year I called for rFr Kerry Meier (PS#34) to win the job and he did just that and unlike 2004 and 2005 he was the clear-cut starter. Meier was injured vs Toledo tossing 4 int then missed 3 straight games. Barmann hit 25 of 35 for 273 vs USF then had 54 att vs Nebraska (most since 1973, David Jaynes, 58). His 405 yards passing vs NU was the 4th highest in school history. Barmann lacked mobility and tailed off vs A&M hitting just 13 of 31 for 127. Meier returned vs Okla St but was injured again vs Baylor and Barmann hit just 4 of 10 for 25. Barmann started vs Colorado throwing 2 int and KU was being shutout at the half. Mangino was forced to pull the RS off of true frosh Todd Reesing (PS#95) who started the 2nd half and he led the comeback for the 5 point victory. Barmann DNP the rest of the year and Reesing had 13 passes in the final 3. Meier hit a solid 17 of 22 for 199 vs Iowa St, but just 8 of 15 for 99 in the season finale vs Missouri. On the season he threw for 1,193 (56.5%) with a 13-10 ratio and was the #2 rusher. Barmann threw for 911 and Reesing for 204. Herford had 3 pass attempts. Both Meier and Reesing return and they are more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Canadian Jon Cornish was recruited by USC. He had little impact his first 3 years here as KU RB's Clark Green and John Randle logged the majority of the carries. In 2004 Randle led with 540 yds (3.7), the lowest total for a KU #1 rusher since 1988. Green had the most rush attempts in 2005 (153) but finished #2 with 664 (4.3). Cornish, who was quicker and more explosive, rushed for 780 (5.8). Last year Green departed as the school's #4 all-time leading rusher. Coming into last season, KU had not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1996 but Cornish, who was the #2 pick of the Calgary Stampeders in the CFL draft, set a personal goal of 1,500. He was banged up early and was finally 100% vs Baylor when he rushed for 196. Later he had 201 vs Kan St finishing with a Big 12 leading and school record 1,457 (5.8) topping Tony Sands (1,442) and June Henley's (1,319) school marks. True frosh Jake Sharp, who was a sprinter in HS, is a workaholic and tough as nails. Sharp set a Kansas all-time HS record with 63 TD's. He played as a true frosh and had 129 (6.1) and should be the feature back in '07. Not listed below are Devin Jackson (5'9" 225 Jr), Sam Archer (6'1" 220 So) and this year's fine class of true frosh. Cornish was the school's ninth RB to top 1,000 yards and I expect Sharp to become the tenth but it will be tough to match Cornish's 2006 numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Jayhawks had to replace their #1 and #3 receivers last year with the top returnees being WR Brian Murph (33, 11.2) and TE Derek Fine (22, 11.1). Mangino commented that the WR's were one of the most improved groups on the field. Despite starting just 9, Murph led in yards with 467 (10.9) while Dexton Fields was just 12 yards behind (45, 10.1). Fine started 10 and had 28 (12.7) while Marcus Henry also had 10 starts (25, 12.6). This year they lose Murph, Jonathan Lamb (2 st, 14 rec, 15.4) and Dominic Roux (2 st, 1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Micah Brown (6'0" 178 So), Matt Bouwie (5'10" 175 rFr), Reece Petty (6'1" 185 rFr) and TE Derek Spears (6'3" 215 Jr). Despite losing its top guy, this unit has more experience and will improve with a soph QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Jayhawks had just two starters back on the O-line and only opened holes for 94 ypg (2.7, worst since 1986) while allowing 21 sacks. In 2005 they had five players back with starting experience and while they had to replace a 2nd Tm Big 12 C, they improved to 134 ypg (3.8). Eight different players earned starts in '05 and seven were back last season. The line was small the first few years under Mangino but the starters averaged 292 lbs in '06. As you would expect, the Jayhawks improved to 177 ypg rush (4.8) which was their best since 1995 while allowing 26 sacks (7.2%). This year they lose 2nd Tm Big 12 C David Ochoa (12 st, 3Y st'r), LG Bob Whitaker (12 st, 4Y st'r, HM B12), RG Travis Dambach (12 st), OG Jake Cox (4 st in '05) and LG Matt Mann (2nd string). Mangino does have some top-notch JUCO's and rFr to plug in, but this unit is clearly less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Mangino's first season, the D allowed 5.8 ypc rushing but made steady progress improving to 4.9 and 3.3. In 2005 they had the team's best rush D ever allowing a paltry 83 ypg and just 2.4 ypc. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm Big 12 DE and two other starters. Much was expected of Rodney Allen (PS#20JC) but he lost his starting spot to Russell Brorsen. With just one starter back, they were still respectable allowing 109 ypg (3.5) and have allowed just one 100 yard rusher the last two seasons. This year they lose DE Paul Como (12 st, 43 tkl, 4.5 sk), DT Wayne Wilder (12 st, 31 tkl, 3 sk) and Allen (4 st, 14 tkl, 3 sk). Their top DL, 2nd Tm Big 12 DT James McClinton is back, making this group more experienced than 2006.

LINEBACKERS - The 2005 Jayhawk LB corps was very experienced but last year KU had to replace all 3 starters and a backup who led the team in sacks (10). New starter Mike Rivera was actually bigger and faster than any of 2005's LB's and the unit may have been more athletic in 2006. Eric Washington, the fastest of the LB's, started the first five but then was injured and lost for the season. Arist Wright and James Holt shared his spot the rest of the season. This season the only loss is Washington (34 tkl) and the entire 2 deep from the second half of the season returns. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Matt Zeleznak (6'0" 215 Jr) and Jamal Murray (5'10" 220 rFr). This group is the polar opposite of 2006 in terms of experience.

LB Matt Rivera

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Mangino's first two seasons, the Jayhawks were just #107 and #98 in my pass D rankings. In 2003 they moved a RB and a WR to DB midyear and that former WR (Gordon) received 1st Tm Big 12 honors at CB in 2004 moving KU up to #19. In 2005 they had seven players back with starting experience and true frosh Aqib Talib (HM B12) started 9 and the unit finished #39. Last year they had to replace six players who combined for 29 starts. Darrell Stuckey was the projected starter at FS but he missed the first 5 (inj). VHT true frosh Anthony Webb (PS#39) started the last nine at CB and he and Talib were one of the top CB combo's in the Big 12 combining for 9 int's and 28 pbu. This year they must replace SS Jerome Kemp (12 st, HM B12, 82 tkl) and CB Blake Bueltel (3 st, 17 tkl). Due to an inexperienced front 7, the Jayhawks slid to #51. With a couple of JUCO's added and Webb, Talib and Stuckey all back, the Jayhawks should make a solid climb in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This has been an area of strength under Mangino as the last 3 years they have finished #38, #29 and #47. Last year they did have to replace the school's all-time career PR leader in Charles Gordon but Brian Murph had just 1 PR in '05 and it was an 85 yard TD in the bowl game. Last year Murph had 8 PR (19.5) including a TD vs NWSt, while Jonathan Lamb had 15 (11.0). The top KR was Marcus Herford 29 (26.1). Scott Webb hit 13 of 18 FG's with a long of 49 and had an outstanding 35 TB on 69 KO. Kyle Tucker's 34.5 net punt average was his lowest in 3 years and he was an '05 Ray Guy semifinalist. This year the losses are Lamb and Murph. KU has blocked 6 punts the last 3 years so they are a Top 25 ST contender in 2007 especially if Tucker regains his form.

COACHES - Mark Mangino enters his 6th season after being the OC/OL coach at Okla from '99-'01 and an asst at K-St for 8 years prior. His OC the first 5 years was Nick Quartaro who resigned in the offseason. Former KU OL/run-game coordinator ('03-'04) Ed Warinner returns as the OC. He spent the last two seasons at Illinois where he also served as run-game coordinator and OL coach. He also spent two seasons as the OC/QB coach at Army. The DC is Bill Young who held that spot at Ohio St, Okla and USC from '88-'00 and now enters his 6th year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kansas has never finished in the upper half of the B12 North. In fact, its best conf record since the '96 inception of the B12 is 3-5 and they are 23-65 in 11 years. Mangino inherited a team that was outgained by an average of 219.5 ypg in conf play in '01 and outscored by 27.1 ppg with the league's fewest returning starters. I called for a winless B12 season and KU was 0-8 in league play in 2002 being outscored by 31.9 ppg. Mangino weeded out a lot of bad apples and 31 underclassmen from the '02 spring roster had left by the start of '03. They were a better conditioned team in '03 bolstered by a heavy JC infusion and went to their first bowl S/'95 finishing 6-7. KU was a veteran team with 15 starters back in '04, but I pegged them for last in the Big 12 North because of the tough schedule (8 foes were in an '03 bowl). Mangino had his best team yet in 2005 but they were picked 6th in the B12 North (media days). Almost all of the scholarship players stayed over the summer. KU drew another tough schedule with the top 3 B12 South teams (TX, TT and Okla). In my magazine I broke their season down into 3 parts calling for a 3-0 start, an 0-4 middle and a strong finish and that is precisely what happened. The D allowed just 303 ypg and was the key to their first winning season since '95 despite being-8 in TO's. They opened the B12 0-4 because the offense went through a stretch of 164 minutes without a TD (all 4 were away). They beat Nebraska for the first time since 1968 (40-15) and beat Iowa St in OT in the finale with a bowl bid on the line. They then destroyed Houston in the bowl with a season high 538 yards. Last year the offense had 7 starters back and I called for solid improvement and they avg 29.0 ppg (+6.6 from '05). The defense, while athletically talented, had just 3 starters back (lost 8 of their top 11 tacklers) and slipped just a little to 25.5 ppg allowed even though they were without Texas, Okla and TTech on the schedule. KU had 4 close losses and could have finished as strong as 10-2 (see Big 12 Regional Magazine). In five of their defeats, they led in the 2H! They also had 3 close wins and could have finished 3-9. They were bowl eligible at 6-6, but no invite. They did have their home win streak snapped at 9 but are 11-2 at home the last two seasons. The Jayhawks return 6 starters on offense including QB Meier who started as a rFr but lose outstanding RB Cornish. The defense has 8 starters back including 12 of the top 17 tacklers. Five of the team's 6 losses were decided by an average of 5.4 ppg. Kansas was outgained by 31.7 ypg in conf play LY (3rd worst) and have to face five Big 12 foes away from Memorial Stadium where they have struggled over the years. They still avoid Okla, Texas and TTech from the Big 12 South and while they do have a couple of tough MAC opponents, the non-conf slate is manageable. KU should jump off to a 5-1 start this year and achieve bowl eligibility for a 3rd straight season.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 10 KERRY MEIER SO. 6-3 226 **PS#34**. 8 st rFr (inj), 1193 (57%), 13-10 ratio, 447 rush. 5 Todd Reesing (5-11 190 So) PS#95. 3 gm, 315 ttl yds. 17 Tyler Lawrence (6-3 205 rFr) PS#129.

RB 1 Jake Sharp So. 5-10 190 **PS#29**. 278 all-purp yd true. Angus Quigley (6-2 210 So). Carmon Boyd-Anderson PS#104. Donte Bean (5-9 180 rFr) PS#71. Gary Green PS#144.

WR 86 MARCUS HENRY SR. 6-4 200 PS#143. 6 st '05, 17 (10.8). 10 st in '06, 25 (12.6). 18 Xavier Rambo (6-0 185 rFr) PS#103. FB **35 Brandon McAnderson** (6-0 235 Sr) **2nd Tm B12 LY.**

WR 13 Marcus Herford Jr. 6-3 210 PS#250QB. 2 st 2Y, 15 rec. 29 KR (26.1) LY. 89 **Tertavian Ingram** (6-0 185 rFr) **PS#59.** 82 Jeff Foster (6-2 195 Sr) 1 st, 5 rec (20.2) 2Y.

WR 88 DEXTON FIELDS JR. 6-0 200 PS#201. 12 st LY, 45 rec (10.1). 38 Raymond Brown (6-3 200 Jr) PS#148DB. 2 st, 11 tkl CB LY. 9 Raimond Pendleton (5-10 180 So) PS#270.

TE 85 DEREK FINE SR. 6-3 245 PS#63. 23 st TE 3Y, 52 rec (11.8). 87 Bradley Dedeaux (6-3 250 rFr) PS#27. 83 Marc Jones (6-4 241 Sr) 9 gms '06. Matthew Matte (6-2 230 So).

C 50 Ryan Cantrell Jr. 6-3 285 PS#163. L5 st RG rFr. 1 of strongest on team. 2nd string LY, 3 gm. 55 John Marshall (6-3 280 rFr) PS#367. Jeremiah Hatch is PS#260.

RG 79 Chet Hartley Jr. 6-4 315 PS#116JC. In for spring. 67 Rameses Arceo (6-4 295 Jr) PS#347JC. RS. Jeff Spikes (6-6 312 Fr) PS#278. 62 Alex Smith (6-0 275 rFr).

LG 66 Adrian Mayes Jr. 6-3 300 PS#431DL. 75 Marcus Anderson (6-4 285 Sr) PS#201OL in '02. 2Y starter JUCO, PS#60JC. RS '05.70 Matt Darton (6-6 305 Jr) 2nd string LY.

RT 65 CESAR RODRIGUEZ SR. 6-7 286 PS#185DL. 6 st RT rFr, 53 kds. 12 st LT '05. 12 st LY. 63 Ian Wolfe (6-5 280 rFr) PS#137. 68 Carl Wilson (6-4 275 rFr) PS#462.

LT 78 ANTHONY COLLINS JR. 6-6 300 PS#469DL. 1 st, 8 gm rFr. 12 st RT LY, **HM B12.** 60 Jose Rodriguez (6-6 255 So) PS#200. 59 Sal Capra (6-3 245 rFr) PS#130LB.

K 39 SCOTT WEBB SR. 5-11 180 PS#20. 14 of 19 FG '05, long 48. **HM B12**. 13 of 18 FG LY, long 49. Jacob Branstetter (5-10 175 rFr) PS#87. Stephen Hoge **PS#27**. 85% TB on KO HS.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 84 Jeff Wheeler So. 6-7 260 Scout Tm Def MVP '05. 7 tkl, 2 sk LY. 87 John Larson (6-3 245 Jr) 13 tkl, 2 sk LY. 95 Jason Thompson (6-6 245 So) PS#226. 2 tkl true.

DT 93 JAMES McCLINTON SR. 6-1 283 PS#120. 1 tkl true. 11 st '05, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm Big 12**, 51 tkl, 6 sk, 8 tfl. 94 Caleb Blakesley (6-5 285 So) PS#143OL. 5 tkl, 1 sk LY. Scout MVP '05.

DT 72 Todd Haselhorst Jr. 6-4 300 **PS#63OL**. 13 tkl, 4 tfl true. RS '05 (inj). 1 tkl, 6 gm LY. 73 Justin Pessetto (6-3 285 rFr) PS#475OL. 99 Jamal Greene (6-4 265 rFr) PS#192.

DE 81 RUSSELL BRORSEN JR. 6-4 238 PS#129. 12 gm TE true. 8 st DE '06, 33 tkl, 4 sk, 2 tfl. 47 Maxwell Onyegbule (6-4 230 rFr) PS#224LB. **Co-Scout Tm Def POY**. 90 Richard Alspaugh (6-3 225 Jr).

OLB 8 JOE MORTENSEN JR. 6-1 245 PS#82. **Scout Tm Def POY true**. 4 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 82 tkl, 9 tfl. 58 Jake Schermer (6-2 215 So) PS#208. 17 tkl rFr. 51 Dakota Lewis (6-1 206 rFr) PS#176.

MLB 40 MIKE RIVERA JR. 6-3 250 PS#81. 20 tkl '05. 12 st LY, 90 tkl (#1), 7.5 tfl, 8 qbh. 16 Brandon Duncan (6-1 210 So) PS#66. 7 tkl. Acad?? 61 Ian Handshy (6-1 235 So) PS#168.

OLB 12 JAMES HOLT JR. 6-3 200 3 st LY (inj 4), 29 tkl. 41 **Arist Wright** (6-0 210 So) 4 st rFr, 27 tkl. Olaitan Oguntodu (6-0 200 So) PS#69DB. 49 Drew Dudley PS#120. In for spg.

CB 20 ANTHONY WEBB SO. 6-0 180 **PS#39**. Last 9 starts as true, 42 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu. 24 Kendrick Harper (5-11 185 Jr) PS#228JC. In for spring. Ryan Murphy (5-10 171) **PS#158.**

CB 3 AQIB TALIB JR. 6-2 180 9 st rFr, 54 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. 1st Tm B12 LY, 10 st (susp 2) 6 int, **22 pbu**. 26 Phillip Strozier (6-0 190 rFr) **PS#64**. 45 Stanley Redwine (5-10 175 Jr).

SS 7 Patrick Resby Jr. 6-2 195 PS#78JC. In for spg. 36 Tang Bacheyie (6-1 205 Jr). Canadian. GS '04. 19 Brian Seymour (6-1 190 Sr). 28 Chris Clawson (5-10 180 rFr).

FS 25 DARRELL STUCKEY SO. 6-1 202 PS#215. Inj 1st 5, 4 st L7, 32 tkl. 46 **Justin Thornton** (6-1 195 So) PS#115. 4 st rFr, 46 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. 27 Sadiq Muhammed (6-0 195 Sr) 4 st LY, 16 tkl.

P 15 KYLE TUCKER SR. 6-2 205 58 punts true, 40.1 avg, net 36.9. 66 punts, 42.9 avg. 35.6 net '05, Ray Guy semifinalist. 58 punts, 39.2 avg, 34.5 net LY. 22 Kyle Davis (5-10 178 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Patrick Resby 6-2 195 PS#78JC
OL	Chet Hartley 6-4 315 PS#116JC
DB	Kendrick Harper 5-11 185 PS#228JC
RB	Carmon Boyd-Anderson 6-1 200 PS#104
LB	Drew Dudley 6-2 225 PS#120
RB	Steven Foster 6-2 235 PS#125LB
DB	Anthony Davis 6-0 192 PS#157
DB	Ryan Murphy 5-10 171 PS#158
WR	Rell Lewis 5-10 185 PS#179DB
DL	Patrick Dorsey 6-0 267 PS#175LB
RB	Brian Murphy 5-8 165 PS#200
OL	Jeremiah Hatch 6-3 311 PS#260
K	Stephen Hoge 6-4 210 PS#27
DL	Richard Johnson Jr 6-4 260 PS#219
OL	Jeff Spikes 6-6 312 PS#278
WR	Chris Harris 6-0 180 PS#221
DL	Jake Laptad 6-4 223 PS#249
WR	Isiah Barfield 6-0 175 PS#213QB
WR	Dezmon Briscoe 6-3 200 PS#339
WR	Johnathan Wilson 6-3 185 PS#376
QB	AJ Steward 6-4 214 PS#288
LB	Justin Springer 6-4 220 PS#441

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MARK MANGINO (Career 25-35)
6th Year at Kansas — Mangino's Bowl Record: 1-1

Mangino's records AT KANSAS

25-35	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
20-12	Home	1-8	Vs Top 25
4-21	Away	1-3	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	2-3	Off A Bye
11-29	Vs Conference	11-21	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (26,27,2)
Lost: 21 (11,9,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,137 (#46)

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#88

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score KU	Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Central Michigan	A					
Sep. 8	SE Louisiana	A					
Sep. 15	Toledo	A					
Sep. 22	Florida Int'l	A					
Sep. 29							
Oct. 6	at Kansas St	A					
Oct. 13	Baylor	A					
Oct. 20	at Colorado	G					
Oct. 27	at Texas A&M	G					
Nov. 3	Nebraska (HC)	A					
Nov. 10	at Oklahoma St	A					
Nov. 17	Iowa St	A					
Nov. 24	† Missouri* (Kansas City)	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Frank Seurer 6,410 '80-'83
2. Kelly Donohoe 5,382 '86-'89
3. David Jaynes 5,132 '71-'73

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. June Henley 3,841 '93-'96
2. Tony Sands 3,788 '88-'91
3. Laverne Smith 3,074 '73-'76

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Willie Vaughn 2,266 '85-'88
2. Mark Simmons 2,161 '02-'05
3. Richard Estell 1,997 '82-'85

The Jayhawks are 14-2 in their home opener since 1991. KU will open with 4 straight HG's for the 1st time S/'86. First meeting vs CMU & KU is 5-6 vs current MAC tms.

SEL was 2-9 LY including Div IA losses to New Mex St, S Miss & TT by a combined 137-15. Lions suffered its largest margin of defeat in school history LY vs B12 member TTech 62-0.

Last yr KU had a 23-14 FD & 391-237 yd edge, but lost due to a -5 TO ratio. QB Meier made his 1st road start & had highs in completions, attempts & yds (23-41, 243).

The Jayhawks are 2-5 in the game prior to Kansas St but 4-1 before a bye. KU is 6-0 all-time vs current SBC members, but their avg margin of victory is only 10 ppg.

The Jayhawks are 1-9 in their first road game of the season. Kansas is 2-20 in their last 22 Big 12 road games. The home team has won 4 straight.

Baylor scored 19 pts in the 4Q last year to escape with a 1 pt win. Four of the 5 gms between KU & Bears in B12 play have been decided by a TD or less.

The HT has won 8 out of the L/10 games in this Big 12 North Division rival. LY in his debut, QB Todd Reesing was 7-11 (64%) w/196 total yds & 3 TD's (2 pass 1 rush).

KU is 0-3 at Kyle Field all-time with their avg margin of defeat by 14 ppg. The 10 FD's & 288 yds of offense the Jayhawks had LY vs the Aggies were both ssn low's.

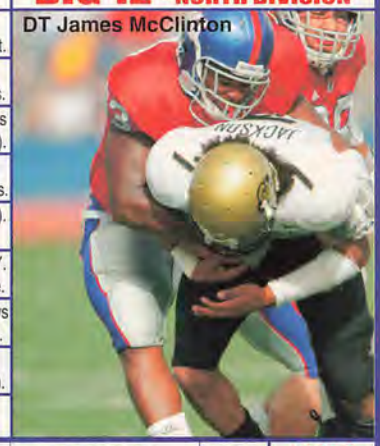
This is the second longest uninterrupted series with its 102nd meeting (since 1906). KU's 32 pts scored LY were the 3rd most ever vs NU in their 113 meetings.

Kansas was outgained by 238 yds despite a 14-0 halftime lead vs Oklahoma St LY. Both finished 6-6 LY, but due to OSU's win over KU they received the 8th B12 bowl invite.

The 31 pt win LY over ISU was KU's largest margin of victory in B12 play S/'99 (45-10 vs Baylor). Iowa St has won the L/2 season finales & 7 of L/10. The HT has won 4 of L/5.

The winner has won by double digits in 12 of their last 14 meetings. This series began in 1891 & is the 2nd longest nationally (longest west of the Miss, 115 gms).

*Kansas opted to move their home game to a neutral site of Kansas City, MO.



STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,071) (#58)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	2-10	6-6	4-7	6-5	6-6	31-49
Home	3-3	2-5	1-5	5-2	3-3	6-0	5-2	25-20
Away	1-4	1-3	1-5	1-4	1-4	0-4	1-4	6-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	2-6	1-7	0-8	3-5	2-6	3-5	3-5	14-42
ATS	3-7	3-7	3-8	5-6	7-4	5-5	6-5	32-42
Home Fav (Terry Allen)	0-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	3-2	9-8
Home Dog	1-2	0-4	0-5	2-2	3-0	2-0	0-1	8-14
Away Fav (Mark Mangino)	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-2
Away Dog	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-3	2-2	1-3	2-2	13-17
Favorite	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-1	2-2	2-1	4-2	11-10
Dog	3-4	2-6	2-8	4-5	5-2	3-4	2-3	21-32
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	1-7	3-5	5-3	4-4	5-3	23-33
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-2	9-9
Off SU Win	2-1	0-2	1-1	3-1	1-2	3-1	3-3	13-11
Off SU Loss	1-5	3-5	2-6	2-4	5-2	2-3	3-2	18-27

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
81	Hall of Fame	+6'	Mississippi St	0-10
92	Aloha	+3	BYU - #25	23-20
95	Aloha - #11	+5	UCLA	51-30
03	Tangerine	+12	NC State	26-56
05	Fort Worth	-3	Houston	42-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Kansas' All-Time Bowl Record 4-6

KANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	29.0	19	177	4.8	198	55.9	12.9	-5	2006	3	25.5	19	109	3.5	269	52.8	14.8
6*	22.4	17	134	3.8	196	53.3	14.7	-8	2005	7	22.0	17	83	2.4	220	56.7	13.8
7	23.8	17	94	2.7	220	55.7	13.2	+4	2004	8	21.4	17	118	3.3	228	53.9	16.2
5*	29.5	22	166	4.4	256	61.6	14.3	-7	2003	6	30.5	23	195	4.9	218	62.1	13.5
4	20.7	20	126	3.2	191	46.5	15.3	-9	2002	4	42.3	22	256	5.8	216	55.3	11.2
6	16.5	15	117	2.9	153	44.7	16.3	-8	2001	6	36.2	23	237	4.9	190	53.1	11.8

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jon Cornish	250	1530	73	1457	8	5.8
Kerry Meier	**99**	**447**	**101**	**346**	**5**	**3.5**
Jake Sharp	**21**	**131**	**2**	**129**	**0**	**6.1**
Brandon McAnderson	31	124	2	122	5	3.9
Todd Reesing	**13**	**111**	**5**	**106**	**2**	**8.2**
Adam Barmann	14	13	50	-37	0	-2.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kerry Meier	**184**	**104**	**56.5**	**1193**	**13**	**10**
Adam Barmann	150	82	54.7	911	3	6
Todd Reesing	**24**	**14**	**58.3**	**204**	**3**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brian Murph	43	467	10.9	3	50
Dexton Fields	**45**	**455**	**10.1**	**5**	**31**
Derek Fine	**28**	**355**	**12.7**	**5**	**40**
Marcus Henry	**25**	**316**	**12.6**	**3**	**33**
Jonathan Lamb	14	216	15.4	0	43
Jon Cornish	24	194	8.1	1	46
Marcus Herford	**8**	**137**	**17.1**	**1**	**33**
Jake Sharp	**6**	**73**	**12.2**	**0**	**42**
Brandon McAnderson	**6**	**70**	**11.7**	**0**	**48**
Aqib Talib	**1**	**42**	**42.0**	**1**	**42**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Tucker	**58**	**2276**	**39.2**	**12**	**34.5**	**1**	**23**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Scott Webb	37-40	1-2	8-8	4-8	0-0	13-18	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Rivera	**90**	**1.5**	**6**	**5**	**0**
Jerome Kemp	82	1	2	4	0
Joe Mortensen	**82**	**3.5**	**5.5**	**1**	**0**
James McClinton	**51**	**6**	**8**	**0**	**0**
Justin Thornton	**46**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Paul Como	43	4.5	4.5	3	0
Aqib Talib	**42**	**0**	**2**	**22**	**6**
Anthony Webb	**42**	**0.5**	**0**	**6**	**3**
Eric Washington	34	0	0	3	0
Russell Brorsen	**33**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Darrell Stuckey	**32**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Wayne Wilder	31	3	2	3	0
James Holt	**29**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Arist Wright	**27**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Blake Bueltel	17	0	0	4	0
Jake Schermer	**17**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Sadiq Muhammed	**16**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Rodney Allen	14	3	0	2	0
John Larson	**13**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonathan Lamb	15	165	11.0	0
Brian Murph	8	156	19.5	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Herford	**29**	**757**	**26.1**	**0**
Brandon McAnderson	4	80	20.0	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

KU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Northwestern St	18	31-209	6.7	10-20	117	1	15	30-62	2.1	22-40	217	3	0
–	ULM	16	40-161	4.0	17-28	190	2	18	23-51	2.2	24-41	377	1	-2
–	at Toledo	23	40-148	3.7	23-41	243	4	14	30-101	3.4	15-47	136	3	-5
–	USF	23	35-118	3.4	25-35	273	2	17	29-113	3.9	17-34	196	3	+1
–	at Nebraska	26	40-169	4.2	27-54	405	0	16	32-116	3.6	15-33	395	2	-1
–	Texas A&M	10	27-113	4.2	14-32	175	2	20	31-146	4.7	25-45	240	1	0
–	Oklahoma St	18	35-178	5.1	15-27	187	3	27	43-192	4.5	23-35	411	2	+2
–	at Baylor	22	46-284	6.2	11-24	98	2	24	15-66	4.4	33-55	394	2	+2
–	Colorado	14	33-161	4.9	18-29	180	2	18	43-173	4.0	9-27	83	3	-2
–	at Iowa St	19	46-169	3.7	20-27	234	3	12	30-33	1.1	16-31	180	6	0
–	Kansas St	21	36-247	6.9	11-23	108	2	20	30-118	3.9	23-44	244	4	+2
–	at Missouri	14	29-160	5.5	12-23	162	3	27	37-137	3.7	26-38	356	1	-2
TOTALS		224	438-2119	4.8	203-363	2372	26	228	373-1308	3.5	248-470	3229	31	-5
AVERAGES		18.7	37-177	4.8	17-30	198	2.2	19.0	31-109	3.5	21-39	269	2.6	-0.4

2002 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa St	+21	3-45
–	at UNLV	+14	20-31
–	Missouri St	NL	44-24
–	Bowling Green	+10'	16-39
–	at Tulsa	-4	43-33
–	at Baylor	+4	32-35
–	Colorado	+21	29-53
–	Texas A&M	+23	22-47
–	at Missouri	+21	12-36
–	Kansas St - #14	+33	0-64
–	at Nebraska	+36	7-45
–	Oklahoma St	+23	20-55

2003 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northwestern	+6	20-28
–	UNLV	+10'	46-24
–	at Wyoming	+4	42-35
–	Jacksonville St	NL	41-6
–	Missouri - #23	+9'	35-14
–	at Colorado	+6'	47-50 OT
–	Baylor	-21	28-21
–	at Kansas St	+20	6-42
–	at Texas A&M	+11'	33-45
–	Nebraska - #19	+18	3-24
–	at Oklahoma St - #24	+20	21-44
–	Iowa St	-10	36-7

2004 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Tulsa	-4	21-3
–	Toledo	-3	63-14
–	at Northwestern	+2'	17-20
–	Texas Tech	+6	30-31
–	at Nebraska	+13	8-14
–	Kansas St	+3'	31-28
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+27	10-41
–	at Iowa St	-4	7-13
–	Colorado	-2'	21-30
–	Texas - #6	+22	23-27
–	at Missouri	+11	31-14

2005 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Florida Atlantic	-24	30-19
–	Appalachian St	NL	36-8
–	Louisiana Tech	-14'	34-14
–	at Texas Tech - #16	+18'	17-30
–	at Kansas St	+5	3-12
–	† Oklahoma	+6'	3-19
–	at Colorado	+16	13-44
–	Missouri	+5	13-3
–	Nebraska	-1	40-15
–	at Texas - #2	+32'	14-66
–	Iowa St	+3'	24-21 OT

2006 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northwestern St	NL	49-18
–	ULM	-23'	21-19
–	at Toledo	+4'	31-37 2OT
–	USF	-3'	13-7
–	at Nebraska - #21	+22'	32-39 OT
–	Texas A&M	+1	18-21
–	Oklahoma St	-2'	32-42
–	at Baylor	+3	35-36
–	Colorado	-2	20-15
–	at Iowa St	-2	41-10
–	Kansas St	-2'	39-20
–	at Missouri	+7	17-42

IOWA ST CYCLONES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 the Cyclones had to replace super QB Seneca Wallace who guided the team to two bowls and threw for a school record 3,245 yards in 2002. Three QB's battled to replace him and the team completed just 45.5%. In my 2004 magazine, I projected rFr Bret Meyer (PS#69) as the starter. Meyer, who has a rocket for an arm yet is mobile, was the co-Scout Tm Off POY in '03. Meyer and Austin Flynn (PS#34, 7 st '03) alternated early. Meyer took control at midseason and Flynn attempted just one more pass. Meyer threw for 1,926 (51.4%) with a 10-6 ratio and was the MVP of the bowl rushing for 122. They moved Flynn to WR. Meyer showed a lot of improvement in '05 with a 14-3 ratio in the final six games (5-7 ratio first 6) and set a school record with 155 straight passes without an int. He threw for the school's 2nd most passing yards in a season (2,876, 61.7%) with 410 rush. He did not miss a snap. The team signed local Ames product Austen Arnaud (PS#26) and he was given the backup QB job but was able to RS LY with Meyer once again taking every snap. With an injury-plagued offense, his numbers dropped some to 2,546 (56.4%) and surprisingly only had a 12-12 ratio (439 rush). Meyer is already the school's record holder for TD passes (41) and passing yards (7,348), but I give Arnaud a shot at beating him out this year. Adding depth is Nate Mechaelsen (6'2" 209 Sr, PS#102). Of course new coaches like their own recruits so keep an eye on true frosh Phillip Bates (PS#30). I look for much improved numbers from the Iowa St QB's in 2007.

QB Bret Meyer

RUNNING BACKS - Dan McCarney did a great job at developing RB's. They had a 1,000 yard rusher in each of his first 7 years and actually led the Big 12 in rushing four times. That was remarkable given the presence of Nebraska's outstanding rush attacks. The 1,000 yard streak came to a halt in 2002. Stevie Hicks led in '03 with just 471 (3.8). Thanks to 159 yds in the 2004 bowl, Hicks (1,062) became the 8th 1,000 yard rusher in McCarney's tenure but he avg just 3.9 ypc. Three true frosh played in '04 including Jason Scales (PS#42) who had 92 (2.5). Hicks was banged up in '05 and had just 545 (3.7). Greg Coleman was #2 with 419 (3.6) and FB Ryan Kock had 129 (2.4). Last year the only loss was Coleman and the unit was banged up again. Hicks played in just 8 (missed the last 4) leading with 523 (4.9). Scales only played in 9 (176, 3.3) and true frosh Josh Johnson (PS#55) played in just 4 (60, 2.6). None of the RB's even touched the ball in the 2H vs N Iowa and Scales' high point came with 67 yds vs K-St but still missed the last 1.5Q's with an injury. FB Kock led with 82 vs Colorado then had more yards vs Missouri (179) than he had in his first 3 years in the program finishing #2 with 332 (4.5). This year they lose Hicks, Kock and J Johnson (dismissed spring) but Scales does return. Added to the mix is Jason Harris (PS#229) who started 5 at FS last year (20 tkl) and moves back to RB. Not listed below are Rickey Thompson (5'9" 203 Jr), FB Taylor Mansfield (6'1" 255 rFr, PS#338DL) Brian Ekwelundu (5'11" 231 So) and Steven Ebner (5'10" 228 Sr). The biggest addition is Jamicah "JJ" Bass (PS#39JC) who could beat out Scales for the feature role. Having to replace the top two rushers is not an easy task but in this case, I would expect more productivity from this year's RB corps.

RECEIVERS - McCarney called Todd Blythe one of the best prospects he's had here as he set a school record with 9 rec TD's (39, 21.4) as a rFr. He tore his ACL prior to '05 but still played in all 12 and avg a team best 19.6 ypc with 9 TD's but was #2 in rec with 51. Austin Flynn moved in from QB and snagged 56 (11.1). Jon Davis (6'4") had 48 rec in '04 and 41 (7.8) in '05. Last year everyone returned including TE Ben Barkema (11, 9.6). Davis suffered an Achilles' injury in the spring but healed quickly and was #2 with 36 (14.1) while Flynn led with 41 (11.5). Blythe came down with a virus and missed 3 and saw his numbers drop to 34 (14.2). RJ Sumrall, who is a hurdler on the track team, had 25 (12.4) and Milan Moses (PS#64), who battles Crohn's disease, added 24 (11.8). This year they must replace Davis (11 st), Flynn (6 st) and TE Walter Nickel (6 st, 15, 12.5). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Derron Montgomery (6'1" 176 rFr, PS#127RB, susp spring), Zak Chike (6'0" 187 rFr), Justin Lillie (6'5" 218 So), Jake Williams (6'2" 195 rFr) and Joel Zitek (6'2" 199 So). With the loss of their top two guys, I'll call this group down a few notches in 2007.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Iowa St usually had a top-notch O-line under McCarney, but they have struggled the last four years and in 2005 opened holes for just 2.7 ypc rush while allowing 39 sacks (10.6%). Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 19 starts but the Cyclones had a veteran unit with 4 returning starters and a VHT projected to start at the open spot. Four seniors started all 12 but surprisingly they only avg'd 102 ypg rushing (3.0), their lowest ypg since 1997 (93 ypg). In a 4 game span (Okla-Kansas), they allowed 20 sacks yielding 38 on the year (10.1%). This year, they lose 2nd Tm B12 C Scott Stephenson (12 st, 2Y st'r), LG Seth Zehr (12 st, 4Y st'r), RT Aaron Brant (12 st, 4Y st'r, HM B12), LT Scott Fisher (12 st, 2Y st'r) and 2nd stringers RG Paul Fisher (PS#52JC), C Bastian Schober and T John Tjaden. This is a lightly experienced unit with 8 of the top 10 gone and they also must learn a new system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cyclones had a deep, veteran D-line in 2005 and allowed just 3.0 ypc rushing, their lowest since they started keeping team records in 1946. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 30 starts and 13 sacks. Two true frosh and a JUCO, who was not cleared until late August, combined to start 17 games in 2006. While they allowed a respectable 154 ypg rush, the ypc increased to 4.6 and the team combined for 24 sk. This year they lose DT Brent Curvey (12 st, 46 tkl, 7 sk, HM B12), DE Shawn Moorehead (12 st, 46 tkl, 8.5 sk, ISU's career sack leader, 18.5) and DE John Machado (4 tkl). Four players are back with starting experience plus Kurtis Taylor (PS#154LB) and Travis Ferguson (PS#67LB) who both missed last year with injury. They lose two DL who combined for 15.5 sacks and the returning players in the 2 deep have only had 5.5 career sacks in Div IA combined.

LINEBACKERS - Perhaps a big reason for Iowa St's slip in the ypc allowed was the fact that they had to replace 3 LB's (combined for 30 starts) in '05 including a #5DC. They returned Adam Carper (6 st '05), PS#76JC Alvin Bowen, who had 33 tackles, and brought in Mich St transfer Tyrone McKenzie who became the #2 tackler. Carper was lost for the season after 5 and was the #4 tackler at the time. He was replaced by Jon Banks who finished #3 with 99. It was a very productive unit as the LB's were the top 3 tacklers led by 1st Tm B12 WLB Bowen who finished #1 in the NCAA in tpg (12.92). LY's DC Skladany called Bowen "an athletic marvel". This year they must replace MLB McKenzie (12 st, 129 tkl, 9.5 tfl, transfer to USF) but have 5 of the top 6 back and add JUCO Michael Bibbs and rFr Kris Means (PS#51). This is a quality unit and is much more experienced than 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cyclones have had respectable finishes at #44 in my pass D rankings in '04 and #32 in '05. Last year only one player returned with starting experience. RB Jason Harris moved to FS in August and started 5. Their lone returning starter, DeAndre Jackson, was lost for the year after 7 starts. As you would expect, the lightly experienced unit struggled and allowed 72.5% with a 26-6 ratio finishing #118. This year they must replace CB Jackson (26 tkl), FS Ryan Baum (10 tkl), 3rd string SS David Rahe (6 tkl) and Harris, who moves back to RB. They add JUCO CB Allen Bell, who is 6'2" with 4.38 speed. This group has no way to go but up.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The winds at Jack Trice Stadium can be tough on kickers. ISU finished #108 in my ST rankings in '03, #75 in '04 and moved up to #45 in 2005. Last year they had to replace their P and LS Landon Schrage (UFA BAL). K Bret Culbertson, who hit 12 of 16 (long 45) in '05, hit 8 of 11 with a long of 52 in '06. Josh Griebahn had 13 TB on 46 KO. P Mike Brandtner avg 41.2 (net 35.6). Ryan Baum took over the PR duties (16.0) while Milan Moses (21.7) and DeAndre Jackson (19.6) were the top KR's. Surprisingly ISU did not block a punt (8 previous 4 years). The Cyclones finished #63 in '06 and even with the loss of Baum, could improve.

COACHES - Iowa St did a great job sticking with Dan McCarney, despite having five straight losing seasons to open his tenure. He rewarded them with 5 bowl bids in the next 7 years. He was also voted the Big 12 Coach of the Year in 2004. Surprisingly, McCarney was forced out with two games to go LY. McCarney has the most wins (56) of any head coach (14 more than #2 Clay Stapleton from 1958-'67) in ISU history, and in 2002 had the team as high as #9 in the rankings. They made a solid hire bringing in Gene Chizik who was the DC at Auburn for 3 years including their undefeated season in 2004. Chizik won the Broyles Award that season as the Tigers allowed a paltry 11.3 ppg (#1 in NCAA). Chizik was the DC for Texas' undefeated season in 2005 and had a personal win streak of 29 straight. New OC Robert McFarland was the HC at SF Austin the last 2 years (9-13) and coached at EC, UCF, Kent St, ND, Clemson and ULL. The new DC is Wayne Bolt, who was the DC at UAB from 2003-'05 and at Troy prior to that.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going 13-42 in his first 5 years, Dan McCarney went on a streak of 25-15 in his next 40 including 2-0 to open 2003. ISU got as high as #9 in 2002 when they were 6-1 but went on a 3-15 stretch. The 2003 team was injury-plagued and dropped their last 10 games being outgained in B12 play by an amazing 261.7 ypg and outscored by 34 ppg (B12 worst). In 2004 I picked them ahead of Nebraska in the B12 North standings despite NU finishing 10-3 in 2003. ISU did not disappoint me. They very nearly took home the undisputed B12 North Title, if not for a missed FG vs Missouri in an OT loss. In 2005, they made it to their 5th bowl game in 6 years. They knocked off #8 Iowa at home and did have 3 net close losses. They also stunned Texas A&M 42-14 in College Station. That team did benefit from +14 in turnovers (see page 312). Last year they had a young defense with just 4 starters back and also took on the toughest schedule of the Big 12 North teams having to face Okla, Texas and TTech out of the South. The Cyclones got off to a 3-2 start and had their largest ever home crowd in the newly re-configured stadium (55,518 vs N Iowa). When the team stood at 3-7, McCarney resigned under pressure with 2 games to go. He failed to achieve a share of the Big 12 Title in his tenure with ISU's last conference title coming in 1912 as the Co-Champs of Missouri Valley Conf. Last year's ISU team benefitted from 4 net close wins (pg 299) and this year they face the same slate in the B12 South. ISU was outgained by 113.1 ypg in league play (2nd worst) and has only 11 returning starters (2nd lowest in B12). This inexperienced team also has to learn new schemes on both sides of the ball with a new coaching staff. I will call for the Cyclones to have their 2nd consecutive losing season and their 3rd losing year in the last 8.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 7 BRET MEYER SR. 6-3 204 PS#69. 36 st 3Y, 7348 pass (56.9%), 41-28 ratio, 1379 rush, 9 TD's. **4** Austen Arnaud (6-3 222 rFr) **PS#26**. Phillip Bates is PS#30.

RB NA Jamicah "JJ" Bass Jr. 6-1 210 PS#39JC. 4.5 spd, 1200 rush JC LY. **6** Jason Scales (5-9 217 Jr) PS#42. 1 st 2Y, 268 (2.9). **22** Jason Harris (5-11 208 Jr) PS#229. 5 st FS LY, 20 tkl.

WR 5 RJ Sumrall Jr. 6-1 200 PS#192. 1 st rFr, 20 (15.6). 2 st LY, 25 (12.4). Hurdler track tm. **32 Milan Moses** (6-1 201 Sr) PS#64. 18 rec '04-'05. 3 st LY, 24 (11.8). 15 KR (21.7).

WR 1 TODD BLYTHE SR. 6-5 209 PS#42. 12 st rFr, 39 (21.4). **12 st '05, 1 st Tm B12**, 51 (19.6). 8 st LY (inj) 34 (14.2). Marquis Hamilton (6-3 217 So) PS#87. 1 st, 6 rec rFr.

WR NA Wallace Franklin Jr. 6-3 175 PS#182JC. '03 orig at Neb. **14** Houston Jones (6-1 182 So) PS#75QB. **36** Matt Scribbins (6-3 207 So) PS#141DB. Euseph Messiah (5-10 174 Jr).

TE 41 BEN BARKEMA SR. 6-3 252 PS#96. 3 st, 5 rec rFr. 12 st '05, 18 (13.6). 8 st LY, 11 (9.6). **80** Brandon Tinlin (6-4 254 Sr) PS#140. **84** Derrick Catlett (6-4 251 So) PS#45.

C 60 Brandon Johnson Jr. 6-3 309 PS#489. Moved to DT '05. Back OL LY. **55** Anthony Walker (6-2 290 Sr) PS#211. **52** Mike Knapp (6-3 271 So). **LS** Matt Purvis (6-2 227 Sr) 12 gm.

RG 70 TOM SCHMELING JR. 6-3 295 PS#142. 2nd string rFr. First 8 st RG LY until inj. **77** Alex Alvarez (6-2 290 So) PS#410JC. Joe Vanstrom (6-6 299 Jr) PS#206. Sean Smith (6-4 266 rFr).

LG 73 Reggie Stephens So. 6-3 322 PS#145. +45 lbs in RS year. 4 st RG LY. **66** Joe Blaes (6-2 297 Jr) PS#129JC. In for spring. **79** Jose Vargas (6-3 327 rFr) PS#101. Susp spring.

RT 76 Lee Tibbs Sr. 6-4 315 PS#387JC. 2nd string LY. **88** Ben Lamaak (6-4 292 rFr). +67 lbs. Landon Streit (6-5 316 So) PS#111. GS '04. No action LY. Evan Vencil (6-3 255 So).

LT 75 Doug Dedrick So. 6-4 271 PS#299JC. In for sprg. **67** Matt Hulbert (6-7 280 rFr) **PS#73**. **65** Patrick Steinbach (6-8 304 rFr) PS#202. **61** Nick Slobidsky (6-2 305 Jr).

K 37 BRET CULBERTSON SR. 6-6 179 8 of 10 FG in '04. 12 of 16 FG '05, long of 45. Hit 8 of 11 FG, long 52 LY. **19** Josh Griebahn (5-8 207 Sr) PS#18. 13 TB on 46 KO LY.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 29 RASHAWN PARKER SO. 6-0 249 PS#107RB. 5 st true, 25 tkl, 3 sk. **25** Nick Frere (6-2 244 Jr) PS#115LB. 2 tkl in '05. **90** Patrick Neal PS#451, in spg. Austin Alburtis (6-2 266 rFr) PS#256.

DT NA Michael Tate Jr. 6-5 285 PS#55DL. Signed Arkansas '04. JUCO. **93 Bryce Braaksma** (6-3 254 Sr) 7 st DE LY, 17 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Chris Weir PS#395JC. Nick Howe (6-3 260 Sr).

NG 71 ATHYBA RUBIN SR. 6-3 321 PS#112JC. Joined tm late Aug LY. 9 st NG, 34 tkl, 4 tfl. **62** Nate Frere (6-2 306 So) PS#129. 3 st true, 5 tkl. **81** Bailey Johnson (6-3 265 rFr) PS#165.

DE 47 Kurtis Taylor Jr. 6-2 255 PS#154LB. 7 tkl rFr. Inj LY. **83 Travis Ferguson** (6-5 250 Jr) PS#67LB. Inj LY. Christopher Lyle is PS#389JC. **41** Chase Hurtig (6-3 239 rFr).

SLB 16 JON BANKS SR. 6-2 219 12 st LY (5FS, 7SLB), 99 tkl, 6 pbu. **10 Adam Carper** (6-3 216 Jr) PS#88DB. 6 st SLB '05, 41 tkl. 5 st LY until inj, 39 tkl. **24** Derec Schmidgall (6-1 223 So).

MLB NA Michael Bibbs Jr. 6-2 230 PS#175JC. **43** Fred Garrin (6-1 217 So) PS#205. 3 tkl true. **54** Jesse Smith (6-0 233 So) PS#365. 7 tkl rFr. **46 Kris Means** (6-0 234 rFr) **PS#51**.

WLB 15 ALVIN BOWEN SR. 6-2 216 PS#76JC. 33 tkl, 2 tfl '05. 12 st LY, 155 tkl, 5 tfl. **1st Tm Big 12. 42** Matt Leaders (6-0 210 rFr) PS#248. **32** Josh Raven (5-11 221 So) PS#302.

CB NA Allen Bell Jr. 6-2 190 PS#105JC. **4.38 speed. 9** Devin McDowell (5-9 174 rFr) PS#174. Susp spring. **7** Drenard Williams (5-11 175 So) PS#361RB. 3 st true, 19 tkl.

CB 11 CHRIS SINGLETON JR. 5-10 191 PS#305WR. 8 tkl true. 12 st LY, 48 tkl, 2 int. **6** Chris Brown (5-10 171 Jr) PS#282WR. 3 tkl LY. **14** Zac Sandvig (5-10 183 rFr) PS#99RB. Nick Harklau (6-0 183 So).

SS 21 CALEB BERG SR. 6-1 202 PS#79. 4.43 spd. 16 tkl '04-'05. 12 st LY, 76 tkl, 3 pbu. Brandon Hunley (5-11 201 Jr) PS#157. 15 tkl 2Y. Michael O'Connell (6-0 200 rFr) PS#241WR.

FS 23 STEVE JOHNSON SO. 5-11 196 PS#234. 4 st LY (2FS, 2CB), 11 tkl. **2** James Smith (5-8 192 So) PS#390. 6 tkl rFr. **38** Brady Ervin (6-2 205 rFr). AJ Matthews is PS#198.

P 13 MIKE BRANDTNER SO. 6-1 208 PS#73. 44.2 avg in HS. 56 punts rFr, 41.2 avg, net 35.6. **11** Chris Mahoski (5-10 178 So) 51 TB on 92 KO HS. **46** Connor McMahon (5-11 221 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Jamicah "JJ" Bass 6-1 210 PS#39JC
DL	Michael Tate 6-5 285 PS#55 '04
QB	Phillip Bates 6-2 189 PS#30
DB	Allen Bell 6-2 190 PS#105JC
OL	Joe Blaes 6-2 297 PS#129JC
LB	Michael Bibbs 6-2 230 PS#175JC
WR	Wallace Franklin 6-3 175 PS#182JC
LB	Fabian Brown 6-3 230 PS#105
OL	Doug Dedrick 6-5 285 PS#299JC
WR	Alex Sandvig 6-0 180 PS#136
DL	Christopher Lyle 6-4 255 PS#389JC
DL	Chris Weir 6-3 270 PS#395JC
OL	Alex Alvarez 6-3 290 PS#410JC
DB	AJ Matthews 6-3 185 PS#198
RB	Cameron Bell 6-1 215 PS#176
DL	Randy Kellman 6-5 260 PS#222
DL	Jerrod Black 6-2 285 PS#232
LB	Curtiz Mathis 6-3 215 PS#253
OL	Kelechi Osemele 6-5 298 PS#324
LB	Anthony Green 6-0 220 PS#269
OL	James Carpenter 6-4 300 PS#370
OL	Trey Baysinger 6-6 290 PS#485
OL	Joseph Klerekoper 6-6 295 PS#485
TE	Collin Franklin 6-6 230 PS#520JC
DL	Patrick Neal 6-0 234 PS#451

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#24

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ISU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Kent St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 8	Northern Iowa	G					
Sep. 15	Iowa	G					
Sep. 22	at Toledo	A					
Sep. 29	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 6	at Texas Tech	A					
Oct. 13	Texas	G					
Oct. 20	Oklahoma (HC)	G					
Oct. 27	at Missouri	A					
Nov. 3	Kansas St	G					
Nov. 10	Colorado	G					
Nov. 17	at Kansas	A					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

The Cyclones have won their last 8 Ames openers with the average score 33-12. ISU is 20-2 vs current MAC teams & 4-0 vs Kent St winning by an avg 22 ppg.

The Cyclones hold a 18-3-3 advantage in this instate series including 5 straight. LY's attendance was 55,518 which was the largest Jack Trice Stadium crowd ever.

ISU had a 14-3 advantage late 2Q, but Iowa outscored them 24-3 the rest of the way. Cyclones have won 6 of 9 but 1 of L/3. Only 2 of 13 gms have been decided by less than 7 pts.

Iowa St has dropped 6 straight road games & are just 5-20 since 2002. ISU & UT only scored 46 pts last year in regulation (23-23) with 42 pts scored in the 3OT periods.

Iowa St is just 10-27 in conference games & have lost 4 straight Big 12 openers. The Cyclones are 6-48 all-time in Lincoln including losing 14 straight.

ISU was outgained 475-221 LY vs TT, but were within 2 pts (28-26) with 8:05 left in the 3Q largely due to 14 Red Raider penalties. Texas Tech has won 6 of 7.

Gene Chizik was an asst HC & DC at Texas when the Longhorns won the National Title in 2005. LY's gm included a 70 minute lightning/rain delay between the 3rd & 4th Q's (running clock 4Q).

ISU is just 5-66-2 all-time vs Oklahoma with 4 of the wins coming prior to 1961. The Cyclones are 3-6 in their last 9 Homecoming games (36-51-6 all-time).

With LY's win over Mizzou, Iowa St has reclaimed the Telephone Trophy for the 1st time S/'02 & former HC McCarney became the 1st ISU HC to win his career finale S/'36.

LY ISU had the FD & yd edge & led 10-0 after 1Q only to be outscored 31-0 the final 3. Both coach's (Chizik & Prince) replaced the school's winningest HC's in McCarney & Snyder.

CU scored on its first 7 possessions LY as Iowa St had no answer giving up 463 yds. The Cyclones are 6-11 in their L/17 home finales. The home team has won 4 of 5.

Last time in Lawrence ISU lost in OT, preventing them from winning the B12 North Title. The home team has won 4 of 5. Iowa St has gone just 4-13 in the season finale.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Bret Meyer 7,348 '04-Present
2. Alex Espinoza 5,307 '84-'86
3. Seneca Wallace 5,289 '01-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Troy Davis 4,382 '94-'96
2. Darren Davis 3,763 '96-'99
3. Dexter Green 3,437 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Lane Danielsen 2,690 '00-'03
2. Todd Blythe 2,317 '04-Present
3. Tracy Henderson 2,048 '82-'84

GENE CHIZIK (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Iowa St — Chizik's Bowl Record: 0-0

Chizik's records AT IOWA ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 28 (10,14,4)
Lost: 23 (13,10,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 46,171 (#44)

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

STADIUM: JACK TRICE STADIUM (50,000) (#59)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	7-6	2-10	6-5	7-4	4-8	41-40
Home	4-2	4-2	6-1	2-5	4-2	5-1	4-3	29-16
Away	4-1	3-2	1-4	0-5	2-3	2-3	0-5	12-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	4-4	0-8	4-4	4-4	1-7	22-34
ATS	7-4	7-3	7-5	1-10	6-4	6-4	3-8	37-38
Home Fav	3-1	2-0	4-2	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-2	13-7
Home Dog	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-5	2-1	2-0	1-3	6-13
Away Fav	3-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	5-3
Away Dog	1-1	2-1	2-3	0-5	3-1	2-1	2-3	12-15
Favorite	6-1	4-0	4-2	1-0	1-2	2-3	0-2	18-10
Dog	1-3	3-3	3-3	0-10	5-2	4-1	3-6	19-28
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	4-4	0-8	4-4	5-3	2-6	25-31
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-0	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	1-2	12-7
Off SU Win	4-3	5-1	4-2	1-1	4-2	4-3	1-2	23-14
Off SU Loss	3-0	2-2	2-3	0-9	2-2	2-1	2-5	13-22

Dan McCarney

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Stevie Hicks	107	547	24	523	2	4.9
Ryan Kock	74	332	0	332	6	4.5
Bret Meyer	137	439	262	177	6	1.3
Jason Scales	54	193	17	176	2	3.3
Josh Johnson	23	64	4	60	0	2.6
Austin Flynn	1	4	0	4	0	4.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bret Meyer	374	211	56.4	2546	12	12
Austin Flynn	3	1	33.3	19	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jon Davis	36	508	14.1	2	44
Todd Blythe	34	484	14.2	8	31
Austin Flynn	41	470	11.5	0	37
RJ Sumrall	25	310	12.4	0	32
Milan Moses	24	282	11.8	0	37
Walter Nickel	15	188	12.5	1	32
Ben Barkema	11	106	9.6	1	21
Ryan Kock	6	82	13.7	0	28
Marquis Hamilton	6	68	11.3	0	20
Euseph Messiah	3	28	9.3	0	10
Jason Scales	4	26	6.5	0	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Brandtner	56	2309	41.2	10	35.6	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bret Culbertson	24-24	3-4	3-3	1-3	1-1	8-11	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Alvin Bowen	155	1	4	3	1
Tyrone McKenzie	129	2	7.5	3	1
Jon Banks	99	0	2	6	0
Caleb Berg	76	0	0.5	3	0
Chris Singleton	48	0	0	3	2
Brent Curvey	46	7	5.5	0	0
Shawn Moorehead	46	8.5	3.5	3	1
Adam Carper	39	0	2	1	0
Athyba Rubin	34	1	3	0	0
DeAndre Jackson	26	0	1	2	0
Rashawn Parker	25	3	1.5	2	0
Jason Harris	20	0	0	2	1
Drenard Williams	19	0	0	0	0
Bryce Braaksma	17	1	1.5	0	0
Brandon Hunley	11	0	0	0	0
Steve Johnson	11	0	0	0	0
Ryan Baum	10	0	0	0	0
Jesse Smith	7	0	0	1	0
David Rahe	6	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Baum	13	208	16.0	1
RJ Sumrall	6	22	3.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Milan Moses	15	325	21.7	0
DeAndre Jackson	11	216	19.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Insight.com		+2	Pittsburgh	37-29
01	Independence		+6	Alabama	13-14
02	Humanitarian		+12	Boise St - #18	16-34
04	Independence		+1	Miami, Oh	17-13
05	Houston		+3	TCU - #14	24-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Iowa St's All-Time Bowl Record 2-7

IOWA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	18.8	19	102	3.0	216	56.3	16.9	-5	2006	4	30.8	20	154	4.6	239	72.5	12.8
7*	28.3	19	111	2.7	240	61.7	12.4	+14	2005	7	19.2	19	103	3.0	242	57.4	18.0
7*	20.5	19	142	3.2	187	49.6	16.1	+10	2004	5	21.6	17	139	3.5	190	54.5	15.3
8	14.4	16	121	3.2	177	45.5	20.6	-6	2003	6	36.4	22	217	5.0	226	66.8	12.2
5*	28.9	20	145	3.7	236	55.1	13.2	-1	2002	7	28.3	20	175	4.2	184	56.8	12.7
5	25.8	22	182	4.2	209	60.6	15.2	+13	2001	3	20.4	19	191	4.6	149	56.3	16.7

2006 STATS BY GAME

ISU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Toledo	24	41-159	3.9	17-26	234	2	23	27-45	1.7	39-49	367	3	+1
–	UNLV	17	37-137	3.7	14-21	203	0	17	31-74	2.4	24-35	218	3	0
–	at Iowa	18	36-171	4.8	15-31	152	2	22	30-136	4.5	26-38	274	1	+1
–	at Texas	21	27-21	0.8	25-45	302	7	24	40-193	4.8	19-24	246	1	0
–	Northern Iowa	24	28-81	2.9	24-29	323	3	18	37-176	4.8	23-30	158	1	-3
–	Nebraska	18	24-53	2.2	18-39	262	1	17	45-251	5.6	17-21	131	2	0
–	at Oklahoma	12	29-89	3.1	14-25	149	3	17	34-185	5.4	16-27	195	3	-2
–	Texas Tech	18	36-75	2.1	14-34	146	5	24	20-107	5.4	31-40	368	1	0
–	at Kansas St	21	35-104	3.0	23-41	280	6	15	32-156	4.9	14-20	161	2	-2
–	Kansas	12	30-33	1.1	16-31	180	6	19	46-169	3.7	20-27	234	3	0
–	at Colorado	19	30-102	3.4	18-29	209	2	18	38-263	6.9	13-19	200	1	0
–	Missouri	23	48-196	4.1	15-27	153	1	22	24-90	3.8	29-44	310	3	0
TOTALS		227	401-1221	3.0	213-378	2593	38	236	404-1845	4.6	271-374	2862	24	-5
AVERAGES		18.9	33-102	3.0	18-32	216	3.2	19.7	34-154	4.6	23-31	239	2.0	-0.4

2002 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Florida St - #3	+22	31-38
–	Kansas	-21	45-3
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	58-6
–	at Iowa	+3'	36-31
#21	Troy	-17	42-12
#19	Nebraska - #20	-1	36-14
#11	Texas Tech	-6'	31-17
#9	at Oklahoma - #2	+8'	3-49
#17	at Texas - #7	+12'	10-21
#22	Missouri	-9	42-35
#21	at Kansas St - #12	+13'	7-58
–	at Colorado - #17	+9'	27-41
–	Connecticut	-17	20-37

2003 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	N Iowa	NL	17-10
–	Ohio	-18'	48-20
–	Iowa - #23	+4	21-40
–	at N Illinois - #20	+6'	16-24
–	Oklahoma - #1	+21	7-53
–	at Texas Tech	+16'	21-52
–	Texas - #20	+17	19-40
–	at Nebraska - #14	+24	0-28
–	Kansas St	+18	0-45
–	Colorado	+7'	10-44
–	at Kansas	+10	7-36
–	at Missouri	+26'	7-45

2004 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	N Iowa	NL	23-0
–	at Iowa - #16	+22	10-17
–	N Illinois	-3'	48-41
–	at Oklahoma St - #25	+17	7-36
–	Texas A&M	+7	3-34
–	at Colorado	+10'	14-19
–	at Baylor	-7'	26-25
–	Kansas	+4	13-7
–	Nebraska	+4	34-27
–	at Kansas St	+11	37-23
–	Missouri	-4'	14-17 OT

2005 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Illinois St	NL	32-21
–	Iowa - #8	+9	23-3
#22	at Army	-17	28-21
#23	at Nebraska	+3'	20-27 2OT
–	Baylor	-8	13-23
–	at Missouri	+6'	24-27 OT
–	Oklahoma St	-14	37-10
–	at Texas A&M	+11'	42-14
–	Kansas St	-8	45-17
–	Colorado	+1'	30-16
–	at Kansas	-3'	21-24 OT

2006 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Toledo	-8'	45-43 3OT
–	UNLV	-13'	16-10
–	at Iowa - #16	+14	17-27
–	at Texas - #7	+24'	14-37
–	N Iowa	NL	28-27
–	Nebraska - #22	+7	14-28
–	at Oklahoma - #23	+19'	9-34
–	Texas Tech	+2	26-42
–	at Kansas St	+4	10-31
–	Kansas	+2	10-41
–	at Colorado	+8'	16-33
–	Missouri	+13'	21-16

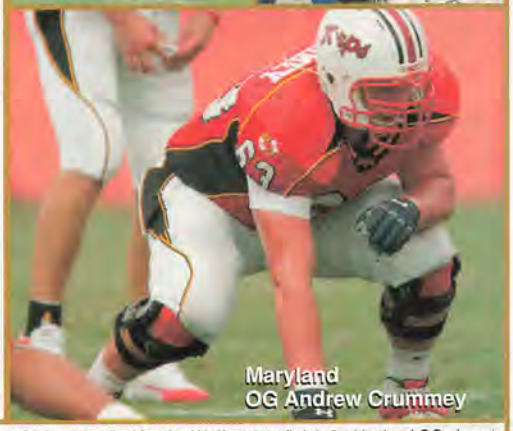
ACC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 ACC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Matt Ryan, Boston Coll	Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	Drew Weatherford, FSU	Kyle Wright, Miami
RB	James Davis, Clemson	Tashard Choice, Georgia Tech	Javarris James, Miami	Andre Brown, NCSt
RB	Branden Ore, Virg Tech	CJ Spiller, Clemson	Antone Smith, FSU	Lance Ball, Maryland
WR	Greg Carr, FSU	De'Cody Fagg, FSU	Kenny Moore, Wake Forest	Eron Riley, Duke
WR	Lance Leggett, Miami	Eddie Royal, Virg Tech	Kevin Challenger, Bost Coll	Sam Shields, Miami
WR	Darrius Heyward-Bey Maryland	Demaryius Thomas, Georgia Tech	James Johnson, Georgia Tech	Darrell Blackman, NCSt
TE	Anthony Hill, NCSt	Tom Santi, Virginia	Joey Haynos, Maryland	Sam Wheeler, Virg Tech
C	Steve Justice, Wake Forest	Derrick Morse, Miami	John Frady, FSU	Jordy Lipsey, Virginia
OG	Andrew Crummey, Maryland	Chris DeGeare, Wake Forest	Curtis Crouch, NCSt	Jacky Claude, FSU
OG	Andrew Bain, Miami	Sergio Render, Virg Tech	Branden Albert, Virginia	Ian-Yates Cunningham, Virginia
OT	Barry Richardson, Clemson	Duane Brown, Virg Tech	Andrew Gardner, Georgia Tech	Eugene Monroe, Virginia
OT	Jared Gaither, Maryland	Gosder Cherilus, Boston Coll	Reggie Youngblood, Miami	Shannon Boatman, FSU
DL	Calais Campbell, Miami	Chris Ellis, Virg Tech	Jeffrey Fitzgerald, Virginia	Alex Boston, FSU
DT	Paul Griffin, FSU	Vince Oghobaase, Duke	BJ Raji, Boston Coll	Dorell Scott, Clemson
DT	DeMario Pressley NCSt	Andre Fluellen, FSU	Darryl Richard, Georgia Tech	Dre Moore, Maryland
DL	Chris Long, Virginia	Phillip Merling, Clemson	Adamm Oliver, Georgia Tech	Michael Johnson, Georgia Tech
LB	Philip Wheeler, Georgia Tech	Xavier Adibi, Virg Tech	JoLonn Dunbar, Boston Coll	Tavares Gooden, Miami
LB	Erin Henderson, Maryland	Derek Nicholson, FSU	Antonio Appleby, Virginia	Mike Tauiliili, Duke
LB	Vince Hall, Virg Tech	Nick Watkins, Clemson	Brian Toal, Boston Coll	LeRue Rumph, NCSt
CB	Brandon Flowers, Virg Tech	Tony Carter, FSU	Victor Harris, Virg Tech	Chris Cook, Virginia
CB	DeJuan Tribble, Boston Coll	Isaiah Gardner, Maryland	Glenn Sharpe, Miami	Randy Phillips, Miami
SS	Myron Rolle, FSU	Jamal Lewis, Georgia Tech	Michael Hamlin, Clemson	Lovon Ponder, Miami
FS	Kenny Phillips, Miami	Roger Williams, FSU	Chris Clemons, Clemson	Jamie Silva, Boston Coll
K	Sam Swank, Wake Forest	Connor Barth, N Carolina	Gary Cismesia, FSU	Travis Bell, Georgia Tech
P	Durant Brooks, Georgia Tech	Sam Swank, Wake Forest	Johnny Ayers, Boston Coll	Graham Gano, FSU
KR	Darrell Blackman, NCSt	Jeff Smith, Boston Coll	Jacoby Ford, Clemson	Brandon Tate, N Carolina
PR	Eddie Royal, Virg Tech	Brandon Tate, N Carolina	Darrell Blackman, NCSt	DeJuan Tribble, Boston Coll

Florida St
SS Myron Rolle

Virginia Tech
WR Eddie Royal


Maryland
OG Andrew Crummey

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 ACC FORECAST

COASTAL DIVISION

1. VIRGINIA TECH - Virginia Tech will be playing on an emotional high and will have the entire nation cheering for them after the tragedy the Hokies endured on their campus. This is one of Beamer's best squads yet with 16 returning starters and my #1 rated defense in the ACC. While they must play Clemson and Georgia Tech on the road, they are capable of winning both of those and get key battles vs BC, Miami and Fla St at home. Despite the tough schedule, this talented squad is my favorite to represent the Coastal Division in the ACC Title game.

2. MIAMI - Not a lot went right for Miami last year, but they look much stronger in 2007. Unfortunately they have 3 tough road games in ACC play including both of my divisional favorites (Fla St and VT) as well as BC. They still have one of the top defenses in the NCAA, will have an improved offense and are one of the top teams in the country. The tough schedule has me calling for a 2nd place finish in the Coastal Division.

3. VIRGINIA - The Cavs have 19 returning starters (most in ACC) and this could be the best defense yet under Groh. This year they make my list of most improved teams which means even after last year's losing season, they will be bowl bound. The Cavs have my #1 O-line and #3 D-line in the ACC so they are strong up front.

3. GEORGIA TECH - The defending Coastal Champs are an even stronger team despite the loss of ultra talented WR Calvin Johnson. They have 15 returning starters and should get better QB play, plus have one of the top defenses in the league. GT should keep their league high, 12 year streak of consecutive years finishing .500 or better alive in the ACC standings.

5. NORTH CAROLINA - The Tar Heels have the fewest amount of returning starters in the ACC (9) which has me thinking Butch Davis will play a lot of his own recruits this year making a very young team. Last year they were outgained by 66.1 ypg in league play and figure to be a year away from moving up in the standings.

6. DUKE - The Blue Devils were 0-12 last year but nearly beat Wake Forest, Alabama and Miami. They do have 16 returning starters which is the most since their 4-win season of 2003. Last year they were outgained by 115 ypg (league worst) in ACC play, showing they still have ground to make up and they must play UNC on the road.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

1. FLORIDA ST - The Seminoles had their first losing record in ACC play last year (3-5) but still outgained league foes by 42.0 ypg and could have easily had a much better record. Bowden has brought in some outstanding coaches this year including Chuck Amato, OC Jimbo Fisher and OL Coach Rick Trickett. Amato had been a thorn in his side for years. FSU has 14 returning starters, the most since their 1999 National Title season and despite having to face VT, BC and Clemson all on the road, they are my pick to win the Atlantic and I rate them a National Title contender.

2. CLEMSON - Clemson has a legitimate shot at the Atlantic Division Title but also have a very tough ACC schedule. They host Florida St in the opener with a young O-line and QB getting their first starts. Later they host league favorite Virg Tech so most of their winnable games are on the road. Clemson did outgain ACC foes by 138.1 ypg last year. This season they have just 12 returning starters and their 28 lettermen lost is 9 more than the next highest in the conference. The opener vs Florida St could hold the key to their season, which as usual should have its ups and downs.

3. NC STATE - I almost went for it and called for the Wolfpack to finish 2nd in the ACC ahead of Clemson. They have a lot of things going in their favor including the fact that they were -11 in turnovers, and despite a 2-6 record in the ACC, they outgained ACC foes by 2.3 ypg. They also had 5 net close losses (pg 299). Another factor is Chuck Amato did a great job recruiting NFL caliber talent and their problem has been discipline the last 2 years. O'Brien brings instant discipline and inherits the best set of RB's he's had for his run-oriented offense. The Wolfpack make my list of most improved teams and should return to the post season once again.

3. MARYLAND - The Terps were fortunate last year with 6 close wins and despite their 5-3 record they were outgained by 86 ypg in league play (2nd worst). This year's squad is stronger as they lose just 14 lettermen (2nd fewest) and also get four key ACC opponents in College Park. I do 8 sets of power ratings and the Atlantic is a tough division to call. Two of the 8 call for the Terps to have 6 wins but 2 also call for them to win just one. I'll call for a middle of the pack finish and an improved Terp team.

5. WAKE FOREST - What a GREAT story it was last year as the undermanned WF team lost its starting QB and RB, yet still won the tough ACC crown. I give Jim Grobe My 2006 Coach of the Year Award. This year's Deacon team is stronger than last year's version, but the 2006 squad caught a lot of breaks as you will learn if you check out some articles in my magazine (see Close Wins and YPP on pg 299 and pg 312). You will see that teams usually do not have the same fortune the next year. WF draws both Duke and NC out of the Coastal Division and do not have to face either VT or Miami so they have the best schedule of the Atlantic teams but now as League Champs, everyone will be gunning for them.

6. BOSTON COLLEGE - The ACC Atlantic was extremely tough to call as there is not much separating teams #2-#6. I have 8 sets of power ratings and they forecast an ACC record for BC anywhere between 7-1 and 2-6! Breaking in a new coaching staff and new schemes on offense plus having most of their winnable games on the road, has me calling for BC to slip to the lower half of the Atlantic this year.

ACC Notes: The ACC was supposed to be the next super conference joining the ranks of the Big 10, Big 12 and the SEC. They did not expect Florida St and Miami (Fl) to each go 6-6 during the regular season and NO ONE in the country picked Wake Forest to battle Georgia Tech in the ACC Title game! The ACC did not have a single Top 10 team at the end of the year. While there are 4 schools from North Carolina in the league, Wake Forest's win was the first ACC Title for an NC team since DUKE won it in 1989! When Wake lost their bowl game to Louisville it dropped the ACC's record in BCS bowl games to just 1-8. It is possible that no ACC teams will make the AP's preseason Top 10 with Virginia Tech the only possibility. Their 4-9 record vs other BCS teams in non-conf play was the 5th best only topping the Big 12 among the BCS conference. They had been 9-7 in 2005. With all that said, I would expect the ACC to be one of the top Leagues this year. Both Florida St and Miami (Fl) should resume their annual roles as National Title contenders and Virginia Tech also rates that billing and has the best shot at an undefeated year. The ACC had 30 players picked in the draft which was 3rd best of the conferences. They had 51 picked in 2005. The ACC is 9-7 in bowl games the last 2 years and their 8 bowl teams in '06 tied for the 2nd highest win %. While Miami (Fl) and Virg Tech are tied with a league best four 1st teamers, Fla St leads the conference with 18 overall.

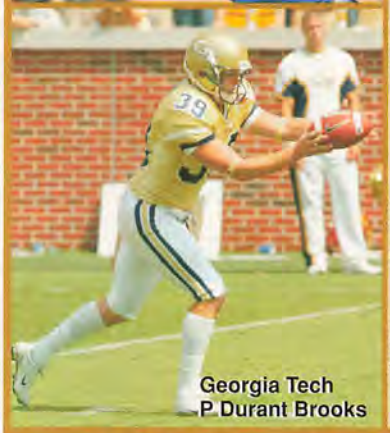
2006 ACC vs ACC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
19	Clemson	26.1	2	388.9	1	199.0	1	5.10	1	189.9	5	58.3	5	14.9	7	13	7	7	1
35	Florida St	22.5	5	312.1	5	87.4	11	3.16	9	224.8	2	54.2	8	13.9	4	16	9	16	9
41	Boston College	23.6	3	340.8	2	106.1	7	3.18	8	234.6	1	60.4	3	14.4	6	11	3	14	5
52	Georgia Tech	26.6	1	328.6	3	151.1	2	3.83	3	177.5	8	46.8	12	12.3	1	12	4	13	4
57	Maryland	21.4	7	298.9	6	111.9	5	3.54	5	187.0	7	63.7	2	14.0	5	12	4	14	5
66	Virginia Tech	23.3	4	290.1	8	102.4	8	2.79	11	187.8	6	56.5	7	12.5	2	14	8	19	10
71	Miami	15.9	9	271.4	10	94.6	10	2.99	10	176.8	9	57.1	6	17.1	9	17	10	15	7
74	Wake Forest	21.9	6	291.4	7	139.6	3	3.80	4	151.8	12	69.1	1	13.3	3	10	1	9	2
76	NC State	17.1	8	315.6	4	120.6	4	3.89	2	195.0	4	50.9	10	18.4	11	12	4	15	7
77	N Carolina	13.6	12	267.3	11	101.4	9	3.24	7	165.9	10	47.6	11	19.6	12	22	11	12	3
89	Duke	15.5	10	283.3	9	70.1	12	2.09	12	213.1	3	53.4	9	18.3	10	23	12	33	12
99	Virginia	15.5	10	264.1	12	111.6	6	3.33	6	152.5	11	59.3	4	17.0	8	10	1	26	11

2006 ACC vs ACC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
8	Virginia Tech	11.6	1	221.0	1	90.9	3	2.88	4	130.1	1	50.2	3	19.0	2	16	4	15	6
12	Miami	15.9	3	252.6	3	63.4	1	2.09	1	189.3	7	49.4	1	15.9	5	13	8	24	1
18	Clemson	17.0	5	250.8	2	105.1	7	2.84	3	145.6	2	55.1	6	14.8	8	14	6	17	5
21	Georgia Tech	19.4	7	298.0	6	90.8	2	3.20	6	207.3	9	50.0	2	15.4	7	19	3	24	1
25	Boston College	16.6	4	311.6	7	100.9	5	3.45	8	210.8	10	59.6	9	18.7	3	21	1	15	6
26	Florida St	20.8	8	270.1	5	91.8	4	2.69	2	178.4	6	56.9	7	13.0	10	7	12	18	4
30	Virginia	14.5	2	270.0	4	101.3	6	2.99	5	168.8	4	54.6	5	18.6	4	14	6	20	3
33	Wake Forest	18.1	6	348.5	10	110.5	8	3.40	7	238.0	11	60.3	10	19.2	1	21	1	14	9
52	NC State	21.8	9	313.3	8	155.0	10	3.97	9	158.3	3	53.8	4	14.4	9	9	11	12	10
65	Maryland	24.8	10	384.9	11	184.9	12	4.56	12	200.0	8	60.5	11	15.6	6	10	10	11	11
92	N Carolina	27.6	11	333.4	9	163.1	11	4.42	11	170.3	5	59.0	8	12.1	11	12	9	15	6
113	Duke	35.0	12	398.3	12	138.4	9	4.29	10	259.9	12	62.1	12	11.4	12	16	4	8	12

Duke DT Vince Oghobaase


Georgia Tech P Durant Brooks

2006 ACC STANDINGS

		Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
		W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2006	2005	2004
ATLANTIC	Wake Forest	6	2	175	145	11	3	302	215	-57.1	-53.8	-84.7
	Boston Coll	5	3	189	133	10	3	338	204	+29.2	+42.2	+28.8
	Maryland	5	3	171	198	9	4	284	284	-86.0	+9.5	-36.0
	Clemson	5	3	209	136	8	5	425	210	+138.1	+44.2	-56.5
	Florida St	3	5	180	166	7	6	345	258	+42.0	+28.5	+69.6
	NC State	2	6	137	174	3	9	210	262	+2.3	-25.0	+100.2
COASTAL	Georgia Tech	7	1	213	155	9	5	349	257	+30.6	+56.2	-7.7
	Virginia Tech	6	2	186	93	10	3	336	143	+69.1	+128.8	+85.6
	Virginia	4	4	124	116	5	7	181	214	-5.9	-80.8	+63.4
	Miami	3	5	127	127	7	6	255	201	+18.8	+113.3	+62.3
	N Carolina	2	6	109	221	3	9	216	366	-66.1	-32.1	-1.1
	Duke	0	8	124	280	0	12	179	406	-115.0	-231.0	-196.8

Coach of the Year: Jim Grobe, Wake Forest
ACC TITLE GAME: Wake Forest 9 Georgia Tech 6

2005 ACC STANDINGS

		Conf				All Games			
		W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
ATLANTIC	Florida St	5	3	219	180	8	5	376	286
	Boston Coll	5	3	181	160	9	3	310	191
	Clemson	4	4	222	161	8	4	316	211
	NC State	3	5	136	182	7	5	249	212
	Maryland	3	5	190	217	5	6	270	275
	Wake Forest	3	5	202	227	4	7	269	316
COASTAL	Virginia Tech	7	1	263	86	11	2	440	168
	Miami	6	2	238	118	9	3	325	171
	Georgia Tech	5	3	154	162	7	5	222	241
	N Carolina	4	4	148	188	5	6	198	288
	Virginia	3	5	177	202	7	5	320	279
	Duke	0	8	95	342	1	10	177	408

Coach of the Year: Frank Beamer, Virg Tech
ACC Title Game: Florida St 27 Virginia Tech 22

2004 ACC STANDINGS

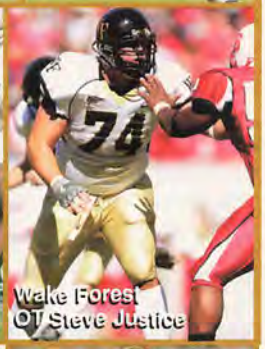
		Conf				All Games			
		W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
	Virginia Tech	7	1	230	114	10	3	400	167
	Florida St	6	2	208	111	9	3	302	169
	Miami	5	3	226	143	9	3	380	204
	Virginia	5	3	203	151	8	4	363	212
	N Carolina	5	3	230	227	6	6	319	382
	Georgia Tech	4	4	142	177	7	5	264	227
	Clemson	4	4	166	189	6	5	236	229
	NC State	3	5	156	182	5	6	264	218
	Maryland	3	5	111	159	5	6	195	220
	Wake Forest	1	7	140	219	4	7	230	253
	Duke	1	7	123	263	2	9	183	322

Coach of the Year: Al Groh, Virginia

Miami (Fl) RB Javarris James

Virginia Tech OL Duane Brown

Virginia OT Eugene Monroe


Wake Forest OT Steve Justice

2006 ACC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	**260**	**171**	**65.8**	**5**	**2051**	**7.9**	**9**	**139.6**
Will Proctor, Clemson	304	183	60.2	11	2353	7.7	16	135.3
Sam Hollenbach, Maryland	328	203	61.9	11	2371	7.2	15	131.0
Matt Ryan, Boston Coll	**427**	**263**	**61.6**	**10**	**2942**	**6.9**	**15**	**126.4**
Sean Glennon, Va Tech	**302**	**170**	**56.3**	**11**	**2191**	**7.3**	**11**	**122.0**
Kyle Wright, Miami	**250**	**152**	**60.8**	**7**	**1655**	**6.6**	**8**	**121.4**
Drew Weatherford, FSU	**318**	**177**	**55.7**	**11**	**2154**	**6.8**	**12**	**118.1**
Joe Dailey, N Carolina	**195**	**112**	**57.4**	**10**	**1316**	**6.7**	**7**	**115.7**
Reggie Ball, Ga Tech	304	135	44.4	14	1820	6.0	20	107.2
Thaddeus Lewis, Duke	**340**	**180**	**52.9**	**16**	**2134**	**6.3**	**11**	**106.9**
Jameel Sewell, Virginia	**247**	**143**	**57.9**	**6**	**1342**	**5.4**	**5**	**105.4**
Daniel Evans, NCSt	**307**	**163**	**53.1**	**11**	**1843**	**6.0**	**6**	**102.8**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Calvin Johnson, Ga Tech	14	76	1202	15	85.9	5.4	15.8
Chansi Stuckey, Clemson	10	50	700	3	70.0	5.0	14.0
Hakeem Nicks, N Carolina	**11**	**39**	**660**	**4**	**60.0**	**3.5**	**16.9**
Eron Riley, Duke	**11**	**32**	**643**	**3**	**58.5**	**2.9**	**20.1**
Darrius Heyward-Bey, Maryland	13	45	694	5	53.4	3.5	15.4
Chris Davis, FSU	13	49	684	4	52.6	3.8	14.0
Greg Carr, FSU	**12**	**34**	**619**	**12**	**51.6**	**2.8**	**18.2**
Kevin Ogletree, Virginia	**12**	**52**	**582**	**4**	**48.5**	**4.3**	**11.2**
Jomar Wright, Duke	**12**	**40**	**561**	**2**	**46.8**	**3.3**	**14.0**
Lance Leggett, Miami	**13**	**38**	**584**	**4**	**44.9**	**2.9**	**15.4**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL YDS	OFFENSE YDS/PG
Matt Ryan, Boston Coll	**12**	**51**	**-35**	**427**	**2942**	**2907**	**242.3**
Will Proctor, Clemson	13	61	85	304	2353	2438	187.5
Sam Hollenbach, Maryland	13	51	10	328	2371	2381	183.2
Drew Weatherford, FSU	**12**	**57**	**-14**	**318**	**2154**	**2140**	**178.3**
Thaddeus Lewis, Duke	**12**	**99**	**-74**	**340**	**2134**	**2060**	**171.7**
Reggie Ball, GaTech	13	122	354	304	1820	2174	167.2
Kyle Wright, Miami	**10**	**49**	**-21**	**250**	**1655**	**1634**	**163.4**
Sean Glennon, Va Tech	**13**	**63**	**-81**	**302**	**2191**	**2110**	**162.3**
Daniel Evans, NCSt	**12**	**37**	**-13**	**307**	**1843**	**1830**	**152.5**
Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	**14**	**52**	**-71**	**260**	**2051**	**1980**	**141.4**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Eddie Royal, Va Tech	**23**	**304**	**1**	**13.2**
Brandon Tate, N Carolina	**20**	**194**	**1**	**9.7**
Mike Brown, Virginia	**14**	**134**	**0**	**9.6**
Willie Idlette, Wake Forest	22	202	0	9.2
DeJuan Tribble, Boston Coll	**27**	**236**	**0**	**8.7**
Chris Davis, FSU	26	224	0	8.6
Darrell Blackman, NCSt	**24**	**206**	**1**	**8.6**
Danny Oquendo, Maryland	**26**	**218**	**0**	**8.4**
Bruce Johnson, Miami	**23**	**186**	**0**	**8.1**
Leon Wright, Duke	**15**	**91**	**0**	**6.1**

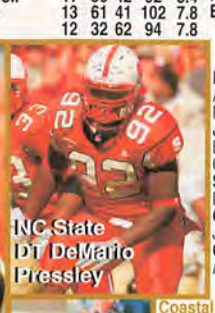
RUSHING

	G	CAR	NET	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Tashard Choice, Ga Tech	**14**	**297**	**1473**	**5.0**	**12**	**105.2**
Branden Ore, Va Tech	**12**	**241**	**1137**	**4.7**	**16**	**94.8**
James Davis, Clemson	**13**	**203**	**1187**	**5.8**	**17**	**91.3**
C.J. Spiller, Clemson	**13**	**129**	**938**	**7.3**	**10**	**72.2**
Jason Snelling, Virginia	11	183	772	4.2	7	70.2
Ronnie McGill, N Carolina	12	192	790	4.1	7	65.8
Lance Ball, Maryland	**13**	**174**	**815**	**4.7**	**8**	**62.7**
Javarris James, Miami	**13**	**175**	**802**	**4.6**	**4**	**61.7**
L.V. Whitworth, Boston Coll	**13**	**174**	**791**	**4.5**	**4**	**60.8**
Toney Baker, NCSt	**12**	**157**	**688**	**4.4**	**6**	**57.3**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Vince Hall, Va Tech	**13**	**63**	**65**	**128**	**9.8**
Patrick Lowery, NCSt	12	41	68	109	9.1
Nick Watkins, Clemson	**13**	**78**	**38**	**116**	**8.9**
Erin Henderson, Maryland	**13**	**58**	**56**	**114**	**8.8**
Jon Abbate, Wake Forest	14	49	71	120	8.6
Wesley Jefferson, Maryland	13	51	59	110	8.5
Buster Davis, FSU	13	57	52	109	8.4
Jolonn Dunbar, Boston Coll	**11**	**50**	**42**	**92**	**8.4**
Chris Clemons, Clemson	**13**	**61**	**41**	**102**	**7.8**
Michael Tauiliili, Duke	**12**	**32**	**62**	**94**	**7.8**

Maryland WR Darrius Heyward-Bey


NC State DT DeMario Pressley

Florida St WR Greg Carr

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Connor Barth, N Carolina	**12**	**10**	**10**	**100.0**	**54**
Brandon Pace, Va Tech	13	18	19	94.7	42
Dan Ennis, Maryland	13	20	25	80.0	46
Sam Swank, Wake Forest	**14**	**23**	**31**	**74.2**	**53**
John Deraney, NCSt	12	11	15	73.3	54
Gary Cismesia, FSU	**13**	**14**	**20**	**70.0**	**53**
Jad Dean, Clemson	13	15	22	68.2	45
Travis Bell, Ga Tech	**14**	**12**	**18**	**66.7**	**47**
Ryan Ohliger, Boston Coll	11	7	11	63.6	44
Jon Peattie, Miami	13	12	19	63.2	55
Chris Gould, Virginia	**12**	**11**	**19**	**57.9**	**48**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Darrell Blackman, NCSt	**19**	**549**	**1**	**28.9**
Jeff Smith, Boston Coll	**23**	**645**	**1**	**28.0**
Josh Wilson, Maryland	31	847	1	27.3
Cedric Peerman, Virginia	**19**	**519**	**0**	**27.3**
Jabari Marshall, Duke	**38**	**953**	**0**	**25.1**
Brandon Tate, N Carolina	**38**	**902**	**2**	**23.7**
Jamaal Evans, Ga Tech	**20**	**456**	**0**	**22.8**
Eddie Royal, Va Tech	**19**	**431**	**0**	**22.7**
Michael Ray Garvin, FSU	**16**	**362**	**0**	**22.6**
Kevin Marion, Wake Forest	**22**	**490**	**0**	**22.3**
Bruce Johnson, Miami	**15**	**326**	**0**	**21.7**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Durant Brooks, Ga Tech	**14**	**79**	**3596**	**45.5**
Adam Podlesh, Maryland	13	56	2400	42.9
Nic Schmitt, Va Tech	13	61	2575	42.2
Johnny Ayers, Boston Coll	**13**	**59**	**2483**	**42.1**
Brian Monroe, Miami	12	58	2419	41.7
Cole Chason, Clemson	13	50	2064	41.3
Sam Swank, Wake Forest	**14**	**70**	**2887**	**41.2**
David Wooldridge, N Carolina	11	62	2548	41.1
Graham Gano, FSU	**13**	**67**	**2736**	**40.8**
John Deraney, NCSt	12	76	2968	39.1
Chris Gould, Virginia	**12**	**56**	**2148**	**38.4**
Alex Feinberg, Duke	12	63	2366	37.6

PHIL'S ACC UNIT RANKING

Coastal Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Virginia Tech	4	4	4	7	3	1	3	7	1
Miami (Fl)	2	2	2	1	3	4	2	11	9
Virginia	6	11	9	1	3	2	6	8	5
Georgia Tech	8	4	12	5	2	6	5	5	5
North Carolina	12	11	4	10	11	11	11	2	9
Duke	8	10	8	11	12	12	12	12	11
Atlantic Division	**QB**	**RB**	**REC**	**OL**	**DL**	**LB**	**DB**	**ST**	**CH**
Florida St	2	6	1	4	1	3	1	3	1
Clemson	8	1	10	9	6	6	4	9	5
NC State	6	2	4	8	8	9	7	4	8
Maryland	11	6	3	1	9	8	9	9	4
Wake Forest	4	8	11	7	10	10	10	1	3
Boston College	1	8	7	6	6	4	7	5	12

Boston College DT BJ Raji

*Numbers come from ACC final statistics.

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Calais Campbell, Miami	**20.5**	**75**
Lawrence Timmons, FSU	18	71
Gaines Adams, Clemson	17.5	106
Philip Wheeler, Ga Tech	**14.5**	**80**
Codey Lowe, Duke	14	66
Everette Brown, FSU	**13.5**	**45**
Kareem Brown, Miami	12.5	50
Patrick Bailey, Duke	**12.5**	**48**
Geno Hayes, FSU	**12**	**62**
Jeramy Edwards, Duke	12	36

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Gaines Adams, Clemson	12.5	87
Kareem Brown, Miami	11	49
Calais Campbell, Miami	**10.5**	**59**
Philip Wheeler, Ga Tech	**9**	**68**
Kevin Akins, Boston Coll	**7.5**	**54**
Martrel Brown, NCSt	**7**	**64**
Jyles Tucker, Wake Forest	6	34
Austin Giles, Boston Coll	**5.5**	**34**
Buster Davis, FSU	5	50
Jeffrey Fitzgerald, Virginia	**5**	**38**

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - VT's most famous player is Michael Vick who left for the NFL in 2000. Bryan Randall battled Vick's brother Marcus (PS#8) for the starting spot in '03 and started for two years. Randall was 1st Tm ACC in '04 and left as VT's all-time career leading passer. His backup in '04 was Sean Glennon (PS#21) who hit 8 of 11 for 137 with a 2-0 ratio in 4 games (all 3 inc were drops). In 2005, Marcus Vick threw for 2,393 (61.2%) with a 17-10 ratio (642 rush). Glennon was 2nd string but RS'd and Cory Holt (6'4" 227 Jr, PS#87) played in six hitting 4 of 12 for 80. Ike Whitaker (PS#9) was suspended early in 2006 and did not return until the last week of spring. Glennon started all 13 and threw for 2,191 (56.3%) with an 11-11 ratio. Whitaker played in 5 hitting 10 of 16 for 119 but missed the bowl. Holt worked out at times with the WR's. Adding depth is Grant Throckmorton (6'3" 213 Sr) and Jeff Beyer (6'5" 218 So). Added to the mix this year is true frosh Tyrod Taylor (PS#3) who had 5,144 passing yards and 2,546 rushing yards with a combined 100 TD's in HS. This unit is far more experienced than 2006.

RUNNING BACKS - From 2002-'04, VT had a pair of NFL caliber RB's in Lee Suggs (#4DC CLE) and Kevin Jones (#1DC DET). In 2003, Jones broke Cyrus Lawrence's single season rushing record (1,403 in 1981) with 1,647 (5.9). Cedric Humes led in '05 with 752 (4.6) and Branden Ore added 647 (5.9). Ore was the clear-cut starter in '06. George Bell (5'10" 224 Jr, PS#14) took 10 weeks off because of a knee inj but did rush for 41 vs Virginia. Elan Lewis (PS#10) played in 8 (47, 1.7). They wanted to redshirt 21 year old Kenny Lewis (PS#49) who played with the Reds organization but he was the backup with 215 (4.0). Ore had 170 vs Cincy and became the first player in VT history to top 200 in consec weeks with 207 vs SM and 203 vs Clemson. He led the ACC in rushing but suffered an ankle injury vs WF (missed reg season finale) and had just 42 in the bowl finishing with 1,137 (4.7) and 16 TD's. This year everyone returns except FB Jesse Allen (6 st, 50 ttl yd, UFA NYJ). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Jahre Cheeseman (5'9" 200 So, PS#71, 4.35 spd), Devin Radford (5'9" 187 rFr, PS#171DB), Dustin Pickle (5'10" 194 Jr) and FB's Devin Perez (5'8" 246 Jr) and Billy Gorham (5'10" 243 Sr). They add VHT true frosh Darren Evans (PS#16). I list the FB's below and they gained more time last year due to the inexperience of the TE's. If Ore stays healthy, he could top Jones' rushing record.

RECEIVERS - Ernest Wilford (#4DC) became the first player in VT history to have over 50 catches in a season in 2002 and then reset his own record with 55 (16.1) in 2003. In 2004, VT had a young receiving corps and rFr Josh Hyman led with 491 yards (18.2) and true frosh Eddie Royal (PS#37) led in rec's with 28 (16.8). Both returned in '05 as did TE Jeff King. King set the school record for receiving TD's by a TE (12). David Clowney (6'1"), one of the team's fastest, had 20 (13.2) in '04 and led with 34 (18.2) in '05. Josh Morgan had 28 (16.8) and Royal added 27 (11.7). Last year the only loss was King (#5DC) but they then lost projected starting TE John Kinzer (PS#13) to a potential career-ending injury. Royal (181 lbs) benches 390 (VT possession rec) and is a dangerous returnman. He had 31 rec (16.0) last year. Clowney led again with 34 (12.5) despite having an appendectomy (only missed 1 game). Morgan had 33 (13.6). This year they lose Clowney (5 st, #5DC GB). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Brandon Dillard (5'10" 180 So), Prince Parker (6'6" 220 rFr), Michael Reid (6'3" 188 So) and Paul Debnam (6'3" 195 So). I look for improved receiving numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Virginia Tech had experienced O-lines for three straight years but after opening holes for 5.3 ypc rush in 2003, they surprisingly dropped to 4.2 and 4.1 the next two years. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including two 1st Tm and one 2nd Tm ACC players. They then lost LG Ryan Shuman for four starts and were very thin at the end of the year. The less experienced unit saw the Hokies put up the worst ypg rush at 113 (3.2) since 1972 (107 ypg) while allowing 29 sacks (9.0%). This year they must replace LT Brandon Frye (11 st, #5DC HOU), C Danny McGrath (13 st, 679 snap), LG Brandon Gore (5 st) and LS Nick Leeson (UFA BAL). HC Frank Beamer has the best weight training program out there and he also has 5 VHT's in the 2 deep this year. With 5 players back that have starting experience, I'll call this a much improved line in 2007.

LB Vince Hall

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, VT had a veteran D-line with 3 returning starters and allowed just 93 ypg rush (3.0), their best since 2001, while the D had 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including #2 and #6 DC's but did return 3 players who had at least 4 starts. RFr William Wall was making an impact (3 sk vs Duke) but was dismissed in Oct. True frosh LB Nekos Brown moved to DE. Surprisingly, VT allowed just 91 ypg rush (2.8) but the sack total dropped to 30. This year they must replace DE Noland Burchette (13 st, 44 tkl, 3.5 sk, UFA ATL) and DE Wall (9 tkl, 3 sk). Seven of the top 8 return from the end of last year making this line more experienced than the top-notch 2006 unit.

LINEBACKERS - Last year VT had to replace their WHIP but had their outstanding ILB duo of Vince Hall (PS#9) and Xavier Adibi (PS#11) returning. Hall was the #1 tackler for a 2nd straight year (1st Tm ACC) and Adibi was #2 tackler (2nd Tm ACC). This year they once again must replace their WHIP in Brenden Hill (13 st, 52 tkl, 6.5 tfl) and 3rd string Cody Grimm (10 tkl) but have five of the top 6 back and Hall and Adibi are now seniors making this one of the top LB units in the ACC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004, VT had to replace three starters but still finished #11 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace 3 starters again in 2005 but moved up to #2. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 1st Tm AA #2DC and a #7DC. Starting CB Roland Minor broke his wrist (8 gm) so in reality only 1 starter was back. While they finished #2 in the NCAA pass D rankings, due to one of the softer slates of opposing pass attacks, they finished #13 in mine. The only losses are ROV Aaron Rouse (11 st, 57 tkl, #3DC GB), ROV Cary Wade (2 st, 37 tkl) and CB Cory Price (4 tkl). They have 3 CB's back who have been full-time starters and might have the ACC's best CB combo in Flowers and Harris making this one of the top secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Beamer coaches this unit himself and VT almost always finishes near the top of my ST rankings including a couple of #2 finishes. P Nic Schmitt, who at 273 lbs was the NCAA's strongest punter (605 squat) departs (net 36.0). K Brandon Pace (UFA DEN) almost broke the NCAA record for career FG accuracy as he hit 58 of 68 (85.3%) just short of John Lee's 85.9% from '82-'85 at UCLA. His only miss last year was a 47 yard attempt vs Virginia which cost him the title. On that play, the ref blew his whistle seconds before the snap which threw him out of sync. He set a school record with 19 straight FG's (Chris Kinzer 17 in 1986). Morgan blk'd 2 punts and VT has 113 blocked kicks in Beamer's tenure. Jared Develli (PS#44) had an amazing 35 TB on 57 KO last year and negates opposing teams' top KR. Royal did outstanding on the returns including 13.2 on PR. VT moved up to #15 (from #37 in '05) but with the loss of both kicking specialists, may drop a few notches.

COACHES - I think Beamer is one of the most outstanding coaches in the NCAA. He was a DB at VT from 1966-'68 and the Hokies had been in just six bowl games prior to his arrival. He filled the large shoes of Bill Dooley who went 64-37-1 from 1978-'86. Beamer had four losing seasons in his first six including going 2-8-1 in 1992, but amazingly VT stuck with him and has been greatly rewarded. Beamer has not only taken them to 14 bowls since 1993 but has made them a National Title contender. He was the ACC Coach of the Year in two of the three seasons in the conf. OC Bryan Stinespring is entering his 15th year here. He was the OL coach prior to being promoted to OC in '02. Last year they added QB Coach Mike O'Cain who was the HC at NCSt and OC at Clemson and UNC. Bud Foster has been the DC since '95. Foster has been a Broyles Award finalist in '99, '01 and '05 and won the Award in 2006. Foster's defense was #1 in the NCAA in '05 and '06.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999, the Hokies played in the National Title game going 22-2 in a two year stretch. They are one of just 4 teams in the NCAA that have been to 14 straight bowls (Mich, Fla, Fla St). This decade they've started a lot of seasons strong and tailed off at the end (see Hardcore). In 2004, they had just 10 starters back and were actually picked 6th, 7th or 8th in the ACC. I had them rated higher than all the others at #4 and they even exceeded my expectations as the Hokies nearly upset defending National Champ USC in the opener. For once, they finished strong including a win at Miami which gave them the ACC Title. They almost knocked off undefeated Auburn in the Sugar Bowl finishing a solid 10-3. That team benefitted from +13 in turnovers. In 2005, VT was the preseason favorite to win the ACC and was ranked the highest ever in the preseason coaches poll at #7. They were 8-0 and #3 when they took on #5 Miami and there was talk of a National Title but unfortunately, Miami dominated the game in Blacksburg 27-7. Heading to a BCS bowl, they were the prohibitive favorite to win the ACC Title game but were knocked off by Fla St. VT did outgain ACC foes by a conf best +128.8 ypg. After a bowl win they finished 11-2 and #7. Last year they had just 9 returning starters (fewest ACC) and also had to replace QB Vick. They had a favorable schedule to be a National Title contender but they were stunned at home vs GTech. They also lost the next week at BC, perhaps suffering from unbeaten letdown. VT then faced #10 Clemson while getting little respect and they thumped the Tigers holding their "unstoppable" offense to just 166 yards! Another fine job by Foster's lunch-pail group. They won their last 5 including knocking off ACC Champ Wake Forest (27-6). The D allowed just 9 FD's in the bowl but they came up short vs UGA and finished 10-3 and #19. Beamer has corrected their spate of slow finishes as they are now 19-5 after Oct 5th over the last 3 years. VT has 8 starters back on offense, their most since 2000 (40.3 ppg) and should easily top last year's 25.8 ppg (lowest S/'92). Foster's defense allowed just 219 ypg (#1 in NCAA) and that was with 5 starters back. This year 8 are returning! VT does have to play LSU, Clemson and GTech on the road and also draws Florida St out of the Atlantic division. Despite the tough schedule, if they beat LSU on Sept. 8th, mark VT down as a prime National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 SEAN GLENNON JR. 6-4 221 **PS#21**. 137 pass '04. 13 st LY, 2191 (56.3%) 11-11 ratio, 142 rush. **3** Ike Whitaker (6-4 204 So) **PS#9**. 166 ttl yd rFr. **Tyrod Taylor is PS#3.**

RB 28 BRANDEN ORE JR. 5-11 202 PS#70. **1st Tm ACC LY**, 12 st LY. 647 (5.9) rFr. 1137 (4.7) LY. **20** Kenny Lewis (5-9 195 So) PS#49. 1 st, 215 (4.0) true. Elan Lewis (5-8 238 So) **PS#10**.

TE 8 Greg Boone So. 6-3 281 **PS#19QB**. Move from QB Aug '06. 9 st rFr, 5 (13.6). **FB 39** Carlton Weatherford (5-10 230 Sr) 550 squat. 4 rec LY. Kenny Jefferson (5-9 222 So) PS#134.

WR 4 EDDIE ROYAL SR. 5-10 181 **PS#37**. 4.22 spd, 390 bench. 33 st, 3Y, 86 rec (14.9). **19** Josh Hyman (5-11 192 Sr) 13 st 3Y, 56 (14.3). Danny Coale (6-0 200 Fr) PS#162.

WR 2 JOSH MORGAN SR. 6-1 219 13 st 3Y (11 '06), 76 rec (16.6). **81** Justin Harper (6-4 204 Sr) PS#197. 4.36 spd. 3 st 3Y, 42 rec (16.7). **16** Zach Luckett (6-3 206 rFr) PS#85RB.

TE 83 SAM WHEELER SO. 6-3 252 PS#156DL. 4.64 speed. 4 st TE as true, 13 rec. **88** Andre Smith (6-4 238 rFr) PS#18. Chris Drager (6-4 235 Fr) PS#21. Brandon Barden is PS#25.

C 58 RYAN SHUMAN JR. 6-3 318 PS#345. 6 gm rFr. 8 st LG LY until inj. **60** Beau Warren (6-3 252 rFr) PS#116. **LS 54** Bart McMillin (6-0 230 Sr). **61** Scott King (6-1 277 Sr).

RG 70 SERGIO RENDER SO. 6-3 320 **PS#75**. GS '05. 13 st RG "true", 37 kd, 663 snap. 550 squat. **66** Brandon Holland (6-4 325 So) **PS#87**. 2nd string true, 16 snap. Eric Davis (6-7 313 So).

LG 67 Nick Marshman Jr. 6-5 351 PS#34TE. 2nd string '05, 6 gm. 2 st LY, 9 gm, 169 snap. **710 squat**. **51** Matt Welsh (6-4 295 Jr) **PS#32**. 3 gm LY. Hivera Green (6-3 298 So) **PS#66DL**.

RT 77 Ed Wang So. 6-5 300 **PS#11TE**. 5 st TE rFr. Moved OT spg. **64** Richard Graham (6-6 286 So) PS#70TE. 2nd string LY, 6 gm, 42 snap. **75** Barrett Mears (6-5 275 rFr).

LT 76 DUANE BROWN SR. 6-5 290 PS#25TE. 3 rec TE '04. 13 st RT '05. 13 st RT LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, 806 snaps. **71 Aaron Brown** (6-6 300 rFr) **PS#16**. **57** Clark Crum (6-7 279 rFr) PS#87.

K 92 Jud Dunleavy Sr. 5-9 188 8 TB, 32 KO, 3Y. JV tm K 3Y. **Jared Develli** (6-0 230 Sr) PS#44. 93 TB on 191 KO in 3Y. 0-1 FG in '06. Matt Waldron (5-11 187 rFr) **PS#17**. Penn St.

DE 43 Jason Adjepong rFr. 6-1 245 **PS#14**. 2 gm true (inj), MedRS. **90 Orion Martin** (6-2 250 Jr) 1 st, 52 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. Def MVP spg. **56** Demetrius Taylor (6-0 233 So) PS#79LB.

NG 99 CARLTON POWELL SR. 6-2 294 PS#158. 1 st, 17 tkl, 6 tfl rFr. 5 st '05, 13 tkl. 13 st LY, 38 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **75** Kory Robertson (6-2 335 Sr) PS#73. 25 tkl 3Y. **91 John Graves** (6-3 257 rFr) **PS#25**.

DT 59 BARRY BOOKER SR. 6-4 280 PS#67. 13 tkl '05, 2 tfl. 13 st in '06, 52 tkl, 7 tfl. **95** Cordarrow Thompson (6-2 334 So) PS#142. 14 tkl, 2 sk rFr. **55** Daryl Robertson (6-2 275 rFr) PS#97.

DE 49 CHRIS ELLIS SR. 6-5 260 **PS#38**. 33 tkl, 8 tfl rFr. 10 st '05, 41 tkl, 6 sk. 12 st LY, 38 tkl, 4.5 sk. **47** Nekos Brown (6-2 236 So) PS#115. 12 tkl true. Chad Carlson (6-2 240 So) PS#170TE.

OLB 13 Corey Gordon Sr. 6-2 226 PS#213WR. 15 tkl 3Y. **41 Cam Martin** (6-1 207 So) PS#54DB. 6 tkl rFr (inj). **82** Steven Friday (6-3 214 rFr) PS#91DL. RS LY. Cody Grimm (5-11 203 So).

ILB 9 VINCE HALL SR. 6-0 240 **PS#9**. ACC Fr Yr. 13 st '05, 112 tkl, 8.5 tfl. 13 st LY, **1st Tm ACC**, 128 tkl, 10.5 tfl. Brett Warren (6-0 227 Jr) PS#52. 31 tkl 3Y. Andrew Bowman (5-11 230 Jr) **PS#38**.

ILB 11 XAVIER ADIBI SR. 6-2 226 **PS#11**. 13 st '05, 69 tkl, 7 tfl. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, 82 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **45** Purnell Sturdivant (5-10 216 Jr) PS#85. 19 tkl 2Y. Barquell Rivers is PS#42.

CB 18 BRANDON FLOWERS JR. 5-10 190 PS#268. 1 st, 4 pbu, 20 tkl '05. 13 st, 51 tkl, **18 pbu**, 3 int, **3rd Tm AA** LY. **22** Stephan Virgil (5-11 185 So) PS#140. 4 tkl true. Cris Hill is PS#101.

CB 1 VICTOR "MACHO" HARRIS JR. 6-0 200 **PS#5**. 12 tkl true. 13 st, 34 tkl, 4 int LY. **15** Roland Minor (6-0 203 Sr) PS#128. 12 st '05, 33 tkl. 6 tkl LY (inj). **21** Rashad Carmichael (5-10 182 rFr) PS#153.

ROV 24 Dorian Porch So. 5-11 203 PS#71. 4.4 speed, 500 squat, 40" VL. 9 tkl rFr. **17** Kam Chancellor (6-4 217 So) PS#140QB. 9 tkl, 2 pbu, 1 int as true LY. Matt Reidy (6-0 213 rFr).

FS 25 DJ PARKER SR. 5-11 194 PS#181WR. 340 bench. 10 tkl true. 6 st, 34 tkl, 2 pbu '05. 13 st LY, 41 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **23** Mario Edwards (6-2 200 rFr). Davon Morgan is PS#64.

P 97 Brent Bowden So. 6-2 197 PS#86. 44.0 avg, 37.0 net in HS. Brian Saunders (6-0 200 rFr). Dustin Keys (6-2 187 So). Robert Stoegbauer (6-1 192 Sr) PS#129 '03 at Army.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Tyrod Taylor 6-2 185 PS#3
RB	Darren Evans 6-1 217 PS#16
LB	Barquell Rivers 6-0 220 PS#42
OL	Will Alvarez 6-5 315 PS#55
DB	Davon Morgan 6-2 190 PS#64
OL	Khalil Latif 6-3 280 PS#72
TE	Chris Drager 6-4 235 PS#21
OL	Blake DeChristopher 6-6 310 PS#100
TE	Brandon Barden 6-5 224 PS#25
DB	Cris Hill 5-11 190 PS#101
RB	Josh Oglesby 5-11 212 PS#75
OL	Jaymes Brooks 6-3 290 PS#132
DL	Justin Young 6-5 255 PS#116
LB	Hunter Ovens 6-2 220 PS#102
RB	DJ Thomas 5-9 175 PS#144DB
LB	Quillie Odom 6-2 205 PS#124
DL	Kwamaine Battle 6-1 260 PS#150
TE	Greg Nosal 6-5 255 PS#51
TE	Andrew Lanier 6-5 250 PS#52
WR	Danny Coale 6-0 200 PS#162
DL	Courtney Prince 6-2 252 PS#179
WR	Jacob Sykes 6-0 180 PS#173 '06
RB	Kendrick Pressley 6-0 170 PS#216
WR	Patrick Terry 5-11 180 PS#217
LB	Alonzo Tweedy 6-2 185 PS#443DB
OL	Collin Carroll 6-4 260 PS#606

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

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FRANK BEAMER (Career 156-82-2) (Div IAA 42-23-2)
21st Year at VIRGINIA TECH Beamer's Bowl Record: 6-8

Beamer's records AT VIRGINIA TECH

156-82-2	Straight Up	5-21	Vs Top 10
94-28-1	Home	28-34-1	Vs Top 25
56-44-1	Away	27-39-2	Vs BCS Teams
6-10	Neutral	18-12	Off A Bye
75-26	Vs Conference	34-30-1	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (10–3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (19,21,2)
Lost: 19 (7,9,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 66,233 (#23)

ACC – COASTAL DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#58

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score VT	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	East Carolina	G				
Sep. 8	at LSU	G				
Sep. 15	Ohio	G				
Sep. 22	William & Mary	G				
Sep. 29	N Carolina (HC)	G				
Oct. 6	at Clemson	G				
Oct. 13	at Duke	G				
Oct. 20						
Oct. 25	Boston College (Thur)	G				
Nov. 1	at Georgia Tech (Thur)	G				
Nov. 10	Florida St	G				
Nov. 17	Miami, Fl	G				
Nov. 24	at Virginia	G				
Dec. 1						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bryan Randall 6,508 '01-'04	1. Cyrus Lawrence 3,767 '79-'82	1. Ricky Scales 2,272 '72-'74
2. Don Strock 6,009 '70-'72	2. Kevin Jones 3,475 '01-'03	2. Antonio Freeman 2,207 '91-'94
3. Wil Furrer 5,915 '88-'91	3. Roscoe Coles 3,459 '74-'77	3. Ernest Wilford 2,052 '00-'03

VT has won L/5 gms vs EC by an avg of 20 ppg (Beamer has coached 11 of the 12 all-time meetings 8-4). VT has won 11 straight home openers. The last 3 by 146-0.

VT is 26-48-5 (35%) all-time vs current SEC teams. VT has won 14 straight road openers. In their only meeting the #16 Hokies beat the #14 Tigers in 2002 (26-8).

Hokies are 31-5 all-time vs current MAC tms & in their L/gm vs OU ('05) won 45-0. VT has 25 shutouts since '95 (at least 1 every yr) & 2+ in 8 of the last 12 seasons.

W&M was 3-8 LY including a 27-14 loss to lone IA opp Maryland. Tribe HC Laycock has a 180-128-2 record. VT & instate school W&M played every yr from 1945-'85.

Virginia Tech joined the ACC in 2004 & Hokies are 20-5 in conf gms. VT has won all 3 since joining ACC by an avg of 31-12. Hokies are 56-19-4 S/'26 on Homecoming.

On 9/12/87, Beamer's team lost 22-10 vs Clemson, marking his VT coaching debut. Virginia Tech has won their 1st conference away game of the season the last 16 yrs.

VT has shutout Duke in 3 of their L/4 meetings including a 45-0 trip to Durham in '05. Duke is just 1 of 3 IA schools that VT plays TY that did not go to a bowl LY (NC & UVA).

Hokies are 13-2 in Thursday night gms all-time. VT has won 5 straight with revenge. LY vs BC, VT failed to score a TD for the 1st time since a 42-3 drubbing by NC in the '97 Gator Bowl.

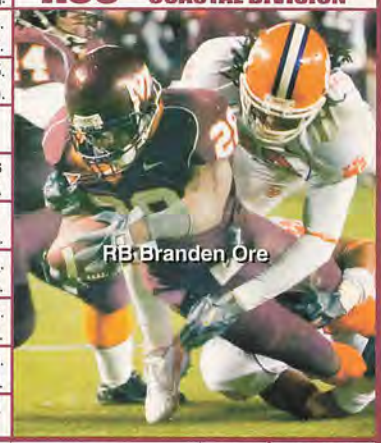
The Hokies are 7-3 their last 10 November road games.
LY VT lost to GT even with 14 more FD's, 28 more plays ran, & two 100+ yd WR's.

Beamer VT squads have never beat FSU (7 gms) & their last win was in 1975 (12 gms). Last met in inaugural ACC Title gm & unranked FSU upset #5 Virginia Tech (10-1).

LY not only did they combine for just 20 FD's & 376 yds, but 15 punts & just 6-27 (22%) 3D's. Under Beamer the Hokies are 14-6 in home finales (1-1 vs Miami, Fl in that role).

With the win LY over Virginia, VT ensured their arch-rivals would not go to a bowl game. Beamer took over as VT HC in '87 & started out 1-5 vs UV, but S'93 has gone 10-4.

Bonus: Coming into '07 B. Bowden & Beamer have been HC's 67 yrs w/a 564-218-8 (72%) record.



STADIUM: LANE STADIUM (65,115) (#35)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	8-3	9-4	8-4	10-2	10-2	10-2	65-18
Home	6-0	4-2	6-2	6-1	6-1	5-1	7-1	40-8
Away	4-1	4-1	3-2	2-3	4-0	5-0	3-1	25-8
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	6-1	4-3	3-4	4-3	7-1	7-2	6-2	37-16
ATS	5-6	6-5	7-6	5-6	8-3	9-3	7-4	47-33
Home Fav	3-3	2-3	4-4	4-1	4-2	4-2	3-3	24-18
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-0
Away Fav	2-2	3-2	2-2	0-4	2-1	5-0	3-1	17-12
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-2
Favorite	5-5	5-5	6-6	4-5	6-3	9-3	6-4	41-31
Dog	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-0	1-0	6-2
vs Conf	2-5	4-3	1-6	2-5	5-3	7-2	6-2	27-26
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	6-0	3-1	3-0	2-1	1-2	20-7
Off SU Win	4-5	5-3	5-4	3-4	5-3	7-3	6-3	35-25
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	8-6

Frank Beamer

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	San Francisco - #21	-11'	Air Force	20-13
03	Insight	-3	California	49-52
04	Sugar - #9	+6	Auburn - #3	13-16
05	Gator - #12	-9	Louisville - #15	35-24
06	Chick-fil-A - #14	-3	Georgia	24-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Virginia Tech's All-Time Bowl Record 7-13

VIRGINIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
4	25.8	15	113	3.2	182	56.2	11.4	+4	2006	5	11.0	11	91	2.8	128	51.3	20.0
7	33.8	22	191	4.1	190	60.1	11.3	+9	2005	6	12.9	14	93	3.0	154	49.6	19.2
5*	30.8	20	178	4.2	187	56.1	11.9	+13	2004	5	12.8	14	115	3.2	153	54.2	20.9
7*	35.4	20	209	5.3	192	59.3	11.4	-1	2003	9	23.0	18	136	3.5	231	60.2	16.0
6*	30.6	20	212	4.5	159	61.8	12.1	+8	2002	5	18.8	16	121	3.4	214	51.9	17.8
5	31.3	19	182	4.0	187	54.4	11.8	+10	2001	9	14.8	15	74	2.2	180	45.6	17.2

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Branden Ore	241	1187	50	1137	16	4.7
Kenny Lewis	54	237	22	215	2	4.0
George Bell	35	109	2	107	2	3.1
Elan Lewis	28	55	8	47	1	1.7
Ike Whitaker	9	47	5	42	0	4.7
Eddie Royal	5	29	5	24	0	4.8
Sean Glennon	63	142	223	-81	1	-1.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Sean Glennon	302	170	56.3	2191	11	11
Ike Whitaker	16	10	62.5	119	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Eddie Royal	31	497	16.0	3	49	
Josh Morgan	33	448	13.6	4	54	
David Clowney	34	424	12.5	0	60	
Justin Harper	21	324	15.4	1	49	
Branden Ore	18	214	11.9	1	55	
Sam Wheeler	13	199	15.3	2	53	
Josh Hyman	16	111	6.9	0	20	
Greg Boone	5	68	13.6	1	41	
Jesse Allen	4	47	11.8	0	28	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Nic Schmitt	61	2575	42.2	13	36.0	0	17
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Brandon Pace	38-40	6-6	9-9	3-4	0-0	18-19	42
Jared Develli	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Vince Hall	128	2	8.5	1	0
Xavier Adibi	82	3	3.5	3	3
Aaron Rouse	57	0	2	2	1
Brenden Hill	52	2.5	4	6	3
Barry Booker	52	1.5	5.5	2	0
Brandon Flowers	51	3.5	4	18	3
Noland Burchette	44	3.5	4	0	0
DJ Parker	41	0	0	7	2
Chris Ellis	38	4.5	4	1	0
Carlton Powell	38	2.5	4	1	0
Cary Wade	37	0	1.5	0	0
Victor Harris	34	0	1	1	4
Orion Martin	29	1	0.5	0	0
Kory Robertson	16	1	1	0	0
Cordarrow Thompson	14	2	1	0	0
Nekos Brown	12	0	0.5	0	0
Cody Grimm	10	0	0	0	0
Purnell Sturdivant	10	0	0	0	0
Brett Warren	10	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Eddie Royal	23	304	13.2	1	
Josh Morgan	4	31	7.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Eddie Royal	19	431	22.7	0	
Josh Morgan	6	107	17.8	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

VT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#17	Northeastern	19	27 - 111	4.1	21 - 27	271	1	15	37 - 101	2.7	15 - 26	106	2	+1
#16	at North Carolina	9	30 - 117	3.9	11 - 18	107	1	16	31 - 89	2.9	19 - 38	179	1	+2
#14	Duke	22	33 - 102	3.1	16 - 27	316	0	12	41 - 58	1.4	8 - 14	81	8	0
#11	Cincinnati	15	33 - 145	4.4	11 - 23	188	3	12	38 - 121	3.2	14 - 20	159	2	+1
#11	Georgia Tech	25	27 - 42	1.6	27 - 54	339	4	11	36 - 149	4.1	9 - 17	176	2	0
#22	at Boston College	14	28 - 33	1.2	23 - 34	148	4	16	34 - 90	2.6	16 - 29	174	0	-4
–	S Mississippi	16	39 - 284	7.3	6 - 16	114	1	11	37 - 82	2.2	13 - 24	134	6	+1
–	Clemson	15	58 - 224	3.9	9 - 15	108	2	8	28 - 80	2.9	11 - 28	86	0	+1
#23	at Miami, Fl	10	40 - 53	1.3	5 - 19	86	5	10	27 - 153	5.7	14 - 30	84	2	+2
#20	Kent St	14	36 - 73	2.0	12 - 22	141	2	9	34 - 84	2.5	6 - 16	98	3	+2
#19	at Wake Forest	14	33 - 92	2.8	14 - 22	252	1	13	32 - 62	1.9	17 - 30	195	1	0
#17	Virginia	14	45 - 156	3.5	12 - 18	146	2	5	23 - 46	2.0	17 - 21	66	1	+1
#14	† Georgia	9	26 - 42	1.6	14 - 27	147	3	9	31 - 71	2.3	9 - 21	129	2	-3
TOTALS		196	455 - 1474	3.2	181 - 322	2363	29	147	429 - 1186	2.8	161 - 314	1667	30	+4
AVERAGES		15.1	35 - 113	3.2	14 - 25	182	2.2	11.3	33 - 91	2.8	12 - 24	128	2.3	0.3

2002 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #16 Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
#16	Arkansas St	-37	63-7
#16	LSU - #14	-7	26-8
#11	Marshall - #16	-11	47-21
#7	at Texas A&M - #19	-1'	13-3
#5	at W Michigan	-22'	30-0
#4	at Boston College	-9'	28-23
#3	Rutgers	-40'	35-14
#3	Temple	-28'	20-10
#3	Pittsburgh	-12'	21-28
#8	at Syracuse	-10	42-50 3OT
#13	West Virginia	-7'	18-21
#22	Virginia	-7	21-9
#18	at Miami, Fl - #1	+17'	45-56

2003 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Post – Score
#9	UCF	-20'	49-28
#9	James Madison	NL	43-0
#8	Texas A&M	-13'	35-19
#5	Connecticut	-21	47-13
#4	at Rutgers	-27'	48-22
#4	Syracuse	-17'	51-7
#3	at West Virginia	-14	7-28
#10	Miami, Fl - #2	+3'	31-7
#5	at Pittsburgh - #25	-4'	28-31
#12	at Temple	-26'	24-23 OT
#12	Boston College	-14'	27-34
#21	at Virginia	+1	21-35

2004 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
–	† USC - #1	+17	13-24
–	W Michigan	-25	63-0
–	Duke	-29	41-17
–	NC State	-7'	16-17
–	West Virginia - #6	-3	19-13
–	at Wake Forest	-5'	17-10
–	Florida A&M	NL	62-0
#22	at Georgia Tech	-6	34-20
#18	at North Carolina	-10	27-24
#15	Maryland	-9'	55-6
#11	Virginia - #16	-4	24-10
#10	at Miami, Fl - #9	+7	16-10

2005 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
#8	at NC State	-3'	20-16
#7	at Duke	-21	45-0
#4	Ohio	-33	45-0
#4	Georgia Tech - #15	-11	51-7
#3	at West Virginia	-10	34-17
#3	Marshall	-35	41-14
#3	at Maryland	-10	28-9
#3	Boston College - #13	-13'	30-10
#3	Miami, Fl - #5	-6'	7-27
#7	at Virginia	-7	52-14
#5	North Carolina	-24'	30-3
#5	† Florida St	-14'	22-27

2006 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #17 Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
#17	Northeastern	NL	38-0
#16	at North Carolina	-14'	35-10
#14	Duke	-35	36-0
#11	Cincinnati	-27'	29-13
#11	Georgia Tech - #24	-10	27-38
#22	at Boston College	-2'	3-22
–	S Mississippi	-16'	36-6
–	Clemson - #10	+5	24-7
#23	at Miami, Fl	-2'	17-10
#20	Kent St	-30'	23-0
#19	at Wake Forest - #14	E	27-6
#17	Virginia	-16'	17-0

MIAMI HURRICANES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Brock Berlin threw for 2,680 (56%) with an outstanding 22-6 ratio and was the #1 passer in the ACC. Berlin finished his career 5-0 vs instate rivals Florida and Florida St. His backup, Kyle Wright (PS#1), attempted just 9 passes. Wright beat out Kirby Freeman (PS#14) for the starting job in '05. Wright tied a school record with 5 TD passes to 5 different receivers (vs WF) and threw for 2,403 (58.6%) with an 18-10 ratio while Freeman attempted 31 passes (48.4%). Freeman had thought of transferring but opted to stay as they brought in a new OC last year. The battle for #3QB was between walk-on Matt Perrelli (6'3" 232 Jr) and Jorge Fernandez (6'4" 212 Jr, PS#145). While the team opened up 5-3, Wright had completed 62.4% and was #3 in the ACC in passing yards. Wright hit 14 of 29 for 84 yards with 2 int's vs VT and broke his thumb missing the rest of the year (8-7 ratio). Freeman, who is more of a dangerous runner rather than a polished passer, had 51 rush yards vs Maryland which was the most for a UM QB since 1993 (Ryan Collins). He avg 186.3 ypg passing as a starter (54.4%, 5-6 ratio). Perrelli att'd 1 pass. This year everyone returns and added to the mix are true frosh Robert Marve (PS#12) and Jake Byrne (6'4" 198 Jr, PS#294). The Hurricane QB's have the talent to put up much better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - The Hurricanes have surprisingly had just seven 1,000 yard rushers in their history but had a streak of 3 straight including Willis McGahee who had 1,753 (6.2) in '02 with an amazing 28 TD's (#1DC in '03). Tyrone Moss was the leading returning rusher in '05 (445 in '04) and was on his way to 1,000 when he was lost in the 8th game (701, 5.1). Charlie Jones (PS#8) led the team in rushing the last 5 and finished with 507 (4.1) while Derron Thomas (5'9" 200 Jr) added 150 (3.2). Moss was susp then injured in '06 and played in just 8 (285, 4.3). Edgerrin James' cousin Javarris (Baby J) rushed for 802 (4.6) nearly breaking Clinton Portis' frosh rushing record (838). Thomas led in rushing vs Fla A&M (109) but had just 50 more yards (7.6) the rest of the season. Charlie Jones rushed for 206 (3.4). Andrew Johnson (PS#6) was called a homerun threat by Coker but after tearing his ACL in '04 had just 19 rush attempts the last 2 years. Johnson transferred to Akron. They moved FB James Bryant (PS#7) to LB then back to FB where he had 2 TD rec. This year they lose Bryant and Moss (285, 4.3) but everyone else is back and add in "true" frosh Graig Cooper (PS#62 '06) who rushed for 1327 and 15 TD's in 8 games at Milford last year where his coach compared him to Fred Russell, who starred at Iowa. Miami avg'd just 116 rush ypg (3.5) and there is too much talent on hand not to top those numbers.

RECEIVERS - Miami had a 1st round DC at this position for 3 straight years and in '05 "only" had to replace #2 and #3 DC's (#1 and #4 rec). Last year they had to replace #2DC Sinorice Moss who led the team in '05 with 37 (16.6) and their #4 receiver Quadtrine Hill. Their leading returnee, Ryan Moore (28, 16.6) was susp early and DNP until the 9th game and had just 12 rec (20.9). TE Greg Olsen (PS#1) had a problem with drops early and also missed a game but still led in receptions with 40 (12.2). The team's top WR was Darnell Jenkins (PS#35) who had 13 (14.1) in the first 3 games but then was lost for the year. WR Lance Leggett (6'3" 188, PS#11) led the team in rec yards with 584 (38 rec, 15.4). True frosh Sam Shields (PS#16RB) had 9 TD's in the first 8 days of practice in August and had 37 rec's (13.5). This year they must replace Olsen (12 st, #1DC CHI), Moore (3 st), Rashaun Jones (10 rec) and Terrell Walden (9 gm, inj'd) but do return 2 of their top 3 and Jenkins was given a medical RS. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's George Robinson (6'0" 185 rFr), Joe Tolliver (6'2" 199 Sr) and TE Eric Kirchenberg (6'5" 230 Jr). Eight players return with starting experience including four VHT's in the PSL below.

DE Calais Campbell

OFFENSIVE LINE - Heading into last year the biggest question mark on the Miami team was the O-line and the unit proved troublesome with just one returning starter. At one point OL Coach Mario Cristobal said that the OL play was "My most painful time of my entire life." UM's rushing ypc was their lowest (3.5) since 1992 and the unit allowed 26 sacks. This year they lose C Anthony Wollschlager (13 st, 2Y st'r) and RG Alex Pou (1 st). I list the 3 deep below and not only does it include 12 VHT's, it is vastly more experienced and should be a much more productive group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Miami had 3 starters returning to the defensive front in 2005 and allowed just 3.0 ypc rush which was surprisingly their best since 1994. Last year the unit was less experienced replacing two starters and a backup, and they then suffered the tragic loss of DT Bryan Pata who was murdered in November. The defense allowed an even more astonishing school record 68 ypg rushing (#4 NCAA) and just 2.3 ypc while the D recorded 38 sacks. This year they must replace DT's Pata (8 st, 29 tkl, 4 tfl), 2nd Tm ACC Kareem Brown (9 st, 60 tkl, 11 sk, #4DC NE) and DE Baraka Atkins (10 st, 49 tkl, 4 sk, HM ACC, #4DC SEA). Five of the top 8 are back and while this group is almost as experienced as '06, it will be tough to match the defensive rushing numbers from 2006.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Miami had to replace two starters (#2 and #4 DC's) but did return Tavares Gooden who was injured in 2005 (9 st '04) which basically meant two starters were back. Two VHT's left the unit as Willie Williams (PS#1) transferred and James Bryant (PS#7) moved to FB. This year they lose WLB Jon Beason (9 st, #1 tkl'r, #1DC CAR). Even though Gooden only started four games, it was due to the fact that Miami opened in a nickel package in numerous games. Four players return with starting experience and this group is more seasoned than 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS Miami always has an excellent secondary and had a #5 finish in my pass D rankings in 2000 followed by a #2, #9, #3 and #13 the next 4 years. In 2005 they had two starters returning and finished #1 in the country despite 3 true frosh seeing significant action. Last year they had to replace three starters (#1, #2, #5 DC's) and a backup. FS Kenny Phillips was lost after 10 starts and 3 starting DB's were susp vs Duke with Anthony Reddick missing the last five. This year the only loss is 2nd Tm ACC SS Brandon Meriweather (12 st, 91 tkl, 8 pbu, #1DC NE). Seven of the top 8 are back with 8 having starting experience. Last year two backups did make big plays with Willie Cooper (PS#15) getting the int in the EZ vs Duke and true frosh Chavez Grant recovering a big fumble vs Houston. After an unusually low finish at #24, they should be back at the top again in 2007.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Hurricanes have finished #1, #27, #49, #8, #5, #28 and #52 the last 7 years in my ST rankings. The #28 finish in '05 was surprising because they had Devin Hester as a returnman and he has already made quite an impact in the NFL. Hester was the top PR (17.2) in '04 but opp kicked away from him and he only had 7 KR's (16.1) in '05. Last year they had to replace Hester but had everyone else back. Jon Peattie was 1st Tm Big East in '03 and struggled early last year missing 3 of his first 4 FG's. He did nail a 55 yarder vs VT, the 2nd longest in school history (Danny Miller, 57 in '81). P Brian Monroe had outstanding nets his last 3 years of 37.8, 36.1 and 37.6. He also had 20 TB on 49 KO. The team did have a bad snap vs Duke which resulted in a safety which I count the same as a block (pg 302). The return game was average. This year they lose both Peattie and Monroe but have P/K Matt Bosher (PS#4) and his performance will key where this unit ranks in 2007.

COACHES - Randy Shannon takes over as the new HC. He is in his 14th year at Miami and has spent the previous six as the DC fielding fine units each year. If you think there isn't pressure to win at Miami check out Larry Coker's 60-15 record in six seasons with one National Title, and note that he was fired with two games to go in 2006. Four different coaches have accounted for Miami's five National Titles the last 24 years. The new OC is Patrick Nix, who was the OC at Georgia Tech the last 5 seasons. The new DC is Tim Walton who was the DB coach here the last three years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2004 Miami had an ACC low 10 starters back. They shockingly lost 3 ACC games and in one 3-game stretch allowed a very un-Miami-like 33.3 ppg but for the season yielded just 17.0. They had 9 starters back on defense in '05 and allowed just 214.7 ypg in the first 8 including their blowout win in Blacksburg. Amazingly the D yielded 380.8 ypg in their final four. They had control of the ACC with their win over VT but lost at home to GT to finish 2nd and were relegated to the Peach Bowl where LSU, with a backup QB, shredded them 40-3. Last year Miami had just 11 returning starters and earned 38 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover (pg 308). They lost to Fla St by 3 in the opener then made the mistake of stomping on the logo at Louisville and were pounded 31-7 but the game was closer than the score indicated. That knocked them out of the AP poll for the first time in 107 straight weeks (longest streak in NCAA). They had the ugly brawl vs Florida Int'l then with 13 players suspended they almost lost vs Duke but still stood 5-2. Unfortunately they dropped 4 straight before beating #18 BC in the home finale which was played before a crowd of just 23,308 (smallest S/'99). The crowd was very boisterous and I commend the fans that were on hand as it sounded much larger. Coker, who had more wins in his six years than any other Miami Coach (except Erickson), was let go but the team managed to avoid a losing season by beating Nevada by one point in the bowl. Despite UM's 3-5 record in the ACC, they still outgained foes in the league by 18.8 ypg. Miami does have the 4th best record of any team in the NCAA this decade (71-16) and have had more players picked in the first 3 rounds of the NFL draft (87 including three #1's this year) than any other team since 1984. This year the Hurricanes have 16 returning starters which is the most for them since 1996 as they have not had more than 13 since their 2001 National Title season. Ten true frosh played last year and combined for an ACC high 35 starts. Their offense only averaged 19.6 ppg, their lowest since 1979 (17.4) and should be much stronger with 9 starters back. The D set a school record allowing just 67.8 ypg rushing. They have allowed the fewest defensive TD's in the NCAA the last 8 years (165, Okla is #2 177). Despite having to face Okla, Fla St, VT and BC all on the road, the Hurricanes are one of the top teams in the ACC and could have their first double-digit win season since 2003.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 3 KYLE WRIGHT SR. 6-4 220 **PS#1**. 21 st, 4088 (59.5%). 26-17 ratio L/2 yrs. 7 Kirby Freeman (6-3 215 Jr) **PS#14**. 4 st, 1055 (53.2%) 9-10 2Y. 4.62 spd. Robert Marve is **PS#12**.

RB 5 JAVARRIS JAMES SO. 6-0 210 **PS#22**. 10 st true, 802 (4.6), 17 rec. 34 Charlie Jones (5-10 218 Sr) **PS#8**. 7 st, 738 (3.9) 3Y. **Graig Cooper PS#62 '06.** 21 Derron Thomas PS#51. 309 (4.5) 2Y.

WR 6 Darnell Jenkins Sr. 5-10 190 **PS#35**. 5 st 4Y, 62 rec (10.9). #1 rec after 3 gm (13) LY (inj). Miss spg. **FB** 41 Jerrell Mabry (6-1 266 So) PS#79RB. 36 Kylan Robinson (6-1 215 rFr) PS#111.

WR 9 LANCE LEGGETT SR. 6-3 188 **PS#11**. 20 st 3Y, 70 rec (16.2). #2 ACC in 100m! 13 Ryan Hill (5-11 188 So) 1 st, 8 rec as true. 87 Khalil Jones (6-2 218 Jr) PS#112. 4.39 spd. 4 st LY.

WR 83 SAM SHIELDS SO. 6-0 177 **PS#16RB**. 4.39 speed. 7 st true, 37 rec (13.5). 80 George Robinson (6-0 185 rFr) PS#440DB. Missed spring (inj). Leonard Hankerson is PS#30.

TE 11 DAJLEON FARR JR. 6-5 248 **PS#3**. 2 st 4 rec 2Y. +11 lbs. 88 **Chris Zellner** (6-2 238 Jr) PS#28. 8 st 2Y, 9 rec. 18 Dedrick Epps (6-4 234 So) **PS#24LB**. 1 st true 6 games.

C 71 DERRICK MORSE SR. 6-4 326 **PS#27**. Last 6 st RG '04. Inj '05, 5 gm. 12 st RG LY, **HM ACC**. 48 John Rochford (6-2 275 Sr) **PS#44**. 32 gm (also LS) 3Y. Harland Gunn is **PS#18DL**.

RG 76 Chris Rutledge Jr. 6-5 325 PS#154DL. 4 gm rFr. 6 st LY (2LT, 4RT). 70 AJ Trump (6-3 294 So) **PS#30**. 5 gm rFr until inj. Joe Girardi (6-2 298 Jr). **LS** 88 Ross Abramson (6-0 219 Sr).

LG 72 ANDREW BAIN SR. 6-3 330 **PS#6**. 1 st RG '05, 9 gm. 13 st LG '06, **700 squat**, 400 bench. 65 Matt Pipho (6-7 290 So) **PS#47DL**. 61 Joel Figueroa (6-5 335 rFr) PS#507.

RT 64 JASON FOX SO. 6-6 265 PS#22TE. 12 st OT **true** (8RT, 4LT). 79 **Chris Barney** (6-5 340 So) **PS#15**. 1 st, 6 gm rFr. 67 Tyrone Byrd (6-5 295 Jr) PS#52. 9 gm 2Y.

LT 77 REGGIE YOUNGBLOOD JR. 6-5 305 **PS#4**. 8 gm true. 7 st LT LY (inj 4). 68 **Ian Symonette** (6-9 380 rFr) **PS#18**. 73 Cyrim Wimbs (6-3 335 Sr) **PS#42**. 13 gms '04 & '05. 13 gms LY.

K 25 Matt Bosher rFr. 6-0 170 **PS#4**. 7 of 10 FG's, long of 52 HS. 17 Daren Daly Fla St trans. 39 Grant Brown (6-2 190 Sr). 40 David Strimple (5-10 174 Sr). Alex Uribe (6-1 160 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

DE 81 CALAIS CAMPBELL JR. 6-8 282 **PS#12LB. 1st Tm ACC**. 12 st LY, 84 tkl, **10.5 sk**, 17 qbh. 49 Courtney Harris (6-3 260 So) PS#37. 7 tkl rFr. 90 Steven Wesley (6-3 235 rFr) PS#103.

DT 54 TERAZ McCRAY SR. 6-1 300 8 st LY. 56 tkl, 5.5 sk 3Y. Richard Gordon (6-4 254 So) **PS#9TE**. Moved to DL LY. Josh Holmes (6-2 270 rFr) PS#60. Chaz Washington (6-4 305 So) **PS#31**.

DT 96 Antonio Dixon Jr. 6-3 335 PS#66. L/2 st LY. 21 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. 93 Dwayne Hendricks (6-4 280 Jr) **PS#16**. 11 tkl 2Y. 91 Joe Joseph (6-3 295 So) PS#91. Luqman Abdallah (6-3 312 So).

DE 94 Eric Moncur Jr. 6-2 260 **PS#17**. 5 st 2Y, 46 tkl, 2 sk. 47 Vegas Franklin (6-3 255 Sr) PS#72. 1 st, 17 tkl, 1.5 tfl 3Y. Allen Bailey is **PS#10**. Chris Perry is **PS#33OL**.

WLB 48 Spencer Adkins Jr. 5-11 233 **PS#11**. 3 tkl rFr until inj. 44 **Colin McCarthy** (6-3 222 So) **PS#38**. 2 tkl, 9 gm true (inj). 58 Demetri Stewart (6-3 210 So) **PS#46**. 4 tkl ST LY.

MLB 55 GLENN COOK SR. 6-0 215 PS#65. 14 st 3Y (11 '06), 109 tkl, 15.5 tfl, 12 qbh. Top LB award LY. 50 Darryl Sharpton (5-11 227 So) PS#125. 5 st rFr, 41 tkl, 4 tfl, 3 pbu.

SLB 52 TAVARES GOODEN SR. 6-2 238 **PS#7**. 9 st, 83 tkl, 10 tfl '04. RS '05. 4 st LY, 41 tkl, 5 tfl. 51 Romeo Davis (6-3 229 Sr) 13 st 3Y, 69 tkl. 59 Eric Houston (6-2 228 Jr) PS#151.

CB 6 RANDY PHILLIPS JR. 6-0 195 PS#72, 8 st LY, 30 tkl, 11 pbu. 24 Chavez Grant (5-11 174 So) PS#128. 5 st true, 24 tkl, 3 pbu. 20 Doug Wiggins is **PS#35**. Enrolled in January.

CB 4 GLENN SHARPE SR. 6-0 187 **PS#21**. 23 tkl, 1 int first 2Y. 12 st LY, 44 tkl, 2 int, 14 pbu. 22 Bruce Johnson (5-11 177 Jr) PS#69. 4 st 2Y, 13 tkl. Tervaris Johnson (6-2 220 So) PS#123.

SS 35 Lovon Ponder Jr. 6-0 207 PS#44. 11 st 2Y, 73 tkl, 4 int, 12 pbu. 26 Anthony Reddick (6-0 205 Jr) 6 st, 73 tkl, 1 int true. Inj '05-'06. 27 Carlos Armour (6-3 199 Jr) PS#114WR.

FS 1 KENNY PHILLIPS JR. 6-2 202 **PS#2**. 11 st true, 88 tkl, 4 pbu. 10 st '06, 71 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu. 28 Willie Cooper (6-1 211 Sr) **PS#15**. 1 st, 17 tkl 3Y. Damien Berry is **PS#37**.

P 25 Matt Bosher rFr. 6-0 170 **PS#4**. Avg 46.5 on punts as Sr in HS. 70% of KO's into EZ. 71 Daren Daley (6-1 173 Jr) 6 punts here LY (32.7). 41 Chandler Cleveland (6-5 182 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Allen Bailey 6-4 255 PS#10
WR	Kayne Farquharson 6-2 185 PS#26JC
QB	Robert Marve 6-1 190 PS#12
OL	Harland Gunn 6-3 300 PS#18DL
DB	Doug Wiggins 5-11 180 PS#35
DB	Damien Berry 5-11 197 PS#37
DL	Chris Perry 6-3 319 PS#33OL
WR	Leonard Hankerson 6-3 197 PS#30
RB	Lee Chambers 6-1 200 PS#35
RB	Shawnbrey McNeal 5-11 190 PS#39
DB	DeMarcus Van Dyke 6-1 170 PS#60
WR	Jermaine McKenzie 6-2 170 PS#46
DL	Adewale Ojomo 6-3 217 PS#58LB
RB	Graig Cooper 6-0 195 PS#62 '06
DB	Joseph Nicholas 6-3 198 PS#128
DB	Jared Campbell 6-1 195 PS#150
OL	Orlando Franklin 6-7 320 PS#217 '06
WR	Daniel Adderley 6-6 215 PS#267
OL	Tyler Horn 6-5 290 PS#443

MIAMI HURRICANES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#19

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Marshall	G					New Miami HC Randy Shannon has been the DC here the L6Y & is a UM alumni. The Hurricanes are 8-1 in home openers. This is the teams' 1st meeting.
Sep. 8	at Oklahoma	G					Miami was ranked #2 and OU was #1 in their last game in the '87 Orange Bowl. UM is 31-19 all-time vs current B12, outscoring them by avg of 8 ppg. UM has dropped L/2 road openers.
Sep. 15	Florida Int'l	G					Last year's meeting ended with 18 FIU players & 13 UM players being suspended for brawling during the gm. UM has outscored current SBC tms 141-25 S/'80 (4-0).
Sep. 20	Texas A&M (Thur)	G					Canes are 9-0 on Thurs nights S/'00. The last & only time Miami played TX A&M was in '44, a 70-14 loss. The Hurricanes are 17-1 during a three game homestand.
Sep. 29	Duke	G					LY short-handed UM (gm after brawl) needed an int on its own GL as time expired in Durham. UM finished 3-5 in ACC play LY, their 1st losing record in conf action since going 3-4 in '97 (BE).
Oct. 6	at North Carolina	G					LY TE Olsen (PS#1) matched a career high with 8 catches for 95 yds (11.9) vs NC. Although Miami finished 1-3 on the ACC road LY, they are still 20-6 S/'00 in conf AG's.
Oct. 13	Georgia Tech	G					Miami led 10-0 LY vs GT, but couldn't overcome 4 TO's in the loss (2nd straight loss to GT). The last time the Hurricanes beat the Yellow Jackets in the Orange Bowl was in 1967.
Oct. 20	at Florida St	G					Last time in Tallahassee ('05), UM had 21-9 FD & 313-170 yd edges but still lost! These rivals have played each year since 1969. Miami is 6-2 but lost the last 2.
Oct. 27							Bonus: Since 1983, the Miami Hurricanes are 188-19 (91%) when scoring first.
Nov. 3	NC State	G					Miami is 11-2 after a bye week. They have also won 10 straight after facing FSU. The Hurricanes are 26-9 in November games since 1998.
Nov. 10	Virginia	G					Virginia was the only tm LY to top 100 yds (132) rushing on the nation's #4 rush def. The Hurricanes are 26-3 since 1978 in their Orange Bowl finale.
Nov. 17	at Virginia Tech	G					From '92-'03 UM & VT split their 12 BE meetings & the visitor has won all 3 ACC gms. These 2 have had defensive struggles the last 4 years averaging just 31 ppg.
Nov. 24	at Boston College	A					LY vs BC, UM snapped a 4 gm losing skid in a come-from-behind win, becoming bowl eligible. Miami has dominated this series as the last time they lost to BC was the Flutie miracle of '84.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ken Dorsey 9,565 '99-'02	1. Ottis Anderson 3,331 '75-'78	1. Santana Moss 2,546 '97-'00
2. Gino Torretta 7,690 '89-'92	2. Edgerrin James 2,960 '96-'98	2. Reggie Wayne 2,510 '97-'00
3. Vinny Testaverde 6,058 '82-'86	3. James Jackson 2,953 '96-'00	3. Michael Irvin 2,423 '85-'87

Randy Shannon (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Miami, FI — Shannon's Bowl Record: 0-0

Shannon's records AT MIAMI, FL

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

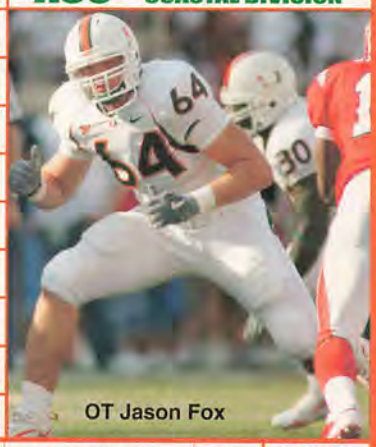
2006 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 61 (29,28,4)
Lost: 15 (8,4,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,857 (#51)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION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STADIUM: ORANGE BOWL (72,319) (#24)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	11-0	12-0	10-2	8-3	9-2	6-6	66-14
Home	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-1	4-2	5-1	5-2	38-6
Away	4-1	5-0	6-0	4-1	4-1	4-1	1-4	28-8
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	7-0	7-0	7-0	6-1	5-3	6-2	3-5	41-11
ATS	8-3	6-5	4-7	5-7	6-5	4-7	4-7	37-41
Home Fav (Butch Davis)	3-2	4-2	1-4	1-6	3-3	2-4	2-2	16-23
Home Dog (Butch Davis)	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-1
Away Fav (Larry Coker)	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-3	0-2	14-15
Away Dog (Larry Coker)	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-2	5-2
Favorite	7-3	6-5	3-7	4-7	5-5	3-7	2-4	30-38
Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-3	7-3
vs Conf	7-0	3-4	2-5	3-4	5-3	3-5	3-5	26-26
vs Non-Conf	1-3	3-1	2-2	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	11-15
Off SU Win	7-2	5-5	4-7	4-5	4-4	4-4	2-3	30-30
Off SU Loss	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-2	2-3	4-8

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Javarris James	175	851	49	802	4	4.6
Tyrone Moss	66	314	29	285	3	4.3
Charlie Jones	61	228	22	206	4	3.4
Derron Thomas	21	163	4	159	1	7.6
Kirby Freeman	41	182	73	109	1	2.7
Andrew Johnson	5	34	0	34	0	6.8
Kyle Wright	49	140	161	-21	0	-0.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kyle Wright	250	152	60.8	1655	8	7
Kirby Freeman	108	59	54.6	872	7	8
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Lance Leggett	38	584	15.4	4	77	
Sam Shields	37	501	13.5	4	78	
Greg Olsen	40	489	12.2	1	41	
Ryan Moore	12	251	20.9	2	52	
Javarris James	17	200	11.8	1	25	
Darnell Jenkins	13	183	14.1	0	51	
Ryan Hill	8	77	9.6	0	22	
Rashaun Jones	10	58	5.8	0	13	
Charlie Jones	10	50	5.0	0	13	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Monroe	58	2419	41.7	16	37.6 (t)	0	15
Daren Daly	4	166	41.5	0		0	3

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jon Peattie	29-29	4-4	4-5	2-6	2-4	12-19	55

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jon Beason	92	2.5	7.5	1	0
Brandon Meriweather	91	1	4	8	1
Calais Campbell	84	10.5	10	4	0
Kenny Phillips	71	0	6	6	4
Glenn Cook	64	0	4	2	0
Kareem Brown	60	11	1.5	1	0
Lovon Ponder	53	0	2	7	1
Baraka Atkins	49	4	5	2	0
Glenn Sharpe	44	0	1	14	2
Darryl Sharpton	41	1	3	3	0
Tavares Gooden	41	0	5	2	0
Randy Phillips	30	0	0	11	1
Bryan Pata	29	2	2	0	0
Teraz McCray	25	2	3	0	0
Eric Moncur	24	1	1	2	0
Chavez Grant	24	0	2	3	1
Romeo Davis	21	0	1	0	0
Antonio Dixon	14	1	1	0	0
Willie Cooper	9	0	1	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bruce Johnson	23	186	8.1	0
Rashaun Jones	10	62	6.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bruce Johnson	15	326	21.7	0
Rashaun Jones	6	121	20.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Fiesta - #1	-11'	Ohio St - #2 (2OT)	24-31
03	Orange - #10	+1'	Florida St - #9	16-14
04	Peach - #14	-4	Florida - #20	27-10
05	Peach - #9	-7	LSU - #10	3-40
06	MPC Computers	-3'	Nevada	21-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Miami's All-Time Bowl Record 18-13

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	19.6	16	116	3.5	197	59.2	16.0	-3	2006	6	15.5	14	68	2.3	188	53.3	16.5
4	27.1	18	138	3.7	216	57.4	13.0	+5	2005	9	14.3	16	118	3.0	152	46.6	19.0
6*	31.7	18	131	3.7	234	55.9	11.5	+14	2004	4	17.0	18	155	3.8	173	50.6	19.3
6	27.8	20	180	4.6	215	59.8	14.2	-4	2003	7	15.1	14	117	3.3	141	50.9	17.1
4*	40.5	21	182	5.2	284	55.8	11.5	-1	2002	6	19.1	18	169	3.8	120	46.2	15.2
6*	42.7	22	197	5.3	260	57.6	10.7	+27	2001	8	9.8	17	138	3.2	132	43.9	27.7

2006 STATS BY GAME

UM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#12	Florida St	8	26 - 2	0.1	18 - 27	132	3	9	25 - 1	0.0	16 - 32	175	0	0
#17	Florida A&M	31	47 - 339	7.2	20 - 28	224	1	13	23 - 82	3.6	11 - 20	143	1	+1
#17	at Louisville	20	29 - 64	2.2	20 - 34	278	4	14	31 - 95	3.1	13 - 18	294	2	-1
–	Houston	20	42 - 230	5.5	16 - 27	190	0	13	25 - 80	3.2	18 - 28	196	4	-1
–	North Carolina	14	31 - 144	4.6	15 - 26	180	1	17	28 - 58	2.1	13 - 36	186	3	+3
–	Florida Int'l	16	29 - 90	3.1	17 - 26	189	2	12	31 - 28	0.9	12 - 25	86	3	+2
–	at Duke	18	26 - 30	1.2	24 - 41	299	1	21	29 - 96	3.3	21 - 41	284	2	+4
–	at Georgia Tech	18	34 - 71	2.1	20 - 31	246	6	16	33 - 87	2.6	12 - 28	195	4	-3
–	Virginia Tech	10	27 - 153	5.7	14 - 30	84	2	10	40 - 53	1.3	5 - 19	86	5	-2
–	at Maryland	18	46 - 180	3.9	14 - 27	140	1	6	21 - 56	2.7	11 - 16	202	1	-2
–	at Virginia	11	29 - 111	3.8	11 - 18	152	0	21	42 - 132	3.1	23 - 33	217	5	-2
–	Boston College	10	34 - 66	1.9	13 - 26	181	1	10	25 - 24	1.0	17 - 34	169	4	-2
–	† Nevada	13	31 - 28	0.9	11 - 19	272	4	23	38 - 90	2.4	21 - 32	207	4	0
TOTALS		207	431 - 1508	3.5	213 - 360	2567	26	185	391 - 882	2.3	193 - 362	2440	38	-3
AVERAGES		15.9	33 - 116	3.5	16 - 28	197	2.0	14.2	30 - 68	2.3	15 - 28	188	2.9	-0.2

2002 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #1 Opponent	Line	Post #2 Score
#1	Florida A&M	NL	63-17
#1	at Florida - #6	+2'	41-16
#1	at Temple	-37'	44-21
#1	Boston College	-26	38-6
#1	Connecticut	-43'	48-14
#1	Florida St - #9	-13	28-27
#1	at West Virginia	-20	40-23
#1	at Rutgers	-39	42-17
#2	at Tennessee	-9	26-3
#1	Pittsburgh - #17	-19	28-21
#1	at Syracuse	-20'	49-7
#1	Virginia Tech - #18	-17'	56-45

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #3 Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
#3	at Louisiana Tech	-28	48-9
#3	Florida - #21	-14	38-33
#2	East Carolina	-41	38-3
#2	at Boston College	-11'	33-14
#2	West Virginia	-25'	22-20
#2	at Florida St - #5	+7	22-14
#2	Temple	-31	52-14
#2	at Virginia Tech - #10	-3'	7-31
#6	Tennessee - #18	-12'	6-10
#14	Syracuse	-19	17-10
#13	Rutgers	-27	34-10
#10	at Pittsburgh - #20	-3	28-14

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	Post #11 Score
#5	Florida St - #4	-2	16-10 OT
#4	Louisiana Tech	-30'	48-0
#4	at Houston	-29'	38-13
#4	at Georgia Tech	-14	27-3
#3	Louisville - #18	-9	41-38
#4	at NC State	-7	45-31
#4	at North Carolina	-22	28-31
#11	Clemson	-16'	17-24 OT
#18	at Virginia - #10	+3'	31-21
#12	Wake Forest	-18'	52-7
#9	Virginia Tech - #10	-7	10-16

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#9	at Florida St - #14	-3	7-10
#13	at Clemson - #20	-7	36-30 3OT
#12	Colorado	-14	23-3
#9	South Florida	-21	27-7
#9	Duke	-35'	52-7
#7	at Temple	-41'	34-3
#6	North Carolina	-21	34-16
#5	at Virginia Tech - #3	+6'	27-7
#3	at Wake Forest	-17	47-17
#3	Georgia Tech	-18	10-14
#10	Virginia	-17'	25-17

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#12	Florida St - #11	-3'	10-13
#17	Florida A&M	NL	51-10
#17	at Louisville - #12	+4	7-31
–	Houston	-16'	14-13
–	North Carolina	-19	27-7
–	Florida Int'l	-26	35-0
–	at Duke	-17'	20-15
–	at Georgia Tech - #21	+4'	23-30
–	Virginia Tech - #23	+2'	10-17
–	at Maryland - #23	+3	13-14
–	at Virginia	-3	7-17
–	Boston College - #18	+4	17-14

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

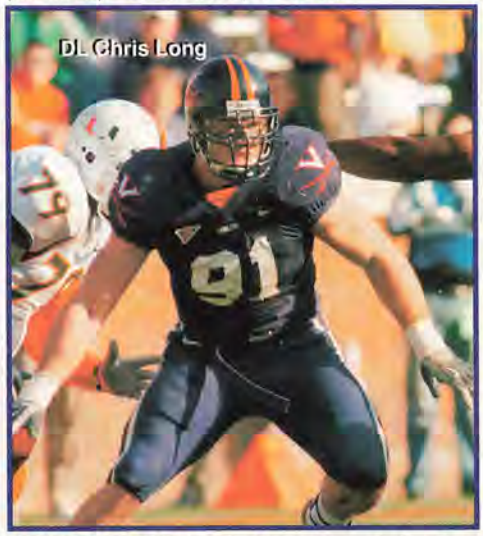
QUARTERBACKS - Marques Hagans played both WR and QB in his career. In 2005 he started all 12 at QB as a senior throwing for 2,492 (62.1%) with a 14-12 ratio (#5DC STL). Chris Olsen played in 8 as his backup and in '04 and '05 combined to hit a solid 17 of 23 for 159 yards with an 0-1 ratio. Olsen (PS#14) who originally signed at Notre Dame was named the starter heading into '06. HC Al Groh said at the beginning of the year that he would not have a quick hook yet both backups Kevin McCabe and Jameel Sewell played vs Pitt. Against Wyoming, McCabe came off the bench on the 1st poss of the 4Q and hit 8 of 13 for 85 yards leading the team to the OT win. McCabe started the next week vs WM and hit 13 of 16 but had 2 int result in TD's and Olsen went 4 of 6 guiding a drive for a late 1H FG. Groh went to the future and rFr Sewell (PS#68) QB'd the 2H. While Sewell did not generate any points, he was named the starting QB. Sewell, the first left handed QB here since 1976, got his first road start vs GT's gambling, blitzing D and struggled. Groh stuck with him however, and he improved as the season went on including an outstanding 23 of 33 for 217 vs Miami (Fl). After 5 games, his longest completion was just 20 yards. For the season, Sewell threw for 1,342 (57.9%) with a 5-6 ratio (408 rush). McCabe threw for 222 (71.9%) with a 1-3 ratio (2 IR TD). This year they must replace both McCabe and Olsen. Not listed in the 4 deep below are Patch Duda (6'3" 171 rFr) and OC Wardlow (6'0" 170 Fr, PS#46). Sewell should have a fine soph 2007 season.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cavs have had just one 1,000 yard rusher the last 6 years (Alvin Pearman, 1037 in '04). He departed in '05 and Wali Lundy, who was the #1 rusher in '02 & '03 was banged up in '04, finished his senior year as the leader with 574 (4.0). FB Jason Snelling was #2 that year with 325 (5.6). Snelling trimmed down from 241 to 228 in order to take over the TB duties last season. He was injured early (missed 1) but still had a fine year with 772 (4.2) and was also the #2 rec (29, 9.7). The #2 rusher was actually QB Sewell (200 net, 2.1) and Michael Johnson (PS#5) only had 7 att in what was his senior season. Cedric Peerman (PS#29) added 153 (3.3). This year they must replace Johnson and Snelling (#7DC ATL). Battling Peerman will be Mikell Simpson (PS#31DB, 56 yd), Keith Payne (6'3" 243 rFr, PS#77) who is an interesting combination of size and speed, Raynard Horne (6'0" 203 rFr, PS#229) and true frosh Max Milien (PS#96). Not listed below are FB's Rashawn Jackson (6'1" 254 So, PS#96LB) and TB Hall Simmons (5'9" 203 So). Last year's 99.9 ypg rushing was their lowest in over 15 years and I look for improved rushing numbers in 2007.

RECEIVERS - The Cavs' top receiver, by far, in 2005 was Deyon Williams with 58 (13.2) and over twice as many yards as the #2 man, Tom Santi (19, 18.8). WR Fontel Mines had 28 (12.3), backup TE Jonathan Stupar had 24 (13.3) and WR Emmanuel Byers had 21 (10.4). All five were back last year but Williams was injured and played just 6 with 10 rec (8.7). Surprisingly the feature became soph Kevin Ogletree (7 rec '05). Ogletree led with 52 (11.2) and had more than twice the yards of the #2 WR, Santi (29, 8.7). This year they must replace Mines (12 st, 27, 9.5), Byers (10, 9.2), Mike Robertson (1 rec) and Williams. Ogletree did tear his ACL towards the end of spring and may miss part of the season. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Zach Mendez-Zfass (6'1" 188 rFr) and Simon Manka (6'0" 180 Sr) and TE's Anthony Konstant (6'5" 225 Jr), Crutcher Reiss (6'4" 248 So) and Andrew Dewey (6'5" 226 So).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Cavs had to replace #1DC OT D'Brickashaw Ferguson and another DC and only had two returning starters on the O-line. One returning starter, RG Marshal Ausberry, then lost his job. The unit struggled early and often and only opened holes for 100 ypg (3.3) rushing, their lowest ypg total in over 15 years. The unit also allowed 35 sacks (10.1%), their highest total since 1997. There were no seniors on the front wall. This year the only loss is Ausberry, who transferred to Liberty. Six players return with starting experience including three VHT's who now enter their 2nd year as full-time starters. This should be one of the most improved O-lines in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cavs had all 3 starters back on the D-line in 2004 and allowed just 3.4 ypc rush (best since 1998). In 2005 they had to replace #4 and #6 DC's then lost a 4 game starter prior to the season so they were lightly experienced. They slipped and allowed 4.0 ypc rush while recording just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and 2 backups again but Chris Long (Howie's son) emerged as the star DL (2nd Tm ACC). Even though the Cavs only had 3 starters back on their front 7, they improved to allowing 3.3 ypc and the sack total jumped to 30. This year they have their most veteran front since 2004 as the only loss is NT Keenan Carter (1 st, 12 tkl) who was banged up most of last year. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Arthur Singleton (6'3" 250 Sr) and Pete Bladel (6'4" 232 Sr).


DL Chris Long

LINEBACKERS - In each of the last 2 years the Cavs have had an inexperienced LB corps. Last year's unit took a surprising hit when Kai Parham (1st Tm ACC) opted to leave early for the NFL and then was not drafted. That left the Cavs with one full-time starter returning in OLB Clint Sintim and two who combined for 8 starts in VHT's Jermaine Dias (PS#13) and Antonio Appleby. Another VHT, Olu Hall (PS#16) redshirted (acad). Former walk-on Jon Copper turned out to be the #1 tackler. This year the entire 2 deep returns and it wouldn't surprise me if Hall wins a starting job. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Daniel Childress (6'2" 205 rFr). This is the most experienced Cav corps in quite some time.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cavs were #66 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and last year returned 7 players who earned starts, including 3 who combined for 8 starts as true frosh. The Cavs moved up to #55 allowing 58.8% with an outstanding 10-10 ratio. This year they lose 2nd Tm ACC CB Marcus Hamilton (11 st, 39 tkl, 5 int, #7DC TB) and S Tony Franklin (4 st, 37 tkl, 5 tfl). Three full-time starters are back and there are five VHT's in the unit including true frosh Chase Minnifield (6'0" 185 Fr, PS#38WR), who is ex-Cleveland Browns CB Frank's son. I'll call for the Cavs to have their best finish in my pass D rankings S/'98 (#15).

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cavs finished #48, #76, #39 and #47 in my ST rankings in Groh's first four years. In 2005, thanks to outstanding K Connor Hughes, some dangerous returnmen, and KO specialist Kurt Smith (#6DC SD) they moved up to #7. Groh said of all of the players the team lost last year, the one he hated to lose the most was Hughes who connected on 21 of 24 FG's (long 50) in 2005. Chris Gould (PS#7) was the punter (33.4 net) in '05 and was expected to handle all 3 duties in '06 but Groh wanted Ryan Weigand to take over the punting. Gould hit 11 of 19 FG's with a long of 48 and all 8 of his misses were from 40+ (incl 50 & 52). Noah Greenbaum hit 1 of 2 FG's. Gould only avg 38.4 on punts and Weigand took over in the 2H of the season improving to 42.4 (tm net 34.8). Peerman was the top KR (27.3). The Cavs dropped to #53 but with everyone back, this should be one of the ACC's top units.

COACHES - After a 5-7 record in Al Groh's debut season of 2001 (first losing season since 1986), he coached the team to four straight bowls. Groh earned ACC Coach of the Year in 2002. Groh previously coached at Wake Forest from 1981 to 1986 and was HC of the NY Jets in 2000. He was not given the automatic contract extension at the end of last year so he has 4 years left (exp 2010). Last year he had to replace both his OC (Ron Prince) and DC (Al Golden) who left for IA HC jobs. His new OC was his son Mike, who is in his 7th year on the staff (WR coach). Mike was also one of the top QB's in school history. Mike London is in his 2nd year as the DC. London was the DL coach at Virginia from 2001-2004 and the Houston Texans' 2005 DL coach. He was pursued by Old Dominion for the HC job but UVA managed to retain him. After being #11 in sacks in the ACC in 2005, his more aggressive style of D had them #5.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 the Cavs had just 6 seniors overall and 29 lettermen returning which was the school's lowest total since 1981. Of the 93 players on the roster 26 were walk-ons. They had five 2H comebacks and finished #22 after an impressive bowl win. Groh had 15 starters back in 2003 and the team went 8-5, which was their first back-to-back 8-win season since '94-'95. Just 17 lettermen departed in '04 and UVA had just 10 offensive TO's that year, the lowest in the ACC S/'87. They blew out their first five opponents by 30.8 ppg in '04 and were 5-0, ranked #6, which was higher than Fla St when they travelled to Tallahassee (where they lost 36-3). They later lost a home game to #18 Miami and with a shot at sharing an ACC Title, but then came up short in the finale vs VT. They also suffered a tough bowl loss in OT to Fresno St. UVA had just 11 starters returning in '05, the fewest in the ACC, and had to replace a school record 7 DC's. After outgaining ACC foes by an average of 63.4 ypg in 2004, they were outgained by 80.8 ypg. They had been in the Top 25 for 21 straight weeks but dropped out after a loss to Maryland. However, 2 weeks later they stunned unbeaten #4 Fla St at home in a game they led 26-10 in front of 63,106, their 3rd largest crowd ever. With an outside shot at the ACC Title at 6-3, they were blown out by VT and beaten by Miami. UVA rallied for a 34-31 bowl win to finish with their 4th straight winning season at 7-5. They benefitted from 2 net close wins (see pg 299). Groh said 2006 was a REBUILDING year with only 5 seniors on the 2 deep. They had their 3rd straight year of soldout season tickets (39,347). They had just 6 returning starters on offense and it was not until game 4 that the QB duties were handed over to rFr Sewell. The Cavs struggled on offense avg 15.1 ppg, their lowest total since 11.5 in 1981. While they struggled to a 5-7 finish, the bright spot was a 17-7 win at home over Miami. Needing a win over VT to get to a bowl, they had just 5 FD's in the season finale. Groh is 29-9 at home but just 10-23 on the road. This year they have 9 starters back on offense including Sewell and should be vastly improved. The D has 10 starters back including their top 9 tacklers and even in '06's losing season, only allowed 17.8 ppg!! The 289 ypg allowed last season was the lowest in more than 15 years. The Cavs make my list of most improved teams which means they are headed back to the post season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 10 JAMEEL SEWELL SO. 6-3 219 PS#68. Last 9 st rFr, 1342 (57.9%), 5-6 ratio, 408 rush. 15 Scott Deke (6-3 216 Jr) PS#72. Peter Lalich PS#15. 6 Marc Verica (6-2 190 rFr) PS#113.

TB 37 Cedric Peerman Jr. 5-10 205 PS#29. 2 st, 2Y, 390 (3.4), 10 rec (5.2). 5 Mikell Simpson (6-1 197 So) **PS#31DB**. 4.38 spd. 68 ttl yd rFr. 32 Keith Payne (6-3 243 rFr) PS#77.

TE 88 JONATHAN STUPAR SR. 6-3 254 **PS#6**. 8 st '05, 24 (13.3). 9 st LY, 15 rec (7.5). 83 Joe Torchia (6-5 237 rFr) PS#25. **FB 25** Josh Zidenberg (6-0 213 Sr) PS#164.

WR 80 Maurice Covington Jr. 6-4 215 PS#64LB. 1 st true. 11 rec 2Y. 39 Chris Gorham (6-0 193 Sr) PS#80DB. 9 st CB 2Y, 46 tkl, 2 int. 26 Cary Koch (6-0 198 Jr) 1 st, 23 rec **Tulane** '05.

WR 89 CHRIS DALTON rFR. 6-2 172 PS#113. 4.35 spd. Andrew Pearman (5-10 166 Jr) PS#47RB. 2 st, 7 rec LY. Kevin Ogletree (6-2 189 Jr) PS#105. 1 st, 7 rec true. 9 st, #3 ACC 52 (11.2).

TE 86 TOM SANTI SR. 6-5 250 **PS#7**, 3 st true, 13 (11.9). 7 st, 19 (18.8) '05. 10 st LY, 29 (8.7). 85 John Phillips (6-6 257 Jr) PS#54DL. 7 st 2Y, 4 rec. Andrew Devlin PS#20

C 63 JORDY LIPSEY SR. 6-3 280 **PS#14**. 4 gm as rFr. 2 st in '05. 12 st at C LY. 64 Jack Shields (6-5 252 rFr) PS#42TE. **LS** Danny Aiken (6-4 230 Fr). Fork Union in '06.

RG 77 IAN-YATES CUNNINGHAM SR. 6-3 290 **PS#20**. L/5 st true LG. MedRS '04, 1 st '05 (not 100%). 12 st RG LY. Lamar Milstead (6-5 290 Fr) **PS#28**. 62 Isaac Cain (6-4 319 rFr).

LG 71 BRANDEN ALBERT JR. 6-7 315 PS#247. Hargrave '04. 12 st LG "true." 12 st LG '06, HM ACC. 78 Gordie Sammis (6-4 290 Sr) **PS#58**. 23 gm 4Y. 74 Patrick Slebonick (6-5 289 So) **PS#64**.

RT 61 WILL BARKER SO. 6-7 306 PS#106. 12 st rFr LY at RT. 65 BJ Cabbell (6-6 300 rFr) PS#172. RS '06. Billy Cuffee (6-5 300 Fr) PS#394 '06. Hargrave last year.

LT 75 EUGENE MONROE JR. 6-6 315 **PS#1**. 12 games true. 5 st LT '06 (1st 3, last 2). 76 Zak Stair (6-6 298 Jr) PS#132. 10 gm rFr. 7 st LT LY. Zane Parr (6-6 297 Fr) is PS#257.

K 9 CHRIS GOULD SR. 6-1 204 PS#7. 53 punts '05. 11 of 19 FG LY, long 48. 21 TB on 43 KO. Chris Hinkebein PS#29. 54 & 52 yd FG in HS. Noah Greenbaum (5-10 189 Sr) 1-2 FG LY.

DE 91 CHRIS LONG SR. 6-4 284 **PS#31**. 12 st '05, 46 tkl, 10 tfl. 12 st LY, 57 tkl, 4 sk, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm ACC**. 60 Kevin Crawford (6-3 284 So) PS#105OL. 5 tkl rFr. John Roberts (6-4 263 Jr).

NT 94 ALLEN BILLYK SR. 6-4 287 **PS#82**. 10 tkl, 1 sk '04-'05. 10 st LY, 23 tkl, 1 sk. 98 Nate Collins (6-2 281 So) 1 st true, 17 tkl, 4 tfl. 90 Jason Fuller (6-5 258 So) PS#125.

DE 95 JEFFREY FITZGERALD SO. 6-3 279 PS#41LB. 12 st rFr, 64 tkl, 5 sk, 7 tfl, FWAA 1st Tm Fr AA. 93 Alex Field (6-7 288 Jr) PS#32TE. 12 tkl 2Y. 99 Sean Gottschalk (6-4 262 rFr) PS#135.

OLB 57 JERMAINE DIAS SR. 6-1 237 **PS#13**. 11 tkl rFr. 6 st '05, 21 tkl. 12 st LY, 48 tkl, 8 tfl. 45 Denzel Burrell (6-4 224 So) PS#87. 2 gm rFr until inj. 33 John Bivens (6-2 213 rFr).

ILB 58 ANTONIO APPLEBY JR. 6-4 248 **PS#45DL**. 2 st, 27 tkl true. 12 st LY, 68 tkl, 3 tfl. Darren Childs (6-1 238 So) PS#233. John-Kevin Dolce (6-2 230 rFr). Darnell Carter (6-3 244 rFr) PS#164.

ILB 54 JON COPPER JR. 6-0 232 PS#194 '03. Fork Union. 10 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 81 tkl, 4 sk, 5 tfl. 41 Aaron Clark (6-5 254 Jr) PS#88DL. 50 Bernie McKeever (6-3 236 Jr) 6 gm '05.

OLB 51 CLINT SINTIM JR. 6-3 256 PS#107DL. 12 st rFr, 53 tkl, 3 sk, 6 tfl. 12 st LY. 45 tkl, 4 sk, 8 tfl. 56 **Olu Hall** (6-3 230 So) **PS#16**. 1 tkl true. RS LY. Marvin Richardson (6-3 241 Sr) 5 tkl 2Y.

CB 28 Mike Brown Jr. 5-9 180 **PS#26**. 3 st true, 18 tkl, 2 pbu. 1 st LY, 13 tkl, 14 PR (9.6). 4 **Vic Hall** (5-9 184 So) **PS#5QB.** 13 tkl rFr. 43 Mike Parker (6-2 190 rFr) PS#286.

CB 26 CHRIS COOK JR. 6-2 204 **PS#58**. 1 st, 2 pbu '05. 11 st LY, 58 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. 1 Trey Womack (5-11 177 rFr) PS#120. Rico Bell (5-10 184 rFr) PS#142RB. Deandre Filer (5-10 168 Fr).

SS 30 NATE LYLES SR. 6-0 203 **PS#27**. 9 st, 39 tkl, 2 tfl '05. 10 st LY, 46 tkl, 4 tfl. 34 Matt Leemhuis (6-1 200 rFr) PS#178. 27 Jamaal Jackson (6-3 212 Sr) 1 st 3Y, 55 tkl.

FS 22 BRYON GLASPY JR. 5-11 203 4 st Fr, 20 tkl. 11 st LY, 56 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. J'Courtney Williams (6-3 218 Fr) PS#14LB. 17 Brandon Woods (6-2 214 So) PS#60WR. 5 tkl rFr.

P 16 RYAN WEIGAND SR. 6-2 181 PS#208JC. 40.5 avg at JC. 24 punt here '06, 42.4 avg, 34.8 net. 9 Chris Gould PS#7. 127 punts 3Y (39.1). 4 John Thornton (6-4 190 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	J'Courtney Williams 6-3 218 PS#14LB
QB	Peter Lalich 6-5 235 PS#15
OL	Lamar Milstead 6-5 290 PS#28
DL	Nick Jenkins 6-3 315 PS#44
DB	Chase Minnifield 6-0 185 PS#38WR
DB	Dontrelle Inman 6-3 185 PS#62
TE	Andrew Devlin 6-6 255 PS#20
DB	Dom Joseph 6-1 180 PS#80
LB	Jared Detrick 6-1 213 PS#67
WR	Kris Burd 5-11 175 PS#68
LB	Aaron Taliaferro 6-2 215 PS#72
LB	Terence Fells-Danzer 6-1 220 PS#78
RB	Max Milien 6-0 195 PS#96
OL	Matt Conrath 6-7 230 PS#171
DL	Anthony Mihota 6-4 245 PS#154
WR	Ras-i Dowling 6-2 180 PS#179
TE	Mark Ambrose 6-5 215 PS#63
OL	Zane Parr 6-6 297 PS#257
K	Chris Hinkebein 6-1 170 PS#29
OL	Landon Bradley 6-7 255 PS#290
DL	Corey Mosley 6-4 245 PS#250RB
OL	Billy Cuffee 6-5 300 PS#394 '06
OL	Danny Aiken 6-4 230 PS#606
WR	Jared Green 6-2 165 PS#495

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UVA	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	at Wyoming	A				
Sep. 8	Duke	G				
Sep. 15	at North Carolina	G				
Sep. 22	Georgia Tech	G				
Sep. 29	Pittsburgh	G				
Oct. 6	at Middle Tennessee	A				
Oct. 13	Connecticut (HC)	G				
Oct. 20	at Maryland	G				
Oct. 27	at NC State	G				
Nov. 3	Wake Forest	G				
Nov. 10	at Miami, Fl	G				
Nov. 17						
Nov. 24	Virginia Tech	G				
Dec. 1						

Virginia is just 1-9 their last 10 away games losing by an avg of 15 ppg.
In their 1st ever meeting last year, UVA escaped in OT on a WY missed extra pt.

UVA has dominated Duke going 7-0 w/an avg score of 32-9 incl 2 shutouts the L4Y.
Fifty-six of Duke's 100 total offensive yds LY came in the 4Q after UVA was up 30-0.

The home team has won 6 of the last 7 including a Virginia shutout last year.
Groh served as the LB coach at NC from '73-'77 coaching legendary Lawrence Taylor.

HT is 11-1 since 1995. Last year Jameel Sewell made his 1st career start vs GT. He was just 15-31 (48%) for 115 yds, but did lead the team w/30 net rush yds (3.8).

Virginia allowed a season-high 283 yds passing in their opener at Pitt last year. LY Pitt returned 2 int's for TD's marking the 1st time that has happened to UVA S/'56 (Duke).

This will be the school's 1st meeting & only UVA's 2nd gm vs a current SBC member.
UVA will play on turf for just the 7th time (reg ssn) since switching to grass in '95.

Virginia is 14-2 since 1991 on Homecoming.
UC HC Edsall was DC for GT in 1998 beating Virginia in his only season there.

Virginia has dropped it's last 3 trips in College Park, with their last win there in '99.
LY's 2 pt win by MD was the smallest margin S/'88 & the avg margin of victory is 16 ppg S/'89.

UVA held NC State without a FD in the 2H until 8:00 left to play in last year's game.
These 2 teams have avg just 39 ppg the L/5, but take away '03 (88 pts), just 27 ppg.

Groh was the HC at Wake Forest from 1981-'86 compiling a 26-40 record in 6 seasons.
Virginia is 19-1 since 1984 vs Wake Forest. The lone loss was at home in 2001.

LY UVA didn't commit a penalty vs Miami as they ran 75 plays to the Hurricanes 47.
This will be just the 4th ACC meeting & in the 1st 3 gms UM has outsk'd UVA 12-3.

First game was in 1895 playing every year since 1970, VT leads series 46-37-5.
Virginia's 112 yds of total offense LY was the fewest vs Tech since 1939 (99 yds).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Matt Schaub 7,502 '00-'03	1. Thomas Jones 3,998 '96-'99	1. Billy McMullen 2,978 '99-'02
2. Shawn Moore 6,629 '87-'90	2. Tiki Barber 3,389 '93-'96	2. Herman Moore 2,504 '88-'90
3. Scott Gardner 5,218 '72-'75	3. Terry Kirby 3,348 '89-'92	3. John Ford 2,399 '84, '86-'88

AL GROH (Career 68-73)

7th Year at Virginia — Groh's Bowl Record: 3-1

Groh's records AT VIRGINIA

42-33	Straight Up	1-5	Vs Top 10
29-9	Home	9-15	Vs Top 25
10-23	Away	9-6	Vs BCS Teams
3-1	Neutral	8-2	Off A Bye
25-23	Vs Conference	16-12	Off A Loss

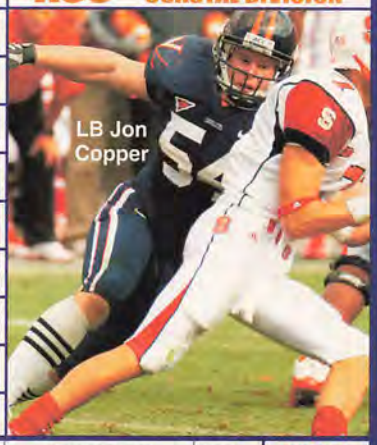
2006 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (16,17,2)
Lost: 19 (12,5,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 57,732 (#29)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION



STADIUM: SCOTT STADIUM (61,500) (#43)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-7	8-5	7-5	8-3	6-5	5-7	45-37
Home	4-2	4-3	6-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-2	33-11
Away	2-3	1-4	2-4	2-4	3-2	1-4	1-5	12-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	6-2	4-4	5-3	3-5	4-4	30-26
ATS	3-7	7-4	7-6	7-5	6-5	5-6	5-7	40-40
Home Fav (George Welsh)	1-2	1-1	1-2	4-1	4-2	3-1	2-2	16-11
Home Dog (Al Groh)	1-1	3-1	4-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	12-3
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-3	2-1	0-2	1-0	6-8
Away Dog	0-3	3-2	2-3	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-5	6-18
Favorite	2-3	1-1	1-3	6-4	6-3	3-3	3-2	22-19
Dog	1-4	6-3	6-3	1-1	0-2	2-3	2-5	18-21
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	30-26
vs Non-Conf	0-2	3-0	1-4	3-1	2-1	1-2	0-4	10-14
Off SU Win	0-6	3-1	4-4	2-4	4-4	2-4	1-4	16-27
Off SU Loss	3-0	3-3	3-1	4-1	1-1	3-1	4-2	21-9

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Oahu	+9'	Georgia - #24	14-37
02	Continental Tire	+6	West Virginia - #15	48-22
03	Continental Tire	-3	Pittsburgh	23-16
04	MPC Computers - #18	-5	Fresno St (OT)	34-37
05	Music City	+6'	Minnesota	34-31

Virginia's All-Time Bowl Record 7-9

VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6	15.1	14	100	3.3	157	58.8	17.0	+2	2006	6	17.8	14	119	3.3	170	58.8	16.2
6*	26.7	20	143	3.8	224	61.7	13.7	+3	2005	5	23.3	21	151	4.0	225	62.1	16.2
7	30.3	22	243	5.3	181	63.0	14.0	+6	2004	8	17.7	17	118	3.4	195	60.7	17.7
8*	28.0	20	130	3.9	256	67.8	13.8	+5	2003	7	20.4	20	162	4.2	223	56.6	18.9
6*	28.7	20	127	3.7	230	68.3	12.4	+15	2002	6	24.9	22	209	4.6	216	60.5	17.1
5	20.8	19	106	3.4	239	58.3	16.6	+4	2001	6	27.6	23	203	4.3	228	58.9	15.6

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jason Snelling	183	830	58	772	7	4.2
Jameel Sewell	95	408	208	200	4	2.1
Cedric Peerman	46	185	32	153	0	3.3
Kevin Ogletree	7	63	0	63	0	9.0
Mikell Simpson	13	56	0	56	1	4.3
Michael Johnson	7	15	9	6	0	0.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jameel Sewell	247	143	57.9	1342	5	6
Christian Olsen	64	35	54.7	280	0	2
Kevin McCabe	32	23	71.9	222	1	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kevin Ogletree	52	582	11.2	4	51	
Jason Snelling	29	282	9.7	0	30	
Fontel Mines	27	256	9.5	2	21	
Tom Santi	29	253	8.7	1	34	
Jonathan Stupar	15	112	7.5	0	20	
Emmanuel Byers	10	92	9.2	0	20	
Deyon Williams	10	87	8.7	1	22	
John Phillips	2	65	32.5	0	44	
Maurice Covington	6	45	7.5	0	12	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Chris Gould	56	2148	38.4	16	34.8(t)	0	29
Ryan Weigand	24	1017	42.4	0	–	0	4
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Chris Gould	18-18	3-3	4-4	4-10	0-2	11-19	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jon Copper	81	4	5	1	0
Antonio Appleby	68	1	2	0	0
Jeffrey Fitzgerald	64	5	7	3	2
Chris Cook	58	0	4	5	1
Chris Long	57	4	8	1	0
Byron Glaspy	56	1	2	3	0
Jermaine Dias	48	1	7	0	0
Nate Lyles	46	2	2	3	1
Clint Sintim	45	4	8	0	0
Marcus Hamilton	39	0	4	4	5
Tony Franklin	37	2	3	3	1
Allen Billyk	23	1	0	0	0
Nate Collins	17	1	3	0	0
Mike Brown	13	0	3	0	0
Vic Hall	13	0	0	1	0
Keenan Carter	12	0	2	0	0
Alex Field	10	1	1	0	0
Jamaal Jackson	10	0	0	0	0
Josh Zidenberg	9	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Mike Brown	14	134	9.6	0	
Andrew Pearman	10	60	6.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Cedric Peerman	19	519	27.3	0	
Tony Franklin	11	257	23.4	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

UVA 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Pittsburgh	13	21 - 52	2.5	19 - 38	159	1	13	33 - 107	3.2	17 - 22	283	1	-1
–	Wyoming	11	22 - 32	1.5	20 - 34	174	2	17	38 - 168	4.4	23 - 32	145	4	+1
–	W Michigan	13	26 - 69	2.7	24 - 32	189	3	9	40 - 139	3.5	7 - 11	40	2	-2
–	at Georgia Tech	9	23 - 51	2.2	15 - 31	115	2	14	38 - 105	2.8	12 - 21	230	2	-2
–	at Duke	13	38 - 106	2.8	16 - 23	147	5	8	36 - (-21)	-0.6	11 - 25	121	9	+4
–	at East Carolina	16	27 - 153	5.7	16 - 32	145	3	25	48 - 208	4.3	17 - 30	224	3	0
–	Maryland	19	35 - 181	5.2	13 - 21	243	1	17	34 - 174	5.1	17 - 28	171	2	-1
–	North Carolina	20	38 - 194	5.1	18 - 26	176	3	11	33 - 98	3.0	9 - 20	84	3	+3
–	NC State	16	37 - 125	3.4	12 - 22	131	2	12	29 - 70	2.4	21 - 35	220	2	+1
–	at Florida St	12	32 - 58	1.8	17 - 32	125	7	13	27 - 117	4.3	14 - 31	226	0	-2
–	Miami, Fl	21	42 - 132	3.1	23 - 33	217	5	11	29 - 111	3.8	11 - 18	152	0	+2
–	at Virginia Tech	5	23 - 46	2.0	10 - 21	66	1	14	45 - 156	3.5	12 - 18	146	2	-1
TOTALS		168	364 - 1199	3.3	203 - 345	1887	35	164	430 - 1432	3.3	171 - 291	2042	30	+2
AVERAGES		14.0	30 - 100	3.3	17 - 29	157	2.9	13.7	36 - 119	3.3	14 - 24	170	2.5	0.2

2002 RESULTS

UVA Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post #22 Score
–		Colorado St	E	29-35
–	at	Florida St - #5	+26'	19-40
–		South Carolina - #22	+4'	34-21
–		Akron	-23	48-29
–	at	Wake Forest	+2	38-34
–	at	Duke	-11	27-22
–		Clemson	+5'	22-17
–		North Carolina	-5	37-27
–	at	Georgia Tech	+5	15-23
–	at	Penn St - #19	+16	14-35
–		NC State - #22	+7	14-9
–		Maryland - #18	+9	48-13
–	at	Virginia Tech - #22	+7	9-21

2003 RESULTS

UVA Rank	Pre	Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#18		Duke	-14'	27-0
#15	at	South Carolina	-3	7-31
–	at	W Michigan	-7	59-16
–		Wake Forest	-7	27-24
–	at	North Carolina	-8'	38-13
#25	at	Clemson	-4'	27-30 OT
–		Florida St - #7	+7'	14-19
–		Troy	-21	24-0
–	at	NC State	-1	37-51
–	at	Maryland	+6	17-27
–		Georgia Tech	-7	29-17
–		Virginia Tech - #21	-1	35-21

2004 RESULTS

UVA Rank	Pre	Opponent	Line	Post #23 Score
#16	at	Temple	-16	44-14
#15		North Carolina	-21'	56-24
#12		Akron	-31'	51-0
#12		Syracuse	-26'	31-10
#10		Clemson	-15'	30-10
#6	at	Florida St - #7	+3	3-36
#14	at	Duke	-25	37-16
#12		Maryland	-14	16-0
#10		Miami, Fl - #18	-3'	21-31
#18	at	Georgia Tech	-5	30-10
#16	at	Virginia Tech - #11	+4	10-24

2005 RESULTS

UVA Rank	Pre	Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#25		W Michigan	-34	31-19
#25	at	Syracuse	-7	27-24
#23		Duke	-24'	38-7
#19	at	Maryland	-3	33-45
–	at	Boston College - #18	+7	17-28
–		Florida St - #4	+7	26-21
#23	at	North Carolina	E	5-7
–		Temple	-34	51-3
–		Georgia Tech - #24	-3'	27-17
–		Virginia Tech - #7	+7	14-52
–	at	Miami, Fl - #10	+17'	17-25

2006 RESULTS

UVA Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at	Pittsburgh	+3'	13-38
–		Wyoming	-9	13-12 OT
–		W Michigan	-10	10-17
–	at	Georgia Tech	+16'	7-24
–	at	Duke	-4'	37-0
–	at	East Carolina	+6'	21-31
–		Maryland	+3	26-28
–		North Carolina	-6'	23-0
–		NC State	-1'	14-7
–	at	Florida St	+12'	0-33
–		Miami, Fl	+3	17-7
–	at	Virginia Tech - #17	+16'	0-17

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 there was a surprising twist at the QB spot when true frosh Reggie Ball (PS#53) enrolled in the fall and beat out a pair of experienced QB's and another true frosh who was in for the spring. Ball was named the ACC Rookie of the Year while setting a school frosh record for total offense. He started every game he played in his career (49) but surprisingly saw his completion % drop from 51.7% as a frosh to 49.7% in '04 to 48% in '05 and just 44.4% last season. Ball was much maligned but did guide GT to some big wins and finished 29-20 as a starter. He had a GT QB record with 130 yards rushing vs Troy (Gary Hardie 1977, 122). One reason for Ball's low completion % was due to the high amount of deep passes GT attempted. Ball had a stretch of 5 games where he avg'd 13 rush attempts but was limited with a leg injury and over the next four, avg'd just 4.3. Ball was ineligible for the bowl so Taylor Bennett (1 start in '05) started vs WV. Bennett hit just 14 of 37 for 145 yards in '05 but had an outstanding bowl hitting 19 of 29 for 326 with 3 TD's. The backup job will be fought for by true frosh Steven Threet (PS#26) who was in for the spring, Auburn transfer Calvin Booker (PS#38), Kyle Manley (6'2" 210 Jr, PS#115), Byron Ingram (PS#83) and true frosh Josh Nesbitt (PS#16). Despite losing a four year starter, I look for GT's pass efficiency to improve.

RB Tashard Choice

RUNNING BACKS - PJ Daniels was 1st Tm ACC in 2003 and with 307 in the bowl he had the #2 all-time rushing total for a GT RB with 1,447 (5.1) trailing only Eddie Lee Ivery (1,562 in 1978). Daniels played in just 8 in '04 (injured) and rushed for 714 (4.6) and was banged up again in '05 rushing for 930 (4.7) in his final year. Rashaun Grant (PS#15) had 3 starts and 425 (4.5) in '04 but just 44 yards in '05. Oklahoma transfer Tashard Choice (PS#59) rushed for 513 (4.4) with one start in '05. Choice did not lead the team in rushing in the first three of 2006 but had nine 100 yard efforts in the final ten including a career high 169 in the bowl which got him past Daniels with 1,473 (5.0). Grant had just 177 (4.9) and true frosh Jamaal Evans (5'8" 196 So, PS#36), who enrolled in January, had 215 (5.2). This year all 3 return and adding depth are Loyall Gause (5'9" 210 Jr), Jason Davis (5'10" 195 So) and Tyler Evans (5'8" 179 So). Gailey brings in two top-notch true frosh in Jonathan Dwyer (PS#5) and Roddy Jones (PS#53). FB Mike Cox is an excellent blocker and receiver. Choice has a shot at topping his outstanding numbers from LY and I like the depth of this unit.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 Jonathan Smith (#7DC '04) snagged a school record 78 rec for 1,138 yards and had more than twice the amount of catches as the #2 man. In '05 Calvin Johnson had 54 (16.4) and ex-QB Damarius Bilbo (PS#13) had 40 (14.8). They had to replace Bilbo last year so the #2 man was James Johnson (14 rec '05). Calvin Johnson reset Smith's record for yards with 1,202 (15.8) in '06. James Johnson (no relation) had 39 (15.6) and 7 TD's. The #3 WR, Greg Smith, had just 7 (16.1) and Chris Dunlap 9 (11.2). This year they lose Calvin Johnson (#1DC DET), Dunlap (2 st), Xavier McGuire (4 rec) and their top 3 TE's in Michael Matthews (9 st, 4 rec, UFA NYG), George Cooper (7 st, 1 rec, UFA DET) and Wayne Riles (1 st, 0 rec). There is some talent here but the group is clearly weaker with the loss of the top WR (#2 overall pick) in college ball.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 this unit was a big concern as Gailey had to replace three full-time starters. After averaging 304 lbs per man in '04, the 2005 unit avg'd just 292. QB Ball's mobility helped them allow just 10 sacks and his 381 net yards rushing helped the unit pave the way for 4.0 ypc. Last year they only had to replace one starter. Ball's mobility was limited at times and the unit yielded 22 sacks (60%) but improved the ypc to 4.3. This should be the top O-line in the Gailey tenure as they only lose RT Mansfield Wrotto (14 st, #4DC SEA) who was in his first year on the OL (moved from DL) and backup LG LeShawn Newberry. Eight of the top 10 are back and the four returning starters have combined for 113 career starts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year GT had to replace its all-time career tfl leader Eric Henderson (59.5) and DT Wrotto moved to the O-line. They got back DT Darryl Richard (PS#38) who missed '05 with an injury and had six of the top 8 back. Surprisingly GT allowed 3.3 ypc rushing (highest since '02) but the D did have 36 sacks. This year they lose 1st Tm ACC DT Joe Anoai (14 st, 40 tkl, 4.5 sk, UFA MIN) but have 7 of the top 8 back including 5 with starting experience. Although Michael Johnson was not a starter last year, Troy's coach said "#93 is as good as any DL at Florida St" and I look for him to emerge as a junior. They also add in two VHT true frosh. Gailey said this is the strength of the team as they have outstanding speed and good size up front and I concur.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Jackets had 5 of their top 6 LB's back but had to replace their #1 tackler in Gerris Wilkinson (#3DC NYG). Their most athletic LB the last two years has been Philip Wheeler and he had another fine season with 89 tackles and 9 sacks. This year 5 of the top 6 return again with the only losses being #1 tackler KaMichael Hall (14 st 91 tkl, 9 tfl, HM ACC, UFA IND). I look for continued improvement from a very experienced group in 2007.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 GT had 4 full-time starters back and was #20 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 3 starters. Projected starter Joe Gaston redshirted after having major knee surgery. This unit was the biggest concern on the team. Pat Clark opened the year at CB but lost his job to Jahi Word-Daniels who then lost his job to converted FS Avery Roberson. Surprisingly GT only dropped to #33. This year they only lose CB's Kenny Scott (13 st, 50 tkl, 10 pbu), Laurence Marius (10 tkl) and Sam Williams (6 tkl) but have 7 of the top 8 returning including 5 with starting experience.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Gailey's first 3 seasons, GT finished #50, #64 and #46 but dropped to #84 in '05. Part of the reason for 2005's drop was K Travis Bell who went from hitting 15 of 17 FG's (long 47) and being 1st Tm ACC in '04 to just 11 of 21 in '05. Last year they had to replace their P and top KR. Bell nearly lost his job and prior to the Miami game Gailey said he would be replaced after his first miss. Bell was 3 for 3 vs the Canes and hit 8 of his last 9 FG's with his only miss from 54 yds in the bowl. Mohamed Yahiaoui had 11 TB on 62 KO. The star of the unit was JUCO P Durant Brooks who avg'd 45.5 (2nd best school history) with an outstanding net of 40.7 (#2 NCAA). True frosh Jamaal Evans was the top KR (22.8) and fellow true frosh Tyler Evans was leading PR (9.6). GT ranked at the bottom of the NCAA in KR defense (27.0) and that's the reason they only finished #81. This year with everyone back, this unit has the potential to finish in the Top 20.

COACHES - Chan Gailey is now in his 6th year as head man here and was previously the HC of the Dallas Cowboys (1998-99). He was also HC at Troy for two years and went 19-5. He did most of the offensive play calling until last year when Patrick Nix took over. Gailey suffered a heart attack in the summer, but was fine for the season. Nix has moved on to Miami, Fl so his new OC is John Bond who was the OC at N Illinois from '04-'06 and at Army from 2000-'04. GT has perhaps the best DC in the game in Jon Tenuta who enters his 6th year here after stints at Ohio St in 2000 and at North Carolina in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

GT has now been to a school record 10 straight bowl games. In each of Gailey's first 4 years, they had exactly 7 wins. In Gailey's first two years the team was hit hard by injuries and defections. In 2003 he did a fine job guiding them to a 7-6 record. In 2004 GT was -13 in turnovers but still managed a 7-5 record including Gailey's 2nd bowl win, a 51-14 rout over Syracuse. They even had a pair wins over ranked teams on the road (#20 Clem, #23 MD). Gailey came into 2005 just 12-12 in ACC play and 21-17 overall at GT but would have some great moments. In the opener they travelled to Auburn and ended the Tiger's 15 game win streak, 23-14. Later they knocked off #3 Miami Fl, 14-10, also on the road. Gailey had been given a 5 year contract extension through 2010 the week prior to that game. They had a couple of excruciating losses to NCSt and UGA (see 2006 magazine). That 2005 GT squad did outgain ACC teams by 56.2 ypg (3rd best). GT took on the 9th toughest schedule in the country. Last year the offense had 9 starters back including super WR Calvin Johnson and they averaged 24.9 ppg. Tenuta's D, with just 5 starters back, allowed just 18.4 ppg. Those ppg marks were both tops in the Gailey era. Last year they finally got through the 7-win barrier and very nearly took home the ACC Title. They almost knocked off #2 ND in the opener leading 10-0. They went into one of the toughest venues (Blacksburg) and destroyed Va Tech, a game in which they led big throughout. They trailed Maryland 23-14 in the 4Q but escaped with the win, however they were pounded the next week by Clemson, 31-7. GT rebounded to win their next 4 ACC games, winning the Coastal Div and tied a school record with 7 ACC wins. Unfortunately they came up short vs rival Georgia, lost the ACC Title game to Wake Forest and blew a big lead (35-17) and lost to WV in a Jan 1 bowl. That was their first major bowl since the 1967 Orange Bowl. GT got as high as #13 in the polls despite playing 9 teams that were in bowls last year (#72 schedule). With the 4 close losses, GT could also have easily had a 13-1 record but had 4 close wins and also could have finished 5-9. This year they have 7 starters back on offense and while they lose their QB, they may get better production out of that position, even without WR Calvin Johnson on hand. Tenuta's D has 8 starters back and figures to be one of the best in the conference again. GT has finished at .500 or better in the ACC standings for 12 straight years (longest streak in league) and should keep that streak going as they get to their 11th consecutive bowl.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 13 Taylor Bennett Jr. 6-3 215 PS#107. 2 st, 2Y, 668 (52%) 6-2 ratio. Steven Threet is PS#26. In spg. Calvin Booker (6-4 245 Jr) PS#38. 14 Byron Ingram (6-5 195 rFr) PS#83.

RB 22 TASHARD CHOICE SR. 6-1 205 PS#59. 100 yd at Okla '04. 1 st '05, 513 (4.4), 14 rec. 14 st LY, #1 ACC 1473 (5.0). 3 Rashaun Grant (5-10 200 Sr) **PS#15**. 646 (4.6) 3 yrs.

FB 40 MIKE COX SR. 6-1 250 PS#156. Excellent blk'r. 20 st, 18 rec (6.9) 3Y. 49 Trevor Bray (6-0 236 rFr). 38 Quincy Kelly (6-0 230 rFr). 48 Matt Kamp (5-11 238 So).

WR 89 JAMES JOHNSON JR. 6-0 190 PS#115. 2 st rFr, 14 (13.2). 13 st LY, 39 (15.6). 5 Greg Smith (6-3 195 So) PS#121. 1 st, 7 rec (16.1). 28 Tyler Davis (6-0 195 Jr) PS#189.

WR 8 Demaryius Thomas rFr. 6-3 220 PS#80. DJ Donley **PS#23**. 83 Andrew Smith (5-11 195 Jr) 19 PR (7.7) LY. 15 Correy Earls (6-0 192 rFr) PS#154. 25 Miles King (5-10 183 So) PS#328.

TE 84 Colin Peek So. 6-6 250 PS#84. 8 gm true, 0 rec. RS LY. 85 Austin Barrick (6-3 265 rFr) PS#68. 91 Brad Sellers (6-2 265 So) PS#117OL. 26 Jeff Lentz (6-5 222 rFr).

C 60 KEVIN TUMINELLO SR. 6-4 292 PS#298. 1 st rFr. 12 st '05. 14 st LY. Strong. 74 Trey Dunmon (6-4 305 So) PS#182. #2 C as rFr. Drew Brannon (6-4 286 rFr). LS Bret White (5-11 240 Jr).

RG 73 NATE McMANUS SR. 6-3 300 PS#290. 4 gm true. 12 st RG '05. 14 st RG LY. 62 Jacob Lonowski (6-5 300 Jr) PS#135. 9 gm '05. Inj LY. 77 Dan Voss (6-4 305 So) 4 gm.

LG 61 MATT RHODES SR. 6-3 280 PS#251. 8 st rFr. 12 starts LG '05. 14 starts LG LY. 55 David Brown (6-3 275 Jr) **PS#43DL**. Move to OL in '06, 2 gm (mono). 65 Andrew Folkner (6-0 298 Jr).

RT 53 AJ Smith Jr. 6-7 300 PS#159DL. 3 gm rFr. 2nd string '06, 5 gm (4 OL, 1 TE). **Nick Claytor is PS#15**. 75 Jason Hill (6-4 290 So) PS#222. 1 gm rFr. Will Minter (6-5 325 So).

LT 64 ANDREW GARDNER JR. 6-6 298 **1st Tm Fr AA** rFr, 12 st LT. 14 st LT LY, **HM ACC**. +50 lb since enrolling. 71 Cord Howard (6-5 300 So) PS#527. 66 Will Miller (6-5 290 So).

K 87 TRAVIS BELL SR. 6-0 220 **1st Tm ACC**, rFr, 15-17 FG, long 47. 11 of 21 FG in '05. 12 of 18 LY, 2 misses 53+. 31 Mohamed Yahiaoui (5-11 220 Jr) 94 KO's 2Y, 23 TB.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 42 ADAMM OLIVER SR. 6-4 265 PS#168. 3 st rFr, 6 tfl. 12 st '05, 41 tkl, 6 tfl. 14 st LY, 70 tkl, 11 tfl. 91 Derrick Morgan is **PS#27LB**. In spg. 97 Robert Hall (6-3 245 So) PS#104. 8 tkl true.

DT 99 Vance Walker Jr. 6-2 275 4 start 2Y, 4 tfl, 32 tkl. **Jason Peters is PS#15**. 98 Ben Anderson (6-2 270 rFr) PS#98. 69 Alex Paquette (6-2 260 So). Logan Walls is PS#82.

DT 95 DARRYL RICHARD JR. 6-4 285 **PS#38**. 4 st, 14 tkl, 4 sk true. RS '05, inj. 13 st, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. 94 Elris Anyaibe (6-3 273 Jr) PS#263OL. 16 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y. 63 Marcus Harris (6-1 280 Sr).

DE 93 MICHAEL JOHNSON JR. 6-7 250 PS#60TE. 34 tkl, 5 sk LY. 90 Darrell Robertson (6-5 245 Sr) **PS#53**. 4 st, 20 tkl, 2 sk '04-'05. 12 st LY, 54 tkl, 7 tfl. Sam Pitts (6-1 240 Jr) Furman trans.

SLB 58 GARY GUYTON SR. 6-3 240 PS#196. 1 st '05, 19 tkl, 3 tfl. 11 st LY, 29 tkl, 8 tfl. 52 Travis Chambers (5-11 232 Jr) PS#70. 10 tkl '04 & '05 RS LY. Steven Powers (6-2 221 rFr).

MLB 41 PHILIP WHEELER SR. 6-2 230 **2nd Tm ACC LY**. 11 st '05, 64 tkl, 4 sk, 7.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 89 tkl, 9 sk. 17 Matt Braman (6-3 235 Jr) PS#230. 3 tkl LY. Sedric Griffin (5-11 220 So) 11 tkl true.

WLB 12 Anthony Barnes rFr. 6-3 235 PS#73WR. GS '05. 57 Shane Bowen (6-1 225 So) PS#309. 7 tkl, 1 sk true. 56 Osahon Tongo (6-3 245 rFr) PS#61. ACL LY. 59 David Sanborn (6-1 215 Sr).

CB 32 Jahi Word-Daniels Jr. 6-0 185 PS#105. 7 st LY, 42 tkl, 2 int, **13 pbu**. 6 Pat Clark (5-11 185 Sr) 2 st WR '05, 15 rec. 4 st CB LY, 19 tkl, 45 PR, 3Y. 10 Martin Frierson (6-2 200 So). 4 rec LY.

CB 34 AVERY ROBERSON SR. 6-2 200 **PS#33**. 13 tkl '04-'05. 9 st last year, 59 tkl, 1 pbu. 26 Dominique Reese (5-11 180 rFr) PS#210WR. 7 Tony Clark (6-1 200 Jr) PS#133. 14 tkl LY.

SS 4 JAMAL LEWIS SR. 6-0 199 **1st Tm ACC LY**. 23 tkl '04-'05. 14 st LY, 74 tkl, 3 int, 6.5 tfl. 37 Joe Gaston (5-11 195 Sr) PS#164. 30 tkl 3Y. Morgan Burnett (6-1 182 Fr) is **PS#39**.

FS 23 DJAY JONES SR. 6-1 200 PS#227. 13 st LY, 46 tkl, 4 int, 2 pbu. Miss spg inj. 47 Jake Blackwood (6-1 188 So) 2 tkl rFr. Mario Butler is PS#142. Jerrard Tarrant PS#146.

P 39 DURANT BROOKS SR. 6-0 202 **1st Tm ACC, 2nd Tm AA LY**, 45.5 avg #1 NCAA returnee in avg, net 40.7. Ray Guy Finalist. 31 Mohamed Yahiaoui. 17 Iain Vance (6-2 194 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Jonathan Dwyer 6-0 197 PS#5
DL	Jason Peters 6-4 270 PS#15
OL	Nick Claytor 6-6 312 PS#15
QB	Josh Nesbitt 6-1 204 PS#16
WR	DJ Donley 6-4 218 PS#23
DB	Morgan Burnett 6-1 182 PS#39
DL	Derrick Morgan 6-4 270 PS#27LB
QB	Steven Threet 6-5 230 PS#26
OL	Clyde Yandell 6-5 304 PS#54
LB	Brad Jefferson 6-2 215 PS#54
RB	Roddy Jones 5-9 184 PS#53
DL	Logan Walls 6-2 280 PS#82
WR	Willie White 6-3 183 PS#67
LB	Kyle Jackson 6-0 225 PS#86
DB	Mario Butler 6-2 180 PS#142
DB	Jerrard Tarrant 6-0 187 PS#146
LB	Albert Rocker 6-1 205 PS#133
OL	Joseph Gilbert 6-4 280 PS#185
WR	Tyler Melton 6-0 182 PS#218
DB	Michael Peterson 5-11 190 PS#266

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#54

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score GT	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	at Notre Dame	G				
Sep. 8	Samford	G				
Sep. 15	Boston College	G				
Sep. 22	at Virginia	G				
Sep. 29	Clemson	G				
Oct. 6	at Maryland	G				
Oct. 13	at Miami, Fl	G				
Oct. 20	Army (HC)	G				
Oct. 27						
Nov. 1	Virginia Tech (Thur)	G				
Nov. 10	at Duke	G				
Nov. 17	North Carolina	G				
Nov. 24	Georgia	G				
Dec. 1						

GT has won its road opener in each of the last 3 seasons, all vs ranked teams. The last time GT won in South Bend was in '59 & LY they led #2 ND 10-0 late 2Q.

Chan Gailey served as the Samford Bulldogs HC in 1993 (5-6 record). Since winning the National Title in 1990, Georgia Tech is 13-3 in home openers.

GT is 4-1 all-time vs BC & this will mark the school's 1st game as ACC opponents. Yellow Jackets are 12-5 in their last 17 games hosting conference members.

The last time the Yellow Jackets won in Charlottesville was in 1990 (2-8-1 all-time). Home team is 11-1 in this series since 1995. Series is tied at 14-14-1.

Nine of the last 11 games in this series have been decided by 5 pts or less. Clemson was the only ACC member to beat GT in the regular season last year.

GT & Maryland have averaged just 34 ppg the last 5 meetings ('01-'04 & '06). Last year MD was up 23-14 after 3Q's, before GT rallied to score 13 unanswered.

In 12 all-time meetings (GT 8-4 advantage) they have combined for just 36 ppg. Since '02 GT has combined to avg just 27 ppg in their 2nd of back-to-back away gms.

GT is 2-1 in this series but this is the 1st meeting S/'73. GT is 12-3 prior to a bye week. Coming into 2007 GT is 13-4 at home vs non-conference opponents.

The winner of the three ACC games in this series has a 23 ppg avg margin of victory. This is the 15th straight yr GT has played Thurs Night on ESPN & they are 8-13.

S/'86 (21 gms) the winner in this series has won by DD 18 times (86%). GT is 11-1 vs Duke. Last year's 49 pts scored by GT is tied for 4th most ever in an ACC game.

The legendary Bobby Dodd won his 1st gm as GT's HC vs NC in '45. GT is 8-1 vs NC. RB Tashard Choice had 151 (68%) of GT's 221 total yds last year vs North Carolina.

Their 1st gm was in 1893 & they have played every yr S/'25 (GA leads 58-38-5). The winner receives the Governor's Cup Trophy (GT 6 straight loses). These tms are 50 miles apart.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Joe Hamilton 8,882 '96-'99	1. Robert Lavette 4,066 '81-'84	1. Calvin Johnson 2,927 '04-'06
2. Shawn Jones 8,441 '89-'92	2. Jerry Mays 3,699 '85-'89	2. Kelly Campbell 2,907 '98-'01
3. Reggie Ball 8,128 '03-'06	3. Eddie Lee Ivery 3,517 '75-'78	3. Kerry Watkins 2,680 '99-'02

CHAN GAILEY (Career 37-27) (Div IAA 24-11)
6th Year at Georgia Tech
Gailey's Bowl Record: 2-3

Gailey's records AT GEORGIA TECH

37-27	Straight Up	2-7	Vs Top 10
21-10	Home	7-14	Vs Top 25
14-13	Away	7-7	Vs BCS Teams
2-4	Neutral	1-7	Off A Bye
24-17	Vs Conference	12-7	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (9–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (20,24,5)
Lost: 12 (8,4,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,617 (#40)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION

MLB Philip Wheeler

STADIUM: BOBBY DODD STADIUM (55,000) (#50)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	7-5	7-5	6-6	6-5	7-4	9-4	51-31
Home	5-1	3-3	4-2	4-2	3-3	4-2	6-1	29-14
Away	4-1	3-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	3-2	3-2	21-16
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	7-2	34-23
ATS	9-2	3-8	4-8	6-5-1	5-5	5-6	6-5-1	38-39-2
Home Fav (George O'Leary)	4-1	1-4	2-3	1-1	1-1	2-3	3-2	14-15
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	0-3	0-1	1-0	5-6
Away Fav (Chan Gailey)	2-0	2-2	1-2	0-1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	7-7-1
Away Dog	2-1	0-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	2-2	1-1-1	12-9-1
Favorite	6-1	3-7	3-5	1-2-1	1-2	3-3	4-4	21-24-1
Dog	3-1	0-1	1-3	5-3	4-3	2-3	2-1-1	17-15-1
vs Conf	7-1	2-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-5	5-4	28-29
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1-1	10-10-2
Off SU Win	7-1	2-4	2-5	4-2	2-4	2-5	4-4-1	23-25-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-3	1-3	2-2-1	3-1	2-1	1-1	12-11-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tashard Choice	297	1534	61	1473	12	5.0
Reggie Ball	122	561	207	354	2	2.9
Jamaal Evans	41	224	9	215	2	5.2
Rashaun Grant	36	188	11	177	1	4.9
Tyler Evans	11	44	0	44	0	4.0
Calvin Johnson	7	45	15	30	0	4.3
Taylor Bennett	6	5	20	-15	0	-2.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Reggie Ball	304	135	44.4	1820	20	14
Taylor Bennett	58	35	60.3	523	5	2
Kyle Manley	2	2	100.0	8	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Calvin Johnson	76	1202	15.8	15	66	
James Johnson	39	608	15.6	7	59	
Greg Smith	7	113	16.1	2	28	
Chris Dunlap	9	101	11.2	0	27	
Tashard Choice	12	98	8.2	0	18	
Mike Cox	5	53	10.6	1	21	
Michael Matthews	4	43	10.8	0	16	
Rashaun Grant	7	34	4.9	0	11	
Martin Frierson	4	30	7.5	0	10	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Durant Brooks	79	3596	45.5	9	40.7	0	35

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Travis Bell	43-43	4-4	6-8	2-4	0-2	12-18	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
KaMichael Hall	91	4	5	4	0
Philip Wheeler	89	9	5.5	5	0
Jamal Lewis	74	0.5	6	2	3
Adamm Oliver	70	3.5	7.5	0	0
Avery Roberson	59	1	1	1	0
Darrell Robertson	54	3	4	1	0
Kenny Scott	50	1	3	10	2
Djay Jones	46	0	0.5	2	4
Jahi Word-Daniels	42	0	1	13	2
Joe Anoai	40	4.5	4.5	1	0
Michael Johnson	34	5	1	2	0
Gary Guyton	29	2	6	1	1
Darryl Richard	20	0	3.5	2	0
Pat Clark	19	0	1	0	1
Vance Walker	17	0.5	0.5	0	0
Tony Clark	14	0	0	1	0
Sedric Griffin	11	0	1	0	0
Laurence Marius	10	0	0	1	0
Robert Hall	8	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyler Evans	16	154	9.6	0
Andrew Smith	19	146	7.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamaal Evans	20	456	22.8	0
Rashaun Grant	8	130	16.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Silicon Valley	-6'	Fresno St	21-30
03	Humanitarian	-7	Tulsa	52-10
04	Champs Sports	-5'	Syracuse	51-14
05	Emerald - #24	-9	Utah	10-38
06	Gator	+10	West Virginia - #13	35-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Georgia Tech's All-Time Bowl Record 22-13

GEORGIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	24.9	17	162	4.3	170	47.2	13.3	+3	2006	5	18.4	16	105	3.3	196	51.6	16.4
5*	18.5	20	154	4.0	195	47.1	18.9	+10	2005	9	20.1	17	104	3.0	214	53.4	15.8
7*	22.0	19	162	4.0	184	48.8	15.7	-13	2004	7	18.9	16	105	3.1	193	54.4	15.7
7*	21.1	18	160	4.1	170	52.5	15.7	+2	2003	5	20.5	17	101	2.9	222	60.5	15.7
5	21.5	20	164	4.3	211	54.9	17.4	-8	2002	9	20.5	18	135	3.6	221	53.4	17.3
7*	31.2	22	139	3.4	278	63.6	13.4	+1	2001	9	21.6	18	118	3.3	217	54.0	15.5

2006 STATS BY GAME

GT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Notre Dame	14	28 - 119	4.3	12 - 24	140	1	21	40 - 138	3.5	23 - 38	246	2	0
–	Samford	19	36 - 177	4.9	19 - 32	138	0	9	15 - 11	0.7	20 - 45	152	0	+1
–	Troy	25	41 - 320	7.8	15 - 32	180	1	15	38 - 101	2.7	18 - 33	182	3	+1
–	Virginia	14	38 - 105	2.8	12 - 21	230	2	9	23 - 51	2.2	15 - 31	115	2	+2
#24	at Virginia Tech	11	36 - 149	4.1	9 - 17	176	2	25	27 - 42	1.6	27 - 54	339	4	0
#18	Maryland	20	43 - 229	5.3	13 - 26	161	1	15	35 - 92	2.5	16 - 24	190	5	+1
#13	at Clemson	12	37 - 88	2.4	12 - 25	117	2	13	38 - 321	8.4	7 - 16	105	1	+1
#21	Miami, Fl	16	33 - 87	2.6	12 - 28	195	4	18	34 - 71	2.1	20 - 31	246	6	+3
#20	at NC State	23	43 - 194	4.5	13 - 35	215	1	17	21 - 58	2.8	21 - 53	270	1	-2
#19	at North Carolina	15	44 - 143	3.3	10 - 24	78	1	12	23 - 55	2.4	13 - 34	156	1	0
#18	Duke	20	42 - 214	5.1	13 - 25	248	0	15	26 - 41	1.6	19 - 33	237	4	+2
#16	at Georgia	12	35 - 146	4.2	6 - 22	42	4	18	37 - 84	2.3	16 - 29	171	2	-2
#23	† Wake Forest	18	38 - 143	3.8	9 - 29	129	1	16	43 - 91	2.1	14 - 25	201	4	-2
–	† West Virginia	20	32 - 160	5.0	19 - 29	326	2	20	45 - 311	6.9	9 - 15	131	1	-2
TOTALS		239	526 - 2274	4.3	174 - 369	2375	22	223	445 - 1467	3.3	238 - 461	2741	36	+3
AVERAGES		17.1	38 - 162	4.3	12 - 26	170	1.6	15.9	32 - 105	3.3	17 - 33	196	2.6	0.2

2002 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Vanderbilt	-20'	45-3
–	at Connecticut	-23	31-14
–	at Clemson	-1	19-24
–	BYU	-9'	28-19
–	at North Carolina	-2'	21-13
–	Wake Forest	-13	21-24
–	at Maryland	+2	10-34
–	Virginia	-5	23-15
–	at NC State - #10	+11	24-17
–	Florida St - #17	+7	13-21
–	Duke	-16'	17-2
–	at Georgia - #5	+9	7-51

2003 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at BYU	+3'	13-24
–	Auburn - #17	+8'	17-3
–	at Florida St - #10	+23'	13-14
–	Clemson	-4	3-39
–	at Vanderbilt	-7	24-17 OT
–	NC State	+6'	29-21
–	at Wake Forest	+5	24-7
–	Maryland	+2'	7-3
–	at Duke	-13	17-41
–	North Carolina	-10	41-24
–	at Virginia	+7	17-29
–	Georgia - #5	+8'	17-34

2004 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Samford	NL	28-7
–	at Clemson - #20	+7	28-24
–	at North Carolina	-8'	13-34
–	Miami, Fl - #4	+14	3-27
–	at Maryland - #23	+13	20-7
–	Duke	-18	24-7
–	Virginia Tech - #22	+6	20-34
–	at NC State	+7'	24-14
–	Connecticut	-9	30-10
–	Virginia - #18	+5	10-30
–	at Georgia - #8	+15	13-19

2005 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Auburn - #16	+7'	23-14
#17	North Carolina	-12	27-21
#16	Connecticut	-14'	28-13
#15	at Virginia Tech - #4	+11	7-51
#24	NC State	-4'	14-17
–	at Duke	-21	35-10
–	Clemson	-2'	10-9
–	Wake Forest	-7'	30-17
#24	at Virginia	+3'	17-27
–	at Miami, Fl - #3	+18	14-10
#20	Georgia - #13	+4	7-14

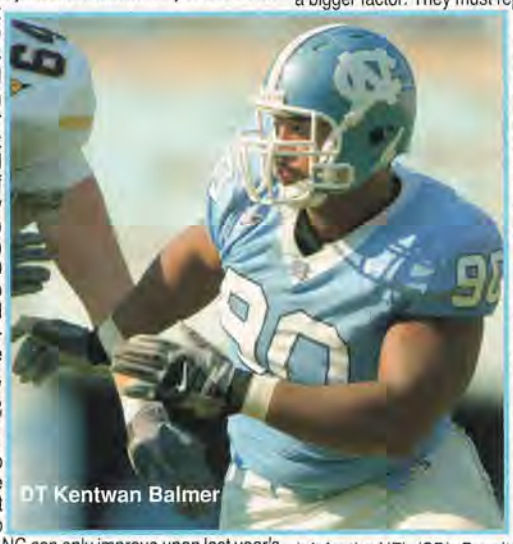
2006 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Notre Dame - #2	+6'	10-14
–	Samford	NL	38-6
–	Troy	-17'	35-20
–	Virginia	-16'	24-7
#24	at Virginia Tech - #21	+10	38-27
#18	Maryland	-14	27-23
#13	at Clemson - #12	+7'	7-31
#21	Miami, Fl	-4'	30-23
#20	at NC State	-4	31-23
#19	at North Carolina	-13'	7-0
#18	Duke	-24'	49-21
#16	at Georgia	+3	12-15
#23	† Wake Forest - #16	-1'	6-9

NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, the Heels had to replace Darian Durant who left with 51 school records and threw for 2,238 yards (59.5%) with a 17-9 ratio (309 rush) as a senior. Matt Baker played in 11 games in his first 3 years (623 yd, 55%). In 2005, Baker started all 12 and threw for 2,345 yards (52%) with a 9-11 ratio. Last year, Nebraska transfer Joe Dailey (PS#43), who struggled in the Huskers' first year of the West Coast offense ('04) throwing for 2,025 (49.4%, 17-19 ratio), battled Cameron Sexton (PS#31) for the starting job. In the opener vs Rutgers Dailey hit 24 of 36 for 234 yards. HC John Bunting's biggest mistake may have been bringing in Sexton for a good portion of the season. Sexton came off the bench vs VT and one play stood out to me. On 3rd down he had a shot at getting a FD in his own territory and opted to slide a yard short. Sexton hit just 9 of 21 for 124 vs VT but would start the next 5 (Dailey 9 passes). Sexton hit just 3 of 8 for 22 vs Virginia and Dailey came off the bench hitting 6 of 12 for 62. After Bunting was let go, he went to Dailey as the starter and he engineered a couple of wins. For the season Dailey threw for 1,316 (57.4%) with a 7-10 ratio (184 rush) while Sexton threw for 840 (41.9%) with a 4-8 ratio (114 rush). Dailey moved to WR in the spring. Competing with Sexton is true frosh Mike Paulus (PS#6), rFr BJ Phillips (6'5" 245, PS#55) and TJ Yates (6'3" 205 PS#119) who was #1 at the end of spring. Keep in mind new coaches like their own recruits so it would not surprise me to see Paulus as the starter. NC can only improve upon last year's QB numbers of 51% with an 11-18 ratio.


DT Kentwan Balmer

RUNNING BACKS - NC used to be labeled "RB U." They have had twenty-four 1,000 yard rushers (most in NCAA until USC passed them in '05). They had 12 straight 1,000 yard rushers from 1973-'84 but have had just one the last 13 years (1997). Ronnie McGill (PS#123) led in '03 with 654 (5.1) as a true. The top 3 backs returned in '04 but McGill was just #3 with 419 (5.3) and Kentucky transfer Chad Scott led with 796 (5.6). In 2005, they brought in VHT LSU transfer Barrington Edwards (PS#9) who was the Scout Tm MVP in '04. McGill had a torn pec muscle and missed the first 4 but still led with 530 (4.1) and the Heels finished last in the ACC in rushing (2.8 ypc). True frosh James "Cooter" Arnold (PS#111) had 1 start and 187 (3.9) while Edwards had 397 (3.5). Last year Arnold was moved to safety and McGill, played in all 12 and led with 790 (4.1). Edwards had 330 (3.6) including a team high 79 vs Duke in the finale. Justin Warren (6'1" 198 Sr) added 77 (11.0). This year they must replace McGill and FB Nick Starcevic (6 st) who moves to LB. Edwards is suspended indefinitely but could still return. I look for HC Butch Davis to go immediately to his own recruits like Ryan Houston (PS#21) and Devon Ramsay (PS#29). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Anthony Parker-Boyd (6'0" 195 rFr, PS#150QB) and Johnny White (5'10" 190 rFr, PS#84). NC could actually have improved rushing numbers despite the losses.

RECEIVERS - In 2004, Jesse Holley (PS#15) led in receiving yards with 456 (15.2) despite starting just 5. Holley led again in '05 with 47 (14.3). They did have to replace 3 of their top 4 WR's but returned TE Jon Hamlett (21, 10.1). Surprisingly, Holley was just #3 with 37 (12.6) in '06. Two youngsters emerged in the opener, Brooks Foster (PS#65) caught 6 consec passes in one stretch from Dailey (11 rec). For the year he had 38 (12.8). True frosh Hakeem Nicks started the opener and had 7 rec. He sprained his ankle vs Miami and missed USF and had 171 yards in a single game vs ND. He led NC and broke Kory Bailey's (1988) school record for rec in a season by a frosh with 39 (16.9) including 7 vs Duke. Both backup TE's Richard Quinn and Rock Wells were injured and they moved backup OT Andre Barbour to TE. He hauled in a TD pass vs WF as his only catch of the year. Super returnman Brandon Tate had 5 rec (14.4) and figures to be a bigger factor. They must replace Holley (12 st, UFA CIN) and TE Hamlett (11 st, 5 rec, UFA ATL). They add in QB Dailey and two VHT true frosh in Greg Little (PS#6) and Dwight Jones (PS#13). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Dirk Engram (5'10" 170 So, PS#160), John Kerns (6'1" 210 So), Christopher Barnes (6'0" 180 Sr) and TE Brian White (6'3" 225 So). This should be a much improved receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 1995-2002, NC's best ypc rushing was just 3.6. They've had just 3 OL's drafted since 1990. In 2003, with all 5 starters back, they paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing. They had two starters back in 2004 but improved to 4.9 ypc. A mobile QB like Durant helped. In 2005, they only had to replace two starters but still dropped to just 2.8 ypc while allowing 33 sacks (9.3%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters, and OL Coach Hal Hunter left for the NFL (SD). Despite being less experienced, the line showed improvement with a 3.6 ypc and 22 sacks allowed (6.6%). This year they lose LG Charlston Gray (12 st, 3Y st'r) and LT Brian Chacos (12 st, 3Y st'r). Eight of the top 10 return including 5 with starting experience and while this is not an overwhelming group, it looks stronger in 2007.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tar Heels had one of the best D-lines in the country in both 2000 and 2001 but the next 3 years allowed 4.8, 4.9 and a ghastly 5.2 ypc rushing. In 2005, they basically had 4 starters back and improved by allowing 3.5 ypc (31 sk). Last year they had to replace two starters but had 5 of the top 8 back. Surprisingly the ypc rose to 4.5 and the sack total dropped to 23. This year they lose DE Brian Rackley (12 st, 28 tkl, 2 sk), DT Shelton Bynum (12 st, 26 tkl, 3 sk, UFA CLE), DE Melik Brown (23 tkl, 1 sk) and DT Khalif Mitchell (DNP in '06, transferred to EC). Not listed below is DE Garrett White (6'2" 235 Jr, PS#289LB, 11 tkl, 1 sk, 2Y). Five of the top 8 are back and they have 4 VHT's in the group and should have some much improved numbers.

LINEBACKERS - The Tar Heels had two starters returning last year but LB Larry Edwards was leading the team in tackles when he was injured (missed 3) and finished #4. The other returning starter, Durell Mapp, led in tackles with 87. This year they lose Edwards (9 st, 58 tkl, 3 sk) and Victor Worsley (11 st, 58 tkl, 4.5 tfl, UFA IND). Due to injuries, six players earned starts last year and 4 are back. While this group is close to last year in terms of experience, they should maintain better health.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tar Heels finished dead last in my pass D rankings in 2003 allowing a 25-2 ratio. They moved up to #91 in '04 and despite being an injury-plagued group in 2005, finished #49. Last year they lost VHT SS Trimane Goddard (PS#20) prior to the season so they had two starters back. Arnold was the 2nd frosh RB since 1946 to start the opener and he moved to safety last year. The Heels dropped back down to #103 allowing 62.1% with a 14-7 ratio. This year they must replace CB Jacoby Watkins (12 st, 52 tkl, 8 pbu), FS Kareen Taylor (11 st, 70 tkl, 5 int, UFA WAS) and FS DJ Walker (10 st, 65 tkl). Not listed below are CB's Kendric Williams (5'11" 190 Sr, 3 tkl) and Jordan Hemby (5'10" 190 So, PS#113, 6 tkl, 3 gm torn ACL). With 3 starters lost, you would normally think this group would drop in the rankings, but they have two players with 5 or more starts returning. Arnold is now in his second year after the move from RB and was productive in the 2H of the year (12 tkl vs USF). Goddard (one of their best DB) also returns so I think they could actually improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - For the last 3 years NC had a top-notch K/P combo of Connor Barth and David Wooldridge. In Bunting's final 4 seasons, NC ranked #36, #65, #49 and #22 in my ST rankings. Last year Barth hit a perfect 10 of 10 FG's including 52 and 54 yarders and also had 17 TB on 46 KO. Wooldridge avg'd 41.1 (tm net 34.3). Tate became just the 3rd player in school history (9th NCAA) to return a PR and KR for a TD in the same game (Duke) and also had a 69 yd PR called back vs the Blue Devils. Tate is just a junior and returns along with Barth. This year they lose Wooldridge but got a commitment from JUCO P Terrence Brown in the spring. He was drafted by the Washington Nationals out of HS. He was a relief pitcher at JC, and will also play baseball here. They also add PS#10 Jay Wooten and could even move up in my ST rankings.

COACHES - The Tar Heels' new HC is Butch Davis who helped assemble a Miami, Fl team that went on to a couple of undefeated regular seasons in 2001 and 2002, guiding the team out of probation. He did not have much success in the NFL with the Browns but is acknowledged as a solid college HC and should do fine here. Davis was 51-20 in six years at Miami with 4 bowl wins. His new OC is John Shoop who was the OC for the Oakland Raiders at the end of last season. Davis also brings in DL coach John Blake from Nebraska who is known as one of the top recruiters and was HC at Oklahoma from 1996-'98. The DC is Chuck Pagano who served under Davis at both Miami and with the Browns. The last 2 years he has been a DB coach with Oakland.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Bunting's first season, almost everything went right and the team went 8-5 including a Peach Bowl win over Auburn. Unfortunately, Bunting's next five years would have just one winning regular season and one bowl. They faced the nation's toughest schedule in '05 and despite a 4-4 ACC record, finished 5-6. Last year they had 11 returning starters but inconsistent QB play cost them. The team did not catch many breaks either as they outFD'd Rutgers and VT (teams that finished in the Top 15) by a combined 41-31 but lost both games. After losses on the road to both Clemson and Miami, the season's turnaround game figured to be at home vs USF but 2 int's turned into Bulls TD's and NC lost by 17. NC had to play the next week on Thursday vs Virginia and was shutout and Bunting was fired with the team at 1-6. They took on eventual ACC Champ WF at home and led 17-14 in the 4Q but lost by 7. They only trailed #11 ND 38-26 in the 4Q and held GT to 221 yards offense but lost by 7. They knocked off rivals NCSt and Duke in the final two to finish 3-9. NC was -11 in turnovers last year (pg 312) and their D allowed a point for every 12.07 yards (pg 299). Those factors show that Davis steps into a good situation except for the fact that they have just 9 returning starters, the fewest in the ACC. I would expect Davis to play a lot of his own recruits, making this a young team that is probably a year away from contending for a bowl berth.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 12 **TJ YATES rFR.** 6-3 205. PS#119. 11 **Cameron Sexton** (6-1 190 So) **PS#31.** 5 st rFr, 840 (41.9%) 4-8 ratio, 114 rush. **Mike Paulus PS#6.** 14 BJ Phillips (6-5 245 rFr) PS#55.

RB 26 **Richie Rich So.** 5-9 190 **PS#39.** 4.3 spd. **Ryan Houston** (6-2 245 Fr) **PS#21.** 8 Anthony Elzy (5-10 210 rFr). 9 Barrington Edwards (6-0 230 Sr) PS#9. 727 (3.6) 2Y.

FB 4 **Bobby Rome So.** 5-11 240 **PS#48QB.** 3 st RB rFr, 8 rec (10.4). **Devon Ramsay PS#29.** 41 Jock Moore (6-0 280 Sr). 33 Darryl Porter (5-9 241 Jr). 80 Ed Barham (6-3 260 rFr) PS#84TE.

WR 88 **HAKEEM NICKS SO.** 6-1 210 PS#162. 11 st true, 39 (16.9). **Greg Little** is **PS#6.** 87 Brandon Tate (6-1 190 Jr) PS#184. 1905 ret yd 2Y. 17 Zack Pianalto is PS#41.

WR 1 **BROOKS FOSTER JR.** 6-3 200 PS#65. 2 st, 38 (12.8) LY. 12 **Joe Dailey** (6-1 205 Sr) PS#43QB. 18 st QB Neb/UNC. **Dwight Jones PS#13.** 3 Kenton Thornton (6-4 225 So) PS#64.

TE 89 **Richard Quinn So.** 6-4 235 PS#45. 9 gm '05. Inj LY. 84 Vince Jacobs (6-6 225 rFr) PS#63. 48 Ryan Taylor (6-3 220 So) PS#118. 81 Rock Wells (6-4 250 Sr) PS#289DL. 6 gm til inj LY.

C 54 **SCOTT LENAHAN SR.** 6-1 290 PS#111. Inj '05. 11 st C LY. 225 bench 34x. 63 Ben Lemming (6-4 295 Jr) PS#350. 7 gm true. RS '05. 7 st LY (6RT, 1C). **LS** 61 Michael Murphy (6-2 231 Sr).

RG 79 **CALVIN DARITY JR.** 6-3 295 **PS#5.** DNP '05, inj. 12 st RG LY. 70 Alan Pelc (6-6 320 rFr) PS#462. 62 Wyatt Hicks (6-5 270 Jr) PS#235. +23 lbs rFr. 53 Scott Gunn (6-3 265 So).

LG 78 **Bryon Bishop Jr.** 6-3 300 PS#99DL. 2nd string LY, 5 gm. 73 Aaron Stahl (6-2 290 So) PS#174DL. 55 Mike Ingersoll (6-4 265 rFr) PS#109TE. 58 Lowell Dyer (6-3 270 So).

RT 75 **GARRETT REYNOLDS JR.** 6-7 300 PS#123DL. 2nd string as true, 9 gm. 7 st LY (6RT, 1RG). Kevin Bryant is **PS#41DL.** 67 Morgan Randall (6-6 275 rFr) PS#86TE. +20 lbs.

LT 72 **Kyle Jolly So.** 6-6 305 PS#210DL. 2nd string rFr. 78 **Andre Barbour** (6-6 298 So) PS#309. 2 st LY (1TE, 1OL), 2nd string all year LT. 60 Zack Handerson (6-7 270 rFr) PS#166.

K 10 **CONNOR BARTH SR.** 6-1 190 **PS#1.** 14 of 18 FG true, long 50. 11 of 21 FG '05, long 45. 10 of 10 FG LY, long 54. 28 Kristian Bouw (6-1 210 So). 30 Lane Clemmons (6-0 200 Jr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 33 **HILEE TAYLOR SR.** 6-3 241 PS#116. 25 tkl, 5.5 sk '04 & '05. 12 st LY, 29 tkl, 5 tfl. 40 Darius Powell (6-2 220 rFr) PS#75LB. 93 Darrius Massenburg (6-3 260 rFr) PS#132.

DT 90 **KENTWAN BALMER SR.** 6-5 288 PS#100. 3 st DE '05, 17 tkl, 5 tfl. 8 st LY, 16 tkl, 2.5 sk. **Marvin Austin is PS#3.** 97 Aleric Mullins (6-3 285 So) **PS#54.** Tydreke Powell is **PS#16.**

DT 93 **Cam Thomas So.** 6-3 315 **PS#30.** 18 tkl, 1.5 sk rFr. 74 **Kyndraus Guy** (6-2 280 Sr) PS#118. **20 st**, 61 tkl, 10 tfl 3Y. 36 Tavares Brown (6-0 275 So) PS#71. 4 tkl true.

DE 92 **EJ Wilson So.** 6-2 260 PS#148QB. 19 tkl, 2 sk, 1 tfl rFr. 43 **Nick Starcevic** (6-2 245 Jr) PS#198RB. **6 st FB LY.** 95 Greg Elleby (6-4 260 rFr) PS#114. Linwan Euwell is PS#97.

SLB 44 **Chase Rice Jr.** 6-3 215 PS#129. 3 st LY, 31 tkl, 2 tfl. 54 Bruce Carter (6-3 210 Fr) PS#96RB '06. Trey Brenner (6-0 220 Jr) PS#259. 2 tkl 2Y. Joey Bozich (6-2 250 Jr). PS#482QB.

MLB 41 **Mark Paschal Jr.** 6-0 225 PS#148RB. 1 st 2Y, 30 tkl, 1 tfl. 52 Quan Sturdivant (6-2 225 Fr) PS#69DB. 51 Wesley Flagg (6-0 215 So) PS#224. 9 tkl true. Albert Craddock is **PS#51.**

WLB 48 **DURELL MAPP SR.** 6-2 225 6 st '05, 46 tkl, 1 sk. 9 st LY, #1 tkl'r, 87 tkl, 4 tfl. 21 Martel Thatch (6-2 215 Sr) **PS#38DB.** 2 st, 15 tkl 3Y. 51 Michael Briggs (6-0 250 Jr) PS#73.

CB 16 **Kendric Burney rFr.** 5-9 175 **PS#60.** 2 Cooter Arnold (5-10 190 Jr) PS#111RB. 1 st true RB, 216 yd. 2 st SS LY, 48 tkl, 2 pbu. Bryan Bethea (5-10 185 Sr) PS#73RB. 2 st, 36 tkl, 5 pbu 3Y.

CB 38 **JERMAINE STRONG SO.** 5-10 185 5 st rFr. 18 tkl, 5 pbu. 47 **Quinton Person** (5-11 185 Sr) **PS#52RB.** 11 st 3Y, 69 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 18 LaCount Fantroy is PS#134. In spg.

SS 20 **Shaun Draughn rFr.** 6-0 195 PS#128RB. 30 Bryan Dixon (5-11 205 So) PS#127. 4 tkl rFr. 24 Tavorris Jolly (5-11 185 rFr) PS#76RB. 34 Tyler Caldwell (5-9 170 So).

FS 31 **Trimane Goddard Jr.** 5-11 192 **PS#20.** 4.4 spd. 16 tkl true. 6 st '05, 53 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. RS '06, inj. 27 Deunta Williams (6-2 195 rFr) **PS#30.** 35 Jabir Jones (6-1 210 Sr).

P 44 **Terrence Brown Jr.** 6-3 190 JC. 39.0 ypp LY, 38.4 ypp as Fr. **Jay Wooten** (6-3 180 Fr) **PS#10.** 38.0 on punts in HS. 75% TB on KO. 7-14 FG. John Choate (6-2 190 Sr) 6 P, 2Y (36.8).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Marvin Austin 6-3 295 PS#3
QB	Mike Paulus 6-5 220 PS#6
WR	Greg Little 6-3 210 PS#6
DL	Tydreke Powell 6-3 290 PS#16
WR	Dwight Jones 6-5 210 PS#13
RB	Ryan Houston 6-2 245 PS#21
OL	Kevin Bryant 6-7 375 PS#41DL
RB	Devon Ramsay 6-2 240 PS#29
WR	Zack Pianalto 6-4 215 PS#41
LB	Albert Craddock 6-2 200 PS#51
LB	Quan Sturdivant 6-2 225 PS#69DB
LB	Linwan Euwell 6-2 210 PS#97DL
DB	Da'Norris Searcy 6-0 200 PS#81LB
DB	Jonathan Smith 6-2 185 PS#88LB
LB	Bruce Carter 6-3 210 PS#96RB '06
K	Jay Wooten 6-3 180 PS#10
OL	Mike Dykes 6-4 275 PS#159
DB	LaCount Fantroy 5-11 175 PS#134 '06
OL	Cameron Holland 6-2 275 PS#169
WR	Rashad Mason 6-5 210 PS#139
RB	Matt Merletti 5-11 185 PS#254
OL	Carl Gaskins 6-5 245 PS#374
DB	Charles Brown 5-10 190 PS#298WR
K	Terrence Brown 6-3 190 PS#520JC
WR	Brian Gupton 6-3 190 PS#495

NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#16

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NC	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	James Madison	G					
Sep. 8	at East Carolina	G					
Sep. 15	Virginia	G					
Sep. 22	at USF	G					
Sep. 29	at Virginia Tech	G					
Oct. 6	Miami, Fl	G					
Oct. 13	South Carolina	G					
Oct. 20							
Oct. 27	at Wake Forest	A					
Nov. 3	Maryland (HC)	G					
Nov. 10	at NC State	G					
Nov. 17	at Georgia Tech	G					
Nov. 24	Duke	G					
Dec. 1							

NC is the 1st of 3 ACC tms JMU will face in the next 5 seasons (Duke, MD, & NC again). The Dukes were 9-3 last year making it to the IAA playoffs (lost 1st rd to YSU).

NC has dropped 4 straight road openers & are 1-5 since 2001 giving up 39 ppg. This will be the 1st meeting since 2003 as NC is 8-1-1 vs EC (only loss in 1975).

NC is just 7-17-1 since '82 vs UVA, but 7-4-1 in that span when hosting the Cavaliers. This is billed as the South's oldest rivalry with this being the 112th meeting.

N Carolina has played every current BE member dropping the last 5 games (S/'03). In their 1st ever meeting LY, NC led 7-0 but 2 int's that set up TD's & 5 sks did them in.

The Tar Heels were undone last year by 4 int's & a blk'd punt as they had 7 more FD's & held the Hokies to just 224 yds (2 VT drives started at the NC one yd line).

Butch Davis was the HC at Miami, Fl from 1995-'00 posting a 51-20 (72%) record. NC is 2-0 all-time hosting UM & in 2004 beat a #4 Hurricane team on a last play FG.

North Carolina leads the all-time series 34-16-4, but their last game was in 1991. These HC's squared off in the Sugar Bowl (2000 ssn) as UM beat Florida 37-20.

North Carolina is 12-4 vs Wake Forest including winning 7 of 8 in Winston-Salem. Two years ago was the 1st time NC didn't play WF since 1943 (1st game 1888).

NC is just 1-5 since 1999 vs Maryland with the average score 38-14. Tar Heels are 0-4 the L/4 yrs before playing instate rival NCSt (avg loss by 12 ppg).

The Tar Heels are 11-3 the last 14 games vs the Wolfpack including 3 straight wins. LY NC had 147-8 yd & 11-0 FD edges in the 1Q in John Bunting's last HG as HC.

LY's gm vs GT marked the fewest combined pts in an NC gm since a 3-0 loss to WF in '66. Tar Heels are just 1-8 their L/9 gms vs the Yellow Jackets (last win in Atlanta, 1997).

NC held the "Victory Bell" from '90-'02, Duke in '03 & NC again the last 3 years. Last yr's 89 combined pts were the 2nd highest total ever in this series in 93 meetings.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Darian Durant 8,755 '01-'04	1. Amos Lawrence 4,391 '77-'80	1. Corey Holliday 2,447 '89-'93
2. Ronald Curry 4,987 '98-'01	2. Mike Voight 3,971 '73-'76	2. Octavus Barnes 2,398 '94-'97
3. Jason Stanicek 4,683 '91-'94	3. Leon Johnson 3,693 '93-'96	3. Sam Aiken 2,205 '99-'02

Butch Davis (Career 51–20)

1st Year at N Carolina — Davis' Bowl Record: 4-0

Davis' records AT N CAROLINA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

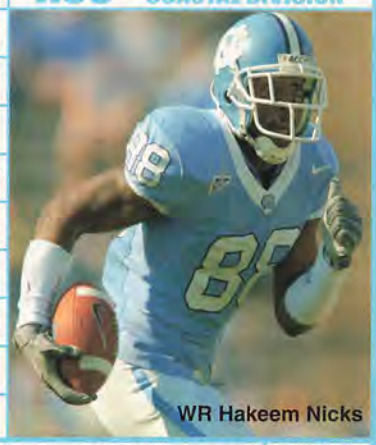
2006 RECORD: **(3–9)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (20,24,2)
Lost: 16 (7,8,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 48,857 (#42)

ACC – COASTAL DIVISION



WR Hakeem Nicks

STADIUM: KENAN MEMORIAL STADIUM (60,000)(#46)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-5	3-9	2-10	6-5	5-6	3-9	32-49
Home	3-3	5-1	0-6	1-5	4-2	4-2	2-5	19-24
Away	3-2	2-4	3-3	1-5	2-3	1-4	1-4	13-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	1-7	1-7	5-3	4-4	2-6	21-35
ATS	6-5	5-7	4-8	6-6	7-3	6-5	4-7	38-41
Home Fav	2-3	1-4	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	5-12
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-5	2-3	4-1	1-1	3-2	12-12
Away Fav	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	4-2
Away Dog	1-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	2-2	3-2	1-3	17-15
Favorite	4-3	1-5	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	0-2	9-14
Dog	2-2	4-2	4-7	5-5	6-3	4-3	4-5	29-27
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	2-6	3-5	7-1	5-3	3-5	27-29
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-3	2-2	3-1	0-2	1-2	1-2	11-12
Off SU Win	2-3	2-4	0-2	1-1	2-3	2-3	0-2	9-18
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-3	4-5	5-4	5-0	3-2	4-4	26-20

Carl Torbush — John Bunting

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ronnie McGill	192	849	59	790	7	4.1
Barrington Edwards	**91**	**362**	**32**	**330**	**2**	**3.6**
Justin Warren	**7**	**77**	**0**	**77**	**1**	**11.0**
Joe Dailey	**50**	**184**	**123**	**61**	**1**	**1.2**
Cameron Sexton	**27**	**114**	**89**	**25**	**1**	**0.9**
Connor Barth	**1**	**21**	**0**	**21**	**0**	**21.0**
Brandon Tate	**3**	**26**	**6**	**20**	**0**	**6.7**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Joe Dailey	**195**	**112**	**57.4**	**1316**	**7**	**10**
Cameron Sexton	**136**	**57**	**41.9**	**840**	**4**	**8**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Hakeem Nicks	**39**	**660**	**16.9**	**4**	**83**	
Brooks Foster	**38**	**486**	**12.8**	**2**	**39**	
Jesse Holley	37	466	12.6	2	50	
Ronnie McGill	15	148	9.9	1	58	
Barrington Edwards	**12**	**103**	**8.6**	**0**	**19**	
Bobby Rome	**8**	**83**	**10.4**	**0**	**28**	
Brandon Tate	**5**	**72**	**14.4**	**0**	**26**	
Jon Hamlett	5	51	10.2	1	19	
Kenton Thornton	**5**	**47**	**9.4**	**0**	**15**	
Richie Rich	**2**	**24**	**12.0**	**0**	**19**	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
David Wooldridge	62	2548	41.1	17	34.3(t)	2(t)	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Connor Barth	**24-26**	**4-4**	**2-2**	**2-2**	**2-2**	**10-10**	**54**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Durell Mapp	**87**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Kareen Taylor	70	0	2	3	5
DJ Walker	65	0	0	0	0
Larry Edwards	58	3	2.5	2	0
Victor Worsley	58	1.5	3	0	0
Jacoby Watkins	52	1	1	8	0
J "Cooter" Arnold	**48**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Chase Rice	**31**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Hilee Taylor	**29**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Brian Rackley	28	2	0	1	0
Shelton Bynum	26	3	0.5	0	0
Kyndraus Guy	**26**	**1.5**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Melik Brown	23	1	0	1	0
Mark Paschal	**23**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Quinton Person	**22**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**
EJ Wilson	**19**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Cam Thomas	**18**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Jermaine Strong	**18**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**
Bryan Bethea	**18**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Kentwan Balmer	**16**	**2.5**	**0**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Tate	**20**	**194**	**9.7**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Tate	**38**	**902**	**23.7**	**2**
Hakeem Nicks	**5**	**101**	**20.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
96	Gator - #12	-6'	West Virginia - #25	20-13
97	Gator - #7	-11'	Virginia Tech	42-3
98	Las Vegas	-7	San Diego St	20-13
01	Peach	-2	Auburn	16-10
04	Continental Tire	-1	Boston College - #25	24-37

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OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	18.0	16	113	3.6	180	50.8	16.3	-11	2006	6	30.5	20	173	4.5	196	62.1	12.1
6	18.0	18	101	2.8	214	51.4	17.5	-1	2005	9	26.2	19	138	3.5	211	57.6	13.3
8*	26.6	19	176	4.9	214	59.6	14.7	-4	2004	6	31.8	23	218	5.2	228	61.5	14.0
8*	26.4	20	150	4.7	244	60.1	14.9	-15	2003	7	38.3	26	227	4.9	278	63.0	13.2
6	18.6	20	103	3.0	266	54.6	19.9	-15	2002	3	35.1	23	221	4.8	231	54.9	12.9
6*	25.9	19	130	3.2	230	56.8	13.9	-10	2001	7	20.8	17	118	3.3	178	51.3	14.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

NC 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Rutgers	25	32 - 169	5.3	24 - 36	234	1	22	41 - 217	5.3	14 - 20	145	2	-2
–	Virginia Tech	16	31 - 89	2.9	19 - 38	179	1	9	30 - 117	3.9	11 - 18	107	1	-2
–	Furman	20	36 - 181	5.0	14 - 20	265	0	30	46 - 211	4.6	20 - 27	310	2	0
–	at Clemson	8	22 - 54	2.5	7 - 23	96	2	30	58 - 324	5.6	14 - 21	180	1	-1
–	at Miami, Fl	17	28 - 58	2.1	13 - 36	186	3	14	31 - 144	4.6	15 - 26	180	1	-3
–	USF	18	39 - 168	4.3	9 - 26	117	5	23	47 - 234	5.0	15 - 22	183	1	0
–	at Virginia	11	33 - 98	3.0	9 - 20	84	3	20	38 - 194	5.1	18 - 26	176	3	-3
–	Wake Forest	18	40 - 134	3.4	19 - 30	236	1	15	40 - 200	5.0	7 - 8	89	1	-3
–	at Notre Dame	10	25 - 31	1.2	14 - 24	213	4	23	35 - 106	3.0	23 - 37	346	3	+1
–	Georgia Tech	12	23 - 55	2.4	13 - 34	156	1	15	44 - 143	3.3	10 - 24	78	1	0
–	NC State	17	41 - 123	3.0	8 - 15	137	1	21	27 - 80	3.0	22 - 41	261	4	+3
–	at Duke	18	32 - 200	6.3	20 - 31	253	0	16	27 - 103	3.8	21 - 36	291	3	-1
TOTALS		190	382 - 1360	3.6	169 - 333	2156	22	238	464 - 2073	4.5	190 - 306	2346	23	-11
AVERAGES		15.8	32 - 113	3.6	14 - 28	180	1.8	19.8	39 - 173	4.5	16 - 26	196	1.9	-0.9

2002 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Miami, Oh	-7	21-27
–	at Syracuse	+5'	30-22
–	Texas - #9	+13'	21-52
–	Georgia Tech	+2'	13-21
–	at Arizona St	+8'	38-35
–	NC State - #14	+6'	17-34
–	at Virginia	+5	27-37
–	at Wake Forest	+6	0-31
–	Maryland	+14	7-59
–	Clemson	+10	12-42
–	at Florida St - #15	+31'	14-40
–	at Duke	+3	23-21

2003 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Florida St - #13	+16	0-37
–	Syracuse	+1'	47-49 OT
–	at Wisconsin	+14'	27-38
–	at NC State	+17'	34-47
–	Virginia	+8'	13-38
–	at East Carolina	-7'	28-17
–	Arizona St	+6	31-33
–	at Clemson	+13'	28-36
–	at Maryland	+16'	21-59
–	Wake Forest	+8'	42-34
–	at Georgia Tech	+10	24-41
–	Duke	-6	22-30

2004 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	William & Mary	NL	49-38
–	at Virginia - #15	+21'	24-56
–	Georgia Tech	+8'	34-13
–	Louisville - #24	+7'	0-34
–	at Florida St - #9	+28'	16-38
–	NC State	+10'	30-24
–	at Utah - #11	+22	16-46
–	Miami, Fl - #4	+22	31-28
–	Virginia Tech - #18	+10	24-27
–	at Wake Forest	+5'	31-24
–	at Duke	-7	40-17

2005 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Georgia Tech - #17	+12	21-27
–	Wisconsin	+3'	5-14
–	at NC State	+11	31-24
–	Utah	-4	31-17
–	at Louisville - #23	+13'	14-69
–	Virginia - #23	E	7-5
–	at Miami, Fl - #6	+21	16-34
–	Boston College - #19	+5	16-14
–	Maryland	-3	30-33 OT
–	Duke	-21	24-21
–	at Virginia Tech - #5	+24'	3-30

2006 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Rutgers	-4	16-21
–	Virginia Tech - #16	+14'	10-35
–	Furman	NL	45-42
–	at Clemson - #19	+16'	7-52
–	at Miami, Fl	+19	7-27
–	USF	+3	20-37
–	at Virginia	+6'	0-23
–	Wake Forest - #24	+8'	17-24
–	at Notre Dame - #11	+24'	26-45
–	Georgia Tech - #19	+13'	0-7
–	NC State	+3	23-9
–	at Duke	-7	45-44

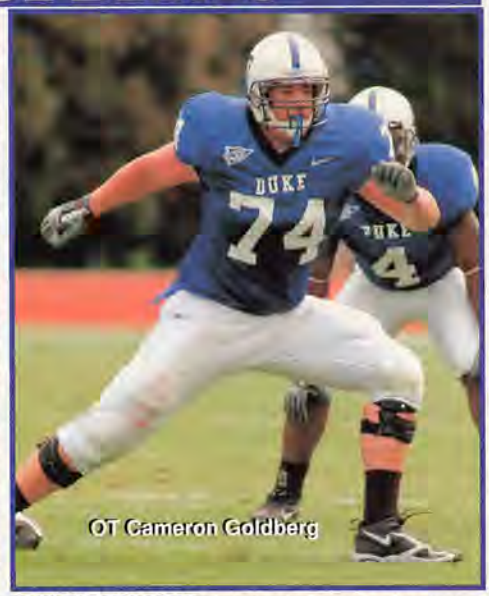
DUKE BLUE DEVILS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Duke had 2 experienced QB's returning in Mike Schneider and Curt Dukes. Roof also brought in also three true frosh and Zack Asack (PS#43) led the team to a 4Q TD drive vs Virginia. Asack became the first true frosh to start here (vs Navy) since Steve Slayden in 1984. Asack started the final 6 and threw for 966 (50%) with a 5-8 ratio (242 rush). Marcus Jones (PS#154QB) another true frosh had 7 pass att's and also started 4 at WR. Last year the unit took some big hits. Schneider (23 st '03-'05), Dukes and Gene Delle Donne (PS#16) all left the program. Roof opted to move Jones back to QB for the spring and it proved to be a good decision. Asack was susp'd for the year which left Jones as the starter and true frosh Thaddeus Lewis as the backup. They also used RB Clifford Harris (PS#109) as a backup. Jones started and played in three series vs Richmond but Lewis QB'd the rest of the game. Lewis started vs WF and hit 21 of 32 for 305 but vs VT he was hit late and knocked out of the game with a concussion. Jones hit 6 of 8 for 71 in relief but was moved back to WR. Lewis hit 21 of 40 for 284 vs Miami nearly getting the upset despite throwing 4 int's. Later he hit 15 of 22 for 181 vs Navy, 19 of 32 for 237 vs GT and 20 of 35 for 285 and 4 TD's in the finale vs UNC. For the season Lewis threw for 2,134 (52.9%) with an 11-16 ratio but keep in mind that numerous int's bounced off the receivers' hands. Jones had 14 pass att's and Harris, who played QB in five games, had 2 passes. Asack missed the spring but will return in the fall to battle Lewis. Also in the mix are walk-on Steve Lattanzio (6'3" 235 Sr) and true frosh Mike Cappetto (PS#138). I look for much improved play from Lewis now that he has had a year and a spring under his belt.

RUNNING BACKS - Chris Douglas (4.3 spd) was a big reason why Duke avg'd 172 ypg rushing in 2003. He left as Duke's career leader in all-purpose and rushing yards. In 2004 Cedric Dargan rushed for 462 (3.7), true frosh Justin Boyle (PS#112) had 241 (4.8) and Ronnie Drummer (PS#121), an exciting returnman, had 114 (4.6). All three returned in '05 and Boyle led in rushing in 5 of the first 7 finishing with 458 (3.4). Drummer averaged an outstanding 10.2 ypc on 337 yards. True frosh Re'quan Boyette rushed for 123 vs Fla St and had 252 (4.2). Dargan had just 150 (2.9). Boyle, Drummer and Boyette returned last year and the three were nicknamed "The Stable," as it was the most talented unit on the team. Both Drummer and Boyle were injured in the opener. Drummer played in 10 and rushed for 148 (5.1) while adding 16 rec (7.1). Boyle also played in 10 rushing for 358 (3.9) and tied the modern day school record (Robert Baldwin 1994) with 4 TD's vs Vandy. Boyette led with 388 (4.5). RB/QB Clifford Harris had 206 (3.7). Army transfer FB Tielor Robinson rushed for 78 (3.7) and added 15 rec (9.3). The only loss this year is FB Aaron Fryer (PS#83, 23 yd). With everyone back this unit hopefully will maintain better health, and therefore have much better production.

RECEIVERS - The Blue Devils returned their top 4 receivers in 2005 but suffered some injuries. Their top two WR's, Jomar Wright and Ronnie Elliott, missed 10 games combined. Wright had 8 rec (19.4) in just 5 games and Elliott had 19 (9.3) in 7. TE Ben Patrick led with 30 (8.4). True frosh Eron Riley had just 5 yards less than Patrick on just 11 rec (22.5). True frosh Marcus Jones, who alternated between QB and WR, had 11 (8.2). Last year they had to replace their top 2 TE's and Elliott. Jones moved to QB in the spring but was back at WR after 4 games. Wright stayed healthy and led with 40 (14.0) including 176 yards vs Miami, FL! Soph Raphael Chestnut had 5 rec vs BC and was #2 with 39 (9.6). Riley led in rec yards with 643 (20.1). TE Nick Stefanow (PS#17) had 10 (11.3). This year the only loss is Jones (10 rec) who moves to LB and this unit should be more productive.



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OFFENSIVE LINE - Duke has had to replace four starters from the front wall in each of the last three years and averaged just 2.7, 3.2 and 2.9 ypc while allowing 39, 31 and 43 sacks. Duke had just 12 career starts on its entire unit heading into last year and projected starting RG Joe Suder was dismissed over the summer. FINALLY, the Blue Devils have an experienced O-line as 9 of the top 10 return so improvement is expected.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Duke had a fairly experienced defensive front in 2005 but surprisingly allowed 5.1 ypc, their highest total since 2001. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups but got the addition of VHT rFr NG Vince Oghobaase (PS#18) and moved starting OLB Patrick Bailey to the unit so they actually had 3 starters returning. They used a DL rotation to keep the unit fresh so instead of the 70-75 snaps per game they played in '05, they played 40-45 snaps per game. Returning starting DE Eli Nichols was lost for the year after 8 and after leading in sacks in both '04 (3) and '05 (3), he was shutout in 2006. Duke allowed 39 rush ypg less, trimming the ypc to 4.6 (14 sk). This year they lose DE Eli Nichols (8 st, 18 tkl, UFA WAS) and DT Casey Camero (12 st, 25 tkl, UFA TB). Six of the top eight return and the Blue Devils look stronger up front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Duke had to replace one starter and moved Patrick Bailey to DE so their lone returning starter to the unit was '05's #1 tackler Mike Tauiliili. The other two starting LB's had combined for 4 starts and 66 tackles in 2005. This year they lose Codey Lowe (12 st, 70 tkl, 14 tfl), Jeramy Edwards (12 st, 89 tkl, 12 tfl), Brandon Tapps (2 tkl) and Alex Williams (14 tkl). They move in QB/WR Marcus Jones who is an excellent athlete and should thrive at OLB. This group is almost as experienced as last year and with the return of their top guy, could be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Duke actually ranked #3 in the ACC in int in 2004 (15) but finished #98 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters in '05 and finished #102 despite CB John Talley earning 1st Tm ACC honors. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup while Talley came in as the NCAA's active career int leader. He did not disappoint adding 7 more int's and 150 return yards becoming the ACC's all-time leader in IR yards. Despite the three returning starters, Duke finished #110 allowing 60.1% with a 27-10 ratio. This year they lose 2x 1st Tm ACC CB Talley (12 st, 8 pbu, 42 tkl, UFA WAS) and CB Deonto McCormick (12 st, 39 tkl, 9 pbu). Six of the top eight are back and even though the CB position is a big-time question mark, Duke could rise in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Duke actually finished #27 in my ST rankings in 2004 but had to replace their P and K in '05. They still finished a respectable #41. Last year they had to replace their P but had everyone else back. K Joe Surgan, who hit 6 of 8 FG's with a long of 49 in '05, had a poor year hitting just 3 of 10 with a long of 40. He did have 10 TB on 39 KO. Randy DeSmyter hit his only FG attempt in '06. Alex Feinberg (PS#24) avg'd 37.6 but some long returns saw his net finish at just 30.4. Jabari Marshall did a great job on KR (25.1) while Leon Wright was the top PR (6.1). They were -4 in the TD/blk category. They lose Feinberg and DeSmyter but everyone else returns and I would expect Duke to have one of the most improved ST rankings in the country (#109 in 2006).

COACHES - Ted Roof was the DC at GT from 1999-2001 and was the DC here in 2002-2003. He took over as interim HC for the final five games of 2003 after Carl Franks was fired. Roof did a tremendous job taking an underachieving team and getting them to win 2 of their last 3 with narrow losses to Tenn and NCSt. That earned him the HC job in 2004. Unfortunately he has had just one ACC win in the past three years and just 3 wins overall. The new OC is Peter Vaas who was the QB coach at ND the past 2 years. Roof had co-DC's in Scott Brown (DL coach 7 yr) and Jerry Azzinaro the last 3 years. Azzinaro was let go so Brown is the sole DC this year and ex-Minnesota HC John Gutekunst ('86-'91) joins the staff as the DB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the past 44 years Duke has had just 3 seasons of winning more than 6 games. Those came in 1988 and 1989 with Steve Spurrier at the helm and in 1994 during Fred Goldsmith's first season. Since their Hall of Fame Bowl game in 1994, the team is just 21-114. This includes a 9-87 record in ACC play with 7 winless ACC seasons the last 11 years, and only 3 ACC wins in the last 7 seasons. In 2003 Roof took over as the interim HC with 5 games left and the team went 2-3 breaking a 30 game losing streak in ACC play and beating N Carolina for the first time since 1989. They officially hired Roof after the team escaped the ACC basement for the first time in 3 years. That 2003 team was outgained by just 47 ypg. 2004 looked like a rebuilding season with just 10 starters back and they played 13 true frosh (2nd most NCAA) and Duke went from 4-8 to 2-9. They had a couple of close losses but were outgained by 196.8 ypg in ACC play. In 2005 they had just 13 starters back (3rd fewest ACC). This time their record dropped to 1-10 and they were outgained vs the ACC by 231 ypg. Injuries hurt Duke in 2005 as at one point they were without their top 3 RB's and top 3 WR's. Last year Duke had 10 returning starters. I made the mistake of mentioning they could only improve upon '05's 16.1 ppg but Duke's offense, which lost returning starting QB Asack to a susp and had just 3 starters back, dropped to 14.9 ppg. They were stunned in their opener by IAA Richmond. Their other low spots were a 37-0 shutout loss to UVA, 17 point loss to VU and a 28 pt loss to GT in which the Jackets rested their starters in the 2H. On the bright side, Duke outplayed ACC Champ Wake Forest with a 24-14 FD edge as the Deacons blocked a FG on the last play in a 14-13 loss. They led Alabama 14-10 late 3Q and rushed for 201 yards on the Tide. With Miami missing 13 players due to susp, Duke very narrowly missed out on pulling the upset as they were int'd in the EZ in the final seconds, trailing by 5. Against #22 BC they trailed 14-7 in the 3Q when they were SOD at the 3. They came up a point short vs UNC in the finale. They had just 7 scholarship seniors in 2006 (4th fewest NCAA). Duke is now the possessor of the NCAA's longest losing streak (20 games)! On the bright side, Duke had 3 net close losses, were -8 in turnovers (pg 312) and despite their 0-8 record, were "only" outgained by 115 ypg in league play, half of the differential of the 2005 squad. Every player on the offensive 2 deep returns so they should have their best ppg in at least 5 years. The D loses 6 starters. Their play will improve but it won't be enough for them to avoid an unlucky 13th straight losing season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 9 THADDEUS LEWIS SO. 6-2 190 PS#71. 11 st true, 2134 (53%) 11-16 ratio, 190 rush. **13** Zack Asack (6-4 200 So) PS#43. 6 st true. 966 (50%), 5-8 ratio, 242 rush. RS, susp LY.

RB 20 JUSTIN BOYLE SR. 6-1 215 PS#112. 11 st 3Y, 1057 (3.8), 15 rec. **21 Re'quan Boyette** (5-10 210 Jr) PS#116. 5 st, 640 (4.4) 2Y. **Ronnie Drummer** (5-9 185 Sr) PS#121. 599 (6.9) 3Y.

FB 2 TIELOR ROBINSON SR. 5-11 245 PS#243. **10 st Army**, 2Y, 548 (4.8). 10 st LY, 228 all-purp yds. **4 Clifford Harris** (5-10 220 Jr) PS#109. 340 all-purp yd 2Y. **22** Brandon King (6-2 260 So) PS#97.

WR 15 ERON RILEY JR. 6-3 200 PS#151. 4 st true, 11 (22.5). 12 st LY, 32 (20.1). Josh Trezvant is PS#52. **19** Kris Stubbs (6-1 190 So) PS#357. 2 rec, 8 games true.

WR 81 JOMAR WRIGHT SR. 6-1 200 PS#110. 5 st '04-'05, 26 (18.4). 7 st LY, 40 (14.0). **5** Raphael Chestnut (6-2 190 Jr) PS#358. 3 st, 39 (9.6) LY. **18** Jeremy Ringfield (6-5 210 rFr) PS#106.

TE 80 NICK STEFANOW SR. 6-4 235 **PS#17**. 9 st LY, 13 (10.2) 2Y. **83** Norman Gee (6-5 250 So) 2 st, 2 rec rFr. **88** Brett Huffman (6-5 245 rFr) PS#37. Danny Parker is PS#44.

C 68 MATT RUMSEY SR. 6-4 285 PS#152. 8 gm true. 11 st C '05. 12 st C LY, 833 snaps. 525 squat. **76** Justin Freeman (6-1 290 Jr) **LS** Casey Hales (6-0 205 Sr) 33 gm 3Y.

RG 61 ROB SCHIRMANN JR. 6-5 285 2nd string true but RS. 7 gm, 65 snap '05. 12 st RG 778 snap LY. **72** Garrett Mason (6-5 300 Sr) PS#254. 2 st LT LY, 272 snap. Marcus Lind (6-4 300 rFr).

LG 60 ZACH MAURIDES SR. 6-6 290 PS#330. 1 gm rFr. 5 gm, 59 snap '05. 12 st, 769 snap LY. **75** Robert Drum (6-6 285 rFr) PS#144. Bryan Morgan (6-3 255 Fr) PS#157 in '06.

RT 70 FRED ROLAND JR. 6-8 310 PS#158. 11 gm rFr. 12 st RT in '06, 842 snaps. **67** Mitchell Lederman (6-8 320 rFr) PS#173. 2nd string true but RS. Chris Shannon is PS#88DL.

LT 74 CAMERON GOLDBERG JR. 6-6 280 PS#179DL. 1 st RT rFr. 10 st LT LY (inj 2), 668 snap. **77** Jarrod Holt (6-6 310 So) PS#91. 2nd string 10 gm true. **78** Ben Loebner (6-9 315 So) PS#172.

K 26 JOE SURGAN JR. 6-4 210 **PS#10**. 6 of 8 FG, long of 49 true. 3 of 10 FG '06, long 40. **34** Greg Meyers (5-8 150 Sr) 1-1 xp LY, added 10 lbs. **12** Ryan Pacioni (6-2 175 Sr).

DE 91 Ayanga Okpokowuruk So. 6-4 255 PS#136. 5 st rFr, 16 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 406 snap. **99** Wesley Oglesby (6-6 250 rFr) PS#64. **55** Tyler Rice (6-3 245 rFr) PS#143LB. **90** Patrick Egboh (6-4 250 rFr) PS#427.

DT 3 VINCE OGHOBAASE SO. 6-6 310 **PS#18**. 12 st rFr, 28 tkl, 8 tfl, 568 snap. **66** Pontus Bondeson (6-6 275 rFr) from Sweden. Kinney Rucker (6-2 300 So) PS#204LB in '05. Move from OL spg.

NG 97 Clifford Respress Jr. 6-4 275 PS#150. 1 st, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl true. 276 snap, 14 tkl LY. **62** Ifreke Okpokowuruk (6-1 285 rFr) PS#290. **69** Brandon Harper (6-3 320 So) PS#530. 102 snap true.

DE 84 PATRICK BAILEY SR. 6-4 235 PS#99TE. 25 tkl true. 8 st '05, 52 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 12 st LY, 77 tkl, 12.5 tfl. **54** Greg Akinbiyi (6-2 250 Jr) 26 tkl, 336 snap LY. **50** Ryan Radloff (6-4 260 So) 179 snap rFr.

SLB 6 Marcus Jones Jr. 6-3 220 PS#154QB. 4 st WR true, 11 rec. 1 st QB, 2 st WR LY, 10 rec. Andrew Holoman (6-2 225 rFr) PS#195. **45** Charles Robinson (6-2 215 Jr) 10 tkl 2Y.

MLB 34 MIKE TAUILILI JR. 5-11 235 10 st true, 92 tkl, 10 tfl, 1st Tm Fr AA. 12 st LY, 94 tkl, 10 tfl. Alfred Williams (6-2 250 Jr) PS#155. 10 tkl 2Y. **57** Paul Thornton (6-3 225 So) PS#166.

WLB 35 Tim Ball Jr. 6-1 225 PS#66RB. 88 yd RB true. 233 snap LB LY, 18 tkl. Vincent Rey (6-0 255 So) PS#235. 12 st, 254 snap true. **29** Abraham Kromah (6-1 210 rFr).

CB NA Tony Jackson Fr. 5-10 185 PS#103. **7** Leon Wright (5-9 165 So). 17 tkl true. **21** Evalio Harrell (5-9 170 Sr) PS#314. 4.37 spd. 8 tkl. **Colin Jones** 48 tkl, 10 pbu, Mercersburg Acad LY.

CB 1 Jabari Marshall Jr. 5-11 200 4.37 spd. 7 tkl, KR (25.1), 62 rush yd. **22** Rodney Ezzard (5-11 180 Sr) PS#296. 5 games as true. 1 tkl '05. **16** Chris Rwabukamba (6-0 175 rFr).

SS 28 ADRIAN AYE-DARKO JR. 6-2 210 PS#276. 9 tkl rFr. 11 st LY, 55 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **24** Glenn Williams (5-10 185 Jr) PS#156. 21 tkl true. 1 st, 54 tkl LY. Eddie Morgan PS#172.

FS 27 CHRIS DAVIS SR. 6-0 205 14 tkl true. 11 st '05, 46 tkl, 4 tfl. 12 st LY, 64 tkl, 4 pbu, 747 snaps. **23** Catron Gainey (6-2 205 So) PS#292. 6 tkl true. **87** Marvin Marcelin (6-2 185 So) PS#263WR.

P 49 Kevin Jones rFr. 6-3 185 PS#29. Avg 39.3 as junior in HS, 9 of 11 FG. 39.1 as senior. RS LY. Nick Maggio (6-4 190 Fr) PS#57. 38.3 as HS junior. 39.4 avg in HS as senior.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Josh Trezvant 5-11 175 PS#52
OL	Chris Shannon 6-5 300 PS#88DL
DB	Tony Jackson 5-10 185 PS#103
DL	Charles Hatcher 6-3 275 PS#118
OL	Jon Needham 6-7 305 PS#158
DL	Eriks Reks 6-5 225 PS#119LB
TE	Danny Parker 6-4 225 PS#44
OL	Bryan Morgan 6-3 255 PS#157 '06
DB	Eddie Morgan 6-0 185 PS#172
RB	Cameron Jones 5-10 185 PS#182WR '06
LB	Damian Thornton 6-1 235 PS#188
OL	Kyle Hill 6-6 260 PS#238
QB	Mike Cappetto 6-5 200 PS#138
DB	Matt Pridemore 5-11 185 PS#257DB '06
LB	Sam Poggi 6-2 220 PS#244
LB	Justin Wilkerson 6-3 245 PS#258
DB	Colin Jones 5-10 185 PS#336WR '06
K	Nick Maggio 6-4 190 PS#57
LB	Adam Banks 6-4 230 PS#404
DB	Randez James 5-11 175 PS#443
WR	Austin Kelly 6-3 195 PS#406
TE	Garrett Utt 6-4 220 PS#148

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#9

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score DUKE	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Connecticut	G					
Sep. 8	at Virginia	G					
Sep. 15	at Northwestern	G					
Sep. 22	at Navy	A					
Sep. 29	at Miami, Fl	G					
Oct. 6	Wake Forest	G					
Oct. 13	Virginia Tech (HC)	G					
Oct. 20							
Oct. 27	at Florida St	G					
Nov. 3	Clemson	G					
Nov. 10	Georgia Tech	G					
Nov. 17	at Notre Dame	G					
Nov. 24	at North Carolina	G					
Dec. 1							

Duke heads into the 2007 season w/the longest Div IA losing streak at 20 games. The Blue Devils led 20-6 (late 3Q) & missed a 36 yd game winning FG in 2004.

Last year Duke had just 14 sk's as a team, but 5 (36%) of those came vs Virginia. Duke has lost 17 straight ACC gms & 16 straight road games & are 1-11 vs Virginia.

From 1985 (1st meeting) to '90, Duke was 6-0 vs Northwestern, but 1-7 since '96. After playing the Wildcats, the next 8 opponents all went to a bowl game last year.

Duke 1st played Navy in '27 & this will be the 37th gm, they have never lost 4 straight. In their last 7 games since '95, Duke has given up an avg of 322 (6.0) rushing ypg.

In LY's gm Duke almost pulled the upset as they limited UM to (-19) rush yds in 2H. Duke did beat the Hurricanes in their 1st ever meeting in 1976, 20-7 (1-3 all-time).

The 53 wins vs WF is the most by Duke vs one tm & 14 more than #2 NCSt (39). LY vs WF, T. Lewis (305 yds) was the 2nd True to start at QB for Duke in the L/22 seasons.

Blue Devils are 35-46-1 all-time on HC. Series is tied 7-7 but VT has won 6 straight. Duke has been shutout in B2B yrs by VT (3 out of L/4) & have avg'd just 87 ypg.

Bonus: The Blue Devils have had one winning season the past 17 yrs (1994, 8-4).

WR E. Riley had a career high 6 receptions (110 yds) LY vs Florida St with a TD. Duke has lost all 15 meetings with the average score of 53-17.

Clemson was the last Div IA school that Duke beat (Nov of '04) heading into this yr. LY was the 1st ssn S/'64 that Duke & CU did not play each other, CU leads the series 33-16-1.

Duke is 4-13 in Wallace Wade Stadium finales (last win vs GT in 2003). Ted Roof is an '87 graduate of GT & a 4-yr letterman from '82-'85 (All-ACC LB, Captain).

Duke last faced Notre Dame in 1996 & lost 64-0 to the #1 Irish in front of 59,075 in South Bend on their way to their 9th National Title.

The 44 pts that Duke scored LY on NC were the most S'99 (48 vs WF). Duke's last road victory came in 2003 at NC (30-22). Duke is 1-16 vs NC since 1990.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ben Bennett 9,614 '80-'83	1. Chris Douglas 3,122 '00-'03	1. Clarkston Hines 3,318 '86-'89
2. Spence Fischer 9,021 '92-'95	2. Steve Jones 2,951 '70-'72	2. Wes Chesson 2,399 '68-'70
3. Steve Slayden 8,004 '84-'87	3. Randy Cuthbert 2,771 '88-'92	3. Scottie Montgomery 2,379 '96-'99

TED ROOF (Career 5–34)

5th Year at Duke

Roof's Bowl Record: 0-0

Roof's records AT DUKE

5-34	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
4-16	Home	0-11	Vs Top 25
1-18	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Team
0-0	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
3-25	Vs Conference	5-26	Off A Loss

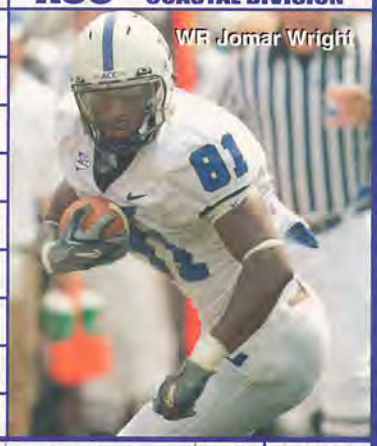
2006 RECORD: (0–12)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,20,2)
Lost: 16 (4,10,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,580 (#94)

ACC – COASTAL DIVISION



STADIUM: WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941) (#87)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	0-11	2-10	4-8	2-9	1-10	0-12	9-71
Home	0-5	0-6	1-5	3-4	2-3	1-5	0-7	7-35
Away	0-6	0-5	1-5	1-4	0-6	0-5	0-5	2-36
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-8	0-8	0-8	2-6	1-7	0-8	0-8	3-53
ATS	5-6	2-9	8-4	5-6	7-3	2-8	5-6	34-42
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3
Home Dog	3-2	1-5	3-2	2-2	2-2	0-5	2-4	13-22
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Away Dog	2-4	1-4	5-1	3-2	5-1	2-2	3-2	21-16
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-4
Dog	5-6	2-9	8-3	5-4	7-3	2-7	5-6	34-38
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	5-3	4-4	6-2	2-6	4-4	27-29
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	1-2	7-13
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-6
Off SU Loss	5-5	2-8	6-3	5-2	6-1	2-6	5-6	31-31

Carl Franks-Ted Roof (JB gms of '03)

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Re'quan Boyette	87	421	33	388	2	4.5
Justin Boyle	91	398	40	358	5	3.9
Clifford Harris	56	234	28	206	1	3.7
Ronnie Drummer	29	198	50	148	1	5.1
Tielor Robinson	21	79	1	78	0	3.7
Jabari Marshall	8	64	2	62	0	7.8
Marcus Jones	15	20	26	-6	0	-0.4
Thaddeus Lewis	99	190	264	-74	1	-0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Thaddeus Lewis	340	180	52.9	2134	11	16
Marcus Jones	14	8	57.1	82	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Eron Riley	32	643	20.1	3	52
Jomar Wright	40	561	14.0	2	54
Raphael Chestnut	39	375	9.6	2	20
Tielor Robinson	15	139	9.3	4	33
Ronnie Drummer	16	114	7.1	0	25
Nick Stefanow	10	113	11.3	1	21
Marcus Jones	10	84	8.4	0	12
Justin Boyle	8	66	8.2	0	14
Brandon King	7	54	7.7	0	12

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Alex Feinberg	63	2366	37.6	4	30.4(t)	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joe Surgan	9-12	1-5	1-2	1-3	0-0	3-10	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Tauiliili	94	0.5	9.5	1	0
Jeramy Edwards	89	1	11	0	0
Patrick Bailey	77	3.5	9	1	1
Codey Lowe	70	3	11	1	0
Chris Davis	64	0	1	4	0
Adrian Aye-Darko	55	1.5	1	3	1
Glenn Williams	54	2	0.5	2	0
John Talley	42	0	5.5	8	7
Deonto McCormick	39	0	1	9	0
Vince Oghobaase	28	1	7	0	0
Greg Akinbiyi	26	0	2.5	0	0
Casey Camero	25	1	1.5	2	0
Eli Nichols	18	0	1.5	1	0
Tim Ball	18	0	1.5	0	0
Leon Wright	17	0	0	0	1
Ayanga Okpokowuruk	16	0.5	2	0	0
Clifford Respress	14	0	0.5	0	0
Alex Williams	14	0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	12	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leon Wright	15	91	6.1	0
Chris Davis	5	13	2.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jabari Marshall	38	953	25.1	0
Leon Wright	6	116	19.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
54	Orange - #14	NL	Nebraska	34-7
57	Orange - #16	NL	Oklahoma - #4	21-48
60	Cotton - #10	NL	Arkansas - #7	7-6
89	All-American - #20	-3	Texas Tech - #25	21-49
94	Hall of Fame - #25	+8	Wisconsin	20-34

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Duke's All-Time Bowl Record 3-5

DUKE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3	14.9	16	98	2.9	185	52.8	19.0	-8	2006	7	33.8	20	168	4.6	227	60.1	11.7
7*	16.1	14	127	3.2	121	47.2	15.4	-8	2005	6	37.1	21	207	5.1	204	59.5	11.1
4*	16.6	14	94	2.7	170	57.3	15.9	+2	2004	6	29.3	21	226	5.0	201	58.5	14.6
11*	17.6	20	172	3.8	171	49.0	19.5	+4	2003	9	28.6	19	158	4.4	217	59.0	13.1
5	18.9	18	158	3.9	200	53.4	18.9	+2	2002	7	29.4	20	121	3.4	255	60.2	12.8
7*	19.3	19	113	3.0	231	48.0	17.9	-14	2001	7	44.6	23	246	5.5	246	61.1	11.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

DUKE 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Richmond	12	30 - 51	1.7	17 - 31	159	4	12	41 - 105	2.6	11 - 23	120	2	-1
–	at Wake Forest	24	39 - 62	1.6	21 - 32	305	2	14	24 - 57	2.4	22 - 29	235	1	0
–	at Virginia Tech	12	41 - 58	1.4	8 - 14	81	8	22	33 - 102	3.1	16 - 27	316	0	0
–	Virginia	8	36 - (-21)	-0.6	11 - 25	121	9	13	38 - 106	2.8	16 - 23	147	5	-4
–	at Alabama	14	41 - 201	4.9	7 - 18	74	1	20	34 - 134	3.9	18 - 30	220	2	-2
–	Florida St	19	40 - 52	1.3	19 - 41	255	2	21	21 - 157	7.5	23 - 40	321	0	+2
–	Miami, Fl	21	29 - 96	3.3	21 - 41	284	2	18	26 - 30	1.2	24 - 41	299	1	-4
–	Vanderbilt	23	39 - 253	6.5	10 - 25	103	2	21	38 - 235	6.2	16 - 29	277	2	0
–	Navy	13	33 - 113	3.4	15 - 22	181	3	25	70 - 435	6.2	2 - 5	32	0	+2
–	at Boston College	17	31 - 170	5.5	20 - 40	131	3	31	42 - 241	5.7	25 - 40	260	1	0
–	at Georgia Tech	15	26 - 41	1.6	19 - 33	237	4	20	42 - 214	5.1	13 - 25	248	0	-2
–	North Carolina	16	27 - 103	3.8	21 - 36	291	3	18	32 - 200	6.3	20 - 31	253	0	+1
TOTALS		194	412 - 1179	2.9	189 - 358	2222	43	235	441 - 2016	4.6	206 - 343	2728	14	-8
AVERAGES		16.2	34 - 98	2.9	16 - 30	185	3.6	19.6	37 - 168	4.6	17 - 29	227	1.2	-0.7

2002 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	East Carolina	+14'	23-16
–	Louisville	+17'	3-40
–	at Northwestern	+6	21-26
–	at Florida St - #5	+44'	17-48
–	at Navy	+2	43-17
–	Virginia	+11	22-27
–	at Wake Forest	+11	10-36
–	at NC State - #13	+23'	22-24
–	Maryland	+13'	12-45
–	Clemson	+10	31-34
–	at Georgia Tech	+16'	2-17
–	North Carolina	-3	21-23

2003 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Virginia - #18	+14'	0-27
–	W Carolina	NL	29-3
–	Rice	-11	27-24 OT
–	Northwestern	-3	10-28
–	Florida St - #6	+29'	7-56
–	at Maryland	+27'	20-33
–	Wake Forest	+10	13-42
–	NC State	+20'	21-28
–	at Tennessee - #19	+24	6-23
–	Georgia Tech	+13	41-17
–	at Clemson	+14	7-40
–	at North Carolina	+6	30-22

2004 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Navy	+7	12-27
–	at Connecticut	+15	20-22
–	at Virginia Tech	+29	17-41
–	Maryland - #23	+16'	21-55
–	The Citadel	NL	28-10
–	at Georgia Tech	+18	7-24
–	Virginia - #14	+25	16-37
–	at Wake Forest	+17	22-24
–	at Florida St - #13	+30	7-29
–	Clemson	+12'	16-13
–	North Carolina	+7	17-40

2005 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at East Carolina	-3	21-24
–	Virginia Tech - #7	+21	0-45
–	VMI	NL	40-14
–	at Virginia - #23	+24'	7-38
–	Navy	+6	21-28
–	at Miami, Fl - #9	+35'	7-52
–	Georgia Tech	+21	10-35
–	Florida St - #11	+30	24-55
–	Wake Forest	+12'	6-44
–	at Clemson	+30	20-49
–	at North Carolina	+21	21-24

2006 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Richmond	NL	0-13
–	at Wake Forest	+20	13-14
–	at Virginia Tech - #14	+35	0-36
–	Virginia	+4'	0-37
–	at Alabama	+28'	14-30
–	Florida St	+23	24-51
–	Miami, Fl	+17'	15-20
–	Vanderbilt	+8'	28-45
–	Navy	+10	13-38
–	at Boston College - #22	+29'	7-28
–	at Georgia Tech - #18	+24'	21-49
–	North Carolina	+7	44-45

FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - The 2005 season began with a QB derby between a pair of untested rFr. Xavier Lee (PS#2) battled Drew Weatherford (PS#15) but Lee developed a sore shoulder in August. After splitting time early, Weatherford took control and set an ACC record for passing yards (3,208) as a frosh (NCSt's Philip Rivers, 3,054). He completed 58.8% but with an 18-18 ratio. Lee threw for 466 (47.4%) with a 3-1 ratio. Lee missed the spring of 2006 with shoulder surgery. Weatherford was injured and Lee got the 2nd most passing yards for a 1st time Seminole starter with 286 while hitting 22 of 36 vs Maryland. In his first two starts, Lee had a 3-0 ratio and had 99 yds rushing. When Weatherford returned they split time vs Wake but both struggled. Lee hit 5 of 13 for 61 and Weatherford 4 of 15 for 52 and each had 2 int. Lee came off the bench for 2 TD passes vs WM but Weatherford QB'd most of the Florida game and the bowl. Weatherford threw for 2,154 (55.7%) with a 12-11 ratio while Lee threw for 885 (51.2%) with a 7-5 ratio. Walk-on senior Tommy Keane was the 3rd stringer. This year Weatherford and Lee return but will have to battle a pair of VHT rFr in Christian Ponder (6'2" 211, PS#22) and D'Vontrey Richardson (6'1" 200, PS#29). Remarkably, FSU has not had a completion % better than 57.6% since 2000 and keep in mind that new OC Jimbo Fisher's QB's at LSU completed better than 60% of their passes in 3 out of the last 4 years. There is way too much talent at this position for there not to be drastic improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - With all of the VHT's and NFL caliber talent Bowden has compiled at the RB position, FSU has not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1996 (Warrick Dunn). In 2004 Leon Washington was on pace with 689 in the first 7 until he was injured. Lorenzo Booker (PS#1) started the last 5 and rushed for 887 (5.1). They both returned in '05 but FSU had their worst ypg (94) rushing since 1947. Booker led with 552 (4.6) while Washington battled injuries and rushed for 430 (4.4). Booker turned down the NFL last year and his new cohort was speedy soph Antone Smith (PS#4) who was #5 in the ACC in the 60m. Smith (456, 5.2) was leading in rushing when he was inj'd vs WM and missed the last 2. Booker worked at both TB and slot WR to get both VHT's on the field at the same time and ended #1 with 616 (4.3). Once again the team's ypg was paltry at 96.5. Against BC the RB's combined for just 7 carries. Against WM, Booker ended a streak of 302 straight carries by FSU RB's without a fumble. Surprisingly, Jamaal Edwards (PS#5) did not have a carry and Russell Ball (5'7" 168 So, PS#36) tore his ACL. True frosh Marcus Sims (PS#13) took off his RS but only had 8 att's. This year they must replace Booker (12 st, #3DC MIA) but everyone else returns including FB Joe Surratt who has 7% body fat and benches 355 7x's. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Pat Davis (5'9" 183 Jr), Erik Stapleton (5'10" 210 So) and true frosh Taiwan Easterling. Even with the loss of the top rusher, this unit has too much talent to underachieve again.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 FSU had to replace their top 3 WR's. Chris Davis (PS#4) led with 51 rec (13.1). Former RB Willie Reid (PS#21) added 50 (12.7) and impact frosh Greg Carr (6'6") avg 20.6 on his 30 rec with 9 TD's. De'Cody Fagg added 35 (11.5). They only had to replace Reid last year and Chris Davis was voted MIP of the offseason while Fagg was #1 in the performance test (best athlete). Going into the season the top three TE's were all frosh (2 true). Davis had a combined 18 rec vs BC and Maryland but surprisingly finished with just 49 (14.0). Fagg missed 2 and had 37 (11.9) and Carr had 34 and led in ypc (18.2) and TD's (12). True frosh Brandon Warren (PS#4) had the most receptions by a Seminole TE since '97 with 28 (10.8). They lose their top guy in Davis (13 st, #4DC TEN), TE Edwin Pierre-Pata and TE Warren opted to transfer. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Preston Parker (6'0" 191 So, PS#62), Chase Walker (6'2" 196 Jr), Brent Brewer (6'2" 187 So) and TE Jonathan Person (6'2" 235 Jr). Last year's unit underperformed and this year's group is just as experienced and should fare better.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 FSU had to replace three starters including #1 and #4 DC's and then the unit was hit hard by injuries throughout the season. The O-line only paved the way for 94 ypg rush (3.3), their worst since at 1947. Last year they only had to replace two starters and their strength coach was very excited about newcomer JUCO Shannon Boatman who started 12 games. Surprisingly there was not much improvement at just 97 ypg rush (3.5). This year they lose RG Cory Niblock (10 st, 3Y st'r) and LT Mario Henderson (13 st, #3DC OAK) but they have 8 of the top 10 back including a couple of VHT's in Matt Hardrick (PS#8) and Daron Rose (PS#15) who played last year as true frosh. The biggest addition may be OL Coach Rick Trickett who comes over from W Virginia where his units have avd'g 264.6 ypg the last 5 years. I look for the O-line to help the offense put up its best numbers in years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - FSU always has a tough rush D. In 2005 they had to replace three starters who were #1, #4 and #6 NFL DC's but still allowed just 2.9 ypc rush. Last year they had to replace two 1st round DC's. Bowden did bring in JUCO Paul Griffin, who benches 490 lbs, but he was lost to a knee injury in Wk 2. FSU still allowed 15 ypg less (93) and just 2.9 ypc. True frosh Kevin McNeil was not cleared until Wk 4 but still started two. The unit was also hit hard by injuries as just one player started all 13 at the same position and six frosh combined for 70 tackles and 7 sacks. This year the only loss is DE Darrell Burston (13 st, 14 tkl). Not only do 8 return with starting experience, they also add in VHT JUCO Brian Coulter (PS#20). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Walter Small (6'2" 224 So), Emmanuel Dunbar (6'5" 278 Jr, PS#117) and Antoine Seay (6'0" 227 So). This is FSU's most experienced front in recent years.

LINEBACKERS - The Seminoles had to replace 4 of their top 6 LB's last year including a #1 and a #5 DC and the four combined for 252 tackles. Injuries hit the unit hard as Anthony Kelly (PS#7JC), Derek Nicholson (PS#7), Marcus Ball (PS#9) and Jae Thaxton (PS#27) all missed the majority of the year. This year they suffer a couple of big losses in 2nd Tm AA Buster Davis (109 tkl, 8 tfl, #3DC ARI) and Lawrence Timmons (13 st, 79 tkl, 18 tfl, #1DC PIT). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Benjamin Lampkin (6'0" 216 Jr), Jeremy Franklin (6'2" 212 Sr), Damion Harris (5'11" 211 rFr) and Carlyle Bruno (5'8" 214 Sr). They also have a new LB coach in Chuck Amato who returns to Tallahassee after being the HC at NCSt for the past 7 years. This group is about as experienced as 2006 and should stay healthier.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Florida St has had four top 2 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 13 years. In fact, prior to 2005 their lowest finish since 1994 had been #40. In 2005 they had to replace 3 starters then lost both projected starting CB's to injury and plummeted to #74. Last year they had two starters returning and true frosh Myron Rolle (PS#2) started 10 games. They still only moved up to #43. This year's secondary will have them back near the top as the entire 2 deep returns and it is loaded with VHT's. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ochucko Jenije (5'10" 185 rFr, PS#47), Roosevelt Lawson (5'11" 192 Jr) and VHT true frosh Brandon Paul (PS#28).

SPECIAL TEAMS - FSU's ST normally rank in the Top 25. In 2003 they were #18 and the next two seasons were #21 and #6. Last year they had to replace their P and top PR but it was still surprising that the Noles dropped all the way down to #54. One area not reflected in my ST ranking is blocked FG's and xp's and they did have two vs Clemson resulting in 9 points on returns by CB Carter. P Graham Gano (PS#5) beat out Louisville transfer Brent Moody (PS#16). Gano struggled some with hangtime and his net of 35.2 was the team's lowest in 4 years. Gano did record 22 TB on 68 KO but the team allowed 24.4 per KR with hangtime being an issue. The team had avg'd at least 10.5 ypr in PR's 10 of the previous 11 years but avg'd just 9.1 led by Chris Davis (8.6). Michael Ray Garvin was the top KR (22.6). Kenny O'Neal, who previously was a sprinter on the FSU track team, was the top KR (24.0) in '05 but was injured last year. Gary Cismesia made a crucial FG vs Miami but hit just 14 of 20 with a long of 53 after a strong start. In 2005 he hit 17 of 24. Basically everyone is back and this group has Top 20 potential.

COACHES - College Football Hall of Famer Bobby Bowden is the NCAA (Div IA) record holder for career wins (366) and is in his 32nd season at FSU. OC Jeff Bowden stepped down and the new OC is Jimbo Fisher who has been LSU's OC the past 7 years. DC Mickey Andrews is now in his 24th year. Bowden made solid additions with Chuck Amato returning to the staff as the Executive HC/LB Coach replacing Kevin Steele who moves on to Alabama. OL Coach Rick Trickett also comes over from West Virginia.

DT Andre Fluellen

PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU had an amazing run of 14 straight years of finishing in the Top 5 of the final polls but have not been back since 2000! In 2005 they had an inexperienced and injury-plagued squad that got as high as #4 in the AP poll before losing to Virginia on the road. They were 7-1 but then suffered 3 straight losses for the first time since 1983. Their 3 ACC losses were their most ever, but they still took home the Atlantic Division Title and then upset VT to win their 12th ACC Title outright. Despite the ACC Title, they only outgained conf foes by 28.5 ypg (6th best). FSU was the only team in the country to appear in a January bowl every year for the last 15 years heading into 2006. Last year they "earned" 39 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover (pg 308). They opened up #11 and knocked off Miami on the road but then were upset by Clemson at home on a TD with :08 left. Two weeks later they lost for the 4th time in six years to Chuck Amato and NCSt in a game they led 20-10 in the 3Q. They gave up 2 TD's to BC in the final minute of the 1H and came up 5 points short then outgained Maryland 458-223 but lost. Two weeks later, they hosted #18 Wake Forest and stunningly were shutout 30-0, their first ever shutout loss under Bowden (31 years). It was WF's first win in Tallahassee since 1959 and the stands were 2/3 empty at the half! They then dropped their 2nd straight at home to the Gators two weeks later. Their six losses were the most since Bowden's first year here in 1976. They nearly had their first losing season since '76 but had a big 4Q for a misleading 44-27 win over UCLA in the bowl. Plenty of factors have me thinking positively about FSU this year. They were -3 in net close losses (pg 299) and were -8 in turnovers (pg 312). This year they have 14 returning starters tying for the most veteran group that Bowden has had since their National Title in 1999! After not having averaged below 30 ppg since 1981, they have averaged just 25.2, 28.9 and 26.5 ppg the last 3 years. With 6 starters back, I look for them to top 30 ppg. The defense has 8 starters back from a group that allowed just 291 ypg last year and figures to be one of the ACC's best. FSU does only have five home games and must play Clemson, BC, VT and Florida on the road as well as Bama at a neutral site. Despite their worst ever ACC record last year (3-5), they still outgained ACC foes by 42 ypg (3rd best!). Last year's team had just 9 scholarship seniors and this year's has 18. Seventeen true frosh played in '06 (most in NCAA!). Bowden has assembled a killer schedule but I rate the 'Noles a National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GARNET — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GARNET — DEFENSE

QB 11 DREW WEATHERFORD JR. 6-3 220 **PS#15**. 23 st, 5362 (57.6%), 30-29 ratio 2Y. **9 Xavier Lee** (6-4 236 Jr) **PS#2**. 3 st, 1351 (50%) 10-6 ratio 2Y. **16** D'Vontrey Richardson (6-1 200 rFr) **PS#29**.

RB 6 Antone Smith Jr. 5-9 188 **PS#4**. ACC track champ. 644 rush (5.2) 2Y. Marcus Sims (6-0 230 So) **PS#13**. 1 st, 21 ttl yd true. Jamaal Edwards (6-0 211 Jr) **PS#5**. Russell Ball (5-7 168 So) PS#36.

FB 41 SEDDRICK HOLLOWAY SO. 5-10 257 PS#124. 1 st true. **32 Joe Surratt** (6-1 258 Sr) 9 st, 61 ttl yd LY. 40 Matt Dunham (6-2 254 So) **PS#28DB**. **38** Sean Compton (6-0 238 Sr).

WR 81 De'Cody Fagg Sr. 6-3 218 PS#74. 5 st, 35 (11.5) '05. 9 st LY, 37 (11.9). **87** Damon McDaniel (6-0 197 So) **PS#13**. 3 rec true. **86** Rod Owens (6-0 179 So) PS#68.

WR 89 GREG CARR JR. 6-6 212 PS#49. 1 st true, 30 (20.6). **2nd Tm ACC '05-'06.** 3 st LY, 34 (18.2). Joslin Shaw (5-10 183 Sr) 20 rec (12.6) 2Y. Richard Goodman (6-0 182 Jr) 7 rec 2Y.

TE NA Jonathan Hannah Jr. 6-4 260 **PS#4 in '05**. 1 rec true, S Car '05. **45** Charlie Graham (6-3 240 So) PS#92. 2 st, 3 rec rFr. DJ Norris (6-3 250 Sr) PS#27. 4 st DE 2Y, 21 tkl, 3.5 tfl.

C 67 JOHN FRADY SR. 6-4 279 **PS#29**. 1 st true. 2 st '04, RS (inj). 5 st '05 until inj. 13 st C LY. **60** Ryan McMahon (6-3 273 rFr) PS#89DL. **70** Philip Browning (6-5 291 So) PS#451.

RG 79 David Overmyer Sr. 6-5 280 **PS#78**. 1 st, 12 gm rFr. **13 st RT '05**. 4 st LY (3RG, 1RT). **58** Dumaka Atkins (6-4 304 Jr) **PS#27**. 2nd string '05, 6 gm. 2nd string LY, 10 gm.

LG 68 JACKY CLAUDE SR. 6-4 290 **PS#62**. 9 gm true. 13 st LG '05. 13 st LG LY. **78** Matt Hardrick (6-5 352 So) **PS#8**. 8 game true. **57** Brandon Davis (6-2 272 rFr) PS#294DL.

RT 73 SHANNON BOATMAN SR. 6-7 324 **PS#15JC**. 12 st RT here LY. **77** Caz Piurowski (6-7 277 So) **PS#7TE**. 2 st TE, 7 rec true. +43 lbs. **71** Evan Bellamy (6-4 306 rFr) PS#107.

LT 76 Daron Rose So. 6-5 284 **PS#15**. 2 games as true. **74** Geoff Berniard (6-8 320 Jr) PS#71. Antwane Greenlee is **PS#24**. **61** Tyler Graves (6-6 272 rFr) PS#140.

K 12 GARY CISMESIA SR. 5-11 211 PS#5. 7 of 9 FG true. 17 of 24 FG '05, long 49. 14 of 20 FG LY, long 53. **43** Graham Gano (6-1 190 Jr) **PS#5**. 27 TB on 94 KO 2 years.

DE 98 ALEX BOSTON SR. 6-3 278 PS#59. 8 st '05, 18 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 7 st LY, 8 tkl, 6 tfl. **59** Neefy Moffett (6-1 251 Jr) **PS#10LB**. 2 st, 22 tkl, 5.5 tfl 2Y. **97** Eli Charles (6-2 218 So) 7 tkl rFr.

DT 96 ANDRE FLUELLEN SR. 6-4 285 PS#93. **12 st DT** '05, 26 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm ACC**. 28 tkl, 8 tfl. **93 Letroy Guion** (6-4 284 Jr) 6 st, 35 tkl 2Y. **94** Justin Mincey (6-5 278 So) **PS#17**.

DT 54 PAUL GRIFFIN SR. 6-1 288 **PS#37JC**. 2 st NG LY until inj. **72** Doug "Budd" Thacker (6-2 260 So) PS#124. 2 st true, 14 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **56** Kendrick Stewart (6-2 271 So) PS#35. 2 tkl LY.

DE 99 Everette Brown So. 6-4 241 PS#23LB. 3 st rFr, 27 tkl, 3 sk, 10.5 tfl. **95** Kevin McNeil (6-3 255 So) PS#214. 2 st, 16 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl. 4.59 spd. **Brian Coulter PS#20JC.** 13 sk JC LY.

SLB 44 Marcus Ball So. 6-0 213 **PS#9**. 13 tkl true (inj). **36** Dekoda Watson (6-2 224 So) PS#45DL. 23 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 1 st true. **31** Toddrick Verdell (6-3 220 Jr) PS#22JC. 3 tkl LY.

MLB 55 Derek Nicholson Jr. 6-2 230 **PS#7**. 21 tkl, 1.5 tfl as true. 6 tkl in '06 until inj. **49 Anthony Kelly** (6-3 242 Sr) **PS#7JC**. Inj LY. **48** Recardo Wright (6-2 221 So) PS#85. 11 tkl true.

WLB 10 GENO HAYES JR. 6-2 218 **PS#15**. 17 tkl true. 10 st LY, 59 tkl, 3 sk, 9 tfl (miss 3 inj). **37** Rodney Gallon (6-0 205 Jr) PS#43. 1 st, 12 tkl LY. Jae Thaxton (6-3 239 Jr) PS#27. 1 st, 6 tkl until inj LY.

CB 15 TONY CARTER JR. 5-9 161 **PS#3**. 13 st rFr, 41 tkl, 12 pbu, 1st Tm Frosh AA. 11 st LY (inj 2), 27 tkl, 2 int TD. **18 JR Bryant** (6-1 178 Sr) **PS#13**. 10 st, 58 tkl 2Y. Dionte Allen is **PS#8.**

CB 20 JAMIE ROBINSON SO. 6-2 183 **PS#27**. 5 st rFr, 26 tkl, 4 pbu. **29** Michael Ray Garvin (5-8 183 Jr) **PS#15**. 6 st LY, 35 tkl. **4.37 spd, track tm**. **22** Korey Mangum (6-0 200 So) PS#29. 6 tkl.

ROV 3 MYRON ROLLE SO. 6-2 213 **PS#2**. 10 st true, 77 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 5 pbu, **1st Tm Frosh AA**. **46** Anthony Houllis (6-0 207 Sr) 3 st, 37 tkl 3Y. **47** Mister Alexander (6-2 214 rFr) PS#72.

FS 8 ROGER WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 200 3 st, 39 tkl, 1 int '05. 13 st LY, 67 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. **24** Darius McClure (5-11 206 Jr) PS#171. 30 tkl, 2 pbu 2Y. **26** Anthony Leon (6-4 220 rFr) PS#129.

P 43 GRAHAM GANO JR. 6-1 190 **PS#5**. 67 punts in '06, 40.8 avg and net of 35.2. **16 Brent Moody** (6-2 195 Sr) **PS#16**. 51 punts **Louisville**. 36.2 net as true. 26 (40.8) in '04.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Dionte Allen 5-11 175 PS#8
DL	Brian Coulter 6-4 255 PS#20JC
TE	Jonathan Hannah 6-4 260 PS#4 '05
DB	Brandon Paul 5-10 185 PS#28
LB	Kendall Smith 6-1 207 PS#21
OL	Antwane Greenlee 6-6 302 PS#24
LB	Maurice Harris 6-0 189 PS#40
LB	Jamar Jackson 6-4 225 PS#48
OL	Rodney Hudson 6-2 276 PS#103
OL	Will Furlong 6-5 275 PS#157
OL	Anthony Grosso 6-6 290 PS#160
LB	Aaron Gresham 6-2 222 PS#118
OL	Jatavious Jackson 6-4 270 PS#175
WR	Cameron Wade 6-4 180 PS#144
DB	Bernard Brinson 5-10 169 PS#186
QB	Bert Reed 5-11 165 PS#108
OL	Zach Hillery 6-4 315 PS#245
OL	AJ Ganguzza 6-3 255 PS#254DL
RB	Taiwan Easterling 5-11 192 PS#310
K	Shawn Powell 6-5 215 PS#54

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BOBBY BOWDEN (Career 335-107-4) (Div IAA 31-6)
32nd Year at Florida St Bowden's Bowl Record: 20-9-1

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#14

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 3	at Clemson (Mon)	G						The Seminoles have won 16 of 17 season openers (only loss to Miami, Fl '04). CU scored w/:08 left LY as father Bobby lost to son Tommy for the 3rd time in 4 yrs.
Sep. 8	UAB	G						Florida St is 17-0 in their last 17 home openers with the average win by 31 ppg. The Seminoles have hosted UAB twice in 6 years winning by a combined 63-14.
Sep. 15	at Colorado	G						Seminoles are 29-13 all-time vs current Big 12 Conference teams. These schools have played just 1 gm ('03) as this will be FSU's 1st trip to Boulder, CO.
Sep. 22								Bonus: This will be the 1st time that FSU will have UM, BC, & VT scheduled in the same year.
Sep. 29	† Alabama (Jacksonville)	G						Bobby Bowden played QB for the Crimson Tide as a freshman before transferring. FSU is 0-2-1 all-time vs 'Bama (L/gm '74). Alltel Stadium is home to the NFL's Jaguars.
Oct. 6	NC State	G						Florida St is 56-5 at Doak S. Campbell Stadium vs ACC teams since 1992. The Seminoles have never lost to the Wolfpack 3 straight yrs in a row (1st gm 1952).
Oct. 11	at Wake Forest (Thur)	A						LY was the 1st time that FSU lost to WF S'73 (only 3rd time in the series 25 gms) & it also marked the 1st time in B. Bowden's 31 yrs as FSU's HC he was shutout at home.
Oct. 20	Miami, Fl	G						These 2 teams combined for 3 yds rushing on 51 attempts in 2006. In the L6Y in this series the gms have been decided by a total of 23 pts (all gms 8 pts or less).
Oct. 27	Duke (HC)	G						This series has been dominated by FSU as they are 15-0, winning by an avg of 36 ppg. LY marked the 3rd straight yr that FSU came into the Duke gm off a loss (by avg 4 pts).
Nov. 3	at Boston College	A						Florida St's last loss in Chestnut Hill was in this series' 1st meeting back in 1957. FSU had the FD & yd edge LY, but 21 pts by BC in the 2Q was too much to overcome.
Nov. 10	at Virginia Tech	G						This will be the 1st regular season ACC matchup between FSU & Virginia Tech. The last time that Florida St lost to VT was in Blacksburg in 1975, 12-0 since.
Nov. 17	Maryland	G						Seminoles have outscored the Terrapins 659-247 in ACC play (15 gms). The Seminoles are 11-3-1 in home finales since 1992 but 0-3 the last 3 years.
Nov. 24	at Florida	G						The Seminoles have lost to the Gators 3 straight years (most since 1986). Since '93 these 2 instate universities have taken home the National Title 4 times.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chris Weinke 9,839 '97-'00
2. Chris Rix 8,390 '01-'04
3. Gary Huff 6,378 '70-'72

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Warrick Dunn 3,959 '93-'96
2. Greg Allen 3,769 '81-'84
3. Travis Minor 3,218 '97-'00

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ron Sellers 3,598 '66-'68
2. Peter Warrick 3,517 '96-'99
3. EG Green 2,920 '94-'97

Bowden's records AT FLORIDA ST

293-81-4	Straight Up	37-36-1 Vs Top 10
155-26-2	Home	76-50-1 Vs Top 25
105-46-1	Away	129-58-2 Vs BCS Teams
33-9-1	Neutral	33-19-1 Off A Bye
106-16	Vs Conference	43-18-1 Off A Loss

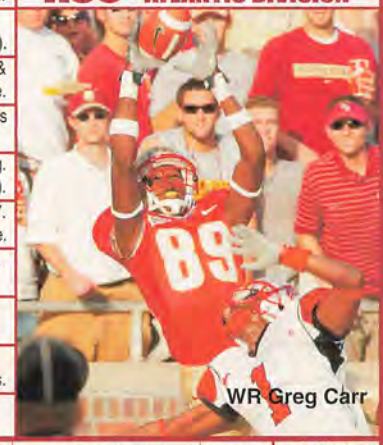
2006 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 61 (25,33,3)
Lost: 16 (10,4,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,532 (#17)

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION


WR Greg Carr

STADIUM: DOAK S. CAMPBELL STADIUM (82,300) (#14)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

Bobby Bowden	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	7-4	9-4	10-2	8-3	8-4	6-6	59-24
Home	6-0	4-2	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-4	34-10
Away	4-1	3-2	3-3	5-1	3-2	2-3	2-2	22-14
Neutral	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-0
vs Conf	8-0	6-2	7-1	7-1	6-2	6-3	3-5	43-14
ATS	8-4	5-6	6-7	7-5	4-7	5-6	5-7	40-42
Home Fav	5-1	2-3	2-4	3-3	3-3	1-3	2-5	18-22
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1
Away Fav	2-3	3-1	3-2	4-2	1-3	2-2	1-2	16-15
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	3-3
Favorite	8-4	5-4	5-7	7-5	4-6	3-5	3-7	35-38
Dog	0-0	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-0	5-4
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	4-5	3-5	29-28
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-3	2-3	3-1	1-2	1-1	2-2	11-14
Off SU Win	6-4	2-4	3-5	6-3	3-5	2-4	1-5	23-30
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-2	3-1	0-2	1-1	2-2	3-2	12-10

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lorenzo Booker	143	709	93	616	4	4.3
Antone Smith	88	482	26	456	5	5.2
Xavier Lee	23	127	43	84	0	3.7
Joe Surratt	21	56	2	54	6	2.6
Chris Davis	5	36	8	28	1	5.6
Marcus Sims	8	27	11	16	0	2.0
Drew Weatherford	57	119	133	-14	1	-0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Drew Weatherford	318	177	55.7	2154	12	11
Xavier Lee	121	62	51.2	885	7	5
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Chris Davis		49	684	14.0	4	55
Greg Carr		34	619	18.2	12	57
De'Cody Fagg		37	439	11.9	1	29
Lorenzo Booker		33	420	12.7	0	73
Brandon Warren		28	301	10.8	1	29
Antone Smith		21	174	8.3	0	21
Joslin Shaw		12	159	13.2	0	24
Caz Piurowski		7	55	7.9	0	13
Damon McDaniel		3	51	17.0	1	19
Charlie Graham		3	42	14.0	0	28

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Graham Gano	67	2736	40.8	18	35.2	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Gary Cismesia	39-40	6-6	5-6	2-7	1-1	14-20	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Buster Davis	109	5	3	2	1
Lawrence Timmons	79	5	13	6	1
Myron Rolle	77	1	4.5	5	1
Roger Williams	67	0	1	5	4
Geno Hayes	59	3	9	3	1
Michael Ray Garvin	35	1	0	3	1
Andre Fluellen	28	0.5	7.5	1	0
Everette Brown	27	3	10.5	0	0
Tony Carter	27	0	2.5	5	2
Jamie Robinson	26	0	1	4	0
Letroy Guion	25	0.5	3.5	0	0
Dekoda Watson	23	2	1.5	0	0
JR Bryant	23	0	2	0	0
Kevin McNeil	16	3	2	1	0
Darius McClure	16	0	0	2	0
Darrell Burston	14	1	2	0	0
Budd Thacker	14	1	1.5	0	0
Neefy Moffett	13	0	2.5	3	0
Marcus Ball	13	0	0	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Davis	26	224	8.6	0
Patrick Robinson	4	16	4.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Ray Garvin	16	362	22.6	0
Joslin Shaw	9	156	17.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Sugar - #16	+8	Georgia - #4	13-26
03	Orange - #9	-1'	Miami, Fl - #10	14-16
04	Gator - #17	-10	West Virginia	30-18
05	Orange - #22	+10	Penn St - #3 (3OT)	23-26
06	Emerald	+3'	UCLA	44-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Florida St's All-Time Bowl Record 21-13-2

FLORIDA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	26.5	16	97	3.5	234	54.4	12.4	-8	2006	5	19.8	16	93	2.9	198	54.8	14.7
4	28.9	19	94	3.3	283	57.6	13.0	-4	2005	5	22.0	17	108	2.9	201	59.2	14.1
8*	25.2	19	162	4.2	211	53.5	14.8	+7	2004	4	14.1	16	83	2.4	201	53.7	20.2
4*	32.2	21	133	3.7	270	56.8	12.5	+8	2003	10	16.7	17	119	3.3	213	55.0	19.9
6*	30.6	21	187	4.7	211	51.8	13.0	+11	2002	8	21.5	18	131	3.7	235	53.5	17.0
4	33.6	22	155	3.9	271	56.0	12.7	+4	2001	4	25.3	19	119	3.3	234	55.0	13.9

2006 STATS BY GAME

FSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#11	at Miami, Fl	9	25-1	0.0	16-32	175	0	8	26-2	0.1	18-27	132	3	0
#9	Troy	23	28-45	1.6	30-43	336	3	13	14-24	1.7	31-48	271	0	-1
#9	Clemson	11	38-102	2.7	11-20	102	4	15	28-151	5.4	16-30	194	0	-2
#18	Rice	22	38-287	7.6	13-23	213	2	16	37-113	3.1	9-27	128	4	+2
#17	at NC State	16	32-96	3.0	16-29	249	1	19	37-150	4.1	13-22	190	1	-1
–	at Duke	21	21-157	7.5	23-40	321	0	19	40-52	1.3	19-41	255	2	-2
–	Boston College	19	21-28	1.3	32-48	326	3	16	32-60	1.9	16-26	262	2	-1
–	at Maryland	24	34-172	5.1	22-36	286	3	15	32-92	2.9	12-20	131	2	-1
–	Virginia	13	27-117	4.3	14-31	226	0	12	32-58	1.8	17-32	125	7	+2
–	Wake Forest	9	23-26	1.1	9-28	113	5	18	46-169	3.7	13-20	138	1	-4
–	W Michigan	12	28-73	2.6	14-23	178	2	17	30-33	1.1	27-50	229	3	0
–	Florida	11	18-46	2.6	18-43	189	2	16	32-105	3.3	21-35	283	1	-2
–	† UCLA	21	30-105	3.5	21-43	325	1	17	35-194	5.5	15-36	240	1	+2
TOTALS		211	363-1255	3.5	239-439	3039	26	201	421-1203	2.9	227-414	2578	27	-8
AVERAGES		16.2	28-97	3.5	18-34	234	2.0	15.5	32-93	2.9	17-32	198	2.1	-0.6

FSU Rank / Pre #3 Opponent — 2002 RESULTS — Line — Post #21 Score

#3	† Iowa St	-22	38-31
#5	Virginia	-26'	40-19
#5	at Maryland	-15	37-10
#5	Duke	-44'	48-17
#4	at Louisville	-14'	20-26 OT
#11	Clemson	-14	48-31
#9	at Miami, Fl - #1	+13	27-28
#11	Notre Dame - #6	-10	24-34
#18	at Wake Forest	-10	34-21
#17	at Georgia Tech	-7	21-13
#15	North Carolina	-31'	40-14
#14	at NC State	-6	7-17
#23	Florida - #15	-3'	31-14

FSU Rank / Pre #13 Opponent — 2003 RESULTS — Line — Post #11 Score

#13	at North Carolina	-16	37-0
#11	Maryland	-15	35-10
#10	Georgia Tech	-23'	14-13
#10	Colorado	-20	47-7
#6	at Duke	-29'	56-7
#5	Miami, Fl - #2	-7	14-22
#7	at Virginia	-7'	19-14
#6	Wake Forest	-18'	48-24
#5	at Notre Dame	-12'	37-0
#3	at Clemson	-17'	10-26
#13	NC State	-13'	50-44 2OT
#9	at Florida - #11	-1	38-34

FSU Rank / Pre #5 Opponent — 2004 RESULTS — Line — Post #15 Score

#4	at Miami, Fl - #5	+2	10-16 OT
#8	UAB	-23	34-7
#8	Clemson	-17'	41-22
#9	North Carolina	-28'	38-16
#8	at Syracuse	-19	17-13
#7	Virginia - #6	-3	36-3
#5	at Wake Forest	-13'	20-17
#5	at Maryland	-11'	17-20
#13	Duke	-30	29-7
#11	at NC State	-6'	17-10
#10	Florida	-7	13-20

FSU Rank / Pre #14 Opponent — 2005 RESULTS — Line — Post #23 Score

#14	Miami, Fl - #9	+3	10-7
#11	The Citadel	NL	62-10
#8	at Boston College - #17	-1'	28-17
#6	Syracuse	-21	38-14
#4	Wake Forest	-21	41-24
#4	at Virginia	-7	21-26
#11	at Duke	-30	55-24
#10	Maryland	-17	35-27
#9	NC State	-13	15-20
#17	at Clemson	-2	14-35
#23	at Florida - #19	+3'	7-34
–	† Virginia Tech - #5	+14'	27-22

FSU Rank / Pre #11 Opponent — 2006 RESULTS — Line — Post - Score

#11	at Miami, Fl - #12	+3'	13-10
#9	Troy	-29'	24-17
#9	Clemson	-4'	20-27
#18	Rice	-31	55-7
#17	at NC State	-9'	20-24
–	at Duke	-23	51-24
–	Boston College - #22	-7	19-24
–	at Maryland	-4	24-27
–	Virginia	-12'	33-0
–	Wake Forest - #18	-8'	0-30
–	W Michigan	-17'	28-20
–	Florida - #4	+9	14-21

CLEMSON TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Charlie Whitehurst was a four year starting QB here but after throwing for 3,561 (61.9%) with a 21-13 ratio in 2003, he struggled in 2004 with a poor 7-17 ratio. OC Rob Spence came over from Toledo where he had great success with first year starting QB's and Whitehurst was much improved in 2005 completing 67.4% (2,483 yards). Whitehurst was the first QB in the 103 year history of the rivalry go 4-0 as a starter vs S Carolina and is the school's all-time career leading passer (#3DC SD). Will Proctor was his understudy for 2 years (34 passes). Proctor had more mobility than Whitehurst but lacked his arm strength. Last year Proctor was #2 in the ACC in pass efficiency throwing for 2,353 (60.2%) with a 16-11 ratio (217 rush). Cullen Harper (PS#42) played in 4 hitting 14 of 20 for 155 but they came vs the defenses of FAU, NC, LT and Temple. Tribble Reese played in 2 (3 pass). Harper will battle Reese as well as Michael Wade and true frosh Willy Korn (PS#2). Korn (4.6 spd) threw for 10,716 yards and 125 TD's in HS. Adding depth is Brandon Speweik (6'1" 200 Jr). Bowden says he has never entered the season with such inexperience at QB since he's been a HC but this unit is only 11 career passes short of last year's experience. With Spence's history with first year starters, the QB production could improve.

RUNNING BACKS - Reggie Merriweather (PS#73) led the team with 670 (4.9) in '04 and had 6 starts in '05 (715, 4.8). True frosh James Davis (PS#21) emerged and was ACC Rookie of the Year rushing for 879 (5.3) despite a broken wrist at midseason. Those two returned last year and they added true frosh CJ Spiller (PS#10). Merriweather hurt his ankle and only played in 9. In Davis' first 8 he rushed for 961 but inj'd his shoulder and had just 226 in the final 5 finishing with 1,187 (5.8) but was still 1st Tm ACC. He tied Lester Brown's 1978 school record for TD's in a season with 17 which he had after 9 games. He rushed for 216 vs GT and the Davis/Spiller combo garnered a national attention as they nicknamed themselves Superman and Flash. Spiller had 154 vs NCSt and 155 vs SC with Davis not 100% and finished with 938 (7.3). Fourth string RB Demerick Chancellor had a couple of 100 yard efforts (LT, Temple) but opted to transfer. Merriweather had just 171 (5.7) but departs (UFA SD). Davis and Spiller will be backed by Paul Macko (5'9" 195 Jr), and Ray Ray McElrathbey who moves from DB.

LB Nick Watkins

RECEIVERS - Chansi Stuckey led the ACC in rec with 64 (12.0) in '05. He also became the first CU player since the 1940's to account for a TD 4 different ways (rush, pass, rec, PR). Bowden choose to recruit 6'5" Aaron Kelly over Gamecock Sidney Rice and Kelly was #2 with 47 (12.2). Stuckey and Kelly returned last year but Stuckey broke his foot and missed 3. He still led with 50 (14.0) while Kelly had 5 starts and 30 (11.8). Tyler Grisham had 25 (10.6) and TE Thomas Hunter added 16 (19.1). He had more yards than any TE here since 1975. True frosh Jacoby Ford, who is a Track AA (4.3 spd), had 15 (12.5). Not listed below are Bradley Flowers (5'8" 180 Sr), Kyle Davisson (6'1" 195 Jr), Terrance Ashe (6'1" 185 Jr), Brian Sorrells (6'0" 190 Sr) and Chris Wade (5'10" 170 Sr). This year they must replace their top man (Stuckey, #7DC NYJ) as well as Hunter (11 st) and Andrew Diomande (3 rec). With the loss of their top guy, I'll call this unit down a few notches in '07.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Clemson's O-line had 3 starters back and paved the way for 153 ypg rush (4.1) while allowing 23 sacks (6.1%). The last 4 times CU had all 5 starters returning to the O-line their combined record had been 39-9 including their National Title season in 1981. All 5 returned last year and at midseason it appeared that Clemson was on its way to glory before a poor finish. The O-line did its job improving to 218 ypg rush (more than double 2004's output) and an outstanding 5.7 ypc (best ever, old record 5.3 in 1950) despite QB Proctor having just 217 gross rush yards. They also allowed just 15 sacks (4.6%). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 2nd Tm ACC C Dustin Fry (13 st, 2Y st'r, #5DC STL), 3rd Tm AA RG Nathan Bennett (13 st, 4Y st'r, UFA CAR), LG Roman Fry (8 st until ACL, 2Y st, UFA WAS), RT Marion Dukes (13 st, 3Y st'r, UFA MIA) and backup OG Taylor Tremel (40 snap) and LT Tim DeBeer (72 snap). Fortunately Barry Richardson, who was the first true frosh to start more than one game on the OL since 1975. While they do lose 4 starters, in the projected lineup below I list two starters returning, as Chris McDuffie started the last 5 and played 27 more snaps than departing starter Roman Fry. RG Brandon Pilgrim also had 687 snaps and 4 career starts. Not listed below is LG Jamarcus Grant (6'5" 320 So, PS#52) who played in 3 (38 snaps) as a rFr.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Clemson has always had a solid rush D as the 3.9 they allowed in 2002 was the worst in over a decade. They had to replace two starters in '05 and 3 of the top 5 DT's were frosh. Still, they had DE Gaines Adams who had 9.5 sacks, and the unit allowed 3.4 ypc. Adams turned down a shot at the NFL. NG Donnell Clark missed the spring and never regained his starting spot (18 tkl) so Adams was the only returnee. Adams had a school record 8 straight games with a sack (1 short of NCAA record). He became the 2nd player in school history to be named a unanimous AA (Terry Kinard in '82) and he was the ACC Def POY. Adams is a big loss but 3 starters return and VHT Ricky Sapp (PS#5) was groomed to take Adams' place (4 sk). Beside Adams (#1DC TB) and Clark, the only other loss is DE Brandon Cannon (15 tkl, 3 sk). It's not often that a unit loses the 4th overall pick of the NFL draft and gets stronger, but this unit definitely has that possibility.

LINEBACKERS - Last year all 3 starters returned and they combined for 301 tackles in '05, more than any other returning LB trio in the ACC. Unfortunately, Anthony Waters, who turned down the NFL, tore his ACL in the first game. Tramaine Billie (93 tkl '05) broke his ankle in August so they basically had just one starter returning. This year they lose Maurice Nelson (11 st, 71 tkl, 5 tfl) and Waters (#3DC SD). While I list them as having two returning starters below, they really have three as Billie is back to fill the open SLB slot. Antonio Clay missed the spring but is expected to return. Not listed below are Britton Whetsell (6'2" 210 Sr), Brandon Oliver (6'1" 225 Jr) and Julius Wilkerson (PS#80 in '06) who GS last year. Provided they stay healthy (unlike 2006), this is a much improved LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tigers finished #14 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and in 2005 and had to replace two starters incl #2 DC's and were #25. They moved RB Coleman to CB midyear and former QB CJ Gaddis had 5 starts at CAT. Last year they lost a #1DC CB and another starter. SS Michael Hamlin missed 3. The starters played a lot, and against MD the backups played just 4 snaps. This year they lose CB Duane Coleman (12 st, 81 tkl, 2 pbu, HM ACC, UFA BUF), CB CJ Gaddis (10 st, 33 tkl, 2 int, #5DC PHI), CAT Roy Walker (2 st, 22 tkl) and CB Sergio Gilliam (6 tkl, 9 st '05). Four players return with starting experience and they add in 3 VHT frosh. Keep an eye on DeAndre McDaniel (PS#19) who was dominant in spring practice. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Brandon Croley (6'0" 185 Jr). CU was #22 allowing 55.6% with a 9-14 ratio and should finish near the top again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Clemson was #32 in my ST rankings in 2003 and an impressive #7 in '04. In 2005 Cole Chason had 5 of his punts (29.4 net) and the unit plummeted to #104 despite Jad Dean being a finalists for the Lou Groza Award. Last year the unit struggled on KR defense (23.9) with BC's Jeff Smith having 212 in KR yards and Temple's Travis Shelton having a school record 205 KR yards. Jad Dean has a high percentage of TB's but was injured and had just 14 TB on 53 KO (a big drop from his 26 TB '05). Against Fla St they had a blk'd FG and xp result in 9 points for the Seminoles as Dean was taking 1.47 seconds to kick. He had two others blocked, but still hit 15 of 22 (long of 45) and 2 misses from 50+. Last year P Chason was much stronger with a net of 39.5. True frosh Jacoby Ford was the top PR (11.1) and KR (32.8) with 2 TD's. This year they lose both Dean and Chason. RFr Richard Jackson (PS#2) will step in at kicker. Clemson improved to #31 in the ST rankings last year and despite the losses, could come close to that in 2007.

COACHES - Tommy Bowden looked like he would be fired in his 5th season when the team lost 45-17 to Wake Forest and fell to 5-4. Amazingly the Tigers rallied to upset Fla St, S Car and Tenn in the Peach Bowl and Bowden was named ACC Coach of the Year! In 2004 Clemson was bowl eligible at 6-5 but Bowden changed coordinators. Both were outstanding hires. The new OC was Rob Spence who spent the four years prior at Toledo where the team produced big numbers despite having to replace their starting QB three times. The new DC was Vic Koenning who was the HC at Wyoming from 2000-2002. Spence was pursued by both Alabama and Minnesota for the OC job during the offseason after they set a school record by scoring 50+ points four times. Both enter their 3rd year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Tommy Bowden's first Clemson season they opened 8-0 but he's had a lot of highs and lows since (see Coaches). In 2005 they had a 3 game losing streak for the 2nd straight year. The last time that occurred was in 1973, but every time Bowden must win, he does. CU finished 8-4 including wins over ranked FSU and S Carolina (4th straight win over rival) plus a bowl victory vs Colorado. They bagged 3 wins over Top 20 opponents for the first time since 1989. CU's young D was the key to their turnaround as they had allowed 26.2 ppg the first 5 with just 11.4 ppg the next 7. With 7 close games, the 2005 CU squad could have finished as strong as 12-0 or as weak as 5-7. Last year was quite different for Bowden. Despite an OT loss to BC, CU blew teams out on a weekly basis and rose to #10 in the polls at 7-1. They were actually favored AT Virginia Tech with talk of a possible BCS Title berth. At that point they were in the Top 10 in 10 of the 17 categories charted by the NCAA. However they lost the VT game then suffered close losses to both Maryland and S Carolina and stunningly finished 8-4. They found themselves in the Music City Bowl where they were thumped by Kentucky (trailed 28-6 4Q). CU's 5-3 record was actually their best in the ACC in 3 seasons and their last ACC Title was in 1991. This year they have just five starters back on offense. Their 32.7 ppg was the best since 2000 and they will not likely match that. Heading into last year they designated three key players on D in DT Adams, LB Billie and LB Walters and two were injured early in the season. The D still allowed just 16.2 ppg, their best since 1993 and this year have 7 starters back and should be one of the ACC's top stop units. The Tigers only have 8 scholarship seniors, the 2nd lowest total in the last 30 years (7 in 1985, 6-6 Independence Bowl). Clemson was just one of two teams in the country to rank in the Top 16 in all four categories of scoring in total offense and scoring in total defense. Expectations will be high once again for the Tigers.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

QB 10 Cullen Harper Jr. 6-4 215 PS#42. 155 pass (70%), 1 TD, 28 rush LY. **3** Willy Korn **PS#2**. In spg. Tribble Reese (6-4 205 Jr) PS#176. 3 pass. Michael Wade (6-1 200 rFr) PS#123.

RB 1 JAMES DAVIS JR. 5-11 205 PS#21. 6 st true, 879 (5.3). 13 st LY, 1187 (5.8). **28 CJ Spiller** (5-11 190 So) **PS#10**. 938 (7.3) true, 19 rec (11.1). **9** Ray Ray McElrathbey (5-11 190 So).

WR 80 AARON KELLY JR. 6-5 180 4 st '05, #2 rec with 47 (12.1). 5 st LY, #2 w/30 (11.8). **21** Xavier Dye is PS#31. In spring. **FB 41 Alex Pearson** (6-1 245 Jr) 2 st, 4 rec, 10 kd LY.

WR 6 Jacoby Ford So. 5-9 180 ACC 60M champ (#3 NCAA). 4.3 spd. 15 rec (12.5) true. **26** La'Donte Harris (5-11 180 Sr) PS#173. 1 st, 9 rec 2Y. **81** Jeff Ogren (6-3 200 rFr) PS#138.

WR 5 RENDRICK TAYLOR JR. 6-2 230 **PS#12**. 4 st, 2 inj-plagued years, 21 rec (10.5). **13** Tyler Grisham (5-11 180 Jr) PS#106. 6 st, 35 rec (10.4) 2Y. **83** Nelson Faerber (5-11 180 Jr) 1 rec.

TE 84 Akeem Robinson Jr. 6-5 260 PS#172OL. 9 st, 0 rec LY. Solid blk'r. **86 Michael Palmer** (6-5 230 So) PS#82. 3 st, 5 rec LY. **82** Durrell Barry (6-4 250 So) PS#141. 1 st LY.

C 71 Barry Humphries So. 6-3 280 PS#91. 435 bench. 4 gm rFr, 84 snap, 16.5 kd. **78** Ben Ramsey (6-4 270 So). Preston Stone (6-3 240 Jr). **LS 54** Colin Leonard (6-3 230 Sr) 24 gm 2Y.

RG 74 Brandon Pilgrim Sr. 6-6 300 PS#141. 142 snap true. RS '04. 4 st, 341 snap '05. 204 snap LY. Thomas Austin (6-4 305 So) PS#40. 117 snap, 22 kd rFr. Wilson Norris is **PS#45**.

LG 68 CHRIS McDUFFIE SR. 6-5 330 PS#548. 12 tkl, 128 snap rFr. 92 snap OL '05. Last 5 st LG LY, 340 snap, 50 kd. **55** Bobby Hutchinson (6-3 305 Jr) PS#102. 7 gm, 59 snap 2Y.

RT 76 Cory Lambert So. 6-6 300 **PS#19**. 92 snap rFr. **67** Christian Capote (6-4 295 Sr) PS#242. 55 snap '05. 163 snap LY. Jamal Medlin (6-5 300 rFr). Chris Hairstron (6-6 310 rFr).

LT 79 BARRY RICHARDSON SR. 6-7 320 Last 8 st true Frosh AA. 12 st LT '05, 733 snaps, 47 kd. 13 st LT LY, **1st Tm ACC**, 684 snaps, 75 kd. **72** Landon Walker is PS#39. In for spg.

K 19 Richard Jackson rFr. 5-11 185 **PS#2**. 64 yd FG in HS! 8 of 11, long 50 as Jr. **23** Mark Buchholz (6-1 205 Jr). Is on Clemson soccer team. **92** John Early (5-9 175 Jr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

DE 94 PHILLIP MERLING JR. 6-5 270 PS#35TE. 22 tkl, 2 sk true. 13 st, 46 tkl, 3 sk, 7 tfl LY. **8** Jamie Cumbie (6-7 265 So) **PS#9**. 8 tkl, 2 tfl true. **92** Jerome Lawson (6-3 220 Jr).

NG 97 DORELL SCOTT JR. 6-4 305 PS#76. 18 tkl, 2 sk, 10 qbh rFr. 13 st LY, 54 tkl, 3 sk. **57** Antwon Murchison (6-4 275 So) PS#181. 8 tkl rFr. **56** Elsmore Gabriel (6-4 280 So) PS#281.

DT 91 RASHAAD JACKSON JR. 6-3 290 PS#117OL. 2 st 2Y, 65 tkl, 9.5 tfl. **50 Jock McKissic** (6-6 295 Jr) **PS#122JC**. 1 st NG, 18 tkl, 1 tfl true. 12 st LY, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **52** Bryan Baker (6-3 240 Sr).

DE 7 Ricky Sapp So. 6-4 220 **PS#5LB**. 20 tkl, 4 sk true, 2 tfl. **98** Kwam Williams (6-3 245 Sr) PS#303. 13 tkl 2Y, 1 tfl. **98** Kourtnei Brown is PS#81. Rennie Moore is PS#89.

WLB 32 NICK WATKINS SR. 6-2 220 PS#319. 53 tkl, 7 tfl rFr. 12 st, 99 tkl, 5 tfl '05. 13 st LY, 116 tkl, 7 tfl. Kavell Conner (6-2 230 So) PS#109DB. 31 tkl rFr. **47** Josh Miller (6-1 225 Jr) 25 tkl 2Y.

MLB 43 ANTONIO CLAY JR. 6-0 220 **PS#36**. 1 st true, 27 tkl, 2 tfl. 11 st LY, 95 tkl, 9.5 tfl. **45** Cortney Vincent (6-1 235 Jr) PS#108. 2 st, 24 tkl LY. Kevin Alexander (6-3 230 So) 16 tkl LY.

SLB 20 Tramaine Billie Sr. 6-1 210 **PS#50RB**. 6 st, 62 tkl, 9 tfl '04. **12 st '05**, 93 tkl, 5.5 tfl. Miss '06 w/inj. **48** Jeremy Campbell (6-2 215 So) PS#215. 15 tkl true. Stanley Hunter PS#68.

CB 18 Crezdon Butler So. 6-0 185 PS#51. 34 tkl, 3 int, 3 pbu as true. **36** Byron Maxwell (6-0 195 rFr) PS#33. ACL, RS LY. Marcus Gilchrist is **PS#30**. Scotty Cooper **PS#34**.

CB 38 Chris Chancellor So. 5-9 170 PS#35. 4.4 speed. 4 st as rFr, 38 tkl, 5 pbu. **29** Haydrian Lewis (5-11 185 Jr) PS#176. 1 st, 11 tkl in 2Y. **46** Terrance Odom (5-10 180 Jr).

SS 25 MICHAEL HAMLIN JR. 6-3 200 PS#63. 7 st rFr, 55 tkl, 2 int. 10 st LY, 64 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. DeAndre McDaniel (6-0 190 Fr) PS#19DB LY. **27** Sadat Chambers (5-11 190 So) PS#87RB.

FS 22 CHRIS CLEMONS JR. 6-1 205 PS#92RB. 33 tkl rFr. 13 st FS LY, 102 tkl, 1 int, 8 pbu. Chris Russell (6-1 210 Sr) PS#48. '03 Colorado. **31** Darius Gaither (5-11 210 rFr) PS#70.

P 49 Jimmy Maners Jr. 6-1 190 #1 punter in spring. **19** Richard Jackson is PS#2K. 44.0 as Jr and 46.0 as Sr in HS. **23** Mark Buchholz (6-1 205 Jr). Must replace 4Y punter Chason.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Willy Korn 6-2 200 PS#2
DB	DeAndre McDaniel 6-0 190 PS#19 '06
DB	Marcus Gilchrist 5-11 175 PS#30
DB	Scotty Cooper 6-0 205 PS#34
WR	Xavier Dye 6-4 195 PS#31
OL	Landon Walker 6-6 270 PS#39
OL	David Smith 6-5 255 PS#42
OL	Wilson Norris 6-5 320 PS#45
DL	Jarvis Jenkins 6-4 300 PS#55
DL	Mason Cloy 6-4 265 PS#60
DL	Kourtnei Brown 6-5 230 PS#81
WR	Markish Jones 6-0 185 PS#65
LB	Stanley Hunter 6-0 205 PS#68
DL	Rennie Moore 6-5 260 PS#89
WR	Brandon Clear 6-4 205 PS#70
DL	Drew Traylor 6-4 225 PS#100
TE	Brian Linthicum 6-4 225 PS#46
TE	Chad Diehl 6-2 235 PS#214LB
DL	Byron Clear 6-6 220 PS#221
DL	Miguel Chavis 6-5 255 PS#246
LB	Brandon Maye 6-2 225 PS#298
DL	Andre Branch 6-4 235 PS#381
DB	Coty Sensabaugh 6-1 180 PS#488

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Clemson, South Carolina
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#49

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 3	Florida St (Mon)	G						Father & son meet for the 9th time. Clemson has won 3 of 4 but just 3 of the L/8. CU is 37-14 at Clemson Memorial Stadium under HC Bowden. CU is 18-2 in home openers.
Sep. 8	ULM	G						This will be the schools' 1st meeting as CU is 2-0 all-time vs current SBC teams. The Tigers have gone 3-1 after facing Florida St the last 4 years.
Sep. 15	Furman	G						Clemson has not lost to instate Furman since 1936 (20-0-1, 40-10-4 all-time). Furman is just 30 miles from Clemson. The Paladins were a IAA playoff tm from the L3Y.
Sep. 22	at NC State	G						CU is 5-10 in their last 15 road gms in ACC play. CU has won 3 straight in the series. The last 2 years vs NC State, Clemson has rushed for a total of 466 yds (5.8).
Sep. 29	at Georgia Tech	G						LY Davis rushed for 216 yds (10.3), the most by a CU RB S/'95 & 6th best all-time & RB CJ Spiller added 116 yds (7.3) as the 332 ttl yds was the 2nd best ever by 2 CU players.
Oct. 6	Virginia Tech	G						After 90 yds of offense & a tied 7-7 score LY, CU was held scoreless & had just 76 yds the L3Q's. CU has dropped their last 4 games to VT (all DD loses) & last won in 1989.
Oct. 13								Bonus: The '06 Memorial Stadium attendance was the highest ever at 570,542.
Oct. 20	C Michigan (HC)	G						This will be the Tiger's first MAC opponent other than Ball St (2-0) & Temple (3-0). Clemson was scheduled to play Temple, but Central Michigan filled the void.
Oct. 27	at Maryland	G						LY CU's only penalty of the gm cancelled out what would have been a gm-winning TD (4Q). The L/3 yrs gms in this series have been decided by a combined 8 pts (3, 4, & 1).
Nov. 3	at Duke	G						The Tigers are 11-5 in their last 16 November games. Tommy Bowden was the QB coach/OC at Duke from 1983-'86 (last 2 yrs as OC). CU is 21-4 since '77 vs Duke.
Nov. 10	Wake Forest	G						LY CU was down 17-3 after 3Q's & scored 24 unanswered pts which marked the 3rd time in school history that the Tigers overcame a 14 pt deficit in the 4Q to win.
Nov. 17	Boston College	G						Clemson is 15-5 since 1987 in their home finale (9-1 not including rival SC). The last time the Tigers beat the Eagles was in 1958 (0-4-1 since).
Nov. 24	at South Carolina	G						RB CJ Spiller (PS#10) had a career high 155 yds (15.5) & 2 TD's last year vs SC. Last year marked the 1st time since 1996 that both teams scored at least 28 pts.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Charlie Whitehurst 9,665 '02-'05
2. Woodrow Dantzler 6,037 '98-'01
3. Nealon Greene 5,719 '94-'97

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Raymond Priester 3,966 '94-'97
2. Travis Zachery 3,058 '98-'01
3. Kenny Flowers 2,914 '83-'86

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terry Smith 2,681 '90-'93
2. Perry Tuttle 2,534 '78-'81
3. Rod Gardner 2,498 '97-'00

TOMMY BOWDEN (Career 78-42)
9th Year at Clemson Bowden's Bowl Record: 3-4

Bowden's records AT CLEMSON

60-38	Straight Up	4-7	Vs Top 10
37-14	Home	12-17	Vs Top 25
19-20	Away	10-10	Vs BCS Teams
4-4	Neutral	4-5	Off A Bye
37-27	Vs Conference	23-10	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (24,25,1)
Lost: 28 (14,11,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 81,506 (#15)

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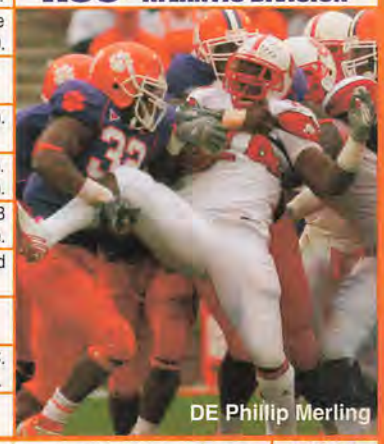
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STADIUM: CLEMSON MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,473) (#16)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Tommy Bowden	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	6-5	7-5	8-4	6-5	7-4	8-4	51-29
Home	6-1	3-3	5-2	6-1	5-1	4-2	5-2	34-12
Away	3-1	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-4	3-2	2-2	16-17
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	5-3	32-24
ATS	3-7	4-5-1	5-6-1	7-4	4-7	7-4	6-6	36-39-2
Home Fav	2-4	1-3	2-1-1	2-1	2-3	0-3	4-3	13-18-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-0	3-0	0-0	7-4
Away Fav	1-2	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-3	4-10-1
Away Dog	0-1	2-1	1-1	3-2	1-2	3-0	1-0	11-7
Favorite	3-6	2-3-1	3-3-1	2-1	2-5	1-4	5-6	18-28-2
Dog	0-1	2-2	2-3	5-3	2-2	6-0	1-0	18-11
vs Conf	2-6	3-4-1	2-5-1	5-3	2-6	5-3	3-5	22-32-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	3-1	14-7
Off SU Win	3-5	1-3	2-4	5-2	2-3	5-1	4-4	22-22
Off SU Loss	0-2	3-1-1	2-2-1	2-1	2-3	1-3	1-2	11-14-2

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Davis	203	1219	32	1187	17	5.8
CJ Spiller	129	960	22	938	10	7.3
Demerick Chancellor	45	283	7	276	1	6.1
Reggie Merriweather	30	173	2	171	2	5.7
Jacoby Ford	8	104	0	104	0	13.0
Will Proctor	61	217	132	85	1	1.4
Chansi Stuckey	8	42	8	34	0	4.3
Cullen Harper	5	28	8	20	0	4.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Will Proctor	304	183	60.2	2353	16	11
Cullen Harper	20	14	70.0	155	2	0
Tribble Reese	3	1	33.3	2	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chansi Stuckey	50	700	14.0	3	60
Aaron Kelly	30	355	11.8	3	41
Thomas Hunter	16	305	19.1	0	71
Tyler Grisham	25	264	10.6	3	22
CJ Spiller	19	210	11.1	2	82
Jacoby Ford	15	187	12.5	2	76
Rendrick Taylor	12	152	12.7	1	32
James Davis	6	115	19.2	0	54

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Cole Chason	50	2064	41.3	17	39.5(t)	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jad Dean	46-50	9-10	3-7	3-3	0-2	15-22	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Watkins	116	1	6	1	3
Chris Clemons	102	0	1	8	1
Antonio Clay	95	1.5	8	4	0
Duane Coleman	81	1	1	2	1
Maurice Nelson	71	2	3	2	0
Michael Hamlin	64	0	5	3	2
Gaines Adams	62	12.5	5	6	0
Dorell Scott	54	3	1	0	0
Phillip Merling	46	3	7	4	0
Chris Chancellor	38	0	1	5	0
Crezdon Butler	34	0	1	3	3
CJ Gaddis	33	1.5	7	3	2
Kavell Conner	31	0	0	0	0
Rashaad Jackson	26	0	1	2	0
Cortney Vincent	24	0	1	1	1
Roy Walker	22	0	0	1	0
Ricky Sapp	20	4	2	2	0
Jock McKissic	18	0.5	2	0	1
Donnell Clarke	18	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jacoby Ford	15	166	11.1	1
CJ Spiller	11	33	3.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jacoby Ford	13	426	32.8	1
CJ Spiller	13	234	18.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Humanitarian	-6'	Louisiana Tech	49-24
02	Tangerine	+5	Texas Tech	15-55
03	Peach	+4'	Tennessee - #6	27-14
05	Champs Sports - #23	-10'	Colorado	19-10
06	Music City	-10'	Kentucky	20-28

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OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	32.7	19	218	5.7	193	60.6	12.6	+2	2006	5	16.2	16	103	2.9	178	55.6	17.4
7*	26.3	21	153	4.1	232	65.8	14.6	+9	2005	6	17.6	17	121	3.4	196	56.6	18.0
7*	21.5	17	108	3.1	188	50.1	13.8	-8	2004	7	20.8	19	136	3.2	192	51.0	15.7
8*	28.1	23	137	3.8	284	61.2	15.0	+4	2003	4	19.2	19	132	3.5	204	56.2	17.5
3	25.4	20	121	3.4	243	58.0	14.3	+2	2002	8	26.8	19	159	3.9	197	59.8	13.2
6*	30.8	24	192	4.4	240	57.2	14.0	-5	2001	4	28.3	22	154	3.8	241	54.2	14.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

CU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#18	Florida Atlantic	21	39-199	5.1	14-23	173	1	18	34-47	1.4	20-43	216	3	0
#18	at Boston College	23	41-136	3.3	25-40	343	2	22	37-110	3.0	22-38	212	2	0
–	at Florida St	15	28-151	5.4	16-30	194	0	11	38-102	2.7	11-20	102	4	+2
#19	North Carolina	30	58-324	5.6	14-21	180	1	8	22-54	2.5	7-23	96	2	+1
#18	Louisiana Tech	21	41-393	9.6	10-17	133	0	16	29-33	1.1	23-46	226	4	+2
#15	at Wake Forest	23	39-214	5.5	20-30	214	0	14	31-31	1.0	19-24	188	4	0
#12	† Temple	25	45-337	7.5	12-13	222	0	11	29-111	3.8	13-25	110	5	-1
#12	Georgia Tech	14	38-321	8.4	7-16	105	1	12	37-88	2.4	12-25	117	2	-1
#10	at Virginia Tech	8	28-80	2.9	11-28	86	0	15	58-224	3.9	9-15	108	2	-1
#19	Maryland	16	41-143	3.5	18-27	251	1	18	28-54	1.9	23-35	247	2	+1
–	NC State	18	39-223	5.7	15-24	146	2	16	45-178	4.0	10-25	95	1	-1
#24	South Carolina	15	33-181	5.5	13-19	191	3	28	35-208	5.9	24-37	284	0	+2
–	† Kentucky	19	25-130	5.2	23-39	272	4	21	40-100	2.5	21-29	309	4	-2
TOTALS		248	495-2832	5.7	198-327	2510	15	210	463-1340	2.9	214-385	2310	35	+2
AVERAGES		19.1	38-218	5.7	15-25	193	1.2	16.2	36-103	2.9	16-30	178	2.7	0.2

2002 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Georgia - #8	+8'	28-31
–	Louisiana Tech	-10'	33-13
–	Georgia Tech	+1	24-19
–	Ball St	-27'	30-7
–	at Florida St - #11	+14	31-48
–	at Virginia	-5'	17-22
–	Wake Forest	-8	31-23
–	NC State - #12	+2	6-38
–	at Duke	-10	34-31
–	at North Carolina	-10	42-12
–	Maryland - #19	+6'	12-30
–	South Carolina	-4	27-20

2003 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-#22 Score
–	Georgia - #11	+3	0-30
–	Furman	NL	28-17
–	Middle Tennessee	-14	37-14
–	at Georgia Tech	+4	39-3
–	at Maryland	+7'	7-21
–	Virginia - #25	+4'	30-27 OT
–	at NC State	+4'	15-17
–	North Carolina	-13'	36-28
–	at Wake Forest	E	17-45
–	Florida St - #3	+17'	26-10
–	Duke	-14	40-7
–	at South Carolina	+1	63-17

2004 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre-#15 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#15	Wake Forest	-11'	37-30 2OT
#20	Georgia Tech	-7	24-28
–	at Texas A&M	E	6-27
–	at Florida St - #8	+17'	22-41
–	at Virginia - #10	+15'	10-30
–	Utah St	-22'	35-6
–	Maryland	-3'	10-7
–	NC State	+1'	26-20
–	at Miami, Fl - #11	+16'	24-17 OT
–	at Duke	-12'	13-16
–	South Carolina	-3	29-7

2005 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-#21 Score
–	Texas A&M - #17	+1'	25-24
#25	at Maryland	+2	28-24
#20	Miami, Fl - #13	+7	30-36 3OT
–	Boston College	-2'	13-16 OT
–	at Wake Forest	-6'	27-31
–	at NC State	+4	31-10
–	Temple	-36'	37-7
–	at Georgia Tech	+2'	9-10
–	Duke	-30	49-20
–	Florida St - #17	+2	35-14
–	at South Carolina - #19	-3	13-9

2006 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre-#18 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#18	Florida Atlantic	-31	54-6
#18	at Boston College	-2'	33-34 2OT
–	at Florida St - #9	+4'	27-20
#19	North Carolina	-16'	52-7
#18	Louisiana Tech	-33'	51-0
#15	at Wake Forest	-16'	27-17
#12	† Temple	-44'	63-9
#12	Georgia Tech - #13	-7'	31-7
#10	at Virginia Tech	-5	7-24
#19	Maryland	-19'	12-13
–	NC State	-18'	20-14
#24	South Carolina	-5'	28-31

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Chuck Amato started true frosh Philip Rivers in his first season and he had a record breaking career, departing as the ACC's career leader in total offense (#3 in the NCAA). In his senior season in 2003 he threw for 4,491 (72%) with a 34-7 ratio and was the ACC POY. In 2004 in a battle of 2 VHT's, Jay Davis (PS#21) beat out Marcus Stone (PS#11) for the job. Davis started the entire year and threw for 2,104 (55.9%) with a 12-15 ratio. After 4 games in 2005, Davis was the #1 passer in the ACC in ypg. Davis, however, was 4-9 in his ACC starts and Stone, who has the stronger arm, took over vs WF. Stone threw for just 130.8 ypg in his 6 starts but the team went 5-1. Stone threw for 1,015 (48.7%) with an 8-6 ratio. Davis departed and third stringer Mike Greco (PS#39) transferred so Stone was the starter in 2006. Daniel Evans (PS#92), whose dad (Johnny) was one of the best Wolfpack QB's in school history, was the backup. Stone hit just 7 of 13 for 36 yards vs App St. After losses to Akron and SM, Evans took over and in his first start, hit a 34 yard TD pass with :05 left to beat BC then guided another late comeback vs Fla St. He suffered a concussion vs Wake Forest and tossed a late int three plays later. Against GT he hit 21 of 53 for 270 while suffering 8 drops. Evans threw for 1,843 (53.1%) but with just a 6-11 ratio (87 rush). Stone was moved to TE at year's end. This year Evans will battle rFr Justin Burke (PS#12) and Nebraska transfer Harrison Beck (PS#10). Beck hit just 1 of 10 at NU as a true. O'Brien said at the conclusion of spring that a starter may not be named until right before the opener. No matter who wins the job, I look for much improved passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Amato brought in a lot of VHT RB's and in 2005 four battled for the job. Darrell Blackman (PS#6) had 524 all-purp yards in '04 and started early on. A pair of true frosh, Andre Brown (PS#10) and Toney Baker (PS#7), stepped to the forefront. Amato compared Brown to Herschel Walker. He had 248 vs SM, 179 vs Florida St and led with 667 (5.2). Baker had 546 (4.4). Blackman added 203 (4.4). Last year Blackman moved to WR. Brown was the leading rusher after 9 games but had just 82 over the final 3 and finished with 658 (5.3). Baker rushed for 174 vs Clemson, leading in each of the final 3 and for the season with 688 (4.4). Jamelle Eugene (PS#90) added 60 (3.5) and no other RB carried the ball. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kenny Apilli (5'8" 194 Jr), Kwamoore Coleman (6'0" 200 So), Matt Tripp (6'0" 245 So) and true frosh Curtis Underwood (PS#292). With two NFL-caliber RB's and a greater emphasis on running the ball, I look for improved production.

WR Darrell Blackman

RECEIVERS - In 2004 TJ Williams became the first Wolfpack TE to lead the team in rec since '67 and he accomplished that again in 2005. The '05 receiving corps also had Brian Clark who led the ACC in ypc (21.5). Unfortunately, last year, they had to replace their top 3 and the leading returnee was Lamart Barrett (21, 11.8). Once again a TE led in rec's in Anthony Hill (45). John Dunlap had some key TD rec's in the corner of the endzone vs BC and Fla St, and Amato renamed that spot of the EZ "Dunlap's Corner", he was #2 with 30 (13.1). Dangerous Darrell Blackman (PS#6) moved over from RB. He missed EC but finished with 27 (13.3). Geron James (6'4") had 4 rec for 91 yards vs Fla St showing his leaping ability but then got into the coaches doghouse (6 rec). Drops hurt this unit all season. The good news for Hill is that the TE is usually a big part of the O'Brien offense. This year they only lose Barrett (7 st, 27, 8.9), making it a much more experienced unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Despite the presence of some fine RB's, the Wolfpack surprisingly have not averaged 4.0 ypc since 1998! After a 3.4 ypc in 2005, they had to replace 3 starters last year. Their top OL, OG/C Leroy Harris, missed 2 games but still won 2nd Tm ACC honors. The Wolfpack improved to 3.8 ypc rushing and allowed just 19 sacks (5.0%). This year the Wolfpack once again lose 3 starters including Harris (#4DC TEN), LT James Newby (12 st, 3Y st'r, UFA KC) and RT Jon Holt (10 st). Seven of the top 10 are back and O'Brien ALWAYS fields a top-notch O-line so this group appears capable of topping that 4.0 ypc.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolfpack had arguably the best D-line in the NCAA in 2005, but unfortunately last year had to replace an amazing THREE first round DC's! They did have their solid DT combo of DeMario Pressley and Tank Tyler returning but went from allowing a paltry 2.8 ypc in 2005 to 3.8 and the sack total dropped by 17. This year they lose Tyler (11 st, 87 tkl, 11 tfl, #3DC KC), DE Raymond Brooks (6 st, 45 tkl, 7 tfl) and DE John Amanchukwu (12 tkl, 1 sk). They could be moving to a 3-4 defense so I'll list a DE/LB position with Willie Young (230 lbs) a starter there. Including that position with the D-line, they have 3 starters back and figure to be much improved in 2007.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Wolfpack had to replace two starters including their #1 tackler. Amato said that Ray Michel is a bigger version of Lavar Fisher with a motor that does not stop. Surprisingly, he only put him on the field for 82 snaps and he had 15 tackles! James Martin was lost after 4 starts. This year they lose Patrick Lowery (12 st, #1 tkl'r) and Reggie Davis (11 st, 20 tkl). Two of the top 3 LB tacklers are back and Martin and Michel also return. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Zachary Brown (6'1" 240 Jr), Derek White (6'0" 218 So), William Bradshaw (5'10" 229 So), Brett Hagmann (5'11" 206 Jr) and true frosh Audie Cole (PS#55QB). This group is more experienced than 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolfpack finished #4 in my pass D rankings in 2004 with a veteran secondary. They had to replace all four starters in 2005, but got back a 2004 starter who was injured. Thanks to a dominating defensive front 7 NCSt stayed at #4. Last year they only had to replace one starter. With a less experienced defensive front, the Wolfpack dropped to #47 vs a light slate of opposing QB's. This year they lose CB AJ Davis (10 st, 6 pbu, #4DC DET) and ROV Garland Heath (12 st, 87 tkl). Jimmie "Third" Sutton will be one of the ACC's premier CB's and although DaJuan Morgan did not start, he was the team's #4 tackler (82). I am also impressed with the speed of Sutton and FS Miguel Scott who were sprinters on the track team a couple of years ago.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Chuck Amato's ST units blocked a lot of punts. In 2002 they were an amazing +10 in the TD/blk category and finished #19 in my ST rankings. In 2003 they had to replace Terrence Holt (ACC record 12 blk'd kicks) and finished #78. They rebounded to #29 in '04 and #57 in '05. The '05 finish was surprising as they had strong legged K/P John Deraney and Darrell Blackman who led the ACC in KR (29.1). NCSt allowed 3 blocks and Deraney's net dropped to 32.8. Last year they had to replace Manny Lawson (sch rec 7 blk'd punts). Deraney had never missed an xp in HS or college until last year. He hit 12 of 16 FG's with a long of 54 and misses from 49 and 53. Deraney (UFA DET) improved his net punting to 34.8 and had 14 TB on 47 KO. Blackman was the top KR (28.9) and PR (8.6) and avg'd 17.8 on PR in '04. They finished #41 and would have been higher except for allowing 24.5 per KR. I list Deraney's replacements below. O'Brien's BC units were #6 in '04 and #18 last year. With the dangerous WR Blackman on hand and the addition of super JUCO P Jeff Ruiz, NCSt could move up in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Tom O'Brien did a fantastic job at Boston College as after having losing seasons in his first two years, he guided the team to 8 straight bowls including winning his last 6. He was the first coach in BC's history to have 8+ wins for 6 straight years. OC Dana Bible was his OC for the last 8 years and was also the OC for the Philadelphia Eagles previously. The new DC is Mike Archer who was the DC at Kentucky the last four years. Archer was also the LB coach of the Steelers from 1996-'02 and the HC at LSU from 1987-'90.

PHIL'S FORECAST

With Chuck Amato as the HC and Philip Rivers as the QB, NCSt had some tremendous success. Amato started Rivers as a true frosh and they had four straight winning years and four bowls. Without Rivers in 2004, they still outgained ACC foes by a league best 100.2 ypg but due to -17 in turnovers, actually finished 5-6. Amato brought in great NFL caliber athletes but discipline was a problem in his final three years. There were many personal fouls and mental errors that cost them in games. In 2005 they opened just 2-4 but Amato's squad went 5-1 down the stretch to go 7-5 including a bowl win over USF which was their best finish since 1973. Heading into last year they were the only ACC team to have beaten Fla St in Tallahassee and they have done so twice. Last year they lost an amazing three 1st round DC's from the D-line and earned 26 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover (pg 308). 2006 was another snake bitten season for the Wolfpack. In my ACC Regional Magazine I do a Best Case/Worse Case Scenario and NCSt actually had 7 close losses and could have finished as strong as 10-2! They opened the season a disappointing 1-2 including a home loss to Akron. A Hail Mary pass gave them a victory over BC and they won for the 4th time in six years vs Fla St to stand at 2-0 in the ACC and the fans stormed the field. Stunningly the Wolfpack would not win another game with 6 close losses in the final 7. They faced rival N Carolina who was playing their FHG for their outgoing coach. NCSt only trailed 16-9 when they fumbled and it was ret'd for a TD with 2:23 left. In the 3 post-Rivers years, the Wolfpack were 15-20 including 8-16 in the ACC. Their 9 losses were the most since 1959. There are a lot of things that point towards instant success. New HC O'Brien brings in much needed discipline and might have more athletic talent to work with than he had at BC. The Wolfpack had 5 net close losses (pg 299) and were -11 in turnovers. Last year, despite their 2-6 record in the ACC, they actually outgained ACC foes by 2.3 ypg. The offense averaged just 17.5 ppg, their lowest since 1985. They have 8 starters back on offense and can only improve. The defense, despite having just 5 starters back and losing 5 draft picks including three 1st round picks, only allowed 21.8 ppg in '06. While they lose their top 2 tacklers, they have 6 starters back and should still be strong as they remain one of the ACC's better units. The Wolfpack make my list of most improved teams which means I think Tom O'Brien will be back in the post season once again.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 7 DANIEL EVANS JR. 6-2 191 PS#92. L/9 st LY, 1843 (53%) 6-11 ratio. **10 Justin Burke** (6-3 210 rFr) **PS#12**. 62-6 ratio as Sr in HS. Harrison Beck (6-2 213 So) PS#10. Neb trans.

RB 24 ANDRE BROWN JR. 6-0 232 **PS#10**. 5 st as true, 667 (5.2). 7 st LY, 658 (5.3). **29** Jamelle Eugene (5-10 195 So) PS#90. 1 st, 295 all-purp rFr. **39** Phillip Breaux (5-11 230 So)

RB 22 TONEY BAKER JR. 5-10 225 **PS#7**. 2 st, 546 (4.4) true. 9 st LY, 688 (4.4), 21 rec (8.4). **46** Pat Bedics (6-0 239 Sr) Penn St trans. 3 st LY. **37** John Kane (5-9 239 Jr).

WR 2 DARRELL BLACKMAN SR. 5-10 205 **PS#6RB**. 6 st RB '04-'05, 409 rush, 24 rec. 8 st WR LY, 27 (13.3). **80** Donald Bowens (6-3 200 So) 3 st true, 16 (12.5). **15** Darrell Davis (6-4 200 rFr).

WR 1 JOHN DUNLAP SR. 6-1 218 PS#97. 12 st 3Y, 40 rec (13.7). **4** Marcus Bond PS#109 LY, in spg. **5** Jarvis Williams (6-4 205 rFr) PS#121. **43** Owen Spencer (6-3 180 Fr) PS#151 LY.

TE 83 ANTHONY HILL SR. 6-6 265 PS#81. 10 st '05, 15 (9.3). 9 st LY, #1 w/45 (10.6), 2nd Tm ACC. **Marcus Stone (6-2 239 Sr) PS#11QB. 10 st QB 3Y.** Matt Kushner (6-4 256 So) 2 st rFr.

C 72 Luke Lathan Sr. 6-4 292 **PS#87**. 4 st C rFr, 303 snaps. 1 gm '05 (inj). Last 4 st C LY, 22 kd, 344 snaps. **74** Andy Barbee (6-3 303 So). **91** Jonathan Mayshak (6-4 270 Jr).

RG 76 CURTIS CROUCH JR. 6-5 335 **PS#22**. 1 st true, 161 snaps. 11 st RG LY, 34 kd, 618 snaps. **57** Andrew Redfern (6-3 290 Jr). **53** Gerard Miller (6-3 292 Jr) **PS#56DL**.

LG 69 KALANI HEPPE SR. 6-4 300 PS#168. 4 gm rFr. 5 st LG '05. 10 st LG LY, 637 snaps, 58 kd. **66** Yomi Ojo (6-3 310 Sr) **PS#91**. **79** Keonta Wallace (6-4 280 So).

RT 60 Meares Green Jr. 6-4 295 1 game rFr. 3 st LY (2RT, 1RG), 21 kd, 367 snaps. **68** Garrett Kline (6-6 315 Sr) PS#39JC '05. Jeraill McCuller (6-7 330 So) PS#543.

LT 73 Julian Williams So. 6-5 292 **PS#54**. 2nd string rFr. **61** Matthew White (6-6 360 Jr). **71** Gary Gregory (6-4 305 rFr) PS#373. Jake Vermiglio (6-4 297 Fr) PS#228 '06. Milford.

K 26 Bradley Pierson Sr. 5-9 163 PS#56. 2 KO in '05. **36** Josh Czajkowski (5-9 178 rFr) PS#39. 11 of 13 FG 2Y HS, long 47. **33** Nathan Franklin (6-0 165 rFr) PS#44.

DE 41 MARTREL BROWN SR. 6-2 290 PS#192LB. 10 tkl '05. 11 st in '06, 49 tkl, 7 sk. **98** Littleton Wright (6-6 244 Sr) 9.5 sk JC '04. 14 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **11** Audi Augustin (6-2 250 rFr) PS#156.

DT 92 DeMARIO PRESSLEY SR. 6-3 295 **PS#11** 1 st true. 12 st '05, 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 46 tkl, 7 tfl. **93** John Bedics (6-4 283 Jr). PS#234, 3 tkl 2Y. **96** Gavin Smith (6-4 280 rFr) PS#92.

DT 91 Ted Larsen So. 6-2 272 PS#240. 3 st rFr, 30 tkl, 4 tfl, 227 snap. **49** Alan-Michael Cash (6-1 291 So) PS#158. 1 st LY, 13 tkl, 2 tfl. Antoine Holmes PS#145JC. 11 sk JC LY.

DE/OLB 97 WILLIE YOUNG SO. 6-5 230 **PS#63**. Hargrave '04. RS '05. 5 st LY, 12 gms, 60 tkl, 3 tfl. **26** Cedric Hickman (6-1 245 rFr) PS#150RB. **54** Jonathan Oxendine (6-4 215 Jr).

SLB 52 LeRUE RUMPH SR. 6-1 223 **PS#28DB**. 9 st '05, 43 tkl, 2 tfl. 8 st LY, 69 tkl, 6 tfl. **44 Ray Michel** (6-0 224 So) 15 tkl rFr in 82 snaps! **45** John Ware (5-11 210 rFr) PS#237. 4.6 spd.

MLB 95 James Martin II Sr. 6-1 236 PS#119. 2 st true, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. 4 st LY (inj '04-'06), 12 tkl. **48** Avery Vogt (6-1 225 So) PS#140. 7 tkl, 11 gms. **32** John Raymond (5-11 248 Jr).

WLB 5 Ernest Jones Sr. 6-2 225 **PS#40**. 22 tkl, 1 sk '04-'05. 1 st LY, 68 tkl, 2 sk. **56** Nathaniel Irving (6-1 207 rFr) PS#162. **35** Guerlin Dervil (6-2 229 Sr) 9 gm, 4 tkl in '06.

CB 6 Levin Neal Jr. 5-11 191 PS#112WR. 13 tkl true, 2 pbu. 4 st LY, 22 tkl, 4 pbu. **11** DeAndre Morgan (5-10 166 rFr) **4.26 spd. 24** Phillip Holloman (5-11 194 Sr). 6 tkl 2Y, 20 gm.

CB 8 JIMMIE SUTTON SR. 5-11 181 **PS#21**. 7.01 60m on track tm. 1 st '05. 10 st LY, 49 tkl, 1 int. **30** Jeremy Gray (6-2 186 Jr) PS#155. 18 tkl, 7 pbu LY. Dominique Ellis is PS#133.

SS 7 DaJuan Morgan Jr. 6-1 200 PS#77WR. 44 tkl rFr. 1 st FS LY, 82 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **4** Javon Walker (6-0 188 rFr). **34** Robbie Leonard (6-0 190 Jr) 14 tkl. **29** Marcel Addison (5-9 190 Jr).

FS 25 MIGUEL SCOTT SR. 6-0 195 PS#65. 7.2 in 60m. 10 st '05, 35 tkl, 3 pbu. 11 st, 63 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **14** JC Neal (6-0 191 Jr) PS#61RB. 26 tkl, 4 pbu 2Y. **47** Scott Bradsher (6-0 196 Jr).

P NA Jeff Ruiz Jr. 6-2 185 PS#208JUCO. Avg 43.3 on punts (#2 JUCO) LY, 23 inside 20. **33** Nathan Franklin (6-0 165 rFr) PS#44. **43** Jonathan Macrae (6-1 214 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DE	Antoine Holmes 6-3 290 PS#145JC
LB	Audie Cole 6-5 215 PS#55QB
P	Jeff Ruiz 6-2 185 PS#208JC
QB	Russell Wilson 5-11 191 PS#61
WR	Steven Howard 6-2 185 PS#99
OL	Desmond Roberts 6-5 265 PS#143
WR	Marcus Bond 5-9 180 PS#109 '06
DB	Dominique Ellis 5-11 190 PS#133
TE	George Bryan 6-5 250 PS#45
DL	Wayne Crawford 6-4 290 PS#170OL
DB	Justin Byers 6-0 170 PS#160
WR	Owen Spencer 6-3 180 PS#151 '06
OL	Jake Vermiglio 6-4 297 PS#228 '06
OL	Henry Lawson 6-3 285 PS#237
WR	Jay Smith 6-2 197 PS#194
LB	Thomas Barnes 5-11 200 PS#219
OL	Justin Whaley 6-4 270 PS#284
DB	Jimmaul Simmons 6-2 190 PS#279
DL	JR Sweezy 6-5 245 PS#250
DL	Markus Kuhn 6-5 285 PS#274
RB	Curtis Underwood 5-11 215 PS#292
DL	Jeff Rieskamp 6-3 235 PS#286
DL	Kyle Linney 6-2 285 PS#365
OL	Mike Golder 6-4 286 PS#485

NC STATE WOLFPACK

Raleigh, North Carolina
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#26

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NCSt	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	UCF	G						This will be the schools' 1st meeting & O'Brien has never faced UCF at BC either. The Wolfpack is 24-6 in regular season non-conference games.
Sep. 8	at Boston College	A						Tom O'Brien was HC at BC from '97-'06 posting a 75-45 record & he is the all-time winningest HC in school history guiding BC to 8 straight bowls. Each team has won at home the L2Y.
Sep. 15	Wofford	G						The last & only time that NCSt played the Wofford Terriers was in 1920, a 90-7 win. Wofford (7-4) LY lost to SC 27-20 having a 17-13 FD edge (outgained by just 4 yds).
Sep. 22	Clemson	G						RB Toney Baker (PS#7) rushed for a career high 174 yds (5.1) last year vs Clemson. NC State has dropped 3 straight to Clemson (lost 4 straight from 1982-'85).
Sep. 29	Louisville	G						NCSt is 0-2 vs UL & their L/gm vs a current BE opponent was vs USF in the '05 Car Care Bowl. O'Brien lost to UL 52-28 in 1998 (2nd yr) as HC with BC in his only gm vs the Cardinals.
Oct. 6	at Florida St	G						From 2000-'06 Chuck Amato was 49-37 as HC of NC State, but TY he rejoined the FSU staff as an associate HC & LB coach after being there from 1982-'99.
Oct. 13								Bonus: Under Amato NC State was 4-2 vs Florida St.
Oct. 20	at East Carolina	G						LY, including NC St's 5 pt loss to EC, the Wolfpack lost 7 gms by a total of 37 pts. These schools are 93 miles apart. NCSt has lost 5 of L/7 to EC including the '92 Peach Bowl.
Oct. 27	Virginia (HC)	G						O'Brien spent 15 years ('82-'96) on the Virginia coaching staff. Last yr's game was tied at 7 when UVA's Snelling had a 17 yd TD run with 1:31 left.
Nov. 3	at Miami, Fl	G						The last time NCSt beat Miami was in '71 (13-7) as this is just the 12th meeting (3-7-1). Each team NC State plays on the road TY went to a bowl game LY (3-2 record).
Nov. 10	North Carolina	G						North Carolina's Davis was 4-0 at Miami vs Tom O'Brien's BC squads. These instate schools are 26 miles apart. North Carolina holds a 63-27-6 advantage.
Nov. 17	at Wake Forest	A						NCSt's 60 all-time wins vs WF is the most vs any tm in school history (25 more than #2 Duke). First game was in 1895. They've played every yr since 1910 (NCSt leads 60-34-6).
Nov. 24	Maryland	G						Wolfpack is 12-5 S/'90 in their Carter-Finley Stadium finales (avg win by 15 ppg). Maryland has won 5 of 7. In those 5 wins Maryland's avg margin of victory was 4 ppg.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Philip Rivers 13,484 '00-'03
2. Jamie Barnette 9,461 '96-'99
3. Terry Harvey 5,925 '91, '93-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ted Brown 4,602 '75-'78
2. Joe McIntosh 3,642 '81-'84
3. Tremayne Stephens 3,553 '94-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Torry Holt 3,379 '95-'98
2. Jerricho Cotchery 3,119 '00-'03
3. Eddie Goines 2,351 '91-'94

TOM O'BRIEN (Career 75-45)

1st Year at NC STATE — O'Brien's Bowl Record: 6-1

O'Brien's records AT NC STATE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

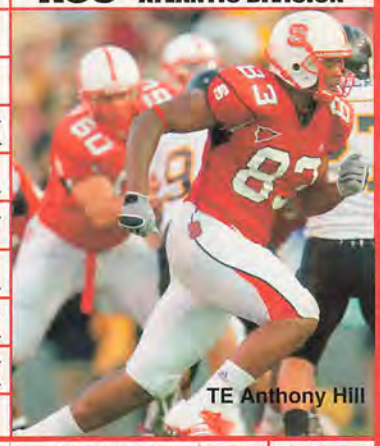
2006 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (17,24,0)
Lost: 15 (5,7,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,540 (#32)

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION


TE Anthony Hill

STADIUM: CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM (57,500) (#47)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	10-3	7-5	5-6	6-5	3-9	45-36
Home	5-1	3-3	6-1	6-1	2-4	4-3	3-4	29-17
Away	2-3	4-1	4-2	1-4	2-2	2-2	0-5	15-19
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	4-4	3-5	3-5	2-6	25-31
ATS	6-5	5-6	8-3	4-7	3-7	4-6	3-8	33-42
Home Fav (Chuck Amato)	3-2	2-2	2-2	1-4	0-3	2-3	0-3	10-19
Home Dog (Chuck Amato)	0-1	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-1	2-1	4-7
Away Fav (Chuck Amato)	0-2	1-2	3-1	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-1	4-12
Away Dog	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	1-3	14-4
Favorite	3-4	3-4	5-3	1-7	1-5	2-4	0-4	15-31
Dog	3-1	2-2	3-0	3-0	2-2	2-2	3-4	18-11
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	2-6	2-6	3-5	3-5	23-33
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	10-9
Off SU Win	4-2	2-4	5-2	2-5	0-4	2-3	1-2	16-22
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	3-3	2-2	2-6	15-18

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Toney Baker	157	715	27	688	6	4.4
Andre Brown	124	704	46	658	4	5.3
Jamelle Eugene	17	64	4	60	1	3.5
Darrell Blackman	12	55	8	47	0	3.9
John Dunlap	3	29	0	29	0	9.7
Marcus Stone	18	46	19	27	0	1.5
Daniel Evans	37	87	100	-13	0	-0.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Daniel Evans	307	163	53.1	1843	6	11
Marcus Stone	69	33	47.8	345	4	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Anthony Hill	45	478	10.6	0	29	
John Dunlap	30	392	13.1	4	34	
Darrell Blackman	27	358	13.3	2	41	
Lamart Barrett	27	241	8.9	0	18	
Donald Bowens	16	200	12.5	2	46	
Toney Baker	21	177	8.4	0	26	
Geron James	6	115	19.2	1	30	
Jamelle Eugene	9	90	10.0	1	37	
Marcus Stone	4	68	17.0	0	27	
Andre Brown	9	52	5.8	0	14	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
John Deraney	76	2968	39.1	19	34.8	0	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Deraney	22-23	5-5	3-4	3-5	1-2	12-16	54

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Patrick Lowery	109	1	7	1	1
Tank Tyler	87	3	8	0	0
Garland Heath	87	0	2	5	1
DaJuan Morgan	82	0	1	7	2
LeRue Rumph	69	2	4	1	0
Ernest Jones	68	2	0	0	0
Miguel Scott	63	0	2	2	1
Willie Young	60	0	3	1	1
Martrel Brown	49	7	1	0	0
Jimmie Sutton	49	0	1	1	1
DeMario Pressley	46	2	5	1	0
Raymond Brooks	45	1	6	0	0
AJ Davis	34	0	0	9	0
Ted Larsen	30	2	2	0	0
Levin Neal	22	0	0	4	0
Reggie Davis	20	1	2	1	0
Jeremy Gray	18	0	0	7	0
JC Neal	18	0	0	4	0
Ray Michel	15	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darrell Blackman	24	206	8.6	1
Levin Neal	2	23	11.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darrell Blackman	19	549	28.9	1
Jamelle Eugene	8	145	18.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	MicronPC	+3'	Minnesota	38-30
01	Tangerine	E	Pittsburgh	19-34
02	Gator - #17	-1	Notre Dame - #11	28-6
03	Tangerine	-12	Kansas	56-26
05	Car Care	-3'	USF	14-0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NC State's All-Time Bowl Record 12-10-1

NC STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	17.5	16	120	3.8	182	51.7	17.3	-11	2006	5	21.8	17	151	3.8	167	51.3	14.5
7*	20.8	15	124	3.4	190	54.6	15.2	0	2005	5	17.7	17	107	2.8	192	48.7	16.9
8	24.0	19	147	3.7	202	55.7	14.5	-17	2004	9	19.8	12	102	2.6	119	43.4	11.2
6*	37.6	24	101	3.3	352	72.0	12.0	+2	2003	4	29.6	23	137	3.8	284	59.1	14.2
6*	32.9	20	144	3.9	248	61.1	11.9	+7	2002	6	17.0	18	125	3.3	176	49.7	17.7
7*	26.6	20	111	3.5	242	64.5	13.3	+8	2001	6	21.4	21	142	3.4	222	58.6	17.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

NCS 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Appalachian St	13	44-206	4.7	7-13	36	1	6	37-67	1.8	5-16	66	4	-2
–	Akron	15	32-81	2.5	16-32	209	1	18	42-114	2.7	13-32	267	4	-3
–	at S Mississippi	16	21-77	3.7	18-35	197	2	24	52-261	5.0	13-19	181	1	-2
–	Boston College	13	23-141	6.1	15-32	179	2	16	42-172	4.1	13-25	149	3	0
–	Florida St	19	37-150	4.1	13-22	190	1	16	32-96	3.0	16-29	249	1	+1
–	Wake Forest	21	28-134	4.8	21-37	200	0	13	37-142	3.8	9-14	124	1	-1
–	at Maryland	17	38-154	4.1	15-26	145	4	11	41-165	4.0	7-9	115	1	-2
–	at Virginia	12	29-70	2.4	21-35	220	2	16	37-125	3.4	12-22	131	2	-1
–	Georgia Tech	17	21-58	2.8	21-53	270	1	23	43-194	4.5	13-35	215	1	+2
–	at Clemson	16	45-178	4.0	10-25	95	1	18	39-223	5.7	15-24	146	2	+1
–	at North Carolina	21	27-80	3.0	22-41	261	4	17	41-123	3.0	8-15	137	1	-3
–	East Carolina	13	29-107	3.7	17-28	186	0	20	38-124	3.3	14-29	220	3	-1
TOTALS		193	374-1436	3.8	196-379	2188	19	198	481-1806	3.8	138-269	2000	24	-11
AVERAGES		16.1	31-120	3.8	16-32	182	1.6	16.5	40-151	3.8	12-22	167	2.0	-0.9

2002 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	New Mexico	-13'	34-14
#25	E Tennessee St	NL	34-0
#21	at Navy	-17'	65-19
#19	Wake Forest	-13'	32-13
#17	at Texas Tech	+1'	51-48 OT
#17	Massachusetts	NL	56-24
#14	at North Carolina	-6'	34-17
#13	Duke	-23'	24-22
#12	at Clemson	-2	38-6
#10	Georgia Tech	-11	17-24
#14	at Maryland	+6	21-24
#22	at Virginia	-7	9-14
#21	Florida St - #14	+6	17-7

2003 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-#16 Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#16	W Carolina	NL	59-20
#14	at Wake Forest	-7'	24-38
#24	at Ohio St - #3	+9'	38-44 3OT
–	Texas Tech	-6'	49-21
–	North Carolina	-17'	47-34
–	at Georgia Tech	-6'	21-29
–	Connecticut	-15'	31-24
–	Clemson	-4'	17-15
–	at Duke	-20'	28-21
–	Virginia	+1	51-37
–	at Florida St - #13	+13'	44-50 2OT
–	Maryland	-1	24-26

2004 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Richmond	NL	42-0
–	Ohio St - #9	-2'	14-22
–	at Virginia Tech	+7'	17-16
–	Wake Forest	-10'	27-21 OT
–	at North Carolina	-10'	24-30
–	at Maryland	+2	13-3
–	Miami, Fl - #4	+7	31-45
–	at Clemson	-1'	20-26
–	Georgia Tech	-7'	14-24
–	Florida St - #11	+6'	10-17
–	† East Carolina	-21	52-14

2005 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Virginia Tech - #8	+3'	16-20
–	E Kentucky	NL	54-10
–	North Carolina	-11	24-31
–	at Georgia Tech - #24	+4'	17-14
–	Clemson	-4	10-31
–	at Wake Forest	-3	19-27
–	S Mississippi	-6'	21-17
–	at Florida St - #9	+13	20-15
–	at Boston College	+4'	10-30
–	Middle Tennessee	-18	24-3
–	Maryland	-3	20-14

2006 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Appalachian St	NL	23-10
–	Akron	-9	17-20
–	at S Mississippi	+3	17-37
–	Boston College - #20	+6'	17-15
–	Florida St - #17	+9'	24-20
–	Wake Forest	-3'	23-25
–	at Maryland	+1'	20-26
–	at Virginia	+1'	7-14
–	Georgia Tech - #20	+4	23-31
–	at Clemson	+18'	14-20
–	at North Carolina	-3	9-23
–	East Carolina	-3	16-21

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - As I have mentioned in past years, it usually takes a while for a QB to master the Friedgen offense and much was expected of Sam Hollenbach as a senior. Hollenbach (PS#67) was 4th string in '04 but started vs WF hitting 16 of 27 for 164 in the win. He won the starting job in '05 and was #1 in the ACC in total offense and #2 in pass eff when he was inj'd vs VT and wasn't the same after, even missing a start. He threw for 2,539 (61%) with a 13-15 ratio (214 rush). He was the clear-cut starter last year and was backed by Jordan Steffy (PS#26). Steffy played in 6 as a true frosh and RS in '05. The previous 2 years, MD QB's had tossed 33 int's which "The Fridge" said accounted for 124 points by the opposition. Last year Hollenbach had 11 int and threw for 15 TD's and saw his yardage drop to 2,371 (61.9%). After the GT game, The Fridge said he would open up the job to Steffy but Hollenbach took almost every snap. RB Josh Allen threw more passes than Steffy did over the final 11. This year Hollenbach (UFA WAS) departs and Steffy will battle another VHT in Florida transfer Josh Portis (PS#14). Also in the mix is another VHT rFr in Jeremy Ricker (PS#15) but he is expected to transfer as well as Chris Turner (6'3" 214 So, PS#56). Adding depth is Bobby Sheahin (6'1" 185 Jr) and Jamarr Robinson (6'0" 184 Fr, PS#208). There is plenty of talent and while it is inexperienced, the unit could come close to LY's production.

RUNNING BACKS - Heading into last year The Fridge had 3 capable feature TB's and called the unit the strength of the team (see Hardcore). VHT Lance Ball (PS#20) took over in '05 and had games of 163, 120, 161 and 135 and finished with 903 (4.8). Last year they returned Ball and Keon Lattimore (PS#41). They also returned solid blocking FB Tim Cesa (PS#75LB). Lattimore won the job and led in rushing in 7 games including 114 vs Virginia and 119 vs WF. Ball only topped 100 once (116 vs GT) but led in rushing with 815 (4.7). Josh Allen was still not 100% and rushed for 98 (3.0) while Cesa played in 8. This year they lose Allen (UFA CHI), Humber (6 yd) and Cesa (6 st, 20 yd). They get two top-notch rFr in Morgan Green (PS#23) and Da'Rel Scott (PS#73). Adding depth to the unit is David Akatu (5'8" 205 rFr) and FB Steven Pfister (6'2" 234 So). This looks like one of the ACC's top RB corps. With a stronger O-line, I look for Ball to become one of the ACC's top backs.

FB Lance Ball

RECEIVERS - Last year the Terps had to replace their top 4 receivers including TE Vernon Davis (1st Tm AA, #1DC SF). Drew Weatherly was the most experienced WR (10 rec '05) but was injured (1 rec). Darrius Heyward-Bey (PS#28) was by far the team's top threat with nearly 300 more yards (694, 15.4) than the #2 rec, WR Danny Oquendo (PS#48DB) who had 396 (11.4). TE Joey Haynes, who had some mighty big shoes to fill was the #2 in rec with 37 (10.0). WR Isaiah Williams (PS#85) added 28 (13.5). Heyward-Bey suffered a concussion vs BC and the Fridge bemoaned the lack of depth as the team had 7 drops. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Emen Ifon (5'8" 162 Jr, 43" VL, 300 bench), Kevin Gresham (5'11" 174 Jr), Matt Goldberg (6'2" 193 Jr), Chris Sheahin (6'0" 187 rFr, Navy trans), Dan Bonato (5'8" 182 rFr) and TE Tommy Galt (6'5" 263 So, PS#68). Including TE's they add five VHT frosh. This year the only loss is Weatherly (2 st until inj) so this unit is much more experienced and Heyward-Bey, who had 65 & 96 yard TD's vs Miami & set UM's frosh rec yds record, should be one of the ACC's top WR's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In the Fridge's first three years the O-line opened holes for 4.5, 4.7 and 4.5 ypc. Surprisingly in 2004 it slipped to 2.9. In 2005 they had to replace three starters and two backups then lost starting LT Stephon Heyer (ACL) so they had just one starter returning. MD averaged 3.4 ypc rush and the O-line allowed 31 sacks (8.8%). Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup but Heyer returned to LT and they moved in DT Jack Griffin (8 st '05). RT Brandon Nixon (11 st '05) was ineligible and OL's Jared Gaither and Jamie Thomas were susp until late Aug. The unit was banged up all season long with just two OL's starting all 13. The Terps avg'd just 131 ypg rushing (3.8) but only allowed 19 sacks (5.7%), the 2nd fewest sacks allowed in the ACC. This year they lose their star LT Heyer (13 st, 3Y st'r, HM ACC, UFA WAS) as well as LG Donnie Woods (10 st, 2Y st'r) and Garrick Clig (1 st). Seven of the top 10 are back including five who started 3 or more last year but the backups are lightly experienced. Not listed below are Danny Edwards (6'1" 276 rFr), Kyle Sappington (6'4" 305 rFr), Paul Pinegar (6'3" 277 rFr). This year's line should stay healthier and will be stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Terps had to replace six players including #1DC Shawne Merrimen then lost projected starting DT Robert Armstrong. The inexperienced unit allowed a Friedgen-worst 4.0 ypc. Last year they only had to replace DT Jack Griffin who moved to OL but had 5 back with starting experience. Surprisingly the Terps allowed 4.6 ypc rush, their highest since 1994 and the D had just 20 sacks. This year the only loss is NT Conrad Bolston (9 st, 35 tkl, UFA MIN) and this is an extremely deep group made up mostly of HT's and VHT's. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Barrod Heggs (6'3" 245 So, PS#325) who had 1 st and 1.5 tfl in '06, Ricardo Dacosta (6'0" 243 Jr), Danny Davidson (6'2" 238 So, JUCO) and Dean Muhtadi (6'3" 289 Jr). I look for significant improvement from the Terps' D-line.

LINEBACKERS - The Fridge has produced a star LB in each of his six years. EJ Henderson won the Butkus and Bednarik Awards and was ACC Def POY in 2003. D'Qwell Jackson was 1st Tm ACC in 2004 and 1st Tm AA in 2005 (ACC Def POY). Last year they had to replace 2 starters but did have PS#1 Wesley Jefferson returning and he was #2 with 110 tackles. The unit took an unexpected hit this year when Jefferson did not return. The team's top tackler, Erin Henderson, suffered an ACL injury as a rFr but was 2nd Tm ACC last year and is clearly one of the ACC's top LB's. The Fridge has plenty of HT's which are listed in the 3 deep below. Not listed are Olufemi Akinwande (6'1" 200 rFr), Stephen Hargett (5'11" 244 rFr), Hakeem Sule (6'0" 209 So) and Bowie St transfer Aaron Ball (5'11" 224 Jr). Beside Jefferson, they also lose David Holloway (12 st, 70 tkl, 4.5 tfl, UFA ARZ) but do have four of the top six back. This group is just as experienced as 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 the Terps had all 4 starters returning and finished #21 in my pass D rankings. In 2004 they had to replace 3 starters but still allowed the 6th best comp % in the NCAA (48.3%) and were #41. They had to replace 3 starters in 2005 and dropped to #77. The Terps, with 2 starters back in '06 finished #78. This year they lose CB Josh Wilson (12 st, 55 tkl, 12 pbu, #2DC SEA) and SS Marcus Wimbush (12 st, 68 tkl, 4 pbu). Not listed below are Brandon Jackson-Mills (5'11" 158 rFr, PS#229), Colin Nelson (5'10" 183 Sr), Bowie St transfer Drew Robinson (5'10" 197 Jr), Arnold Davies (6'0" 195 Jr, Delaware St trans), Jared Baum (6'1" 204 So) and Taji Thornton (6'0" 187 rFr). They add in a new DB coach in Kevin Lempa who comes over from BC where his unit snagged 49 int's the last 3 years. Three of the four projected starters are VHT's and I look for the Terps to climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Terps have had some fine ST players under The Fridge including K Nick Novak (ACC's all-time leading scorer), Steve Suter (set NCAA rec in ttl PR and KR) and P Brooks Barnard. They finished #6 in my ST rankings in 2002 and #13, #44 and #42 the next 3 years. K Obi Egekeze (PS#8) had two 54 yard FG's in HS but was injured as a frosh. He missed most of the offseason and only handled KO's (14 TB's) last year. Walk-on Dan Ennis was thrust into the K job in '05 with Egekeze's injury and hit his first 11 FG's but only made 6 of his last 14 (L/45). Ennis hit 20 of 25 with L/46 (HM ACC '06). P Adam Podlesh had nets of 37.9 and 39.4 his first two years but just 35.6 in '05 and 35.9 last year. Josh Wilson had a fine year at KR (27.3) including a 100 yard TD vs GT while Danny Oquendo led in PR's (8.4). I do expect The Fridge to uncover another solid KR as they have had one on each of his teams including Jo Jo Walker (23.2) who filled in for Suter in '05. This year Ennis, Podlesh (#4DC JAX) and Wilson all depart and odds are the Terps will slip from their #40 ranking last year.

COACHES - The Fridge took over a team that had 5 straight losing seasons and led them to a 31-8 record in his first 3 years, the best start ever for a HC in ACC history. He was a consensus National Coach of the Year in his first season (ACC Title). OC Charlie Taaffe stepped down after 5 seasons and the Fridge took over the play calling last year and will handle it again. He was one of the best OC's while at GT. Last year they added a new DC in Chris Cosh who had been the LB coach at K-St the previous 2 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Ralph Friedgen's first year ('01), I gave the Terps an excellent shot at having their first winning season in 6 years and getting to a bowl. The Terps did not disappoint, in fact they won the ACC Title outright despite being picked 7th in the league by the media. It was their first ACC Title since 1985 and first 10-win season since 1976. In 2002 I called for them to match the previous year's 10-win total but they started out 1-2 before winning 10 of their last 11 games including a 30-3 trouncing of Tenn in the Peach Bowl. In 2003, I called for them to have their 3rd straight 10-win season. With 15 starters back they once again started slowly at 0-2 but went 10-1 down the stretch including demolishing WV in the bowl 41-7. They were one of just 5 teams in the country to have 10 or more wins in each season from 2001-'03. 2004 was Friedgen's first inexperienced squad with just 9 starters returning and after averaging 34.4, 32.2 and 31.2 ppg offense, they slumped to just 17.7. In 2005 they were young again with just 9 seniors in the 2 deep (least experienced ACC). Unfortunately the team had 3 close losses and finished with their 2nd consecutive 5-6 season. Last year I noted it was the Fridge's most experienced team in three years and I called for MD to return to the post season. The Terps did just that going 9-4 including a 24-7 Champs Sports Bowl win over Purdue. They suffered a tough loss to GT after leading 23-14 in the 4Q. After their 3-2 start, the question was could they be bowl eligible but in Wk 12 they were at home vs Wake Forest and had destiny in their hands as a win would have meant the ACC Atlantic Title. Maryland got plenty of good fortune down the stretch with 6 close wins and in fact finished 5-3 in ACC play but were outgained by 86 ypg (2nd worst)! Their 5 ACC wins were by a combined 13 points and they were outgained in every game except one. They did hit #21 in the polls prior to BC but trailed 14-0 before BC even got a FD (2 def TD's). The Terps were -6 in TO's last year. This year they lose QB Hollenbach but have 8 starters back on offense and could improve upon last year's 21.8 ppg. The Terps have 6 starters back on D but lose 3 of their top 4 tacklers. It should be another bowl season for the Fridge.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 12 Josh Portis So. 6-3 201 **PS#14.** 81 yard pass, 184 rush at **Florida** '05. **19 Jordan Steffy** (6-1 209 Jr) **PS#26.** 12-37-132-0-2 2Y. **10** Chris Turner (6-3 214 So) PS#56.

RB 44 LANCE BALL SR. 5-9 223 **PS#20.** 15 st 3Y, 1719 (4.7), 29 rec (7.3). **21 Keon Lattimore** (5-11 223 Sr) **PS#41WR.** 4 st 2Y, 924 (4.2). **20** Morgan Green (5-11 207 rFr) **PS#23.**

TE 13 DAN GRONKOWSKI JR. 6-6 263 PS#88QB. 9 st TE LY. 4 rec 2Y. **Devonte Campbell** is **PS#8. FB 38 Cory Jackson** (6-1 253 So) **PS#59LB.** 3 st, 58 ttl yd rFr. Stephen Pfister (6-2 234 So).

WR 8 DARRIUS HEYWARD-BEY SO. 6-2 206 **PS#28. 4.3 spd.** 10 st rFr, **2nd Tm ACC**, 45 (15.4). **7** Adrian Cannon (6-2 204 rFr) **PS#36. 83** Amani Lee-Odai (6-3 197 rFr) PS#201. **Tony Logan PS#18QB.**

WR 17 DANNY OQUENDO JR. 6-0 188 **PS#48DB.** Track tm. 5 st LY, 34 (11.6). **84 Isaiah Williams** (6-3 197 Jr) PS#85. **11 st,** 28 (13.5) LY. **81** Stephen Smalls (6-1 201 rFr) PS#77. **46.5" VL.**

TE 80 JOEY HAYNOS SR. 6-8 260 6 st LY, 37 rec (10.0). **HM ACC. 86** Drew Gloster (6-3 244 rFr) **PS#14. Lansford Watson is PS#10WR. 15** Jason Goode (6-3 233 Sr) PS#209DL. 12 rec LY.

C 60 EDWIN WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 326 PS#110. 10 gm, 145 play rFr. 13 st LY, 724 snaps. **LS 53** Brendan McDermond (6-2 265 Sr). **31** Andrew Schmitt (6-0 236 Jr) 525 squat.

RG 63 ANDREW CRUMMEY SR. 6-5 301 PS#115. 5 st RG rFr. 11 st RG '05, 684 plays. 12 st RG LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, 679 snaps. **72** Phil Costa (6-3 297 So) PS#171. 2nd string C LY.

LG 76 Jamie Thomas Jr. 6-4 339 **PS#88.** 655 squat. 1 st rFr, 162 plays. 3 st LG LY. **64** Evan Eastburn (6-1 310 rFr) **PS#95. 61** Lee Oliver (6-2 306 Jr). **57** Matthew Harraka (6-3 267 rFr).

RT 75 Dane Randolph Jr. 6-5 312 **PS#34DL.** 590 squat. 4 gm rFr. 4 st RT LY. Added 40 lbs. **67 Jack Griffin** (6-7 308 Sr) PS#165DL. **8 st DT** '05, 11 tkl. Moved to OL LY.

LT 78 JARED GAITHER JR. 6-9 330 PS#218DL. Hargrave. 8 st LT true, 583 snaps. 9 st RT LY. **77** Scott Burley (6-5 324 Sr) **PS#23.** 4 gm true. 8 gm in '05, 44 plays. 1 gm LY.

K 39 Obi Egekeze Jr. 6-2 224 **PS#8.** Inj rFr. 14 TB on 45 KO LY. Chris Roberts 12 TB on 76 KO 2Y. Greg Gaston (5-9 181 So). Caleb Morris (5-11 206 rFr). David May (5-11 196 Jr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 40 JEREMY NAVARRE JR. 6-3 262 PS#63LB. 10 st true, 25 tkl. 12 st LY, 47 tkl, 9.5 tfl. **50** Jermaine Lemons (6-2 251 Sr) PS#73LB. 2 st, 18 tkl '05. **57 Jared Harrell** (6-5 248 So) **PS#18TE.**

NT 68 Carlos Feliciano Sr. 6-4 307 **PS#29OL.** 11 tkl '05. 7 st LY, 20 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **Bruce Campbell PS#19 LY.** Hargrave. **90** Travis Ivey (6-4 330 So). **56** Deege Dwight Galt (6-4 263 So) PS#133.

DT 92 DRE MOORE SR. 6-4 311 615 squat. 3 st, 30 tkl '04-'05. 10 st LY, 47 tkl, 3.5 sk. **98** Omarr Savage (6-5 290 Sr) PS#98. 1 st, 16 tkl 3Y. **96** Olugbemi Otulaja (6-1 278 Jr) 32 tkl Marist.

LEO 55 TREY COVINGTON JR. 6-3 240 9 st rFr, 39 tkl, 3 sk. 12 starts LY, 41 tkl, 1.5 sk. **91** Mack Frost (6-5 252 Jr) **PS#36DL.** 11 tkl, 2Y. **52** Chris Clinton (6-2 259 rFr) PS#99LB '05.

SLB 34 Dave Philistin Jr. 6-2 231 **PS#53.** 7 tkl true. 2 st LY, 26 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **58** Adrian Moten (6-2 221 rFr) PS#68. Brian Whitmore (6-3 244 rFr) PS#70DL. Alex Schultz (6-1 233 So) Towson trans.

MLB 42 Chase Bullock Jr. 6-3 234 **PS#45.** 4.6 spd. 12 tkl 2Y. **33** Alex Wujciak (6-3 248 rFr). PS#62. **47** Jeff Clement (6-2 246 So) PS#113. Brian Dickerson (5-10 214 Jr). Ben Pooler is PS#65.

WLB 1 ERIN HENDERSON JR. 6-3 236 PS#51QB. ACL rFr. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, 114 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **48** Moises Fokou (6-1 216 Jr) 1 st, 21 tkl LY. Rick Costa (6-1 238 Jr) PS#203DB. Temple trans.

CB 5 ISAIAH GARDNER SR. 5-11 197 **PS#28RB.** ND trans. 1 st, 15 tkl '05. 13 st LY, 63 tkl, 4 pbu. **9** Richard Taylor (5-11 193 Jr) PS#98. 8 tkl 2Y. **14** Nolan Carroll (6-1 202 So) PS#317WR.

CB 2 Kevin Barnes Jr. 6-1 188 PS#101. 4.45 spd. 1 st, 11 tkl LY. **Anthony Wiseman** (5-9 187 So) **PS#29RB.** Pha'Terrell Washington (5-11 202 rFr) PS#64. Michael Carter. JC. 4.34 spd.

SS 3 CHRIS VARNER SR. 5-11 205 **PS#29.** 17 tkl true. 10 st '05, 36 tkl, 3 pbu. 13 st FS LY. 58 tkl, 3 pbu. **29** Jeff Allen (6-1 192 Jr) PS#57RB. 21 tkl 2Y. **4** Jamari McCullough (5-11 206 So) PS#79.

FS 30 JJ Justice Sr. 6-2 222 **PS#30.** 2 st 3Y, 33 tkl, 2 int. **10** Terrell Skinner (6-2 205 rFR) PS#356WR. 81" wingspan. 4.5 spd. **18** LaQuan Williams (6-1 184 rFr) PS#618.

P 35 Travis Baltz Fr. 6-2 200 PS#33. 40.0 on punts as HS senior. 78% TB. In spg. **49** Chris Roberts (6-1 198 Jr). Kings College trans. 12 TB 76 KO 2Y here. Ted Townsley (6-0 184 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Antwine Perez 6-2 200 PS#3 '06
TE	Lansford Watson 6-4 225 PS#10WR
DL	Bruce Campbell 6-7 285 PS#19 '06
WR	Tony Logan 5-11 180 PS#18QB
TE	Devonte Campbell 6-2 235 PS#8
OL	Maurice Hampton 6-5 295 PS#74
LB	Ben Pooler 6-1 240 PS#65
LB	Derek Drummond 6-4 210 PS#66
WR	Ronnie Tyler 5-10 190 PS#75 '06
WR	Torrey Smith 6-2 190 PS#72QB
DB	Dominique Herald 5-11 185 PS#137
OL	Bearthur Johnson 6-7 350 PS#164
DL	Dion Armstrong 6-1 310 PS#151
OL	Lamar Young 6-4 285 PS#190
DL	Joe Vellano 6-2 255 PS#163
OL	Stephen St John 6-6 285 PS#205
DL	Ian Davidson 6-2 270 PS#187
OL	Tyler Bowen 6-8 310 PS#230
WR	Quintin McCree 6-2 180 PS#195 '06
RB	Haroon Brown 5-11 240 PS#213
K	Travis Baltz 6-2 200 PS#33
OL	Carl Russell 6-6 250 PS#342
QB	Jamarr Robinson 6-0 184 PS#208 '06
RB	Taylor Watson 6-2 225 PS#99TE
DB	Trenton Hughes 5-11 175 PS#308
OL	Joe Faiella 6-4 285 PS#427
DB	Michael Carter 5-11 175 PS#520JC

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#47

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MD	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Villanova	G					
Sep. 8	at Florida Int'l	A					
Sep. 13	West Virginia (Thur)	G					
Sep. 22	at Wake Forest	A					
Sep. 29	at Rutgers	A					
Oct. 6	Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 13							
Oct. 20	Virginia (HC)	G					
Oct. 27	Clemson	G					
Nov. 3	at North Carolina	G					
Nov. 10	Boston College	G					
Nov. 17	at Florida St	G					
Nov. 24	at NC State	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Scott Milanovich 7,301 '92-'95
2. Boomer Esiason 6,259 '81-'83
3. Scott McBrien 5,169 '02-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. LaMont Jordan 4,147 '97-'00
2. Charlie Wysocki 3,317 '78-'81
3. Steve Atkins 2,971 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jermaine Lewis 2,932 '92-'95
2. Geroy Simon 2,059 '93-'96
3. Azizuddin Abdur-Ra'oof 1,895 '84-'87

Under Ralph Friedgen, Maryland is 30-8 in College Park. MD is 8-1 in home openers. Villanova was 6-5 LY including a loss to UCF. They beat IA Rutgers ('02) & Temple ('03).

Maryland is 4-0 all-time vs current SBC members winning by an avg score of 33-15. The Terrapins are 2-18 since 1962 in the state of Florida (wins in '84 & '75).

Maryland is just 1-4 the last 4 years on Thursday Night w/an avg loss by 23 ppg. MD gave up 340 yds rushing LY to WV marking the 2nd straight yr they allowed 300+.

Maryland leads the series 40-14-1 & is 16-2 in Winston-Salem since 1969. Terrapins have won 7 straight following their annual (every yr S/'80) WV matchup.

This will be the schools' 8th meeting all-time (MD 4-3) & first since 1942. The Terps have gone 3-1 in the second of back-to-back road games.

Maryland is just 3-8 in their first conference HG of the season since 1996. Friedgen was the OC/QB coach at GT from 1987-'91 & again from 1997-2000.

Last year Maryland trailed 20-0 to UVA mid-3Q before they rallied for the victory. The last time that Maryland beat Virginia 3 straight years was from 1985-'87.

With Maryland's last play FG vs CU LY the L/3 gms have been decided by just 8 pts. Maryland has been outscored 27-3 in the 4Q the last 4 games (4 yrs) vs Clemson.

Terps will go for their 5th straight win over the Tar Heels which would be a series record (67 gms). Under Friedgen, Maryland is 15-7 (68%) in the month of November.

The Terrapins had 4 TO's LY which resulted in 3 Eagles TD's in their 22 pt loss. Maryland is just 7-13-1 (35%) since 1986 in home finales including losses the L2Y.

The Terps are 0-8 all-time in Tallahassee with the average loss by 31 ppg (49-18). With LY's win over FSU (2nd ever), MD became bowl eligible snapping a 2 yr post ssn drought.

LY MD led 20-0 (mid-3Q) taking advantage of 2 TO's, despite FD & yd edges by NC State. Since '00 (7 gms) the avg margin of victory in this series has been by just 5 ppg.

RALPH FRIEDGEN (Career 50-24)
7th Year at Maryland — Friedgen's Bowl Record: 3-1

Friedgen's records AT MARYLAND

50-24	Straight Up	1-6	Vs Top 10
30-8	Home	6-15	Vs Top 25
16-14	Away	7-5	Vs BCS Teams
4-2	Neutral	3-5	Off A Bye
30-18	Vs Conference	13-8	Off A Loss

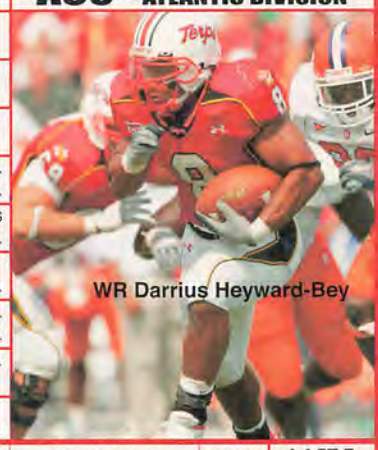
2006 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,18,4)
Lost: 14 (7,5,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,393 (#41)

ACC – ATLANTIC DIVISION


WR Darrius Heyward-Bey

STADIUM: BYRD STADIUM (51,500) (#56)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	10-1	10-3	9-3	5-6	5-6	8-4	52-29
Home	4-2	7-0	6-1	6-0	4-2	1-4	6-1	34-10
Away	1-4	3-1	4-1	3-3	1-4	3-2	2-3	17-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	3-5	7-1	6-2	6-2	3-5	3-5	5-3	33-23
ATS	5-6	10-1	8-4	6-5	5-6	5-6	4-7	43-35
Home Fav (Roy Vandergriff)	1-2	6-0	4-1	4-1	1-4	0-2	1-4	17-14
Home Dog	1-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	5-5
Away Fav (Ralph Friedgen)	0-1	2-0	3-1	1-3	1-0	1-0	0-1	8-6
Away Dog	3-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-1	2-2	13-8
Favorite	1-3	8-0	7-2	5-4	2-4	1-3	1-5	25-21
Dog	4-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	3-2	4-3	3-2	18-14
vs Conf	5-3	7-1	5-3	5-3	4-4	4-4	4-4	34-22
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-0	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-3	9-13
Off SU Win	2-3	8-1	5-3	5-3	1-3	2-3	4-4	27-20
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-0	3-0	1-1	4-2	3-2	0-3	15-10

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lance Ball	174	855	40	815	8	4.7
Keon Lattimore	160	784	41	743	3	4.6
Josh Allen	33	109	11	98	0	3.0
Danny Oquendo	3	39	16	23	0	7.7
Cory Jackson	4	12	0	12	1	3.0
Sam Hollenbach	51	144	134	10	2	0.2
Darrius Heyward-Bey	5	14	9	5	0	1.0
Jordan Steffy	2	1	1	0	0	0.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Sam Hollenbach	328	203	61.9	2371	15	11
Jordan Steffy	5	0	0.0	0	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Darrius Heyward-Bey	45	694	15.4	5	96
Danny Oquendo	34	396	11.6	2	38
Isaiah Williams	28	379	13.5	3	48
Joey Haynos	37	369	10.0	3	42
Keon Lattimore	20	210	10.5	0	34
Jason Goode	12	148	12.3	0	57
Lance Ball	11	60	5.5	0	11
Josh Allen	9	57	6.3	2	21
Cory Jackson	4	46	11.5	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Podlesh	56	2400	42.9	19	35.9	0	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dan Ennis	32-32	8-8	9-11	3-6	0-0	20-25	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Erin Henderson	114	1	5.5	2	2
Wesley Jefferson	110	3	7	1	0
David Holloway	70	1.5	3	1	0
Marcus Wimbush	68	0	1	4	0
Isaiah Gardner	63	0	0	4	1
Christian Varner	58	0	1	3	1
Josh Wilson	55	2	0.5	12	1
Jeremy Navarre	47	3.5	6	1	0
Dre Moore	47	3.5	4	1	0
Trey Covington	41	1.5	0	3	1
Conrad Bolston	35	1.5	2	1	0
Dave Philistin	26	0	5.5	1	0
Moise Fokou	21	0	1.5	0	0
JJ Justice	21	0	0	1	2
Carlos Feliciano	20	1	0.5	0	0
Rick Costa	12	0.5	1.5	0	0
Jeff Allen	12	0	0	1	0
Kevin Barnes	11	0	0	0	0
Barrod Heggs	9	1	0.5	0	0
Mack Frost	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Danny Oquendo	26	218	8.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Wilson	31	847	27.3	1
Danny Oquendo	8	114	14.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
90	Independence	-1	Louisiana Tech	34-34
01	Orange - #6	+14	Florida - #5	23-56
02	Peach - #20	-1	Tennessee	30-3
03	Gator - #23	-3'	West Virginia - #20	41-7
06	Champs Sports	+1	Purdue	24-7

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Maryland's All-Time Bowl Record 9-10-2

MARYLAND'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	21.8	17	131	3.8	183	60.9	14.4	-6	2006	7	21.8	18	163	4.6	198	58.7	16.5
5*	24.5	22	135	3.4	249	59.8	15.6	-5	2005	5	25.0	18	166	4.0	185	61.3	14.0
5	17.7	17	120	2.9	178	52.8	16.8	-9	2004	4	20.0	18	143	3.3	172	48.3	15.8
6*	31.2	22	191	4.5	230	55.4	13.5	+1	2003	9	15.8	16	129	3.5	179	50.3	19.5
8	32.2	19	199	4.7	191	55.2	12.1	+1	2002	5	16.3	18	129	3.4	210	56.5	20.8
7	34.4	23	211	4.5	222	58.7	12.6	+18	2001	9	22.2	19	100	2.9	258	56.4	16.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

MD 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	William & Mary	18	40-213	5.3	9-19	153	0	16	29-84	2.9	25-41	226	2	-4
–	Middle Tenn	16	34-135	4.0	11-16	139	2	21	33-105	3.2	22-41	216	3	+2
–	at West Virginia	24	33-122	3.7	24-45	211	0	17	43-340	7.9	6-9	43	1	-4
–	Florida Int'l	20	40-117	2.9	17-30	158	3	12	19-89	4.7	15-34	221	0	0
–	at Georgia Tech	14	35-87	2.5	16-24	190	5	21	43-229	5.3	13-26	161	1	-1
–	at Virginia	17	34-174	5.1	17-28	171	2	19	35-181	5.2	13-21	243	1	+1
–	NC State	11	41-177	2.1	7-9	115	1	17	38-154	4.1	15-26	145	4	+2
–	Florida St	15	32-92	2.9	12-20	131	2	24	34-172	5.1	22-36	286	3	+1
–	at Clemson	18	28-54	1.9	23-35	247	2	16	41-143	3.5	18-27	251	1	-1
#23	Miami, Fl	6	21-56	2.7	11-16	202	1	18	46-180	3.9	14-27	140	1	+2
#21	at Boston College	22	29-73	2.5	28-43	258	0	22	30-124	4.1	19-29	249	0	-4
–	Wake Forest	19	33-194	5.9	14-26	182	1	22	57-296	5.2	10-13	125	0	-2
–	† Purdue	20	50-206	4.1	15-24	223	0	12	13-21	1.6	23-36	264	3	+2
TOTALS		220	450-1700	3.8	204-335	2380	19	237	461-2118	4.6	215-366	2570	20	-6
AVERAGES		16.9	35-131	3.8	16-26	183	1.5	18.2	35-163	4.6	17-28	198	1.5	-0.5

MD Rank Pre #21 2002 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre #21 Opponent	Line	Post #13 Score
#21	† Notre Dame	+2	0-22
–	Akron	-21	44-14
–	Florida St - #5	+15	10-37
–	E Michigan	-34'	45-3
–	Wofford	NL	37-8
–	at West Virginia	+4	48-17
–	Georgia Tech	-2	34-10
–	at Duke	-13'	45-12
–	at North Carolina	-14	59-7
–	NC State - #14	-6	24-21
#19	at Clemson	-6'	30-12
#18	at Virginia	-9	13-48
#25	Wake Forest	-13'	32-14

MD Rank Pre #15 2003 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre #15 Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#15	at N Illinois	-8	13-20 OT
–	at Florida St - #11	+15	10-35
–	The Citadel	NL	61-0
–	West Virginia	-9'	34-7
–	at E Michigan	-34	37-13
–	Clemson	-7'	21-7
–	Duke	-27'	33-20
–	at Georgia Tech	-2'	3-7
–	North Carolina	-16'	59-21
–	Virginia	-6	27-17
–	at NC State	+1	26-24
–	at Wake Forest	-8	41-28

MD Rank Pre #22 2004 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre #22 Opponent	Line	Post – Score
#22	N Illinois	-14'	23-20
#23	Temple	-26'	45-22
#21	at West Virginia - #7	+6	16-19 OT
#23	at Duke	-16'	55-21
#23	Georgia Tech	-13	7-20
–	NC State	-2	3-13
–	at Clemson	+3'	7-10
–	Florida St - #5	+11'	20-17
–	at Virginia - #12	+14	0-16
–	at Virginia Tech - #16	+9'	6-55
–	Wake Forest	-5'	13-7

MD Rank Pre – 2005 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	† Navy	-12'	23-20
–	Clemson - #25	-2	24-28
–	West Virginia	-3	19-31
–	at Wake Forest	+2'	22-12
–	Virginia - #19	+3	45-33
–	at Temple	-28	38-7
–	Virginia Tech - #3	+10	9-28
–	at Florida St - #10	+17	27-35
–	at North Carolina	+3	33-30 OT
–	Boston College - #23	+2'	16-31
–	at NC State	+3	14-20

MD Rank Pre – 2006 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	William & Mary	NL	27-14
–	Middle Tenn	-22	24-10
–	at West Virginia - #5	+17'	24-45
–	Florida Int'l	-20	14-10
–	at Georgia Tech - #18	+14	23-27
–	at Virginia	-3	28-26
–	NC State	-1'	26-20
–	Florida St	+4	27-24
–	at Clemson - #19	+19'	13-12
#23	Miami, Fl	-3	14-13
#21	at Boston College - #20	+8	16-38
–	Wake Forest - #20	-1'	24-38

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

QB Riley Skinner

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - From 2000-2001 HC Jim Grobe used 2 QB's with one being a passer and the other a runner. Cory Randolph had the QB duties to himself in 2003 and threw for 1,773 (58.5%) with an 8-10 ratio (496 rush). The team signed Ben Mauk (PS#32) who set a national record with 6,540 yards passing and 76 TD's as a HS senior. Mauk played in 10, starting the last 3 in '04. Randolph became the first WF player to pass for 300 and rush for 100 in a single game (EC). In '05 Randolph moved to WR and the job was Mauk's, but in week 5 Randolph returned to QB and hit 20 of 25 for 222 guiding the upset of Clemson and took over the job. He did sprain an ankle and Mauk started the next 2. Randolph completed 64.9% for 821 yards and Mauk threw for 845 (53.8%). Randolph departed and the job was Mauk's last year. Allan Holland who was #2QB, opted to transfer over the summer. The #2 battle was then between rFr Brett Hodges (PS#125) and Riley Skinner (PS#304). Hodges sprained his shoulder so by default Skinner was the backup and it proved important as Mauk broke his arm in the opener and missed the season. Skinner hit 22 of 29 for 235 in his first start. Wake attempted just 5 passes vs Ole Miss and 8 vs NC with Skinner hitting 11 of 13 in those two. WF was last in the ACC in passing offense but #1 in pass efficiency as Skinner completed 65.8% (WF single ssn record) throwing for 2,051 with a 9-5 ratio. Hodges played in 3 (2 att). Mauk opted to transfer so the backup spot will be fought for by Hodges, Zach MacDowall (PS#64), true frosh Skylar Jones and Ryan McManus (6'1" 191 Jr). Skinner (ACC Rookie POY) now gets all the reps with the 1st string in both spring and August.

RUNNING BACKS - When returning 1,000 yard rusher Tarence Williams broke his foot in the summer of 2002, true frosh Chris Barclay emerged. Last year he departed as the school's all-time leading rusher. Micah Andrews started the first game of '05 when Barclay was susp and he rushed for 254 vs Vandy. It was the 2nd most in school history but he only had 367 the rest of the year. Andrews opened 2006 in strong fashion rushing for 142 (7.1) vs Syracuse and had 256 (4.4) after 3 when he was lost for the season (ACL). DeAngelo Bryant (PS#74DB) was banged up, missing 3 and rushed for 336 (4.0). RFr Kevin Harris (PS#91) rushed for 393 (5.0) but was injured vs NCSt and missed 2. Grobe, saying the RB corps needed speed, almost took the RS off of true frosh Josh Adams (PS#34). When injuries had them down to the 5th string Travo Woods vs VT, he moved WR Kenneth Moore (PS#98) to RB. Moore was leading in rec at the time and would lead the team in rushing for 507 (4.8). This year they only lose FB Damon McWhite (24 yd) and Woods. I expect one of the rFr, either Adams or Lucas Caparelli (5'11" 190 rFr, PS#56), to possibly win the job and if this unit can stay healthier than last year it should be far more productive.

RECEIVERS - Last year Nate Moton (#1 rec '04 & '05) and Willie Idlette were back but '05's #2 receiver, Demir Boldin, (PS#153) was academically ineligible. The team's top WR at midseason was Kenny Moore (PS#98) but he moved to RB and finished #3 with 32, (9.8). Morton led the team with 38 (16.2) while Idlette added 37 (13.8). TE John Tereshinski had 16 (12.6) and starting TE Zac Selmon added 11 (12.2). Not listed below are Andrew Wright (6'3" 192 Jr), Chip Brinkman (6'1" 210 Jr, PS#168), Delon Lowe (6'2" 220 Sr, PS#187), Anthony Williams (5'11" 203 So), Casey Hill (5'11" 168 So) and TE Ben Wooster (6'5" 226 So). They must replace Morton (7 st, UFA STL) and Idlette (11 st, UFA CLE) plus TE Daniel Callahan (14 gm) but should come close to last year's standards.

OFFENSIVE LINE - WF puts its strongest OL's on the inside to power the rush attack and uses the chop block like many other option teams do. Grobe usually fields a solid O-line but the '04 unit struggled allowing 25 sacks (10.3%). That entire OL was banged up and just one player started all 11 at the same position. In 2005 they had to replace one starter and two backups and had 7 with starting experience. Surprisingly they only paved the way for 4.1 ypc (8.9% sk). Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 12 starts but had six with starting experience. With the injuries to the backfield, the ypg rushing dropped by 48 to 150 and the 3.9 ypc was the lowest in the Grobe tenure (9.1% sk). This year they lose 1st Tm ACC OT Steve Vallos (14 st, 730 reg ssn snap, 4Y st'r, #7DC SEA) and LT Arby Jones (5 st until inj). Not only do four full-time starters return but Matthew Brim was a two year starter prior to losing his job last season and this unit should put up much better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Grobe's first three years they played a 3-3-5 D due to lack of depth in the D-line. In 2004 they finally were able to switch to a 4-3 with 15 DL's on the roster and trimmed the ypc allowed from 4.5 in '03 to 4.1 despite being plagued by injuries. In 2005 they had to replace one starter and three backups but lost starting DE Jyles Tucker at midseason and DE Jeremy Thompson to an ACL with 3 games left. They had their best rush D under Grobe (133 ypg, 4.0). Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back but two year starter Matt Robinson (11 st '05) missed the season (knee cap). Thompson was also not 100% (8 st). They allowed just 3.1 ypc (32 sk). This year they must replace DE Tucker (14 st, 35 tkl, 6 sk, HM ACC, UFA SD), NG Jamil Smith (14 st, 10 tkl) and DE Bryan Andrews (4 st, 26 tkl, 4.5 sk, UFA CIN). Matt Robinson is back so they have three players who have been full-time starters and six with starting experience. Despite the losses, this group should be just as strong as 2006.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 Wake got a significant addition in rFr Jon Abbate who was a beast in the weight room and as a junior benched 460 lbs, almost double his weight! Abbate led the team in tackles once again in '06 with 120 earning 1st Tm ACC honors. Last year's unit had 5 of their top 6 back. This year they have 4 of their top 6 back but unfortunately Abbate left early for the NFL draft (UFA HOU). This shapes up as a solid group, but it looks weaker with the loss of their star.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wake was #41 in my pass D rankings in 2005. Last year the unit returned basically intact. Their 22 int were #2 in the NCAA but they were #41 again. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 1st Tm ACC FS Josh Gattis (82 tkl, 5 int, 8 pbu, #5DC JAX), SS Patrick Ghee (14 st, 67 tkl, 3 int, HM ACC, UFA SEA), CB Riley Swanson (14 st, 53 tkl, 14 pbu, UFA DET) and Johnny Edwards (8 career tackles). Both CB's, Patterson and Smith (11 st '05) have been full-time starters but this unit is a lot less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - WF finished #16 in my ST rankings in '05 thanks to the NCAA's leading P (that year) Ryan Plackemeier who avg 47.2 (tm 41.4 net). He was drafted by SEA and was their #1 P LY. Sam Swank (PS#33) was the only frosh semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award in '05 hitting 19 of 24 FG's (2 from 50+). He tied a school record by hitting 10 straight FG's. True frosh Dan Caldwell (PS#41) was supposed to punt but was injured so Swank handled all 3 duties. Swank (team MVP) set 11 school records in '06 including longest punt (86 yds vs Duke) and became the 5th player in NCAA history to hit 3 FG's from 50+ in the same game (NCSt). He also avg'd 61.6 on punts vs Fla St. In his first year as P, Swank had a 38.2 net and 22 TB on 70 KO and knocked home 23 of 31 FG's including 5 of 7 from 50+. Swank was the only player in the NCAA to be named a semifinalist for the Groza and Ray Guy Award. The only loss from this unit is PR Idlette (9.2) and Caldwell, who transferred to Auburn, which makes Wake a contender for the top ST unit in the country as they finished #7 in 2006.

COACHES - Jim Grobe is just the 5th coach in school history to lead the Demon Deacons to a bowl and recorded back-to-back winning seasons in his first 2 years. Last year he led the team to their first ACC Title S/'70 and was named the AP National Coach of the Year. Their OC Steed Lobotzke enters his 5th year here and they switched to the I-formation in '05. DC Dean Hood is now in his 7th season here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since the ACC was formed in 1953, WF has never had 3 straight finishes of .500 or better. They just missed that in 2003 losing their last three to finish 5-7. Jim Grobe had veteran teams his first two years and went 6-5 and 7-6. He had just 10 starters back in 2003 and they were outgained by 80.1 ypg in ACC play. In 2004 they were outgained by 84.7 ypg in league play as they had just 10 scholarship seniors. Bobby Bowden commented after a narrow win over WF that with 4 more plays, they could have been 7-0. Instead they started the season 3-4 and finished just 4-7 (6 of 7 losses were by a TD or less). They had 15 starters back in '05 (most ACC) but did have just 9 seniors in the 2 deep. They knocked off Clemson 31-27 but blew a late lead vs Vandy and a 17-0 lead vs BC. They finished just 4-7 including 3-5 in the ACC (outgained by 53.8 ypg). Last year they had 16 returning starters, the most in the ACC, and returned 13 of their top 14 tacklers on defense. I gave WF a shot at winning their first 5 games and they did just that. WF was picked last in the ACC preseason poll but got their first ACC Title since 1970 and had not been over .500 in ACC play since 1988. In ACC play the last 53 years, they have had 8 winless years compared to just 6 winning years. Wake started the season 7-1 for the first time since 1979 (3rd time in schl hist), with their only loss being to Clemson, in a game they led by 14 in the 3Q. They swept their Tobacco Road foes for the first time since 1987 and ended a streak of 17 straight losing years in ACC play, the longest in conf history. Their best game was a 30-0 shutout of Fla St, AT TALLAHASSEE! They knocked off GT in the ACC Title game and got to the prestigious Orange Bowl. WF was also the first team in ACC history to record six road wins! It was a tremendous year for the Deacons and they accomplished all this despite the fact that they lost their starting QB in Wk 1 to injury and starting RB in Wk 3. This year the offense has 9 returning starters including QB Skinner and their top 6 RB's. The defense, which had 9 starters back in 2006, have just 5 back this year. A couple of things concern me in 2007. First, WF was +13 in turnovers (pg 312) and had 5 net close wins (pg 299). Also the D had a 21.0 ypp compared to 13.4 in '05 which was a big reason they dropped their ppg allowed from 28.7 to 15.4 despite allowing just 63 ypg less. Also, despite their 6-2 record in the ACC last year, WF was outgained by 57.1 ypg (4th worst!). While 2007's squad may be better than 2006's ACC champs, they will not match 2006's record.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 11 **RILEY SKINNER SO.** 6-1 200 **2nd Tm ACC**, 13 st, 2051 (66%), 9-5 ratio, 116 rush. 6 Brett Hodges (6-1 180 So) PS#125, 2 passes rFr. 10 Zach MacDowall (6-1 211 rFr) PS#64.

RB 3 **MICAH ANDREWS SR.** 5-10 212 **PS#43**. 1 st rFr, 264 (6.1). 3 st '05, 621 (5.6). 3 st LY (inj) 256 (4.4). **Josh Adams** (6-0 180 rFr) **PS#34**. De'Angelo Bryant (6-0 239 Sr) PS#74DB. 4 st, 3Y, 547 (4.0).

FB 35 **RICH BELTON JR.** 6-1 259 PS#366LB. 2 st rFr, 145 ttl yd. 8 st LY, 227 (4.5). 23 Kevin Harris (6-1 230 So) PS#91. 2 st, 393 (5.0) rFr. Mike Rinfrette (6-3 260 So) PS#210DL. 40 ttl yd rFr.

WR 21 **KENNETH MOORE SR.** 6-0 204 PS#98. 1 st, 8 rec '05. 12 st (7WR, 5TB) LY, 32 rec (9.8), 507 rush (4.8). 86 Marshall Williams (6-1 177 rFr) PS#146. Danny Dembry is PS#110QB.

WR 14 **Kevin Marion Sr.** 5-10 168 PS#152. 4.3 spd. Track Tm. 6 st, 3Y, 26 rec (13.3), 414 yd rush (8.8), 60 KR (21.4). 4 **Demir Boldin** (5-11 220 Jr) 6 st rFr, 15 (14.9).

TE 84 **ZAC SELMON SR.** 6-5 250 PS#78. 15 st '04-'05, 13 rec. 13 st LY, 11 (12.2). 89 **John Tereshinski** (6-3 240 Sr) PS#183QB. 14 st 3Y, 32 rec (10.8). Ted Randolph (6-4 278 So) PS#61.

C 74 **STEVE JUSTICE SR.** 6-4 284 **PS#94**. 10 gm rFr. 11 st C '05, 855 snap, 78 kd. 14 st LY, **1st Tm ACC**, 843 snap, 65.5 kd. 67 Trey Bailey (6-2 289 So) PS#168. 4 gm rFr.

RG 70 **CHRIS DeGEARE JR.** 6-4 362 PS#110. 1 st RG true, 396 snaps, 29.5 kd. 14 st LY, 699 snaps, 56 kd. 65 Gage Crews (6-4 305 So) PS#125. **LS** 92 Nick Jarvis (6-3 271 Sr).

LG 79 **Matthew Brim Sr.** 6-4 294 **PS#88**. 10 st RT rFr, 478 snap, 65.5 kd. 9 st RG '05, 499 snap, 62.5 kd. 287 snap LY, inj. Barrett McMillin (6-3 288 So) PS#307. 12 gm rFr, 152 snap.

RT 64 **JEFF GRIFFIN SO.** 6-3 298 PS#295. 9 starts at RT rFr, 368 snap, 24 kd. 77 Boomer Peterson (6-5 303 So) PS#164. 3 gm rFr. 57 Russell Nenon (6-4 304 rFr) PS#462.

LT 78 **LOUIS FRAZIER SR.** 6-4 315 PS#305. 1 st LT rFr, 44.5 kd, 228 snap. ACL inj '05. 14 st LY, 559 snap, 69.5 kd. 76 Joe Birdsong (6-4 290 So) **PS#92**. 11 gm, 168 snap rFr.

K 38 **SAM SWANK JR.** 6-2 206 PS#33. 19 of 24 FG rFr, long 52. **1st Tm ACC** LY, 23 of 31 FG, FIVE from 50+! 22 TB on 70 KO, 33-33 xp. 20 Jon Temple (5-10 176 Sr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 93 **Anthony Davis Jr.** 6-5 251 **PS#79**. 4.8 spd. 2 st, 19 tkl 2Y. 54 Antonio Wilson (6-1 255 Jr) PS#177LB. 3 tkl 2Y. Uriah Grant is PS#142. Kyle Wilbur is PS#167.

NT 86 **Boo Robinson So.** 6-2 326 PS#488OL. 1 st rFr, 35 tkl, 2.5 sk. 58 Michael Carter (6-3 317 rFr) PS#242. 91 Dennis Godfrey PS#61TE. 50 Teddy Tomlin (6-3 268 rFr) PS#453.

DT 95 **ZACH STUKES SR.** 6-2 274 PS#338. 8 st, 26 tkl, 4.5 tfl '04-'05. 12 st LY, 42 tkl, 4 tfl. 51 John Russell (6-3 250 So) PS#146. 1 st rFr, 19 tkl, 2 tfl. 99 Michael Lockett (6-0 274 So) PS#323.

DE 93 **JEREMY THOMPSON SR.** 6-5 264 PS#119. 8 st until ACL '05, 21 tkl. 8 st LY, 30 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 42 Matt Robinson (6-2 248 Sr) PS#130LB. 10 st rFr, 36 tkl, 10 tfl. 11 st '05, 36 tkl, 10.5 tfl. Inj'd LY.

OLB 43 **STANLEY ARNOUX JR.** 6-1 245 PS#180. 4 st rFr, 27 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 69 tkl, 7 tfl. 46 Matt Woodlief (5-11 254 rFr) PS#89. 39 Chantz McClinic (5-10 225 Jr) PS#361DB. 11 tkl 2Y.

MLB 41 **Eric Berry Jr.** 6-1 288 PS#141. 1 start, 17 tkl rFr. 1 st LY, 26 tkl, 3 sk. 52 Dominique Midgett (6-2 242 So), 4 tkl rFr. 94 Tripp Russell (6-3 248 rFr) PS#134.

OLB 59 **AARON CURRY JR.** 6-3 240 PS#176. 10 st rFr, 45 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 83 tkl, 8.5 tfl. 45 Mike Simmons (6-1 219 Jr) 9 tkl LY. 56 Hunter Haynes (6-2 224 rFr) PS#123.

CB 24 **Channing Schofield So.** 5-11 193 PS#139RB. 11 gm, 1 FF, 3 kl LY. 29 Kerry Major (5-11 179 Jr) **4.38 speed**. 20 tkl 2Y. John Stamper is PS#110. Mike Williams is PS#208.

CB 2 **Alphonso Smith Jr.** 5-9 191 PS#109. **11 st '05**, 59 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu. 3 st LY, 48 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 3 int, 8 pbu. 17 Brandon Ghee (6-0 182 So) PS#123. Inel '06. Marcus Williams (5-9 186 rFr) PS#333.

SS 10 **KEVIN PATTERSON JR.** 5-10 185 4.4 spd. 6 st rFr inj, 24 tkl. 11 st LY, 44 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. 32 Aaron Mason (5-9 199 Sr) PS#325WR. 3 st '05, 25 tkl 3Y. 26 Jonathan Jones (6-3 218 So) PS#200WR.

FS 9 **Chip Vaughn Jr.** 6-2 210 PS#105WR. 1 st rFr, 25 tkl. 1 st, 14 games '06, 41 tkl, 2 pbu. 37 Alex Frye (6-3 190 rFr) PS#119. 4.55 spd. 36 Jess Powell (6-0 207 Sr). 1 gm '06.

P 38 **SAM SWANK JR.** 6-2 206 PS#33. Groza semi '05 & '06. Ray Guy '06. Does PK's & KO's & took over P duties LY. 70 (41.2) net 38.2 19 I20. Set 11 WF records LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Doug Weaver	6-8 290 PS#78
DB	John Stamper	6-0 185 PS#110
QB	Skylar Jones	6-1 186 PS#71
RB	Brandon Pendergrass	5-9 196 PS#115
LB	Kyle Jarrett	6-2 215 PS#130
DL	Uriah Grant	6-2 262 PS#142
TE	Cameron Ford	6-4 212 PS#163WR
DL	Kyle Wilbur	6-5 230 PS#167
WR	Danny Dembry	6-2 173 PS#110QB
DB	Mike Williams	6-1 170 PS#208
OL	Michael Hoag	6-6 290 PS#312
WR	Jordan Williams	6-3 180 PS#271
LB	Tristan Dorty	6-2 235 PS#312DL
LB	Cyhl Quarles	6-3 215 PS#404
OL	Ryan Britt	6-4 290 PS#485
DB	Josh Bush	5-11 185 PS#443
DB	Junior Petit-Jean	6-0 190 PS#443
DL	Will Wright	6-4 240 PS#148TE
WR	Devon "Yloo" Brown	5-9 183 PS#447
LB	Gelo Orange	6-1 215 PS#500

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

Winston-Salem, North Carolina
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JIM GROBE (Career 70–68–1)
7th Year at Wake Forest
Grobe's Bowl Record: 1-1

Grobe's records AT WAKE FOREST

37-35	Straight Up	0-5	Vs Top 10
19-18	Home	3-14	Vs Top 25
16-16	Away	7-4	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	2-5	Off A Bye
20-29	Vs Conference	18-12	Off A Loss

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#60

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 8	Nebraska	A					
Sep. 15	Army (HC)	A					
Sep. 22	Maryland	A					
Sep. 29							
Oct. 6	at Duke	G					
Oct. 11	Florida St (Thur)	A					
Oct. 20	at Navy	A					
Oct. 27	North Carolina	A					
Nov. 3	at Virginia	G					
Nov. 10	at Clemson	G					
Nov. 17	NC State	A					
Nov. 24	at Vanderbilt	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brian Kuklick 8,017 '94-'98
2. Mike Elkins 7,304 '85-'88
3. Gary Schofield 7,205 '81-'83

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Chris Barclay 4,032 '02-'05
2. James McDougald 3,811 '76-'79
3. Michael Ramseur 3,325 '82-'85

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ricky Proehl 2,949 '86-'89
2. Desmond Clark 2,834 '95-'98
3. Jammie Deese 2,348 '96-'99

Wake Forest is 3-13 in conference openers S/'91. WF is 3-1 since 2003 vs BC. WF was 6-0 on the road last year breaking the school record set in 1948 (5).

The Demon Deacons are 9-2 since 1996 in their Groves Stadium opener. Last met in Lincoln in '05. WF had 19-13 FD & 247-230 yd edges but lost 31-3 (-3 in TO's).

WF has won each gm in Winston-Salem vs Army ('90, '92, & '94) & is 6-1 S/'86. Jim Grobe was an asst coach at Air Force from 1984-'94 facing Army 11 times (8-3).

The 38 pts WF scored vs MD LY was the most S/'68 vs the Terps (38 pts also). Under Grobe, the Demon Deacons are a perfect 4-0 in their 3rd straight HG.

Bonus: Wake Forest is 1-11 all-time vs current Big 12 Conference members w/an average score of 29-7.

LY in his 1st career start vs Duke, QB Skinner was 22-29 (76%) for 235 yds guiding a late winning drive. WF's 7 gm win streak vs Duke is the longest in this series that started in 1889.

LY's shutout vs FSU was WF's 1st S/'02 & 1st on the road vs a IA opp S/'76 (KSU). WF's 30 pt win LY was the 3rd largest margin of victory under Grobe in an ACC gm.

Last time the Demon Deacons lost a gm in Annapolis was in their 1st meeting w/Navy in '29. In their L/gm in '02 WF scored w/:53 left to win as the tms combined for 517 rush yds.

LY WF swept Duke, N Carolina & NC State for the 1st time in one season S/'87. The visitor is now 6-2 in this series. Grobe is now 19-5 vs these instate opponents.

Grobe is a UVA alum who played middle guard & LB in '73 & '74 for the Cavaliers. These schools played each other every yr from '72-'03 (except '79) 1st meeting since '03.

WF only had 31 rush yds (1.0) LY vs Clemson which was the lowest under Grobe. Demon Deacons are 2-21 at Clemson since 1963 (only wins in '93 & '98).

The win over NC State LY gave Grobe his 15 career ACC win (most ever by a WF HC). This will be the 101st meeting (longest series in ACC) as WF last beat NCSt 3 yrs in a row from '52-'54.

WF dropped their home opener to Vandy in '05 & RB Micah Andrews had a career best 254 yds (7.5) in that gm. WF is 31-61-2 (34%) vs current SEC tms & just 3-7 vs Vandy including 4 straight.

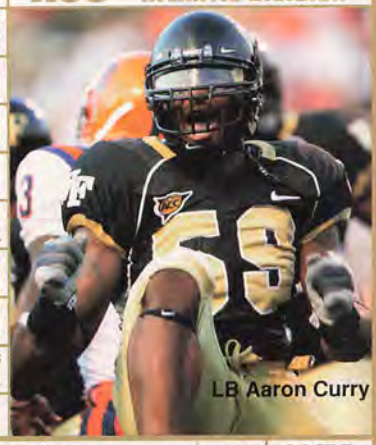
2006 RECORD: (11–3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (24,20,2)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32,515 (#70)

ACC – ATLANTIC DIVISION


LB Aaron Curry

STADIUM: GROVES STADIUM (31,500) (#92)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	6-5	6-6	5-7	4-7	4-7	11-2	38-43
Home	1-5	2-4	4-2	3-4	3-3	3-3	4-2	20-23
Away	1-4	4-1	2-4	2-3	1-4	1-4	6-0	17-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
vs Conf	1-7	3-5	3-5	3-5	1-7	3-5	7-2	21-36
ATS	3-7	6-3-1	4-6-2	5-7	4-6	5-6	8-4	35-39-3
Home Fav (Jim Caldwell)	0-1	0-1	2-2-1	1-4	0-2	0-3	0-2	3-15-1
Home Dog (Jim Grobe)	2-2	2-1-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	11-7-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-5
Away Dog	1-4	4-0	2-2-1	2-1	2-2	2-2	5-0	18-11-1
Favorite	0-1	0-2	2-3-1	2-5	0-3	1-3	0-3	5-20-1
Dog	3-6	6-1-1	2-3-1	3-2	4-3	4-3	8-0	30-18-2
vs Conf	1-7	5-2-1	3-4-1	4-4	3-5	5-3	6-3	27-28-2
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-1	1-2-1	1-3	1-1	0-3	2-1	8-11-1
Off SU Win	1-1	2-1-1	1-4-1	2-3	2-1	2-2	6-3	16-15-2
Off SU Loss	2-6	3-2	3-1-1	2-4	1-5	3-3	2-0	16-21-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
79	Tangerine	+7	LSU	10-34
92	Independence	+3'	Oregon	39-35
99	Aloha Classic	+3	Arizona St	23-3
02	Seattle	+7	Oregon	38-17
06	Orange - #15	+10	Louisville - #5	13-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Wake Forest's All–Time Bowl Record 4–3

WAKE FOREST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	21.6	17	150	3.9	157	65.5	14.2	+13	2006	9	15.4	19	106	3.1	217	57.2	21.0
9*	24.5	18	198	4.1	161	58.7	14.7	-2	2005	6	28.7	20	133	4.0	253	54.9	13.4
6*	20.9	18	206	4.3	145	52.7	16.8	+7	2004	8	23.0	20	158	4.1	235	55.4	17.1
3	27.9	19	203	4.3	152	58.6	12.7	+7	2003	7	28.9	25	174	4.5	280	61.9	15.7
8*	27.4	21	241	4.4	167	54.0	14.9	+18	2002	8	25.2	21	158	4.1	232	58.6	15.5
10*	26.5	22	222	4.0	169	52.0	14.7	-3	2001	8	28.3	20	140	3.7	245	61.8	13.6

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kenneth Moore	105	577	70	507	2	4.8
Kevin Harris	78	416	23	393	6	5.0
De'Angelo Bryant	84	361	25	336	3	4.0
Micah Andrews	58	279	23	256	2	4.4
Rich Belton	51	231	4	227	3	4.5
Kevin Marion	23	233	23	210	1	9.1
Willie Idlette	25	147	22	125	1	5.0
Travo Woods	32	96	38	58	0	1.8
Riley Skinner	52	116	187	-71	0	-1.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Riley Skinner	260	171	65.8	2051	9	5
Ben Mauk	21	14	66.7	105	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Nate Morton	38	617	16.2	4	59
Willie Idlette	37	511	13.8	3	58
Kenneth Moore	32	314	9.8	1	39
John Tereshinski	16	201	12.6	2	39
Zac Selmon	11	134	12.2	0	21
Kevin Marion	10	117	11.7	0	23
Micah Andrews	12	100	8.3	0	22
Rich Belton	12	80	6.7	0	28

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Sam Swank	70	2887	41.2	23	38.2	0	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sam Swank	33-33	8-8	5-7	5-9	5-7	23-31	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jon Abbate	120	3	4	3	1
Aaron Curry	83	3	5.5	3	1
Josh Gattis	82	0	5.5	8	5
Stanley Arnoux	69	0	7	0	1
Patrick Ghee	67	0	1	1	3
Riley Swanson	53	0	2	14	4
Alphonso Smith	48	4	4.5	8	3
Kevin Patterson	44	0.5	2	7	2
Zach Stukes	42	2.5	1.5	1	0
Chip Vaughn	41	0	1	2	0
Jyles Tucker	35	6	0.5	3	0
Boo Robinson	35	2.5	0	1	1
Jeremy Thompson	30	1	3.5	3	1
Bryan Andrews	26	4.5	4	0	0
Eric Berry	26	3	1	0	0
Pierre Easley	22	0	1	0	0
John Russell	19	1	1	0	0
Anthony Davis	10	0	0	2	0
Jamil Smith	10	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Idlette	22	202	9.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kenneth Moore	10	130	13.0	0
Kevin Marion	22	490	22.3	0
Alphonso Smith	5	115	23.0	0

WF 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Syracuse	21	49 - 245	5.0	15 - 23	118	4	11	30 - 91	3.0	6 - 19	45	2	-1
–	Duke	14	24 - 57	2.4	22 - 29	235	1	24	39 - 62	1.6	21 - 32	305	2	0
–	at Connecticut	11	38 - 99	2.6	7 - 16	110	4	22	47 - 127	2.7	19 - 32	197	5	+2
–	at Mississippi	18	53 - 240	4.5	4 - 5	43	0	19	31 - 26	0.8	21 - 40	211	5	0
–	Liberty	23	36 - 196	5.4	15 - 23	242	1	15	32 - 85	2.7	17 - 29	216	3	0
–	Clemson	15	31 - 31	1.0	19 - 24	188	4	23	39 - 214	5.5	20 - 30	214	0	0
–	at NC State	13	37 - 142	3.8	9 - 14	124	1	21	28 - 134	4.8	21 - 37	200	0	+1
#24	at North Carolina	15	40 - 200	5.0	7 - 8	89	1	18	40 - 134	3.4	19 - 30	236	1	+3
#22	Boston College	14	27 - 160	5.9	15 - 24	120	0	23	25 - 28	1.1	40 - 57	402	4	+1
#18	at Florida St	18	46 - 169	3.7	13 - 20	138	1	9	23 - 26	1.1	9 - 28	113	5	+4
#14	Virginia Tech	13	32 - 62	1.9	17 - 30	195	1	14	33 - 92	2.8	14 - 22	252	1	0
#20	at Maryland	22	57 - 296	5.2	10 - 13	125	0	19	33 - 194	5.9	14 - 26	182	1	+2
#16	† Georgia Tech	16	43 - 91	2.1	14 - 25	201	4	18	38 - 143	3.8	9 - 29	129	1	+2
#15	† Louisville	18	29 - 111	3.8	21 - 33	271	4	23	37 - 125	3.4	25 - 35	332	2	-1
TOTALS		231	542 - 2099	3.9	188 - 287	2199	26	259	475 - 1481	3.1	255 - 446	3034	32	+13
AVERAGES		16.5	39 - 150	3.9	13 - 21	157	1.9	18.5	34 - 106	3.1	18 - 32	217	2.3	0.9

2006 STATS BY GAME

2002 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at N Illinois	-1	41-42 OT
–	East Carolina	-5	27-22
–	at NC State - #19	+13'	13-32
–	at Purdue	+9'	24-21
–	Virginia	-2	34-38
–	at Georgia Tech	+13	24-21
–	Duke	-11	36-10
–	at Clemson	+8	23-31
–	North Carolina	-6	31-0
–	Florida St - #18	+10	21-34
–	Navy	-27	30-27
–	at Maryland - #25	+13'	14-32

2003 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Boston College	+12	32-28
–	NC State - #14	+7'	38-24
#20	Purdue	E	10-16
–	East Carolina	-19'	34-16
–	at Virginia	+7	24-27
–	Georgia Tech	-5	7-24
–	at Duke	-10	42-13
–	at Florida St - #6	+18'	24-48
–	Clemson	E	45-17
–	at North Carolina	-8'	34-42
–	Connecticut	-9'	17-51
–	Maryland	+8	28-41

2004 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Clemson - #15	+11'	30-37 OT
–	at East Carolina	-14'	31-17
–	N Carolina A&T	NL	42-3
–	Boston College	+1	17-14
–	at NC State	+10'	21-27 OT
–	Virginia Tech	+5'	10-17
–	Florida St - #5	+13'	17-20
–	Duke	-17	24-22
–	North Carolina	-5'	24-31
–	at Miami, Fl - #12	+18'	7-52
–	at Maryland	+5'	7-13

2005 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Vanderbilt	-8	20-24
–	at Nebraska	+6'	3-31
–	East Carolina	-13	44-34
–	Maryland	-2'	12-22
–	Clemson	+6'	31-27
–	at Florida St - #4	+21	24-41
–	at Boston College - #14	+13'	30-35
–	NC State	+3	27-19
–	at Duke	-12'	44-6
–	at Georgia Tech	+7'	17-30
–	Miami, Fl - #3	+17	17-47

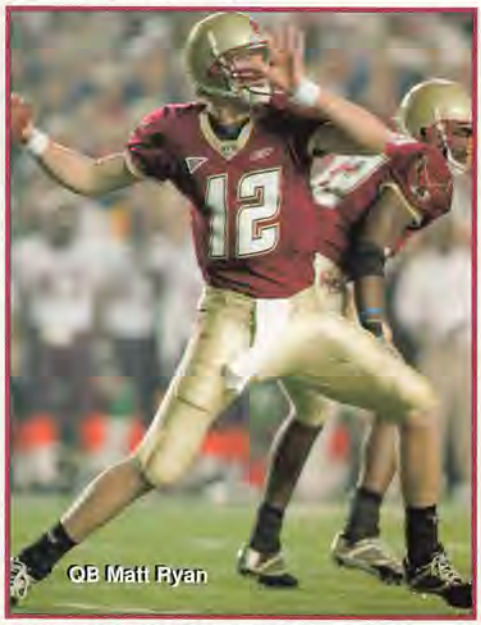
2006 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
–	Syracuse	-14	20-10
–	Duke	-20	14-13
–	at Connecticut	+6'	24-13
–	at Mississippi	+2'	27-3
–	Liberty	NL	34-14
–	Clemson - #15	+16'	17-27
–	at NC State	+3'	25-23
#24	at North Carolina	-6'	24-17
#22	Boston College - #16	+3'	21-14
#18	at Florida St	+8'	30-0
#14	Virginia Tech - #19	E	6-27
#20	at Maryland	+1'	38-24
#16	† Georgia Tech - #23	+1'	9-6

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 with Quinton Porter redshirting, Matt Ryan (PS#50) was forced into the starting lineup in a key game vs Syracuse (3 int) and BC lost its shot at the Fiesta Bowl. Ryan attempted just two 4Q passes in the bowl after the starter broke his leg. Porter was the clear cut starter in 2005 but was injured vs Florida St with BC up 17-14. Ryan generated little offense until the final drive and they lost. He then started in Death Valley vs Clemson and led them to the OT win and took over the starting job throwing for 1,514 (62.1%) with an 8-5 ratio. Last year he was backed by Chris Crane (PS#65). Ryan was banged up most of the season suffering ankle and foot injuries and was questionable to play for many weeks. He still was 1st Tm ACC, throwing for 2,942 (61.6%) with a 15-10 ratio including 356 vs BYU and 402 vs WF. He sat out the Buffalo game and Crane played in miserable conditions. For the season, Crane threw for 193 (68.8%) with a 1-1 ratio. This year both return and added to the mix are John Lowell (6'4" 195 rFr, PS#340) and Sr Rob Swanke (6'4" 194). New HC Jagodzinski likes mobile QB's and recruited two of them in Dominique Davis (PS#150) and Chris Johnson (PS#63). Ryan should remain healthier and the backups are more experienced making this senior led QB unit even stronger.


QB Matt Ryan

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Derrick Knight came 5 yards short of a school record with 1,721 yards rushing (5.4) and was the 6th straight BC rusher to top 1,000. The last 3 years, Andre Callender and LV Whitworth have split the TB duties and neither has topped 1,000. Whitworth (PS#82) has rushed for 623 (4.4), 807 (4.3) and 791 (4.5). Callender (PS#30) rushed for 637 (4.6), 708 (5.0) and 633 (4.3). AJ Brooks (PS#134) rushed for 319 (5.6) as a true in '04, was the scout team MVP in '05 but had just 66 (3.5) last year. LB Brian Toal had 6 rushing TD's in the "First and Toal" short yardage offense. BC's two RB's combined for just four 100 yard games last year with the Eagles avg just 3.7, 3.9 and 3.4 as a team the last 3 seasons. Callender and Whitworth are back but it wouldn't surprise me to see Jeff Smith (5'9" 190 So, PS#58) get a lot of action. This year they lose FB Mark Palmer (12 st, 92 yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below are John Siravo (5'9" 197 Jr) and FB John Quinones (5'11" 232 Sr). This is one of the most experienced RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - The Eagles had to replace two of their top 3 WR's and their starting TE last year. The top 2 returning were Tony Gonzalez (28, 14.8) and Kevin Challenger (16, 11.5). Brandon Robinson (PS#20) only had 7 (13.4) as a rFr but had 7 rec vs BYU and was one of the team's top WR to start the year. He suffered a concussion vs NCSt and had 36 (13.6) on the year. Gonzalez (PS#122DB) had 43 (11.4) and Challenger (PS#213) led with 47 (11.6) despite being the leader in rec in just 4 games. This year they lose Gonzalez (12 st), Taylor Sele (11 rec) and J. Survival Ross (59 yd) but have everyone else back including TE Ryan Purvis (PS#20) who had 16 of his 29 rec in the final 5 games. Not listed below are John Hovsepian (6'3" 185 Jr), David Currid (5'10" 175 Jr), Michael Blackwood (6'1" 176 rFr) and Gregory Anderson (5-6 149 Jr) who was Scout Tm Off POY last year. Converted QB Billy Flutie (PS#53QB) moved to WR in the spring. This group is more experienced than 2006.

OFFENSIVE LINE - BC could be called "O-line U" as they send a lot of players to the NFL from this position. They usually have outstanding numbers and the lowest ypc in O'Brien's tenure had been 4.1 until a surprising 3.7 in 2004, a year in which they had to replace 3 starters. All 5 starters and all 5 backups returned in 2005 but they only improved to 3.9 ypc rushing but only allowed 15 sacks (2nd best ACC). Last year they had to replace two starters including a #2DC but had 8 of the top 10 back. Surprisingly they allowed 22 sacks (4.8%) while the ypg and ypc was the lowest of the O'Brien era (114, 3.4). This year they lose 2 starters again in 2nd Tm ACC LT James Marten (13 st, 3Y st'r, #3DC DAL) and 1st Tm AA RG Josh Beekman (13 st, 3Y st'r, #4DC CHI) who won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy for the Top OL in the ACC. For the 2nd straight year 8 of the top 10 are back. They are learning new blocking schemes which is a difficult challenge but will still be one of the top O-lines in the ACC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 BC had to replace two starters from the defensive front but returned outstanding DE Mathias Kiwanuka and allowed 91 rush ypg (2.6) while recording 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace Kiwanuka (#1DC NYG) as well as one other starter and 3 backups. They then lost starting DE Jim Ramella (PS#24TE) to a shoulder injury prior to the season. They still had 2 returning starters but as you would expect, slipped a little allowing 108 ypg rush (3.5) with 29 sacks. This year they have their most veteran defensive front in some time as the only loss is DT Keith Willis (2 st, 17 tkl) plus Ramella is expected back from injury. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Josh Neubert (6'4" 245 rFr, PS#37TE) and Damik Scafe (6'3" 305 rFr). BC is extremely large in the middle with returning starters Raji and Brace weighing in at 340 and 335 respectively.

LINEBACKERS - I mentioned how tough BC's rush D was in 2005 and not coincidentally that was the only year of the O'Brien tenure where they returned all 3 starting LB's. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and due to a shoulder injury to their star OLB Brian Toal, Robert Francois got in 7 starts (52 tkl). Jolonn Dunbar (PS#36RB) became just the 4th player in NCAA history to have 2 fumble return TD's in the same game (MD). Overall six different players earned starts at LB and all six return. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Darius Bagan (6'2" 240 rFr, PS#88QB), Mike Morrissey (6'2" 210 rFr, PS#106), John Chisholm (6'2" 207 rFr), Bill Ferguson (6'2" 215 So), Kevin Distaso (6'1" 220 So) and Jarick Walker (6'0" 213 rFr). Toal did not participate in the spring and there is a possibility he could RS but this is still a deep and experienced group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BC had to replace 3 players who combined for 26 starts in 2005 and finished #45 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 1 starter but had 7 of the top 8 back. Returning SS Ryan Glasper injured his hip and missed the first 4 and while he was thought he would be out for the year he started the last 9. DeJuan Tribble had 3 IR TD's which tied Ed Doherty (1943) and Jim McGowan (1962). The team int'd 2 or more passes in 7 consecutive games at the end of the regular season. Their 21 int tied for 3rd in the NCAA. BC still finished #40 allowing 60% with an 11-21 ratio vs a soft slate of opposing pass attacks. This year they must replace CB Larry Anam (13 st, 69 tkl, 3 pbu, 2 int, UFA NE) and SS Glasper (9 st, 20 tkl, HM ACC). While this group is a little less experienced, six players return who have started in the past and BC should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly in Tom O'Brien's first 7 years, his top finish in my ST rankings was #57 ('02) and in 2003 they finished #114. In '04 with the emergence of super returnman Will Blackmon, they moved up to #6. In '05 with almost everyone back, they dropped down to #97 with one of the keys going from +5 in the TD/Blk category to -3. They had to replace Blackmon, but had both their P and K back last year. Ryan Ohliger, who hit 9 of 14 FG's with a long of 39, struggled in '06 both on and off the field. He hit 7 of 11 FG's (long 44) and missed 3 xp's. He was susp prior to Virg Tech and Steve Aponavicius, who is nicknamed "Sid Vicious", played in his very first football game EVER vs VT on ESPN in front of a national crowd hitting both FG's and both xp's. He also hit a game winning 37 yard FG vs Navy in the bowl. His range is limited as he hit just 8 of 11 with all 3 misses from 40+. Ohliger handled most of the KO's with 7 TB on 56 KO. Ayers, who had a 36.5 net in '04, dropped to 31.5 in '05, but improved to 37.5 in '06. True frosh Jeff Smith (PS#56) had 213 return yards (1 shy of school rec) vs Clemson and was #7 in the NCAA at 28.0 per KR while DeJuan Tribble was the top PR (8.7). BC moved up to #18 and with everyone back except for Ohliger (trans), look for another Top 25 finish.

COACHES - I was very surprised to see Tom O'Brien make a lateral move to rival NC State after 10 years at BC which featured 8 straight bowl seasons and 7 straight bowl wins. O'Brien stayed long enough to pass Joe Yukica (68-37, 1968-'77) as the winningest HC in BC history. The new HC is Jeff Jagodzinski who was the OC here in '97 & '98 and Green Bay's TE coach for 5 years. He was also the Packers OC last season. He made a solid hire at OC in Steve Logan who was the E Carolina HC from 1992-'02 and recently was coaching in NFL Europe the last 3 years. Frank Spaziani enters his 9th year as DC here and was the interim HC for the bowl, which he won. He keeps some continuity and retaining him was a huge coup.

PHIL'S FORECAST

BC's seven straight bowl wins is the longest streak in the NCAA. Tom O'Brien did a tremendous job with this team building it with the emphasis on line play and surprisingly made a lateral move to NC State in the offseason. New HC Jeff Jagodzinski takes over a veteran squad. Last year BC played in 8 close games and could actually have achieved a 13-0 record with 3 close losses but could also have been just 5-8 with 5 close wins (see ACC Regional Magazine). In BC's two years in ACC play they tied for the top in the Atlantic Div in '05 and last year a close loss to Wake Forest put them in a 3-way tie for 2nd. They were 5-3 in the ACC (+29.2 ypg). BC has had 3 straight seasons of 9+ wins for the first time in school history. This year they have a veteran senior backfield with their QB and top 2 RB's returning, and have seven starters back on offense. The defense has 9 returning starters, their most since 1992 and is coming off a year in which they allowed just 15.7 ppg, their best total since 1994. BC benefitted from +15 in turnovers last year (pg 312). BC was #2 in the NCAA with a 96% graduation rate. It should be a great start for the Jagodzinski era as they should open 5-1 but unfortunately the 2H of the season is vs 6 bowl teams from last year and 4 of those games are on the road. Learning new schemes on offense will probably make them less effective on that side of the ball and while BC should get back to the post season again, I do not see them matching 2006's 10-win total.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

QB 12 MATT RYAN SR. 6-5 218 PS#50. 6 st '04-'05, 1864 (58.3%), 10-8 ratio. **1st Tm ACC**, 12 st LY, 2942 (61.6%) 15-10. **10** Chris Crane (6-4 232 Jr) PS#65. 1 st, 235 pass yd 2Y.

TB 30 LV WHITWORTH SR. 5-11 216 PS#82. 31 st 3Y, 2221 rush (4.4), 68 rec. **32 Andre Callender** (5-11 204 Sr) **PS#30**. 1978 (4.6), 62 rec 3Y. AJ Brooks (6-0 207 Jr) 2 st, 385 (5.1) 2Y.

WR 11 Clarence Megwa So. 6-1 212 PS#83. 12 rec (10.5) rFr. **82** Justin Jarvis (6-5 195 So). **FB** Brad Newman is PS#70TE. Patrick Quinn (6-2 225 Sr). Michael Kozicz (6-0 214 So).

WR 84 KEVIN CHALLENGER SR. 5-8 178 Canadian. 16 (11.5) '05. 13 st LY, 47 (11.6), **HM ACC**. **18** Rich Gunnell (5-11 205 So) PS#70. 8 rec rFr. Billy Flutie (6-2 177 rFr) PS#53QB.

WR 2 Brandon Robinson Jr. 5-10 195 **PS#20**. 1 st LY, 36 (13.6). **5** Ryan Lindsey (5-8 178 rFr) PS#57RB. **81** Warren Wilson (6-1 180 rFr) PS#71. **TE 88** Jordon McMichael (6-5 248 rFr) PS#24.

TE 80 RYAN PURVIS JR. 6-4 260 PS#20. 2 st LY, 29 (13.1). **85** Ryan Thompson (6-4 259 Sr) PS#138DL. 11 st LY, 12 (11.8). **89** Jon Loyte (6-5 271 Sr) **PS#38DL**. Vandy trans, 6 rec.

C 61 KEVIN SHERIDAN SR. 6-3 290 PS#314. 4 gm rFr. 10 gm, 109 snap '05. 10 st C LY (inj 3). **62** Bryan Murphy (6-3 292 Jr) 5 gm 2Y. **LS 51** Jack Geiser (6-2 230 So) 13 gm LY.

RG 78 Ty Hall Sr. 6-4 300 **PS#31**. 1 st rFr. 133 snap '05. 1 st RG LY, 13 gm. **67** Tom Anevski (6-2 291 So) PS#116. 2nd string rFr. 4 gm, 56 snap '05. 2nd string LY, 2 st RG.

LG 72 RYAN POLES SR. 6-4 295 **PS#13**. 2nd string LT rFr. 6 gm '05, 55 snaps LT. 13 st LG LY. **65** Matt Tennant (6-4 278 So) PS#131DL. 5 gm rFr. **John Elliott PS#19**.

RT 66 Rich Lapham rFr. 6-8 336 **PS#36**. Added 21 lbs. **76** Pat Sheil (6-6 284 So) **PS#72DL**. 2nd string. Carlos Huggins (6-6 316 Jr) 2nd string LY. Nick Schepis is **PS#61**.

LT 77 GOSDER CHERILUS SR. 6-7 318 **PS#52**. 37 consec sts. 12 st RT '04. 12 st RT '05, 714 snap, 13 st RT LY. **73** Clif Ramsey (6-6 313 Jr) PS#623. 9 gm, 35 snap rFr. 2nd string LY.

K NA Billy Bennett Fr. 6-1 180 **PS#2**. 95% TB on KO in high school, 5-7 FG's. **83** Steve Aponavicius (5-10 175 Jr) 8 of 11 FG, long 37. 24-25 xp. **53** Samuel Lovett (5-11 170 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

DE 86 JIM RAMELLA SO. 6-4 244 **PS#24TE**. 15 tkl true, 3 tfl. RS '06, inj. **Brady Smith** (6-2 285 So) PS#70LB. 8 st rFr, 26 tkl, 3 tfl. Alex Albright (6-5 230 So) PS#131. 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl, true.

DT 90 BJ RAJI SR. 6-1 340 13 tkl true. 12 st '05, 27 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 23 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **99** Jerry Willette (6-5 265 Jr) PS#71. 7 tkl 2Y. Corey Eason (6-5 270 Fr) **PS#52**.

DT 60 RON BRACE JR. 6-3 335 PS#216. 1 st, 11 tkl rFr. 11 st LY, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **91** Thomas Claiborne (6-3 340 rFr) **PS#59OL**. Brendan Deska (6-5 261 So) PS#99. 6 tkl rFr.

DE 57 NICK LARKIN SR. 6-4 250 PS#66. 12 st '05, 38 tkl, 6 sk. 13 st, 33 tkl, 6 tfl LY. **52** Austin Giles (6-3 285 So) PS#101OL. 5 st, 29 tkl, 5.5 sk LY. **92** Allan Smith (6-2 230 So) PS#75.

WLB 48 TYRONNE PRUITT SR. 5-11 220 PS#265DB. 23 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 1 st, 37 tkl '05. 12 st LY, 48 tkl, 5 tfl. **7 Kevin Akins** (6-2 212 Jr) 1 st, **7.5 sk**, 36 tkl LY. **34** Mike McLaughlin (6-0 250 So) PS#78.

MLB 40 JOLONN DUNBAR SR. 6-0 233 **PS#36RB**. 1 st, 87 tkl, 8 tfl '04-'05. 11 st LY, 92 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **94** Mark Herzlich (6-4 230 So) **PS#43**. 2 st true, 42 tkl, 5 tfl. James McCluskey (6-2 240 rFr) PS#27.

SLB 16 BRIAN TOAL SR. 6-0 232 **PS#4**. 8 st, 77 tkl true. 11 st '05, 7 tfl. 6 st LY (inj) 50 tkl, 6 rush TD. **35** Robert Francois (6-2 240 Jr) PS#109. 7 st, 52 tkl LY. Garrett Seeger (6-0 213 Jr) PS#58QB.

CB 47 Roderick Rollins So. 6-0 170 PS#76. 11 tkl true. **29** Taji Morris (5-9 181 Sr) PS#65RB. 2 st '05. 21 tkl, 5 gm LY (inj). **42** Chris Fox (5-11 186 rFr) **PS#52**. **41** Sulaiman Sanni (5-10 185 Sr).

CB 27 DeJUAN TRIBBLE SR. 5-9 190 4 st '04, 2 int. 10 st '05, 57 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm WAC**, 49 tkl, 7 int, 5 pbu. **17** Razzie Smith (5-10 178 So) 4.4 spd. 1 st, 2 tkl rFr.

SS 19 Paul Anderson Jr. 6-1 210 **PS#55LB**. 7 tkl true. 4 starts in '06, 12 tkl, 3 pbu. **8** Marcellus Bowman (6-2 206 rFr) PS#437. 12 tkl rFr. **4** Reshaude Goodwin (5-11 175 rFr) PS#117.

FS 44 JAMIE SILVA SR. 5-11 208 PS#115RB. 3 st, 43 tkl '04. 9 st '05, 87 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 57 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 4 int. **45** Wes Davis (6-1 205 So) PS#107. 1 st true, 20 tkl, 2 tfl.

P 46 JOHNNY AYERS SR. 6-0 186 PS#74K. 63 punt true, 39.3 avg, net 36.5. 62 punts '05, 41.3 avg, net 31.5. 59 punts LY, 42.1 avg. **37.5 net**, 20 I20. **14** Billy Flutie (6-2 177 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	John Elliott 6-4 280 PS#19
DL	Corey Eason 6-5 270 PS#52
K	Billy Bennett 6-1 180 PS#2
OL	Nick Schepis 6-4 280 PS#61
LB	Will Thompson 6-1 230 PS#59
OL	Kenny Plue 6-7 340 PS#93
OL	Mark Spinney 6-4 270 PS#102
TE	Lars Anderson 6-3 235 PS#28
QB	Chris Johnson 6-2 200 PS#63
OL	Nathan Richman 6-6 270 PS#146
DB	Dan Mulrooney 6-1 190 PS#148
RB	Brad Newman 6-2 250 PS#70TE
QB	Dominique Davis 6-4 185 PS#150
WR	Dominick Magazu 6-1 185 PS#269
WR	Ifeanyi Momah 6-6 210 PS#137TE
OL	Anthony Castonzo 6-6 260 PS#520
DB	DeLeon Gause 5-11 190 PS#467
LB	Dan Williams 6-2 230 PS#455RB

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#31

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BC	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Wake Forest	A					
Sep. 8	NC State	A					
Sep. 15	at Georgia Tech	G					
Sep. 22	Army	A					
Sep. 29	Massachusetts (HC)	A					
Oct. 6	Bowling Green	A					
Oct. 13	at Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 20							
Oct. 25	at Virginia Tech (Thur)	G					
Nov. 3	Florida St	A					
Nov. 10	at Maryland	G					
Nov. 17	at Clemson	G					
Nov. 24	Miami, Fl	A					
Dec. 1							

BC has dropped 3 of L/4 vs WF & those gms have been decided by a total of 19 pts. QB Ryan set career highs going 40-57 (70%) for 402 yds, but tossed 2 EZ int's LY vs WF.

Ranked #20 BC was stunned LY as NC St got a 34 yd TD pass with :08 left to win. BC outgained NC State & Wake Forest & their 3 losses LY were by a total of 12 pts.

Including bowl gms, Boston College is 19-8 their L/27 gms away from Chestnut Hill. Boston College has won its last 4 road openers. BC is 1-4 all-time vs Georgia Tech.

BC dropped the first 9 gms in this series (1917-'69), but since 1970 are 23-3 vs Army. The Eagles have won 9 straight gms vs non-conf opp's with the avg victory by 21 ppg.

HC Brown was named the A10 & Regional COY in '06 after the Minutemen finished 13-2 advancing to the (IAA) Title game vs Appalachian St (lost to Navy & App St).

BC has lost the last 3 games prior to facing Notre Dame. BC HC J. Jagodzinski was on staff at NIU ('86) & ECU ('89,'92) when he coached vs the Falcons (2-1).

In their L/2 trips to South Bend, BC has beat a #4 ND tm in '02 (14-7) & a #24 tm in '04 (24-23). In '04 BC was down 20-7 at the half only to outgain ND 319-122 in the 2H.

Walk-on K Steve Aponavicius played in his 1st ever FB gm LY vs VT (2-2 on FG's & XP's). BC has won 2 of L/3 but is just 2-8. Third straight Thur night ESPN game with VT.

CB D. Tribble had 7 int's LY (T5 NCAA) & ret 3 for TD's including LY's gm winner vs FSU. This will be just the 6th meeting (3rd as ACC opp's) & the HT has dropped both conf gms.

LB Dunbar scored on 2 fumble rec's & BC led 14-0 before the offense took the field LY. Eagles have dropped 3 of their L/4 Nov AG's, but their only win was at College Park.

BC led 10-0 two yrs ago & held off CU in OT for their 1st ever ACC victory. J. Smith ret'd 5 KO's for 213 yds LY vs CU (1 yd shy of BC single gm record, '68 D. Bennett).

With LY's loss to Miami on Thanksgiving, BC was denied a trip to the ACC Title gm. BC was 24-2 from 1962-'87 in home finales, but is 8-11 the L/19 yrs (won L/2).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Doug Flutie 10,579 '81-'84
2. Glenn Foley 10,039 '90-'93
3. Brian St. Pierre 5,837 '99-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Derrick Knight 3,725 '00-'03
2. Mike Cloud 3,597 '95-'98
3. Troy Stradford 3,504 '82-'86

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Pete Mitchell 2,388 '91-'94
2. Kelvin Martin 2,337 '83-'86
3. Brian Brennan 2,180 '80-'83

JEFF JAGODZINSKI (Career 0–0)

1st Year at Boston College — Jagodzinski's Bowl Record: 0-0

Jagodzinski's records AT BOSTON COLLEGE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

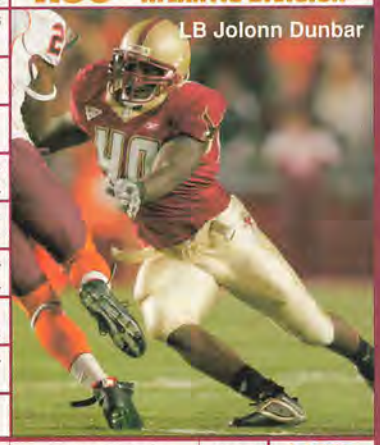
2006 RECORD: (10–3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (18,23,3)
Lost: 17 (8,7,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,843 (#59)

ACC – ATLANTIC DIVISION


LB Jolonn Dunbar

STADIUM: ALUMNI STADIUM (44,500) (#70)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	8-4	7-5	8-3	8-3	9-3	53-27
Home	5-1	5-1	6-1	2-4	4-1	5-1	7-0	34-9
Away	1-4	2-3	2-3	5-1	4-2	3-2	2-3	19-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	3-4	3-4	4-2	5-3	5-3	27-23
ATS	7-4	7-4	7-5	6-6	5-5	6-4-1	5-5-1	43-33-2
Home Fav	5-0	4-1	3-3	1-3	1-2	3-1-1	2-1-1	19-11-2
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-1	2-0	6-3
Away Fav	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-1	1-3	2-1	0-4	9-10
Away Dog	0-4	1-2	2-2	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	9-9
Favorite	6-0	5-2	4-3	4-4	2-5	5-2-1	2-5-1	28-21-2
Dog	1-4	2-2	3-2	2-2	3-0	1-2	3-0	15-12
vs Conf	4-3	6-1	5-2	3-4	3-3	4-4	4-4	29-21
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	2-3	3-2	2-2	2-0-1	1-1-1	14-12-2
Off SU Win	4-2	4-3	4-3	3-3	4-4	3-3-1	5-3-1	27-21-2
Off SU Loss	3-1	2-1	3-1	3-2	1-0	2-1	0-1	14-7

Tom O'Brien

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Motor City	-4	Toledo	51-25
03	San Francisco	E	Colorado St	35-21
04	Continental Tire - #25	+1	North Carolina	37-24
05	MPC Computers - #19	-2'	Boise St	27-21
06	Meineke Car Care - #23	-7	Navy	25-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Boston College's All-Time Bowl Record 12-6

BOSTON COLLEGE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	26.0	20	114	3.4	241	62.0	13.7	+15	2006	6	15.7	17	108	3.5	203	60.0	19.8
7	25.8	21	145	3.9	243	62.5	15.0	-4	2005	7	15.9	19	91	2.6	221	61.0	19.6
5*	24.7	20	140	3.7	245	60.1	15.6	0	2004	6	16.9	18	129	3.5	204	58.3	19.7
5	28.5	21	182	4.2	222	56.4	14.2	+3	2003	6	25.5	19	129	3.4	230	57.7	14.1
8*	30.2	21	159	4.2	232	58.7	13.0	+8	2002	8	19.5	18	167	3.9	172	53.9	17.4
6	28.1	19	207	5.0	182	52.4	13.8	+6	2001	8	18.9	19	151	3.4	183	50.0	17.7

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LV Whitworth	174	837	46	791	4	4.5
Andre Callender	146	664	31	633	3	4.3
AJ Brooks	19	78	12	66	1	3.5
Brian Toal	19	37	2	35	6	1.8
Chris Crane	13	53	44	9	2	0.7
Matt Ryan	51	128	163	-35	4	-0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matt Ryan	427	263	61.6	2942	15	10
Chris Crane	22	32	68.8	193	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kevin Challenger	47	543	11.6	5	30
Tony Gonzalez	43	491	11.4	5	48
Brandon Robinson	36	490	13.6	1	79
Ryan Purvis	29	381	13.1	2	25
Andre Callender	24	238	9.9	0	29
LV Whitworth	30	227	7.6	0	25
Ryan Thompson	12	141	11.8	0	23
Taylor Sele	11	133	12.1	0	29
Clarence Megwa	12	126	10.5	0	21
Mark Palmer	14	92	6.6	1	12

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Johnny Ayers	59	2483	42.1	12	37.5	1	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Steve Aponavicius	24-25	5-5	3-3	0-3	0-0	8-11	37
Ryan Ohliger	11-14	3-3	3-5	1-3	0-0	7-11	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jolonn Dunbar	92	2	5.5	1	1
Larry Anam	69	0	2.5	3	2
Jamie Silva	57	1	5.5	1	4
Robert Francois	52	0	3.5	1	0
Brian Toal	50	0	4.5	2	2
DeJuan Tribble	49	0	4	5	7
Tyronne Pruitt	48	0	5	2	0
Mark Herzlich	42	1	4	2	1
Kevin Akins	36	7.5	1	0	1
Nick Larkin	33	3	3	2	0
Austin Giles	29	5.5	2	1	0
Brady Smith	26	0	3	1	0
BJ Raji	23	3	5.5	3	0
Taji Morris	21	0	0	4	0
Alex Albright	20	2	1.5	2	0
Ron Brace	20	0	3.5	0	0
Wes Davis	20	0	2	1	0
Ryan Glasper	20	0	2	1	1
Keith Willis	17	1.5	1.5	1	0
Paul Anderson	12	0	0	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeJuan Tribble	27	236	8.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jeff Smith	23	645	28.0	1
DeJuan Tribble	8	185	23.1	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

BC 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at C Michigan	23	32 - 85	2.7	32 - 48	323	1	19	27 - 123	4.6	24 - 42	243	2	-1
–	Clemson	22	37 - 110	3.0	22 - 38	212	0	23	41 - 136	3.3	25 - 40	343	2	0
#23	BYU	23	26 - 115	4.4	29 - 48	356	1	27	30 - 111	3.7	38 - 60	436	2	-1
#20	at NC State	16	42 - 172	4.1	13 - 25	149	3	13	23 - 141	6.1	15 - 32	179	2	0
–	Maine	17	32 - 159	5.0	19 - 30	195	1	11	38 - 52	1.4	16 - 23	88	3	+3
–	Virginia Tech	16	34 - 90	2.6	16 - 29	174	0	14	28 - 33	1.2	23 - 34	148	4	+4
#22	at Florida St	16	32 - 60	1.9	16 - 26	262	2	19	21 - 28	1.3	32 - 48	326	3	+1
#18	Buffalo	20	48 - 207	4.3	17 - 26	142	2	6	14 - (-12)	-0.9	15 - 30	104	4	+4
#16	at Wake Forest	23	25 - 28	1.1	40 - 57	402	4	14	27 - 160	5.9	15 - 24	120	0	-1
#22	Duke	31	42 - 241	5.7	25 - 40	260	1	17	31 - 170	5.5	20 - 40	131	3	0
#20	Maryland	22	30 - 124	4.1	19 - 29	249	0	22	29 - 73	2.5	28 - 43	258	1	+4
#18	at Miami, Fl	10	25 - 24	1.0	17 - 34	169	4	10	34 - 66	1.9	13 - 26	181	1	+2
#23	† Navy	17	31 - 73	2.4	20 - 30	242	3	21	59 - 322	5.5	6 - 8	81	2	0
TOTALS		256	436 - 1488	3.4	285 - 460	3135	22	216	402 - 1403	3.5	270 - 450	2638	29	+15
AVERAGES		19.7	34 - 114	3.4	22 - 35	241	1.7	16.6	31 - 108	3.5	21 - 35	203	2.2	1.2

2002 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Connecticut	-33	24-16
–	Stanford	-8'	34-27
–	at Miami, Fl - #1	+26	6-38
–	C Michigan	-20	43-0
–	Virginia Tech - #4	+9'	23-28
–	Navy	-28	46-21
–	at Pittsburgh	+4'	16-19
–	at Notre Dame - #4	+9	14-7
–	at West Virginia	+3'	14-24
–	Syracuse	-7	41-20
–	at Temple	-8'	36-14
–	Rutgers	-28	44-14

2003 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Wake Forest	-12	28-32
–	at Penn St	+9	27-14
–	at Connecticut	-4	24-14
–	Miami, Fl - #2	+11'	14-33
–	Ball St	-22	53-29
–	at Temple	-9'	38-13
–	at Syracuse	-3'	14-39
–	Notre Dame	-4	27-25
–	Pittsburgh - #25	+1'	13-24
–	West Virginia	-3'	28-35
–	at Rutgers	-7'	35-25
–	at Virginia Tech - #12	+14'	34-27

2004 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #21 Score
–	at Ball St	-17	19-11
–	Penn St	+3	21-7
–	Connecticut	-7	27-7
–	at Wake Forest	-1	14-17
–	Massachusetts	NL	29-7
–	at Pittsburgh	-8	17-20 OT
–	at Notre Dame - #24	+6'	24-23
#24	Rutgers	-14'	21-10
#20	at West Virginia - #13	+7	36-17
#19	at Temple	-14	34-17
#17	Syracuse	-12	17-43

2005 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre #22 Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
#22	at BYU	-2'	20-3
#19	Army	-27'	44-7
#17	Florida St - #8	+1'	17-28
–	at Clemson	+2'	16-13 OT
#21	Ball St	-38	38-0
#18	Virginia	-7	28-17
#14	Wake Forest	-13'	35-30
#13	at Virginia Tech - #3	+13'	10-30
#19	at North Carolina	-5	14-16
–	NC State	-4'	30-10
#23	at Maryland	-2'	31-16

2006 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
–	at C Michigan	-11	31-24
–	Clemson - #18	+2'	34-33 2OT
#23	BYU	-7	30-23 2OT
#20	at NC State	-6'	15-17
–	Maine	NL	22-0
–	Virginia Tech - #22	+2'	22-3
#22	at Florida St	+7	24-19
#18	Buffalo	-34	41-0
#16	at Wake Forest - #22	-3'	14-21
#22	Duke	-29'	28-7
#20	Maryland - #21	-8	38-16
#18	at Miami, Fl	-4	14-17

PAC 10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 PAC 10 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	John David Booty, USC	Dennis Dixon, Oregon	Nate Longshore, Cal	Alex Brink, Wash St
RB	Ryan Torain, Arizona St	Yvenson Bernard, Oreg St	Chauncey Washington, USC	CJ Gable, USC
RB	Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	Justin Forsett, Cal	Chris Markey, UCLA	JR Hasty, Wash
WR	DeSean Jackson, Cal	Rudy Burgess, Arizona St	Michael Bumpus, Wash St	Brandon Gibson, Wash St
WR	Sammie Stroughter, Oreg St	Lavelle Hawkins, Cal	Michael Thomas, Arizona	Evan Moore, Stanford
WR	Jaison Williams, Oregon	Patrick Turner, USC	Anthony Russo, Wash	Cameron Colvin, Oregon
TE	Fred Davis, USC	Logan Paulsen, UCLA	Craig Stevens, Cal	Jed Collins, Wash St
C	Alex Mack, Cal	Max Unger, Oregon	Mike Pollak, Arizona St	Kyle DeVan, Oreg St
G	Jeremy Perry, Oreg St	Shannon Tevaga, UCLA	Paul Fanaika, Arizona St	Josh Tschirgi, Oregon
G	Chilo Rachal, USC	Roy Schuening, Oreg St	Alex Fletcher, Stanford	Jeff Byers, USC
T	Sam Baker, USC	Eben Britton, Arizona	Bobby Byrd, Wash St	Peter Graniello, Arizona
T	Brandon Rodd, Arizona St	Aleksey Lanis, UCLA	Drew Radovich, USC	Mike Gibson, Cal
DE	Lawrence Jackson, USC	Louis Holmes, Arizona	Jeff Van Orsow, Oreg St	Lance Broadus, Wash St
DT	Sedrick Ellis, USC	Fili Moala, USC	Ropati Pitoitua, Wash St	Mike Marquardt, Arizona St
DT	Brigham Harwell, UCLA	Kevin Brown, UCLA	Lionel Dotson, Arizona	Jordan Reffett, Wash
DE	Bruce Davis, UCLA	Greyson Gunheim, Wash	Dorian Smith, Oreg St	Dexter Davis, Arizona St
LB	Rey Maualuga, USC	Derrick Doggett, Oreg St	Alan Darlin, Oreg St	Joey LaRocque, Oreg St
LB	Keith Rivers, USC	Spencer Larsen, Arizona	Christian Taylor, UCLA	Worrell Williams, Cal
LB	Brian Cushing, USC	Zack Follett, Cal	Ronnie Palmer, Arizona	Greg Trent, Wash St
CB	Antoine Cason, Arizona	Walter Thurmond, Oregon	Jairus Byrd, Oregon	Wopamo Osaisai, Stanford
CB	Terrell Thomas, USC	Trey Brown, UCLA	Roy Lewis, Wash	Rodney Van, UCLA
SS	Chris Horton, UCLA	Kevin Ellison, USC	Patrick Chung, Oregon	Bryan Payton, Oreg St
FS	Taylor Mays, USC	Dennis Keyes, UCLA	Josh Barrett, Arizona St	Thomas DeCoud, Cal
K	Alexis Serna, Oreg St	Tom Schneider, Cal	Kai Forbath, UCLA	Ryan Perkins, Wash
P	Andrew Larson, Cal	Aaron Perez, UCLA	Jonathan Johnson, Arizona St	Josh Syria, Oregon
PR	DeSean Jackson, Cal	Sammie Stroughter, Oreg St	Patrick Chung, Oregon	Terrence Austin, UCLA
KR	Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	CJ Gable, USC	Coye Francies, Oreg St	Derrick Williams UCLA

USC
NT Sedrick Ellis

Arizona
WR Mike Thomas

UCLA
OG Shannon Tevaga

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 PAC 10 FORECAST

1. USC - With 16 returning starters, the Trojans have their most veteran squad yet under Carroll, and most likely their best defense with 10 starters back on that side. They do have a tough Pac 10 schedule facing Oregon, Cal and Ariz St all on the road, but the Trojans will be favored in all 12 of their games this year. USC should take home their 6th consecutive Pac 10 Title and are the favorites for the National Championship.

2. OREGON - The Ducks were just 4-5 in the Pac 10 last year, but amazingly outgained their conf foes by a league best 136.4 ypg. They had the lowest defensive ypp (see page 299). They are also a classic Turnovers=Turnaround team (-10). I think Dennis Dixon will be one of the most improved QB's in the country and Jonathan Stewart is one of the top RB's. They get 5 Pac 10 home games and the Ducks make my list of surprise teams this year, meaning I consider them a darkhorse National Title contender.

2. UCLA - The Bruins have a Pac 10 high 20 returning starters, and a conference low 12 lettermen lost. After years where they have had either an outstanding offense or defense but were weak on the opposite side of the ball, the Bruins are strong on both this year. They also have a schedule that could very well have them 11-0 when they travel to USC in the season finale, making the Bruins one of this year's surprise teams.

4. ARIZONA ST - While the Sun Devils have to break in a new HC, they do have a schedule tailor-made for success, especially early in the season. I think ASU can open the year 8-0 and while the 2H of the Pac 10 schedule gets a lot rougher, I look for much improved QB play out of Carpenter. Remember last year despite a 4-5 Pac 10 record, ASU outgained league foes by 34.1 ypg, the 3rd best mark in the league.

5. CALIFORNIA - It's pretty surprising for me to call Cal this low but they have just 13 returning starters (3rd fewest) and 23 lettermen lost (3rd highest). Cal also plays THE toughest schedule of the big boys as they have to face Arizona St, UCLA and Oregon all on the road and play USC at home. Cal got its share of the Pac 10 title last year, (first conf title since 1975) but with a killer schedule, it will be tough to repeat.

6. OREGON ST - The Beavers had their 2nd best record in school history last year and were 6-3 in Pac 10 play finishing #21. They did benefit from +4 net close wins and were +8 in turnovers which are troubling signs, but return 16 starters while losing just 13 lettermen (2nd fewest). They have my #4 rated D in the league and even though they have 5 Pac 10 road games, the Beavers should find themselves in the post season once again.

7. ARIZONA - The Cats have a great shot at getting to their first bowl game since 1998. They have 17 returning starters and my #2 rated defense in the Pac 10. If QB Willie Tuitama stays healthy and adapts to the new offense, they could easily move up in the standings. The biggest questions for the year are the changes in offense and that they have 5 tough Pac 10 road games. These factors have me pegging them at #7.

8. WASHINGTON - The Huskies were better than their final record last year as they had a 6 point loss to #3 USC, an OT loss to #11 Cal and played #15 Oklahoma even for a half. They also had another OT loss late in the year and were -8 in turnovers. Normally those factors would, count for a large rise in the standings the next year, but unfortunately most of the Huskies winnable Pac 10 games are on the road as they have to host powers Cal, Oregon and USC while playing the nation's toughest schedule.

9. WASHINGTON ST - It's tough to pick the Cougars here as they are a team that could have easily had much better seasons the last two years. Last year they were 6-3 with their only losses coming to the #4, #3 and #10 teams in the country, until injuries saw them drop their last 3. They only have 12 returning starters (tied for fewest in Pac 10) and have 5 conference road games which has me calling for a lower than expected finish in the Pac 10.

10. STANFORD - The Cardinal were outgained by 168.5 ypg in Pac 10 play last year, over double that of the 2nd worst squad. There are plenty of factors that point towards a much stronger season this year. The Cards lost 71 starts to injury (see pg 314), were -11 in turnovers and meet both ends of my YPP Chart (pg 299). They should have much better fortune this year with 16 returning starters but unfortunately with their 3rd HC in 4 years and a difficult schedule, it will be tough to move up much in the Pac 10 standings.

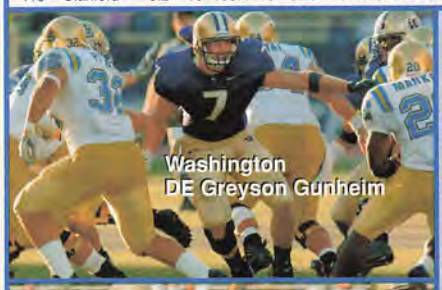
Pac 10 Notes: USC figures to be the preseason #1 pick and have finished #1, #1, #2 and #4 in the AP poll the last 4 years. The Pac 10 plays a round robin schedule meaning they play each of the other Pac 10 teams (9 conf games). That makes their schedules among the toughest in the country and Wash and USC face the nations toughest. Wash has to battle Boise St, Hawaii and Ohio St on the non-conf slate. In 2005 the Pac 10 was 3-2 in bowls, had 32 players drafted (4th best) and had 4 teams in the final Top 25. Those numbers dropped a little in 2006 to 3-3 in bowl games, 28 players drafted and 3 top 25 teams. The drop in top 25 teams may be because of the tough schedules. Last year the Pac 10 would have been in the National Title game for the 3rd straight year but USC was upset in the season finale by UCLA and Cal won a share of the Pac 10 title at 7-2 which was their first title since 1975. The conference was 17-9 (65.4%) vs 1A non conf opponents (4th best) in the regular season and 7-6 vs non conf BCS foes. USC dominates my 1st team Pac 10 squad with ELEVEN players which is the most for any team in any league with Louisville having nine 1st team Big East members at #2. USC showed they were not invincible in '06 as they had their Pac 10 record 27 game conf win streak end at Oregon St but since they tied for the title they set a Pac 10 record with their 5th straight title. USC has to play Oregon, California and Ariz St on the road but the question again this year is can any team catch the powerful Trojans?

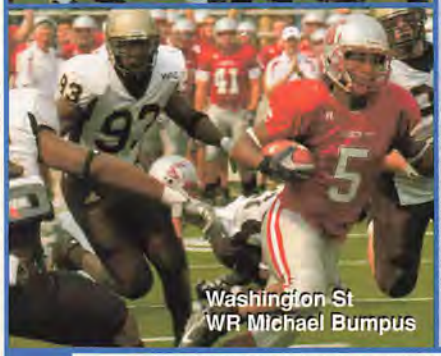
2006 PAC 10 vs PAC 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
6	California	31.1	1	395.9	2	154.1	3	4.73	2	241.8	3	57.3	5	12.7	1	15	3	8	1
7	USC	26.9	3	375.6	4	127.0	4	3.97	4	248.6	2	59.9	2	14.0	2	15	3	12	3
10	Oregon	28.3	2	436.2	1	197.4	1	5.27	1	238.8	4	59.8	3	15.4	8	25	10	11	2
25	Washington St	23.1	5	378.9	3	113.4	7	3.56	6	265.4	1	59.7	4	16.4	9	18	7	23	6
33	Arizona St	24.0	4	339.2	6	169.0	2	4.24	3	170.2	9	51.7	8	14.1	4	15	3	30	9
34	Oregon St	23.0	6	349.9	5	115.8	6	3.35	7	234.1	5	60.8	1	15.2	7	16	6	24	7
53	Washington	20.7	8	303.3	8	100.3	8	3.16	8	203.0	6	45.9	10	14.7	6	18	7	17	5
58	UCLA	22.0	7	309.8	7	120.3	5	3.87	5	189.4	7	55.8	6	14.1	3	14	2	13	4
102	Arizona	16.9	9	246.9	9	71.7	9	2.20	9	175.2	8	54.3	7	14.6	5	12	1	26	8
110	Stanford	8.2	10	199.4	10	50.0	10	1.68	10	149.4	10	49.3	9	24.3	10	19	9	42	10

2006 PAC 10 vs PAC 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
3	USC	14.6	1	291.4	1	93.8	1	3.04	2	197.7	4	54.8	4	20.0	1	13	7	24	4
14	UCLA	18.8	3	315.8	4	97.0	2	2.91	1	218.8	6	57.9	8	16.8	4	21	2	30	1
17	Arizona	18.6	2	327.2	6	121.7	7	3.88	6	205.6	5	59.3	9	17.6	3	20	4	11	10
24	Oregon St	20.2	5	321.2	5	99.1	3	3.12	3	222.1	7	53.0	2	15.9	5	18	5	27	2
28	California	19.2	4	363.7	8	116.1	5	3.67	5	247.6	9	54.1	3	18.9	2	21	2	19	7
38	Arizona St	27.4	9	305.1	3	120.7	6	3.93	7	184.4	2	49.5	1	11.1	10	14	6	13	8
41	Washington St	23.6	6	361.4	7	111.4	4	3.24	4	250.0	10	56.6	7	15.3	6	24	1	26	3
53	Oregon	26.4	8	299.8	2	137.2	8	4.05	9	162.6	1	56.4	6	11.3	9	13	7	21	6
55	Washington	25.0	7	381.6	10	143.0	9	4.05	8	238.6	8	59.9	10	15.3	7	11	10	23	5
80	Stanford	30.4	10	367.9	9	179.1	10	4.45	10	188.8	3	56.2	5	12.1	8	12	9	12	9


Washington
DE Greyson Gunheim


Washington St
WR Michael Bumpus

2006 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2006	2005	2004
USC	7	2	242	131	11	2	396	197	+84.2	+274.5	+151.0
California	7	2	280	173	10	3	427	251	+32.2	+32.6	+158.5
Oregon St	6	3	207	182	10	4	389	311	+28.7	+13.7	+52.3
UCLA	5	4	198	169	7	6	299	259	-6.0	-72.9	-26.0
Oregon	4	5	255	238	7	6	383	345	+136.4	+77.8	+33.1
Arizona St	4	5	216	247	7	6	348	326	+34.1	-40.0	+19.2
Washington St	4	5	208	212	6	6	295	277	+17.5	-14.5	-43.0
Arizona	4	5	152	167	6	6	199	235	-80.3	-82.9	-118.1
Washington	3	6	186	225	5	7	262	311	-78.3	-82.6	-108.1
Stanford	1	8	74	274	1	11	127	377	-168.5	-105.6	-118.9

Coach of the Year: Pete Carroll, USC

2005 PAC 10 STANDINGS

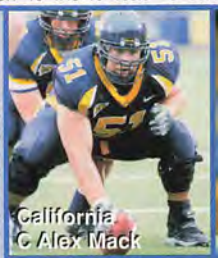
	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
USC	8	0	383	149	12	1	638	297
Oregon	7	1	278	189	10	2	414	278
UCLA	6	2	271	306	10	2	469	410
California	4	4	243	190	8	4	395	254
Arizona St	4	4	251	247	7	5	442	359
Stanford	4	4	180	241	5	6	269	337
Oregon St	3	5	195	261	5	6	293	365
Arizona	2	6	173	220	3	8	252	290
Wash St	1	7	227	292	4	7	368	346
Washington	1	7	169	275	2	9	237	337

Co-Coach of the Year: Pete Carroll, USC & Karl Dorrell, UCLA

2004 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
USC	8	0	285	117	13	0	496	169
California	7	1	287	102	10	2	441	192
Arizona St	5	3	216	234	9	3	358	294
Oregon St	5	3	210	191	7	5	320	294
UCLA	4	4	252	227	6	6	361	309
Oregon	4	4	203	211	5	6	282	282
Wash St	3	5	193	262	5	6	275	307
Stanford	2	6	147	197	4	7	243	233
Arizona	2	6	130	240	3	8	164	275
Washington	0	8	114	255	1	10	154	334

Coach of the Year: Jeff Tedford, California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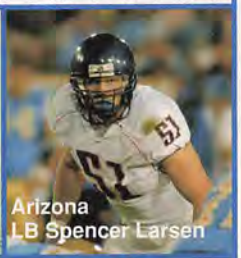
C Alex Mack


Arizona
LB Spencer Larsen

Oregon
WR Jaison Williams

Arizona St
C Mike Pollak

2006 PAC 10 LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
John David Booty, USC	436	269	61.7	9	3347	7.7	29	144.0
Nate Longshore, Cal	377	227	60.2	13	3021	8.0	24	141.6
Matt Moore, Oreg St	378	229	60.6	7	3022	8.0	18	139.7
Rudy Carpenter, Ariz St	332	184	55.4	14	2523	7.6	23	133.7
Alex Brink, Wash St	396	241	60.9	10	2899	7.3	19	133.1
Dennis Dixon, Oregon	322	197	61.2	14	2143	6.7	12	120.7
Willie Tuitama, Arizona	211	118	55.9	6	1335	6.3	7	114.3
Patrick Cowan, UCLA	276	145	52.5	9	1782	6.5	11	113.4

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Sammie Stroughter, Oreg St	14	74	1293	5	92.4	5.3	17.5
Dwayne Jarrett, USC	12	70	1015	12	84.6	5.8	14.5
Steve Smith, USC	13	71	1083	9	83.3	5.5	15.3
Jaison Williams, Oregon	12	68	984	6	82.0	5.7	14.5
DeSean Jackson, Cal	13	59	1060	9	81.5	4.5	18.0
Brandon Gibson, Wash St	12	49	731	4	60.9	4.1	14.9
Jason Hill, Wash St	10	41	600	7	60.0	4.1	14.6
Sonny Shackelford, Wash	12	50	666	7	55.5	4.2	13.3
Lavelle Hawkins, Cal	13	46	705	5	54.2	3.5	15.3
Michael Thomas, Arizona	12	50	597	2	49.8	4.2	11.9

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Marshawn Lynch, Cal	13	223	1356	6.1	11	104.3
Yvenson Bernard, Oreg St	13	296	1307	4.4	12	100.5
Ryan Torain, Ariz St	13	223	1229	5.5	7	94.5
Chris Markey, UCLA	13	227	1107	4.9	2	85.2
Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	13	183	981	5.4	10	75.5
Chauncey Washington, USC	13	157	744	4.7	9	57.2
Dwight Tardy, Wash St	12	145	667	4.6	4	55.6
Louis Rankin, Wash	12	142	666	4.7	4	55.5
Chris Henry, Arizona	11	165	581	3.5	7	52.8
Jeremiah Johnson, Oregon	13	103	644	6.3	10	49.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
John David Booty, USC	13	33	-53	436	3347	3294	253.4
Alex Brink, Wash St	12	78	8	396	2899	2907	242.2
Nate Longshore, Cal	13	28	-52	377	3021	2969	228.4
Dennis Dixon, Oregon	12	94	442	322	2143	2585	215.4
Matt Moore, Oreg St	14	77	-11	378	3022	3011	215.1
Rudy Carpenter, Ariz St	13	84	69	332	2523	2592	199.4
Patrick Cowan, UCLA	12	54	108	276	1782	1890	157.5
Willie Tuitama, Arizona	10	35	-166	211	1335	1169	116.9
Marshawn Lynch, Cal	13	223	1356	0	0	1356	104.3
Yvenson Bernard, Oreg St	13	296	1307	0	0	1307	100.5

SACKS*

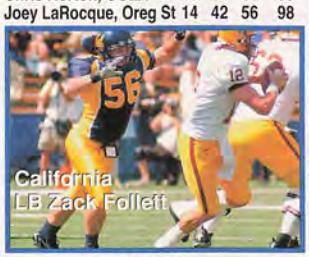
	NO	YDS
Justin Hickman, UCLA	12.5	97
Bruce Davis, UCLA	12.5	75
Mkristo Bruce, Wash St	11	66
Dorian Smith, Oreg St	9	68
Darius Sanders, Oregon	9	64
Lance Broadus, Wash St	7.5	39
Dallas Sartz, USC	7	44
Greyson Gunheim, Wash	6	37
Dexter Davis, Ariz St	6	35
Alan Darlin, Oreg St	5.5	44

USC
LB Keith Rivers

Washington
CB Roy Lewis

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Desmond Bishop, Cal	13	65	61	126	9.7
Michael Okwo, Stanford	10	57	38	95	9.5
C.J. Wallace, Wash	12	62	43	105	8.8
Eric Frampton, Wash St	12	55	45	100	8.3
Blair Phillips, Oregon	13	56	49	105	8.1
Trevor Hooper, Stanford	12	48	43	91	7.6
Scott White, Wash	12	45	45	90	7.5
Spencer Larsen, Arizona	12	63	26	89	7.4
Chris Horton, UCLA	13	64	31	95	7.3
Joey LaRocque, Oreg St	14	42	56	98	7.0


California
LB Zack Follett

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Justin Hickman, UCLA	19	117
Bruce Davis, UCLA	17.5	104
Mkristo Bruce, Wash St	16	77
Desmond Bishop, Cal	15	43
Derrick Doggett, Oreg St	14.5	74
Greyson Gunheim, Wash	14	55
Brian Cushing, USC	13.5	52
Christian Taylor, UCLA	13.5	52
Alan Darlin, Oreg St	12.5	71
Zack Follett, Cal	12.5	47
Darius Sanders, Oregon	11.5	68

*Numbers come from Pac 10 final statistics.

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Nick Folk, Arizona	12	74	3259	44.0
Sean Douglas, Wash	12	72	3110	43.2
Andrew Larson, Cal	13	49	2087	42.6
Aaron Perez, UCLA	13	62	2639	42.6
Jonathan Johnson, Ariz St	13	54	2241	41.5
Darryl Blunt, Wash St	11	53	2192	41.4
Kyle Loomis, Oreg St	14	62	2558	41.3
Jay Ottovegio, Stanford	12	61	2417	39.6
Greg Woidneck, USC	13	48	1838	38.3

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeSean Jackson, Cal	25	455	4	18.2
Sammie Stroughter, Oreg St	30	470	3	15.7
Syndric Steptoe, Arizona	20	261	1	13.1
Marlon Wood, Wash	36	220	0	6.1
Desmond Reed, USC	20	109	0	5.4

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Mario Danelo, USC	13	15	16	93.8	44
Justin Medlock, UCLA	13	28	32	87.5	51
Michael Braunstein, Wash	12	10	12	83.3	47
Alexis Serna, Oreg St	14	22	29	75.9	58
Nick Folk, Arizona	12	15	20	75.0	52
Tom Schneider, Cal	13	15	20	75.0	55
Jesse Ainsworth, Ariz St	13	14	19	73.7	47
Paul Martinez, Oregon	12	15	22	68.2	48
Aaron Zagory, Stanford	12	8	13	61.5	37
Loren Langley, Wash St	9	7	13	53.8	39

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	23	646	0	28.1
C.J. Gable, USC	16	432	0	27.0
Syndric Steptoe, Arizona	16	409	0	25.6
Coye Francies, Oreg St	22	493	0	22.4
Jason Evans, Stanford	16	349	0	21.8
Jeremiah Johnson, Oregon	16	327	0	20.4
Roy Lewis, Wash	18	339	0	18.8

Oregon St
WR Sammie Stroughter

PHIL'S PAC 10 UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
USC	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	5	1
Oregon	2	2	2	3	8	7	2	4	2
UCLA	5	5	9	3	2	4	2	3	5
Arizona St	6	3	4	5	6	6	6	6	9
California	3	5	1	2	9	4	7	1	2
Oregon St	8	4	4	7	4	2	5	2	4
Arizona	7	10	10	9	4	3	2	10	8
Washington	8	7	4	6	6	7	9	9	5
Washington St	4	8	4	7	3	9	8	7	7
Stanford	8	9	4	10	9	10	10	8	10

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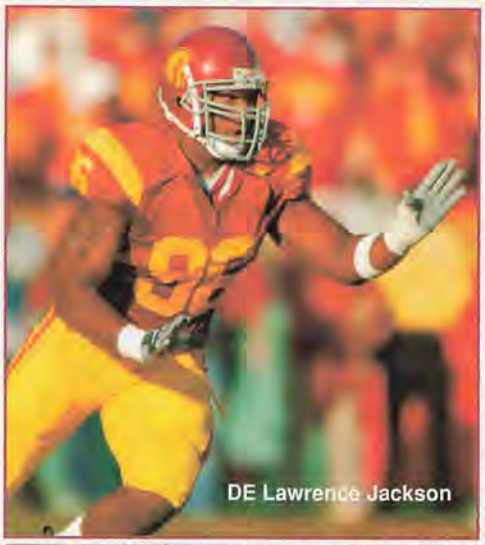
DE Lawrence Jackson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Carson Palmer struggled in his first four years but had a great senior season throwing for 3,942 (63.2%) with a 33-10 ratio. He won the Heisman and was the NFL's #1 pick. Matt Leinart won a 4-way battle for the job in '03 and won the Heisman in '04 (as a junior) throwing for 3,322 (65.3%) with a 33-6 ratio. Leinart turned down an early shot at being the top pick in the draft and as a senior threw for 3,815 yards (65.7%) with a 28-8 ratio. John David Booty (PS#1) played as a true frosh in '03 and redshirted in '04. He got 10 games in '05 throwing for 327 (64.3%) with a 3-2 ratio. Last year Booty battled rFr Mark Sanchez (PS#2) who was the scout team Off MVP in '05. Booty won the job and threw for 3,347 (61.7%) and a 29-9 ratio with his best game being the Rose Bowl in which he torched an outstanding Michigan D for 391 yards and 4 TD's. Sanchez got in 6 games (7 pass). The third string QB was Michael McDonald (6'2" 185, Paul's son) and he had 1 pass att which went for a TD on a fake FG. This year all 3 return and added to the mix is Garrett Green (6'2" 200 So, PS#42). Booty will try and become the 3rd Trojan QB in six years to bring home the Heisman.

RUNNING BACKS - This is a school known for its RB's with five Heisman Trophy winners in Mike Garrett, OJ Simpson, Charles White, Marcus Allen and Reggie Bush. Last year they had to replace a tremendous set of RB's in Bush and powerful LenDale White who combined to rush for 3,042 yards (7.7) with 40 rush TD's (697 yd rec). Chauncey Washington (PS#12) has had academic and injury problems in his first 3 years, but was the frontrunner to win the job last year. A hamstring injury limited Washington early but he became the feature back in Gm 4. True frosh Emmanuel Moody (PS#6) led the team in the first 3 games with 258 yards. Moody and Washington were the top 2 backs through game 9. Moody was lost for the year vs Oregon. CJ Gable (PS#9) didn't have more than 6 rush att's in a game since the opener due to a nagging groin strain until he became the feature back in the final 4 logging 71 carries (3.9). Washington was banged up and had just 13 carries in the final 3 but still led the team with 744 (4.7) and Moody was #2 with 459 (5.8). USC also was unfortunate at FB last year losing their top 3 to injury and true frosh Allen Bradford (PS#3LB) moved from SAF to FB. This year they lose FB Ryan Powdrell (2 st), Mike Brittingham (3 st, 22 ttl yd) and Jody Adewale (3 st, 16 rec yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Hershel Dennis (5'11" 200 Sr, PS#10) who had 661 (4.8) in 13 starts at TB in '03, Desmond Reed (5'9" 180 Sr, PS#45DB) and this year's outstanding crop of true frosh. This deep group of VHT's is vastly more experienced than last year.

RECEIVERS - Dwayne Jarrett (PS#4) led the team as a true frosh in '04 with 55 rec (15.4) then again in '05 with 91 (14.0). Steve Smith (PS#3) had 42 (15.7) in '04 and 60 (15.9) in '05. They both returned last year but Jarrett suffered through an injury-plagued year and saw his numbers "drop" to 70 (14.5) and Smith hauled in 71 (15.3) with each topping the 1,000 yard barrier. Chris McFoy missed six and had 17 (10.7). This year Jarrett (#2DC CAR), Smith (#2DC NYG) and McFoy all depart. Naturally this unit, including the TE's is loaded with talent and VHT's (HC Pete Carroll says it is his fastest group of WR's he has had here) but this is the least experienced position on the Trojans' very talented team.

OFFENSIVE LINE - USC's O-line has always been loaded with VHT's but surprisingly had topped 4.0 rushing just once between 1996 and 2002 (4.1 in '00). They improved from 4.5 to 4.7 the next 2 years. In 2005, Oregon HC Mike Bellotti said the Trojans had as good an OL as he had ever seen and they averaged 6'5" 312 with 4 returning starters plus a 2003 starter. The unit paved the way for 6.4 ypc rushing (3.5% sk). Last year they had to replace 3 starters (all NFL DC's). The rushing productivity slipped even more than expected (4.0 ypc) but the unit did allow just 17 sacks (3.8%). This year they lose 1st Tm Pac 10 C Ryan Kalil (13 st, 3Y st'r, #2DC CAR), RT Kyle Williams (13 st, PS#13) and Travis Draper (3 gm). LT Sam Baker (PS#15) could be the best OL in the NCAA. This unit is loaded with VHT's and is more experienced than last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Trojans' defense allowed just 1.8 ypc rush in 2003 and 2.6 (50 sk) in '04 with their "Wild Bunch II" D-line. In 2005, they had to replace the first pair of DL AA's since 1969. Five of the top 8 returned but with the loss of #1 and #2 DC DT's, they allowed 3.8 ypc rushing, their worst since 2001. Last year they had to replace two starters (#3 and #6 DC's) but improved to 3.0 ypc rush allowed with 35 sacks. Lawrence Jackson was 3rd Tm AA in '05 but was bothered by a groin injury and "only" earned 2nd Tm Pac 10 honors last year. He did not have a sack in the first 8 (10 in '05). First Tm Pac 10 DT Sedrick Ellis missed 3 with a knee injury. I expect better stats from both Ellis and Jackson in '07. This year the only losses are DE Brian Cushing who moves back to LB, DT Travis Tofi (2 tkl), DE Jeff Schweiger (2 tkl, transfer to SJSt) and DT Walker Lee Ashley (1 tkl). This unit is much more experienced than last year and is one of the NCAA's best.

LINEBACKERS - After having an inexperienced LB corps in 2005, the Trojans returned all 3 starters last year, but LB Cushing moved to DE, so they had 2 starters back. This year the only losses are LB Dallas Sartz (13 st, 70 tkl, 7 sk, HM P10, #5DC WAS) and Oscar Lua (3 st, 36 tkl, #7DC NE). Rey Maualuga (PS#1) and Keith Rivers (PS#2) return after both earned 1st Tm Pac 10 honors last year and DE Cushing (PS#5) moves back to his preferred LB spot. Carroll says, "It's the biggest, fastest, most aggressive LB corps we've had." This is the NCAA's top LB group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Under Carroll, the Trojans have finished #16, #12, #7, #1, #9 and #10 in my pass D rankings. They achieved last year's #10 finish despite having to replace 3 starters and then losing starting FS Josh Pinkard after 1 start with a torn ACL. Projected starting CB Kevin Thomas was only able to play in 4 (inj) but Carroll called the group the most physical and strongest set of DB's he's had. This year they are in great shape as the entire 2 deep returns, and Pinkard (4.33 spd) is also slated to return and was a part-time starter in '05. They also add 2 VHT true frosh. This is easily one of the best secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Trojans were #35 in my ST rankings in '03 and #15 in '04 but surprisingly in '05 they were just #87 despite the presence of Bush on returns and outstanding P Tom Malone. Even with AA P Malone, the team had a net of just 29.1 in '05 and last year with unheralded walk-on Greg Woidneck they improved the net to 33.7 with Carroll putting more emphasis on height rather than distance to help the coverage units. Troy Van Blarcom had 37 TB on 69 KO. Van Blarcom did not kick in the Rose Bowl and David Buehler had 3 TB on 8 KO's. Mario Danelo hit an outstanding 15 of 16 FG's (long 44). Buehler also played safety and att'd just 1 FG but it was the longest successful FG here since 1998 (49 yds). The top KR was Gable (27.0) and the top PR was Reed (5.4). Van Blarcom was dismissed for academics and Danelo was tragically killed falling off a cliff a few days after the Rose Bowl. USC was #36 in my ST rankings last year and could improve.

COACHES - Carroll had been the HC of the NY Jets and New England Patriots. When he was hired, not too many Trojan fans were happy. When he opened up 2-5, the Trojan faithful began to countdown the days until his departure. Since then, USC has gone 63-7 with two National Titles. Carroll had coached the defense himself, but in 2006 wanted to spend more time with the offense. He hired DC Nick Holt who was the Idaho HC the previous 2 years and an asst for Carroll previously. In 2005, they had to replace OC Norm Chow. Lane Kiffin was named the OC in '05 and Steve Sarkisian was asst HC/QB coach. The system worked pretty well as they avg'd 131 ypg more than in 2004. This year Kiffin moves on to become the HC of the Oakland Raiders and Sarkisian is the new OC here. The new passing game coordinator is John Morton (OAK '97-'04, NO '06). USC was the first team in NCAA history to have a 3,000 yard passer, two 1,000 yard rushers and a 1,000 yard receiver in '05.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1950-1989 USC had only 8 seasons in which they lost 5 games or more. In the next 12 years they reached that 5 loss total 9 times and were one of the most underachieving teams in the country. Carroll has officially brought the Trojans back. In 2002, they faced 11 bowl teams (#1 toughest schedule) but still finished 11-2. In 2003, they had to replace Heisman winner Palmer but won the AP National Title (12-1). They outscored their foes 41.1-18.4 and their only defeat was a 3 OT loss to Cal. In 2004, USC returned 12 starters and became just the 2nd team ever to be #1 in the AP poll for the entire season. They outscored foes 38.2-13 and had their 5th perfect regular season (1st since 1972). They demolished Oklahoma 55-19 in the National Title game, but did have four close calls (Cal, Stan, Oreg St, UCLA). The Trojans nearly got the much-hyped three-peat in 2005 and broke Miami's record of 21 straight weeks as the AP's #1 team (33). The Trojans' D allowed 22.8 ppg, the highest in 5 years, but the offense was almost unstoppable (49.1 ppg). For the 5th consecutive year, the Trojans benefitted from plus double-digit turnovers (+21) but again had some narrow escapes (Ariz St, ND, Fresno). In the National Title game, they were stopped short by 2 inches on a 4th & 2 which would have clinched it and allowed a TD with :19 left. Last year USC had a very young team with just 9 returning starters and had to replace QB Leinart and RB's Bush and White. They opened the season with a 50-14 rout of Ark and even after their upset loss at Oregon St, they had control and would have been playing in the National Title game if they had beaten UCLA. The Bruins got a tipped pass int at the 18 and held on for a 13-9 win. The Trojans were co-Pac 10 Champs but played in the Rose Bowl thanks to their 23-9 win over Cal and they set a record, winning their 5th straight Pac 10 Title. This year it is a much more veteran squad. The offense returns 6 starters including a veteran QB. While they must replace their top 2 WR's, they should still be explosive. Last year's offense averaged just 30.5 ppg, almost a 3 TD drop from 2005. It was the lowest since Carroll's inaugural season (24.8). The defense has 10 returning starters which is the most they've had in over 20 years. This is the first time since 2002 that USC did not lose a player in the first round of the draft. Last year Carroll called it the fastest D he's ever coached and they most likely will be among the top D's in the country this year. USC has some tough road games including Nebraska, ND, Oregon, Cal and Ariz St but the Trojans are the most talented team in the country and will be favored to win another National Title.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 10 JOHN DAVID BOOTY SR. 6-3 210 **PS#1**. 90 yd true. RS '04. 327 yd '05. 13 st, 3347 (62%) 29-9 ratio, **1st Tm Pac 10** LY. **6** Mark Sanchez (6-3 225 So) **PS#2**. 7 passes rFr.

RB 23 CHAUNCEY WASHINGTON SR. 6-1 220 **PS#12**. 4 st (inj), 744 (4.7) LY. **2 CJ Gable** (6-1 190 So) **PS#9**. 434 (3.9) true. **26 Emmanuel Moody** (6-1 195 So) **PS#6**. **Marc Tyler PS#1**.

FB 21 Allen Bradford So. 6-0 230 **PS#3LB**. 2 st, 75 ttl yd true. **31** Stanley Havili (6-1 220 rFr) **PS#39**. 1 st true until inj. Michael Coleman (6-1 230 So) PS#46DB. Stafon Johnson (6-1 210 So) PS#3.

WR 1 Patrick Turner Jr. 6-5 230 **PS#3**. 2 st 2Y, 41 rec (10.8). **9** David Ausberry (6-5 215 rFr). **PS#2**. Ronald Johnson is **PS#14DB**. **48** Brad Walker (6-2 205 Sr) 13 gm LY.

WR 7 Vidal Hazelton So. 6-3 200 **PS#6**. 1 rec true. **18** Jamere Holland (6-1 180 rFr) **PS#3**. 10.38 in 100m. **17** Travon Patterson (5-11 180 So) PS#58. 3 rec true. Brandon Carswell PS#56.

TE 83 FRED DAVIS SR. 6-4 260 **PS#3WR**. 3 st '05, 13 (11.2). 10 st LY, 38 (9.3). **89** Dale Thompson (6-4 255 Sr) **PS#3**. 4 st, 4 rec L2Y. Jimmy Miller (6-5 260 Jr) **PS#39DL**. Anthony McCoy PS#15.

C 69 Matt Spanos Sr. 6-5 305 PS#73DL. 21 gm, 2 letters. Inel LY. **76** Nick Howell (6-5 265 So) PS#72. 2nd string, 13 gm rFr. **LS 50** Will Collins (6-2 225 Sr) 26 gm L2Y.

RG 66 CHILO RACHAL JR. 6-5 300 **PS#12**. 13 gm, 2nd string rFr. 12 st RG LY. **2nd Tm Pac 10**. **77** Thomas Herring (6-6 330 So) **PS#5DL '04. ACL '05**. 1 gm LY (bowl).

LG 53 Jeff Byers Jr. 6-3 285 **PS#1**. 4 st LG true, 9 gm. Inj '05-'06. **70** Alatini Malu (6-4 330 Sr) PS#222JC. 9 gm '05. 1 st RG LY, 13 gm. **74** Zack Heberer (6-5 285 rFr) PS#71.

RT 60 DREW RADOVICH SR. 6-5 305 **PS#5**. Letter '04-'05. 13 st LG LY. **71** Charles Brown (6-6 285 So) PS#17TE. 13 gms rFr. **72** Martin Coleman **PS#9** in for spg.

LT 79 SAM BAKER SR. 6-5 305 **PS#15**. 13 st rFr. 13 st '05. 13 st '06 and **1st Tm AA L2Y**. **68** Butch Lewis (6-7 300 rFr) **PS#20**. **HS AA**. Kristofer O'Dowd is **PS#6**. **HS AA**.

K 18 David Buehler Jr. 6-2 225 1st Tm all-conf as frosh at JC, 25 TB on 58 KO & 24 tkl in '05. 49 yd FG here, LY (longest S/'98), 8 KO. Will be challenged by walk-ons.

DE 98 LAWRENCE JACKSON SR. 6-5 265 **PS#6. 3rd Tm AA '05.** 38 st, 3Y, 20 sk, 15 tfl, 10 pbu, 121 tkl. Everson Griffen (6-3 265 Fr) **PS#1! 97** Alex Morrow (6-6 270 Sr) PS#83. 9 tkl 3Y.

NT 49 SEDRICK ELLIS SR. 6-1 295 **PS#8. 1st Tm P10**. 23 st L2Y, 84 tkl, 9 sk. **99** Averell Spicer (6-2 295 So) **PS#15**. 1 sk rFr. **90** Derek Simmons (6-4 275 rFr) PS#60. DaJohn Harris PS#5TE.

DT 75 FILI MOALA JR. 6-4 295 PS#59. 2 st, 8 tkl rFr. 10 st LY, 2.5 sk, **HM P10**. **91 Chris Barrett** (6-5 265 Sr) **PS#10**. 6 st LY, 15 tkl. **56** Alex Parsons (6-4 260 So) PS#88.

DE 84 Kyle Moore Jr. 6-6 260 **PS#12**. 11 tkl 2Y. **81** Gerald Washington (6-6 255 Jr) **PS#9JC**. RS LY. **95** Lawrence Miles (6-2 265 Jr) PS#32. Inj LY. Michael Reardon is PS#30.

WLB 55 KEITH RIVERS SR. 6-3 230 **PS#2**. 11 st '05, 52 tkl. 13 st LY, **1st Tm P10**, 85 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **43** Kaluka Maiava (6-0 225 Jr) **PS#35**. 1 st, 54 tkl 2Y. **51** Joshua Tatum (6-1 225 rFr) PS#3.

MLB 58 REY MAUALUGA JR. 6-3 250 **PS#1**. 37 tkl true. 10 st LY, **1st Tm P10**, 78 tkl, 5 tfl. **41** Thomas Williams (6-3 240 Sr) **PS#8**. 10 st, 47 tkl L2Y. **52** Luthur Brown (6-3 235 So) **PS#6**. 5 tkl rFr.

SLB 10 BRIAN CUSHING JR. 6-4 245 **PS#5**. L/4 st true LB, 23 tkl. 13 st DE LY, 57 tkl, 13.5 tfl. **46** Michael Morgan (6-2 200 rFr) **PS#12**. **47** Clay Matthews (6-4 230 Jr) 15 tkl, 1 sk LY.

CB 28 TERRELL THOMAS SR. 6-1 200 PS#55. **2nd Tm Pac 10**. 2 st '05 until ACL. 13 st LY, 50 tkl, 12 pbu. **24** Shareece Wright (6-0 185 So) PS#56. 15 tkl true. Ronald Johnson **PS#14**.

CB 7 CARY HARRIS JR. 6-0 180 **PS#25**. 9 tkl true. 11 st LY, 48 tkl, 1 int. **15** Kevin Thomas (6-1 180 Jr) PS#23. 2 st , 10 tkl LY. **23** Vincent Joseph (5-10 185 So) PS#86RB. 2 tkl true.

SS 4 KEVIN ELLISON JR. 6-1 220 PS#64RB. 13 st LY, **HM P10**, 64 tkl, 6 tfl. **9** Mozique McCurtis (6-1 225 Jr) 2 pbu, 1 int LY, 13 gm. **39** Alfred Rowe (6-2 210 rFr) PS#132.

FS 2 TAYLOR MAYS SO. 6-4 225 **PS#1**. 12 st true **Pac 10 Co-FOY**. **36** Josh Pinkard (6-1 215 Jr) PS#60. 4.33 spd. 7 st '05, 54 tkl. Inj '06. **26** Will Harris (6-1 200 So) **PS#21**. ACL inj '05.

P 44 GREG WOIDNECK JR. 6-0 195 Took over at P in '06. 48 punts, 38.3 avg, net 33.7. Good height on punts. **18** David Buehler PS#455JC. 3 TB on 8 KO LY. Walk-ons will challenge.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Everson Griffen 6-3 265 PS#1
RB	Marc Tyler 6-0 215 PS#1
RB	Joe McKnight 6-0 180 PS#3DB
LB	Chris Galippo 6-2 235 PS#3
OL	Kristofer O'Dowd 6-5 290 PS#6
DB	Marshall Jones 6-0 185 PS#10
QB	Aaron Corp 6-3 185 PS#9
RB	Broderick Green 6-1 230 PS#8
OL	Martin Coleman 6-5 285 PS#9
DB	Ronald Johnson 6-1 190 PS#14
LB	Malcolm Smith 6-2 215 PS#11RB
DL	DaJohn Harris 6-4 270 PS#5TE
DL	Michael Reardon 6-5 265 PS#30
DL	Christian Tupou 6-2 275 PS#51
WR	Brandon Carswell 6-2 175 PS#56
RB	Jordan Campbell 6-0 225 PS#93LB
TE	Rhett Ellison 6-5 235 PS#39
DL	Trey Henderson 6-3 265 PS#66TE

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#2

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score USC	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Idaho	G					USC has won all 7 vs the Vandals. USC has won 9 straight season openers by avg of 36-11. The Trojans' DC Nick Holt was the HC at Idaho in 2004 & 2005.
Sep. 8							Bonus: USC is 27-1 vs current WAC teams (only loss was the '92 Freedom Bowl vs Fresno St).
Sep. 15	at Nebraska	A					The Trojans held Nebraska to just 211 total yds in last year's victory. USC has won 5 straight road openers. USC has won 7 straight non-conf games away from LA.
Sep. 22	Washingon St	G					USC's co-Frosh of the Year Mays int'd Cougar QB Brink on the final play to help the Trojans hold on to a 28-22 victory. USC has won 4 straight in this series.
Sep. 29	at Washington	A					USC has won 5 straight in this series. Washington marched down to USC's 15 with :02 left but were unable to get a play off. USC is 3-5 in their 1st conf road game.
Oct. 6	Stanford	G					USC handed SU their worst loss S/'87 shutting out the Cardinal for the 1st time S/'89. Stanford was the last team to beat USC at the Coliseum (21-16 in 2001).
Oct. 13	Arizona	G					The USC defense held the Wildcats to -16 yds rushing (3rd fewest in school history) & just 154 total yds in their 20-3 victory. USC has beaten Arizona 5 straight.
Oct. 20	at Notre Dame	G					LY's vs the Irish was the 10th straight Trojan sellout as USC set P10 attendence records for highest avg & total crowds. USC has won 5 straight w/4 of 5 by 20+ pts.
Oct. 27	at Oregon	A					LY was Oregon's first trip to the Coliseum since 2000. Chauncey Washington had a career high 119 yds & 3 TD's. USC has won 8 straight times in B2B road games.
Nov. 3	Oregon St (HC)	G					QB Booty's 2 pt pass was batted down with :07 left allowing OSU to hold on to the 33-31 upset. LY's loss to OSU ended USC's 27 gm P10 winning streak. HT has won 7 of 8.
Nov. 10	at California	A					USC won their 5th straight P10 Title with LY's 23-9 victory over Cal securing a berth in the Rose Bowl & a possible National Champ bid. USC has won 5 of 6 in this series.
Nov. 17							
Nov. 22	at Arizona St (Thur)	G					Last year USC scored a TD on 3 of their first 4 possessions but needed a 4Q defensive stop to pull out a 28-21 victory. USC has won 7 straight in this series.
Dec. 1	UCLA	G					UCLA's upset last yr cost USC a trip for the National Champ. UCLA snapped USC's 63 gm streak of scoring 20+ pts holding them to just 9. USC had won 7 straight prior to LY.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Carson Palmer 11,818 '98-'02	1. Charles White 6,245 '76-'79	1. Johnnie Morton 3,201 '90-'93
2. Matt Leinart 10,693 '02-'05	2. Marcus Allen 4,810 '78-'81	2. Dwayne Jarrett 3,138 '04-'06
3. Rob Johnson 8,472 '91-'94	3. Anthony Davis 3,724 '72-'74	3. Kareem Kelly 3,104 '99-'02

PETE CARROLL (Career 65–12)

7th Year at USC

Carroll's Bowl Record: 4-2

Carroll's records AT USC

65-12	Straight Up	10-2	Vs Top 10
34-2	Home	24-6	Vs Top 25
26-8	Away	16-4	Vs BCS Teams
5-2	Neutral	9-3	Off A Bye
42-7	Vs Conference	6-3	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (11–2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 56 (26,27,3)
Lost: 18 (11,5,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 91,480 (#8)

PAC 10

STADIUM: LA MEMORIAL COLISEUM (92,000) (#7)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	6-5	10-2	11-1	12-0	12-0	10-2	66-17
Home	2-5	4-2	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	36-7
Away	2-2	2-3	4-2	5-1	5-0	6-0	4-2	28-10
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	7-1	7-1	8-0	8-0	7-2	44-13
ATS	3-9	6-5	8-4	10-2	7-5	6-6	6-6	46-37
Home Fav (Paul Hackett)	0-5	1-3	4-2	5-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	22-17
Home Dog (Pete Carroll)	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
Away Fav	0-2	2-1	3-1	4-1	2-3	3-3	2-4	16-15
Away Dog	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-1
Favorite	0-7	3-4	7-3	9-2	7-5	6-6	6-6	38-33
Dog	3-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-4
vs Conf	2-6	6-2	6-2	7-1	4-4	4-4	3-6	32-25
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-3	2-2	3-1	3-1	2-2	3-0	14-12
Off SU Win	0-5	2-3	7-2	8-2	7-4	5-6	4-6	33-28
Off SU Loss	2-4	4-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	9-6

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chauncey Washington	157	756	12	744	9	4.7
Emmanuel Moody	79	484	25	459	2	5.8
CJ Gable	111	484	50	434	4	3.9
Allen Bradford	13	42	0	42	1	3.2
Stafon Johnson	3	17	0	17	0	5.7
Mark Sanchez	4	6	11	-5	1	-1.2
John David Booty	33	50	103	-53	1	-1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John David Booty	436	269	61.7	3347	29	9
Mark Sanchez	7	3	42.9	63	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Steve Smith	71	1083	15.3	9	53
Dwayne Jarrett	70	1015	14.5	12	62
Fred Davis	38	352	9.3	3	25
Patrick Turner	29	272	9.4	2	29
Chris McFoy	17	182	10.7	2	23
Chauncey Washington	9	93	10.3	0	27
CJ Gable	9	90	10.0	0	35
Ryan Powdrell	4	72	18.0	1	44
Travon Patterson	3	63	21.0	0	22
Desmond Reed	5	51	10.2	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Greg Woidneck	48	1838	38.3	12	33.7	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mario Danelo	44-48	6-7	8-8	1-1	0-0	15-16	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Keith Rivers	85	2	5.5	2	0
Rey Maualuga	78	2	3	3	1
Dallas Sartz	70	7	2.5	5	0
Kevin Ellison	64	1.5	4.5	5	1
Taylor Mays	62	0	0	3	3
Brian Cushing	57	4.5	9	1	0
Terrell Thomas	50	3	0	12	2
Cary Harris	48	0	1.5	3	1
Lawrence Jackson	43	4	7	3	1
Oscar Lua	36	0	2	3	0
Sedrick Ellis	34	4.5	3.5	3	0
Kaluka Maiava	34	0	3.5	0	0
Fili Moala	20	2.5	4.5	4	0
Thomas Williams	18	1	0.5	0	1
Chris Barrett	15	1	1	0	0
Shareece Wright	15	0	0	0	0
Clay Matthews	15	1	0.5	0	0
Kevin Thomas	10	0	0	1	0
Josh Pinkard	6	0	0	0	0
Kyle Moore	5	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Desmond Reed	20	109	5.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
CJ Gable	16	432	27.0	0
Cary Harris	6	93	15.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Orange - #5	-4'	Iowa - #3	38-17
03	Rose - #1	-7	Michigan - #4	28-14
04	Orange - #1	-1	Oklahoma - #2	55-19
05	Rose - #1	-7	Texas - #2	38-41
06	Rose - #8	-1	Michigan - #3	32-18

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USC'S All-Time Bowl Record 29–16

USC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	30.5	21	128	4.0	264	61.1	12.9	+4	2006	5	15.2	16	91	3.0	205	54.6	19.5
8*	49.1	29	260	6.4	320	64.9	11.8	+21	2005	5	22.8	20	131	3.8	230	59.7	15.8
6*	38.2	23	177	4.7	272	65.6	11.8	+19	2004	6	13.0	16	79	2.6	200	53.8	21.5
5	41.1	22	156	4.5	292	62.0	10.9	+20	2003	6	18.4	20	60	1.8	276	55.0	18.3
9*	35.8	24	142	3.6	307	63.4	12.6	+18	2002	5	18.5	16	83	2.8	202	49.8	15.4
8*	24.8	15	88	2.6	227	58.6	12.7	+16	2001	6	17.3	18	155	3.9	176	54.7	19.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

USC 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#6	at Arkansas	27	42 - 192	4.6	25 - 38	280	2	16	27 - 130	4.8	16 - 32	157	1	+5
#4	Nebraska	26	31 - 142	4.6	25 - 37	257	1	10	36 - 68	1.9	9 - 17	143	1	+1
#3	at Arizona	22	42 - 202	4.8	24 - 39	179	1	8	19 - (-16)	-0.8	14 - 25	170	5	0
#3	at Washington St	20	32 - 135	4.2	23 - 32	269	3	26	28 - 131	4.7	26 - 47	287	0	-1
#3	Washington	21	32 - 148	4.6	24 - 41	263	0	19	31 - 167	5.4	17 - 39	212	0	-1
#3	Arizona St	18	36 - 159	4.4	12 - 25	148	1	13	33 - 121	3.7	12 - 21	124	2	-1
#3	at Oregon St	23	27 - 86	3.2	24 - 39	406	2	16	35 - 89	2.5	21 - 32	262	6	-4
#9	at Stanford	18	32 - 108	3.4	14 - 25	247	2	12	30 - 30	1.0	16 - 30	178	2	+3
#7	Oregon	21	27 - 130	4.8	17 - 28	213	1	25	40 - 102	2.6	30 - 48	256	5	-1
#4	California	19	31 - 120	3.9	18 - 31	238	0	14	26 - 99	3.8	17 - 38	176	1	+3
#3	Notre Dame	21	32 - 139	4.3	17 - 28	265	1	18	31 - 130	4.2	22 - 45	274	3	-1
#2	at UCLA	14	29 - 55	1.9	23 - 39	274	2	15	36 - 121	3.4	12 - 21	114	3	0
#8	† Michigan	21	23 - 48	2.1	27 - 45	391	1	19	27 - 12	0.4	26 - 41	309	6	+1
TOTALS		271	416 - 1664	4.0	273 - 447	3430	17	211	399 - 1184	3.0	238 - 436	2662	35	+4
AVERAGES		20.8	32 - 128	4.0	21 - 34	264	1.3	16.2	31 - 91	3.0	18 - 34	205	2.7	0.3

2002 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #20 Opponent	Line	Post #4 Score
#18	Auburn	-7'	24-17
#17	at Colorado - #18	+3	40-3
#11	at Kansas St - #25	+2'	20-27
#16	Oregon St - #23	-3'	22-0
#18	at Washington St - #17	-3	27-30 OT
#20	California	-12'	30-28
#19	Washington - #22	-7'	41-21
#15	at Oregon - #14	-1	44-33
#10	at Stanford	-18'	49-17
#8	Arizona St	-15'	34-13
#7	at UCLA - #25	-5'	52-21
#6	Notre Dame - #7	-11	44-13

2003 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	Post #1 Score
#8	at Auburn - #6	+3'	23-0
#4	BYU	-21'	35-18
#4	Hawaii	-21	61-32
#3	at California	-13'	31-34 3OT
#10	at Arizona St	-12	37-17
#9	Stanford	-21	44-21
#5	at Notre Dame	-8	45-14
#5	at Washington	-10'	43-23
#3	Washington St - #6	-11'	43-16
#2	at Arizona	-28'	45-0
#2	UCLA	-23	47-22
#1	Oregon St	-21'	52-28

2004 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #1 Opponent	Line	Post #1 Score
#1	† Virginia Tech	-17	24-13
#1	Colorado St	-24'	49-0
#1	at BYU	-26'	42-10
#1	at Stanford	-22	31-28
#1	California - #7	-7'	23-17
#1	Arizona St - #15	-10'	45-7
#1	Washington	-35	38-0
#1	at Washington St	-24'	42-12
#1	at Oregon St	-18	28-20
#1	Arizona	-35	49-9
#1	Notre Dame	-23'	41-10
#1	at UCLA	-22'	29-24

2005 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #1 Opponent	Line	Post #2 Score
#1	at Hawaii	-36	63-17
#1	Arkansas	-30	70-17
#1	at Oregon - #24	-21	45-13
#1	at Arizona St - #14	-16	38-28
#1	Arizona	-38	42-21
#1	at Notre Dame - #9	-12	34-31
#1	at Washington	-30	51-24
#1	Washington St	-29'	55-13
#1	Stanford	-34	51-21
#1	at California	-18	35-10
#1	Fresno St - #16	-23	50-42
#1	UCLA - #11	-21	66-19

2006 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	Post #4 Score
#6	at Arkansas	-8	50-14
#4	Nebraska - #19	-17'	28-10
#3	at Arizona	-21'	20-3
#3	at Washington St	-16'	28-22
#3	Washington	-19	26-20
#3	Arizona St	-19	28-21
#3	at Oregon St	-10	31-33
#9	at Stanford	-28	42-0
#7	Oregon - #21	-8'	35-10
#4	California - #17	-6	23-9
#3	Notre Dame - #6	-8'	44-24
#2	at UCLA	-11'	9-13

OREGON DUCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - The Ducks have had three 1st round DC's at QB since 1979 in Chris Miller, Akili Smith and Joey Harrington (25-3 as UO starter). In 2004 Kellen Clemens (PS#7) threw for 2,548 (60%) with a 22-10 ratio while setting the school record for most consecutive passes without an int (178). VHT Dennis Dixon (PS#10) wasted his redshirt with just 15 passes in 6 games. Clemens, who was just 13-11 as a starter heading into 2005, adapted to New OC Gary Crowton's offense like a duck to water. In 2005 he threw for 2,406 (64%) with an outstanding 19-4 ratio (162 passes without an int to start the ssn) before being lost for the year with an injury. In the 7 games that Clemens (#2DC NYJ) started and finished, the team avg'd 487.3 ypg. In the 5 he did not, they averaged just 371. Dixon shared time with Brady Leaf (Ryan's brother) in those 5 with Dixon throwing for 777 (66.3%) and Leaf 467 (58.5%). Bellotti said in Aug that Dixon was the better runner, passer, had the stronger arm, a quicker release and was more accurate and not surprisingly he won the starting job. Bellotti signed 3 true frosh and Nathan Costa (PS#56) was the #3QB all season. Costa actually burned his redshirt vs Port St playing in just two games, and completing all five of his attempts. Dixon had a solid start to the season but in the final 7 games he played after the Cal loss, did not top 150 yards passing and had 9 int. Leaf started and played the entire game vs Oreg St hitting 25 of 42 for 274 and started the bowl but Dixon hit 10 of 20 for 122 off the bench. This year all 3 QB's return and they are working with a new QB coach/OC in New Hampshire's Chip Kelly (#2 IAA scoring offense '06). Added to the mix are Justin Roper (6'6" 202 rFr, PS#91) and Cody Kempt (6'2" 213 rFr, PS#78). Costa is a wild card as he could either win the starting job or RS. Bellotti is hoping Dixon improves as a senior like Clemens did. The UO QB's combined for an 18-18 ratio and should put up better stats in 2007.

RB Jonathan Stewart

RUNNING BACKS - Mike Bellotti used to stock this position with JUCO's but hasn't since 2004. Terrence Whitehead led in '03 with just 737 (3.8) but bulked up and got a little quicker in 2004 rushing for 1,144 (5.7). They added PS#1 RB Jonathan Stewart in '05 and he led the NCAA in KR (33.7) but was bothered by an ankle injury. He scored a TD once every eight times he touched the ball (188 yd rush). Whitehead led the team again with 679 (4.4). In the 5th week they took the redshirt off Jeremiah Johnson (PS#68), who was the fastest frosh RB, and he rushed for 147 (6.1). Last year they had to replace Whitehead, but Stewart trimmed his forty time to 4.34, with a 410 bench and a 38.5" VL. Bellotti said that Stewart can run over and around people and thought that he and Johnson could each top the 1,000 yard mark. Stewart had a career high 168 in the opener but injured his ankle (1 att Fresno). He had 144 vs the Sooners, 142 vs ASU and 159 vs UW. Surprisingly Stewart avg'd just 46 ypg over the final 4 and finished with 981 (5.4). Johnson had 644 (6.3). They took the redshirt off of true frosh Andre Crenshaw (PS#152) vs UW but he had just 5 att. They did so because Andiel Brown (5'10" 198 Sr) and LSU transfer Chris Vincent were both injured as those two only combined for 93 yards rushing on the year. Added to the mix this year are Remene Alston (5'8" 200 rFr, PS#149) and true frosh Malachi Lewis (PS#27). Stewart and Johnson are both back and should be one of the Pac 10's top RB duos.

RECEIVERS - The Ducks had a very talented receiving corps heading into last year despite having to replace WR Demetrius Williams (1,059 yards, 10 TD's, #4DC BAL) and TE Tim Day (25 rec). Jordan Kent is 6'5" yet runs the 100m in 10.2 and played on the basketball team. James Finley was PS#1JC and has outstanding hands. Jaison Williams (PS#57) is 6'5" 240 and runs the 100m in 10.5. Bellotti said that Garren Strong was the top WR but he battled injuries and had just 11 rec (10.6). Jaison Williams was the team's top threat with 68 (14.5) despite missing a game, and being shutout in the bowl due to injury. Kent had 44 (11.2) and TE Dante Rosario had 42 (10.1). Bellotti had expected 50-75 receptions out of Finley (inj) but he had just 15 (9.1). At one point the receiving corps was so banged up that Bellotti took the RS off of Kyle Weatherspoon and he played in just the Oregon St game (2 rec). This year they lose Weatherspoon (1 st), Finley (1 st), Rosario (13 st, #5DC CAR), Kent (12 st, #6DC SEA) and TE Dan Kause (2 rec). It was a very disappointing bowl game for this unit (see Hardcore). Despite the losses, this group has a lot of talent and should be much more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Ducks usually have a strong O-line and from 1999-2001 led the Pac 10 in the fewest amount of sacks allowed. The had an off year in 2003 as they had 4 starters back but only paved the way for 3.5 ypc while allowing 35 sacks, their weakest totals in nearly a decade. In 2004 they had 9 of their top 10 returning and improved to 4.1 ypc but this time led the Pac 10 in MOST sacks allowed (41). They basically had 1 starter back in 2005 and only opened holes for 3.8 ypc (20 sk). Last year they Ducks returned all 5 starters and I mentioned they would remind Duck fans of the 1999-2001 O-lines and they did just that. The O-line opened holes for 5.0 ypc rush while allowing just 16 sacks (3.4%). This year they lose 1st Tm Pac 10 C Enoka Lucas (13 st, 3Y st'r, UFA HOU) and RG Palauni Ma Sun (13 st, 2Y st'r, HM P10, UFA WAS) but do have 8 of the top 10 back including 6 with starting experience and add in VHT Fenuki Tupou (PS#13JC) who redshirted in 2006. This should be another top-notch Duck O-line but it is a little less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Bellotti always does a great job with the D-line and from 2000 to 2004 allowed 3.4, 3.3, 3.0, 3.1 and 3.3 ypc. They had to replace two starters in 2005 and surprisingly slipped to 3.9 ypc but did record 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace one of the best Duck players of all-time in DT Haloti Ngata (#1DC BAL) as well as the team's career leader in tfl, DE Devan Long. Projected starting DT Cole Linehan missed 7 and JUCO Ra'Shon Harris was lost for the season with a torn tricep muscle, so they had 2 DL's out midseason and many more playing through nagging injuries. The unit slipped even more to 4.3 ypc rush, their worst total since 1997. This year they lose Darius Sanders (13 st, 27 tkl, 9 sk) and DE Matt Toeaina (13 st, 36 tkl, 3 tfl, #6DC CIN). Not only do they have 6 of the top 8 back but five return with starting experience. They also have a pair of VHT JUCO's in Will Tukuafu (PS#45JC) and Dexter Manley (PS#40JC). Also added to the mix are two huge VHT DT's in Myles Wade (PS#29, 314 lbs) and Simi Fili (PS#20, 340 lbs). There are 7 VHT's that I list in the 3 deep below and this is a much improved Duck front.

LINEBACKERS - The Ducks list themselves as a 4-2-5 but in reality their SS is really a SLB. For four straight years the Ducks had to replace two starters from the LB unit but last year they had 2 starters back. They did have to replace their #1 tackler however in Brent Haberly, who was lost after 6 starts. This year they lose their top tackler again in Blair Phillips who was overwhelmingly voted the team MVP (13 st, 105 tkl, 9 tfl, UFA DAL). They also lose Haberly (19 tkl), Jon Pope (25 tkl) and 3rd string Chris Mulvanny (1 tkl). Provided Agyeman and Tuitele stay healthy all year, this could be the most experienced LB's the Ducks have fielded in six years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Ducks have snagged three straight Top 20 finishes in my pass D rankings. Despite having just one starter back in 2004, they finished #12. With 4 starters back in '05, they finished #14 with 23 int. Last year they had to replace 1st Tm and 2nd Tm Pac 10 CB's as well as 2 backups. Projected starting CB Jackie Bates (PS#39) was lost for the year in Wk 3. Due to the dearth at CB, they talked about moving Patrick Chung there but he started all 13 at ROV. DB Coach Neal compares Chung to the San Diego Chargers' Shawne Merriman. Surprisingly the unit still finished #14. They are in much better shape at CB this year and the only losses are 2nd Tm Pac 10 FS JD Nelson (13 st, 88 tkl, 3 sk, UFA CIN) and 3rd string ROV Parris Moore (2 tkl).

SPECIAL TEAMS - After a surprising #89 finish in '04, the Ducks moved up to #18 in 2005. Despite having almost everyone back last season they dropped to #48. The P duties were split by Aaron Knowles (40.4) and Matt Dragich (36.6). RFr Josh Syria outpunted both many times in practice, and should fill in well. Paul Martinez hit 19 of 24 FG's in '05 and 15 of 22 (long 48) last year. Matt Evensen hit just 4 of 9 FG's with a long of 51 in '05 and was 1 of 3 last year having his potential game winning 44 yarder vs Oreg St blocked. He attempted that kick because Martinez had missed 2 FG's and an xp and was still nursing a groin injury. Stewart had another fine year on KR (28.1). Evensen had 20 TB on 64 KO. An interesting newcomer could be 6'7" rFr Brandon Bair as Bellotti noted how many times he blocked kicks in practice. This year they must replace Martinez, Dragich and Knowles. The Ducks usually finished near the top when Tom Osborne was their ST coordinator and he now returns after a 5 year stint at Ariz St. In his last six years here the Ducks finished #30, #22, #4, #15, #13 and #47 in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Mike Bellotti has had the best record (97-48) in the Pac 10 since he arrived here. This year the new OC is Chip Kelly (43 years old). Kelly, who had been the OC at New Hampshire since 1999 ('05 offense ranked 2nd in IAA with 493.5 ypg #3 in ppg with 41.7), replaces Gary Crowton who left for LSU. DC Nick Aliotti was the architect of the Gang Green D that started the UO revival and returned to the school after being the DC at UCLA in '98. He is now back for his 9th year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 the Ducks were ranked in the preseason AP poll for the first time and went 11-1 narrowly missing out on playing in the BCS Title game. The next 2 years, despite starting 6-0 and 4-0, they finished just 7-5 and 8-4. In 2004 the first game set the tone for the season as UO outgained Indiana 495-198 but due to 7 TO's came up short 30-24, their first non-conf home loss in 21 games. The Ducks bottomed out when they needed a win in the season finale to become bowl eligible and were waxed by Oreg St, 50-21. It broke a streak of 10 straight winning years for the Ducks. In 2005 I had UO as the #4 most improved team in the country and also listed them as one of my surprise teams. The Ducks nearly made it to a BCS bowl despite losing their starting QB. With a healthy QB Clemens starting, they avg'd 487.3 ypg but without him, just 371. It was a senior-laden team and their most experienced since the 2001 Fiesta Bowl. They led USC at the half in the battle of unbeatens but lost. They thrashed Oreg St 56-14 in the season finale and lobbied hard for the open BCS spot but were relegated to the Holiday Bowl and a disappointed 10-1 team (#6) was beaten by Oklahoma in a thrilling bowl. That 2005 squad did benefit from +13 in turnovers (pg 312) and had 4 close wins. Last year they had 13 returning starters and got a gift vs Oklahoma, a game they would have lost if it wasn't for some bad officiating. They stood 7-2 when they travelled to face #7 USC and still had a shot at the Pac 10 Title. They were SOD on 4th & 1 on their opening drive and despite a 358-343 yard edge, lost 35-10. They then dropped their final 3 including an embarrassing 38-8 whopping by BYU for their 4th straight bowl loss. The Ducks were -10 in turnovers which is a good sign for 2007. This year they have 7 starters back on offense including their top 3 QB's, top 3 RB's and 2 of their top 3 WR's. The defense also has 7 returning starters and last year only allowed 322 ypg but 26.5 ppg. They had a 12.1 ypp which is their worst in the Bellotti tenure and another good sign for 2007 (pg 299). The Ducks get 5 of their Pac 10 games at home and Autzen is a tough venue. The Ducks were just 4-5 in Pac 10 play but outgained P10 foes by 136.4 ypg which was the best mark in the conference!!! The Ducks made my list of surprise teams.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 10 DENNIS DIXON SR. 6-4 205 **PS#10.** 15 st, 2993 pass (62%) 18-17 ratio, 727 rush. **16 Brady Leaf** (6-5 225 Sr) PS#147. 2 st, 1384 pass (57%) 9-7 2Y. **Nathan Costa** (6-1 220 So) PS#56.

RB 28 JONATHAN STEWART JR. 5-11 230 **PS#1.** 1 st, 637 all-purp yds true. 12 st LY, 981 (5.4), 20 rec, 23 KR (28.1). **24** Jeremiah Johnson (5-9 205 Jr) PS#68. 1 st 2Y, 791 (6.2), 21 rec (6.2).

WR 3 Cameron Colvin Sr. 6-2 207 **PS#6.** 12 st '05. 2 st '06. 54 rec (11.9) 3Y. Garren Strong (6-3 203 Sr) 3 st 3Y, 36 (9.2). **FB 47** Jason Turner (6-2 224 Jr) PS#106LB.

WR 19 BRIAN PAYSINGER SR. 6-2 208 **4.34 spd.** 12 st LY, 34 (13.3). **Terence Scott PS#18JC. 6 Drew Davis PS#21.** In for spg. **86** Ryan Mattice (6-3 204 Jr) JC. 4 rec, 8 gm LY.

WR 4 JAISON WILLIAMS JR. 6-5 240 PS#57. 1 st rFr, 15 (16.3). 9 st LY (inj), 68 (14.5). **6** Derrick Jones (6-1 176 So) **PS#9.** 1 rec true. **91** Rory Cavaille (6-3 210 So) 2 rec.

TE 83 Ed Dickson So. 6-5 240 **PS#21.** 4 rec, 10 tkl as rFr. **81** Ryan Keeling (6-5 254 Jr) PS#43. 3 rec 2Y. David Paulson (6-3 230 Fr) PS#26. Matt Larkin (6-2 223 Jr).

C 60 MAX UNGER JR. 6-5 287 PS#268. 12 st LT rFr, HM P10. 13 st LT LY.

2nd Tm P10. 51 Jeff Kendall (6-3 297 Jr) PS#196. 2nd string rFr, 3 gm. 2nd string LY, 8 gm.

RG 66 Pat So'oalo Sr. 6-5 332 PS#191 '03. JUCO. RS '05. 2nd string last year, 9 gm. **54** Jordan Holmes (6-4 295 rFr) PS#193. **68** CE Kaiser (6-4 293 rFr) PS#204.

LG 61 JOSH TSCHIRGI SR. 6-4 299 PS#110. 7 gm as rFr. 11 st LG in '05. 11 st LG LY. **63** Jon Teague (6-2 301 Jr) 3 gm rFr. 2 st LG LY, 7 gm. Carson York is PS#34DL.

RT 75 GEOFF SCHWARTZ SR. 6-7 337 PS#104. 12 st RT '05. 11 st RT LY. **78** Jacob Hucko (6-7 317 Jr) **PS#30.** 1 st, 9 gm 2Y. **79** Mark Asper (6-7 316 Fr) PS#241 '04. Mission.

LT 57 Fenuki Tupou Jr. 6-6 322 **PS#13JC.** RS LY. **71** Mark Lewis (6-4 308 Jr) PS#227. 2 gm rFr. 1 st, 9 gm LY. **69** Bo Thran (6-5 299 rFr) PS#182. Darrion Weems is PS#48.

K 85 Matt Evensen Jr. 6-1 194 5 of 12 FG 2Y, L/51. **Daniel Padilla** PS#75. 50 and 52 yd FG in HS LY. Morgan Flint (5-9 168 So) PS#92. Luke Bellotti PS#85. Some KO's LY.

DE 39 Will Tukuafu So. 6-3 279 **PS#45JC.** 10.5 sk JC LY. **88** Brandon Bair (6-7 250 rFr) PS#95TE. **56 Victor Filipe** (6-2 282 Sr) PS#165 '01. Mission. 5 st '05, 5 tkl. MedRS LY.

DT 90 DAVID FAAETEETE SR. 6-2 310 **PS#33.** 10 tkl, 6 tfl '04-'05. 7 st last year, 17 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **97** Cole Linehan (6-4 304 Jr) **PS#54.** 6 st 2Y, 26 tkl, 5 tfl. Myles Wade is **PS#29.**

DT 99 Jeremy Gibbs Sr. 6-3 290 **PS#57JC.** 5 st LY, 19 tkl, 1 sk. **Simi Fili PS#20. 91** Ra'Shon Harris (6-5 321 Jr) PS#217. 10 gm rFr. Inj'd LY. **50** Simi Toeaina (6-4 308 So).

DE 49 NICK REED JR. 6-2 255 PS#108. 5 tkl true. 10 st LY, 30 tkl, 3.5 sk, 2.5 tfl. **72** Dexter Manley II (6-2 280 Sr) **PS#40JC.** 8 tkl, 3 sk, 1 tfl LY. Michael Speed (6-4 258 Jr).

WLB 34 AJ TUITELE SR. 5-11 226 **PS#42DB.** 2 st rFr, 11 tkl. 4 st '05, 37 tkl. 8 st LY, 59 tkl, 5 tfl. **25** Kevin Garrett (5-11 220 So) PS#83. 7 tkl rFr. Casey Matthews is PS#70.

MLB 40 John Bacon Jr. 6-3 227 PS#190. 13 gm 2Y, 2 tkl. **35** Spencer Paysinger (6-2 235 rFr). Impressive RS yr. Josh Thomas-Dotson (6-3 228 Sr). Erik Elshire (6-0 220 Jr) Scout Tm MVP.

SS 30 KWAME AGYEMAN SR. 5-11 205 PS#48DB. 1 st rFr, 12 tkl. 13 st LY, 43 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **13** Jerome Boyd (6-2 220 Jr) PS#54DB. **4.33 spd.** 19 tkl 2Y. **Kenny Rowe is PS#19DL.**

CB 6 WALTER THURMOND SO. 6-0 180 **PS#165.** 12 st rFr, 67 tkl, 1 int, 9 pbu. Jameel Dowling (6-2 198 Sr) **PS#92JC.** 9 tkl LY. **8 Jackie Bates** (5-10 180 Sr). 10 st 3Y, 67 tkl. ? '07.

CB 32 JAIRUS BYRD SO. 5-11 208 PS#167. 10 st rFr, 56 tkl, 5 int, 7 pbu, **Pac 10 Co-Fr of Yr. 17** Willie Glasper (5-11 184 So) **PS#7.** 1 st, 1 int rFr. **2** Terrell Ward (5-10 191 So).

ROV 15 PATRICK CHUNG JR. 5-11 210 12 st rFr, 91 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 13 st LY, 84 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **1** Marvin Johnson (5-10 197 rFr) PS#167. Scout Tm award. **27** Titus Jackson (6-0 204 So) PS#220.

FS 20 Matthew Harper Sr. 6-0 181 **PS#40JC.** 16 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **9** Ryan DePalo (6-1 206 Sr) 37 tkl 3Y. **ACL?? '07. 46** Jordan Willetts (5-11 197 rFr). Canadian. Todd Doxey PS#74.

P 80 Josh Syria rFr. 6-3 232 Wofford transfer. Sat out LY. Granted scholarship '07. **41** Morgan Flint (5-9 168 So) PS#92. DNP as rFr. Brendon Lamers (6-1 176 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Terence Scott	5-11 179 PS#18JC
LB	Kenny Rowe	6-3 215 PS#19DL
DL	Simi Fili	6-4 340 PS#20
DL	Myles Wade	6-2 314 PS#29
WR	Drew Davis	6-1 202 PS#21
DL	Will Tukuafu	6-3 279 PS#45JC
OL	Carson York	6-4 285 PS#34DL
RB	Malachi Lewis	6-3 206 PS#27
OL	Darrion Weems	6-5 300 PS#48
DB	Anthony Gildon	6-0 168 PS#68
DL	Tonio Celotto	6-3 252 PS#63
DL	Dominic Glover	6-5 230 PS#71
DB	Todd Doxey	6-0 166 PS#74
LB	Casey Matthews	6-1 223 PS#70
LB	Terrance Pritchett	6-2 201 PS#74
TE	David Paulson	6-3 230 PS#26
OL	Charlie Carmichael	6-4 296 PS#105DL
DB	Jeffrey Maehl	6-1 178 PS#117
RB	Charles Neal	6-1 208 PS#112
LB	Brandon Hanna	6-2 235 PS#113
LB	Eddie Pleasant	5-11 218 PS#118RB
LB	Terrell Turner	6-3 248 PS#172
WR	RiShard Matthews	6-1 212 PS#187
OL	Mark Asper	6-7 316 PS#241 '04
DB	Talmadge Jackson	5-9 182 PS#205WR
WR	Aaron Pflugrad	5-10 172 PS#214
DB	William Wallace	5-10 172 PS#423RB
K	Daniel Padilla	6-1 210 PS#75
RB	John Laidet	6-5 225 PS#452LB

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#11

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UO	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	Houston	A				
Sep. 8	at Michigan	A				
Sep. 15	Fresno St	A				
Sep. 22	at Stanford	G				
Sep. 29	California	A				
Oct. 6						
Oct. 13	Wash St (HC)	A				
Oct. 20	at Washington	A				
Oct. 27	USC	A				
Nov. 3	Arizona St	A				
Nov. 10						
Nov. 15	at Arizona (Thur)	G				
Nov. 24	at UCLA	G				
Dec. 1	Oregon St	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bill Musgrave 8,343 '87-'90	1. Derek Loville 3,296 '86-'89	1. Samie Parker 2,761 '00-'03
2. Danny O'Neil 8,301 '91-'94	2. Terrence Whitehead 2,832 '02-'05	2. Tony Hartley 2,744 '96-'99
3. Kellen Clemens 7,555 '02-'05	3. Sean Burwell 2,758 '90-'93	3. Keenan Howry 2,698 '99-'02

In Bellotti's 12 yrs at UO, the Ducks have lost just 1 HG vs non-conf opponents going 25-1 in that span with the loss coming in 2004 to Indiana 30-24 (58-16 overall at home).

The Ducks have been shutout in their 3 trips to the Big House (last visit '73). Oregon upset #3 Michigan in 2003 winning 31-27. OU is 12-26 vs the Big 10.

LY Martinez scored a 4 yd TD on a fake FG late in the 4Q to help UO prevail in Fresno. With the win, HC Bellotti became UO's all-time winningest coach. UO is 5-0 S/'86 w/LY's 7 pt margin being the biggest.

LY UO RB Stewart rushed for a season-high 168 yds & 2 TD's in the Ducks 48-10 smashing of SU. Oregon has won 5 straight vs Stanford & 7 straight conf road openers.

HT has won last 4. Cal HC Jeff Tedford was the OC under Bellotti at Oregon from '98-'01. Third string QB Brady Leaf threw a TD pass in OT as #15 UO beat #23 Cal at Autzen in '05.

The visitor is 5-2 with this being only the 2nd home game vs WSU in 8 gms played. In LY's 34-23 loss, UO allowed just 1 sk to the nation's #10 Cougar D in sks (28 entering the game).

The Ducks tallied 316 yds on the ground in LY's 34-14 victory over UW in Eugene. Oregon beat Washington for the third straight season (1st time since 1931).

Despite a 358-343 yard edge, UO turned the ball over 2X deep in their own territory allowing USC to roll. Oregon has now lost 3 straight to the Trojans after beating them 4 straight from '98-2001.

UO WR Williams had his 3rd straight 100 yd gm in LY's win over ASU (5 for the season-tied school record). The visitor has won 4 of 5. Duck D held ASU QB Carpenter to 6-19 passing for 33 yds.

UA handed UO it's only loss of the season at Autzen Stadium LY. The visitor has won 6 of 8. LY marked the 1st time that UO has lost to UA in Eugene during the Bellotti regime.

UO rebounded nicely vs UCLA after suffering their 1st defeat the previous wk at the hands of Cal. In the gm, UO ran for 256 yds vs a Bruin D allowing just 50 yds a gm. UO has won 5 of 6.

In LY's Civil War, QB Leaf made his 1st start ('06) leading UO back from a 13 pt 4Q deficit to claim a 28-27 lead but still fell short having a FG blk'd on the last play of the gm. HT has won 10X.

MIKE BELLOTTI (Career 97-48) (Div II 21-25-2)
13th Year at Oregon
Bellotti's Bowl Record: 4-6

Bellotti's records AT OREGON

97-48	Straight Up	5-10	Vs Top 10
58-16	Home	19-22	Vs Top 25
35-26	Away	10-9	Vs BCS Teams
4-6	Neutral	12-1	Off A Bye
60-37	Vs Conference	20-17	Off A Loss

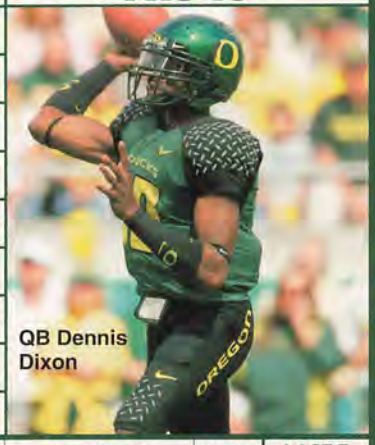
2006 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (24,24,2)
Lost: 19 (9,7,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 58,378 (#28)

PAC 10



QB Dennis Dixon

STADIUM: AUTZEN STADIUM (54,000) (#51)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	10-1	7-5	8-4	5-6	10-1	7-5	56-24
Home	6-0	5-1	5-3	5-1	3-3	5-1	5-1	34-10
Away	3-2	5-0	2-2	3-3	2-3	5-0	2-4	22-14
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	7-1	7-1	3-5	5-3	4-4	7-1	4-5	37-20
ATS	5-6	6-5	5-6	7-5	7-4	7-3	6-5	43-34
Home Fav	3-3	1-5	3-3	1-2	3-3	4-0	3-2	18-18
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	3-2
Away Fav	1-2	3-0	1-0	2-2	0-0	2-2	1-1	10-7
Away Dog	1-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	4-1	1-0	2-2	12-7
Favorite	4-5	4-5	4-3	3-4	3-3	6-2	4-3	28-25
Dog	1-1	2-0	1-3	4-1	4-1	1-1	2-2	15-9
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-4	31-26
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	12-8
Off SU Win	4-5	5-4	3-3	4-3	4-1	5-3	3-4	28-23
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-0	1-3	2-2	3-2	1-0	2-1	11-8

Mike Bellotti

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jonathan Stewart	183	1029	48	981	10	5.4
Jeremiah Johnson	103	674	30	644	10	6.3
Dennis Dixon	94	511	69	442	2	4.7
Brian Paysinger	7	77	0	77	0	11.0
Andiel Brown	10	53	1	52	1	5.2
Brady Leaf	34	103	72	31	1	0.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dennis Dixon	322	197	61.2	2143	12	14
Brady Leaf	155	86	55.5	917	6	4
Nathan Costa	5	5	100.00	73	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jaison Williams	68	984	14.5	6	67
Jordan Kent	44	491	11.2	4	44
Brian Paysinger	34	451	13.3	3	47
Dante Rosario	42	426	10.1	1	25
Jonathan Stewart	20	144	7.2	1	24
James Finley	15	137	9.1	2	35
Cameron Colvin	18	121	6.7	0	19
Garren Strong	11	117	10.6	0	29
Jeremiah Johnson	17	100	5.9	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Aaron Knowles	27	1092	40.4	7	33.3(t)	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Paul Martinez	37-39	6-7	6-10	3-3	0-2	15-22	48
Matt Evensen	6-6	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-3	22

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Blair Phillips	105	2	7	2	1
JD Nelson	88	3	1	5	1
Patrick Chung	84	2	1.5	1	4
Walter Thurmond	67	1.5	2	9	1
A.J. Tuitele	59	1	4	2	1
Jairus Byrd	56	0	0.5	7	5
Kwame Agyeman	43	0	2.5	0	0
Matt Toeaina	36	0	3.0	0	0
Nick Reed	30	3.5	2.5	0	0
Darius Sanders	27	9	2.5	1	0
Jon Pope	25	0	1.5	1	0
Brent Haberly	19	0	1	1	0
Jeremy Gibbs	19	1	0	1	0
David Faaeteete	17	1.5	4	0	0
Cole Linehan	16	1	2	0	0
Matthew Harper	16	0	0	2	0
Jerome Boyd	12	0.5	0	0	0
Ed Dickson	10	0	1	0	0
Dante Rosario	10	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Patrick Chung	14	170	12.1	1
Jeremiah Johnson	13	127	9.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonathan Stewart	23	646	28.1	0
Jeremiah Johnson	16	327	20.4	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Fiesta - #2	+3	Colorado - #3	38-16
02	Seattle	-7	Wake Forest	17-38
03	Sun	+4'	Minnesota - #24	30-31
05	Holiday - #6	-3	Oklahoma	14-17
06	Las Vegas	+3'	BYU - #19	8-38

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OREGON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	29.5	24	182	5.0	241	59.3	14.4	-10	2006	6	26.5	18	149	4.3	173	55.0	12.1
7*	34.5	23	134	3.8	305	62.9	12.7	+13	2005	7	23.2	19	134	3.9	224	56.9	15.4
8*	25.6	22	159	4.1	238	59.0	15.5	-2	2004	5	25.6	19	122	3.3	217	52.9	13.2
7*	27.4	20	132	3.5	253	57.8	14.1	-5	2003	6	26.8	19	107	3.1	260	52.2	13.7
6	32.1	18	146	4.0	228	51.9	11.6	+5	2002	6	27.8	21	118	3.0	291	57.3	14.7
8*	34.3	22	193	5.2	243	58.9	12.7	+16	2001	4	21.3	20	115	3.3	285	50.4	18.7

2006 STATS BY GAME

UO 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#21	Stanford	28	41 - 298	7.3	21 - 30	236	0	20	35 - 100	2.9	20 - 34	224	3	0
#20	at Fresno St	21	34 - 139	4.1	23 - 36	240	0	20	41 - 206	5.0	16 - 33	150	1	+1
#18	Oklahoma	26	31 - 163	5.3	27 - 42	343	1	19	43 - 207	4.8	13 - 24	174	2	-3
#14	at Arizona St	28	40 - 315	7.9	23 - 37	259	0	9	34 - 142	4.2	6 - 19	33	6	+1
#11	at California	21	29 - 70	2.4	21 - 36	288	2	20	42 - 235	5.6	14 - 26	189	0	-3
#18	UCLA	21	43 - 256	6.0	11 - 22	148	1	17	30 - 104	3.5	16 - 31	112	2	-1
#16	at Washington St	25	31 - 104	3.4	28 - 47	367	1	20	41 - 193	4.7	20 - 23	179	1	-1
#25	Portland St	26	39 - 196	5.0	20 - 36	235	0	13	32 - 111	3.5	9 - 22	93	5	+4
#24	Washington	31	54 - 316	5.9	18 - 30	138	2	10	21 - 13	0.6	15 - 34	125	3	-2
#21	at USC	25	40 - 102	2.6	30 - 48	256	5	21	27 - 130	4.8	17 - 28	213	1	+1
–	Arizona	18	26 - 163	6.3	25 - 45	183	0	16	45 - 230	5.1	9 - 14	133	3	-6
–	at Oregon St	22	33 - 153	4.6	25 - 43	274	0	18	30 - 88	2.9	16 - 27	255	2	-1
–	† BYU	14	30 - 94	3.1	16 - 34	166	4	30	31 - 173	5.6	28 - 47	375	1	0
TOTALS		306	471 - 2369	5.0	288 - 486	3133	16	233	452 - 1932	4.3	199 - 362	2255	30	-10
AVERAGES		23.5	36 - 182	5.0	22 - 37	241	1.2	17.9	35 - 149	4.3	15 - 28	173	2.3	-0.8

2002 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
#15	Mississippi St	-13	36-13
#13	Fresno St	-16'	28-24
#13	Idaho	-32'	58-21
#9	Portland St	NL	41-0
#8	at Arizona	-8	31-14
#7	at UCLA	+2'	31-30
#6	Arizona St	-10	42-45
#14	USC - #15	+1	33-44
#19	Stanford	-14	41-14
#15	at Washington St - #5	+3'	21-32
#23	Washington	-6'	14-42
–	at Oregon St	+4'	24-45

2003 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Mississippi St	-3'	42-34
–	Nevada	-22	31-23
–	at Arizona	-11'	48-10
#22	Michigan - #3	+7	31-27
#10	Washington St - #21	-4	16-55
#19	at Utah	-3	13-17
–	at Arizona St	-2'	14-59
–	Stanford	-10	35-0
–	at Washington	+1	10-42
–	California	+2	21-17
–	at UCLA	+2	31-13
–	Oregon St	+3	34-20

2004 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre-Season #23 Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
#24	Indiana	-20'	24-30
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+28	7-31
–	Idaho	-35	48-10
–	Arizona St - #21	-2'	13-28
–	at Washington St	+3'	41-38
–	Arizona	-11	28-14
–	at Stanford	+3'	16-13
–	Washington	-19'	31-6
–	at California - #4	+20	27-28
–	UCLA	-6'	26-34
–	at Oregon St	+3'	21-50

2005 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
–	at Houston	-7'	38-24
–	Montana	NL	47-14
–	Fresno St - #23	-2'	37-34
#24	USC - #1	+21	13-45
–	at Stanford	-7	44-20
#25	at Arizona St	+10	31-17
#20	Washington	-17	45-21
#15	at Arizona	-11'	28-21
#15	California - #23	-2'	27-20 OT
#11	at Washington St	-4'	34-31
#10	Oregon St	-13	56-14

2006 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre-Season #21 Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
#21	Stanford	-12	48-10
#20	at Fresno St	-3'	31-24
#18	Oklahoma - #15	-4'	34-33
#14	at Arizona St	+1	48-13
#11	at California - #16	+5	24-45
#18	UCLA	-8'	30-20
#16	at Washington St	-3'	23-34
#25	Portland St	NL	55-12
#24	Washington	-16	34-14
#21	at USC - #7	+8'	10-35
–	Arizona	-14'	10-37
–	at Oregon St	+3	28-30

UCLA BRUINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Drew Olson (PS#17) got in 5 starts as a true frosh and in his first three years had just a 33-26 ratio. As a senior in 2005, he had a phenomenal year throwing for 3,198 (64%) with an amazing 34-6 ratio. Last year it was an Olson starting at QB again but this time it was Ben (PS#1) who had thrown just 4 passes since he last played in HS ('01) and then signed at BYU, and went on a mission. Ben (no relation to Drew) fought Patrick Cowan (PS#157) for the starting QB job and prevailed. In the opener, he hit 25 of 33 for 318 yards with 3 TD's. Olson struggled in starts vs UW and Stanford with an 0-4 ratio and was injured in the 1Q vs Arizona. Cowan came in and hit 20 of 29 for 201 vs Ariz but then had his first two starts on the road in two very hostile environments (Oreg, ND). Cowan's best game was vs Cal when he hit 22 of 40 for 329 but the next week vs Oreg St he hit just 12 of 23 for 126. Each week Olson's return was anticipated but Cowan hung on to his starting job. In the bowl vs Fla St he hit 15 of 36 for 240. After losing his first 4 starts, the team was 3-1 in the last 4. This year both QB's return along with Osaar Rasshan (6'4" 208 So, PS#23) who is the most athletic of the QB's. Added to the mix are Chris Forcier (PS#14) and rFr McLeod Bethel-Thompson (6'3" 222, PS#187). The Bruin QB's combined to complete 56% with a 16-14 ratio last year and should have improved numbers in '07.

RUNNING BACKS - Starting in '03 Maurice Jones-Drew led the Bruins in rushing for 3 straight years and in 2004 became the Bruins' 10th 1,000 yard rusher with 1,007 (6.3). In 2005 Jones-Drew led with 914 (4.9) but in the bowl Chris Markey rushed for 161 and true frosh Kahlil Bell (PS#88WR) rushed for 136. On the season Markey was #2 with 561 (5.1) and Bell was #3 with 310 (6.0). FB Michael Pitre added 69 (4.6). Last year Jones-Drew left early for the NFL (#2DC JAX) and Markey had 208 vs Rice and 124 vs UW. He did have just 54 combined vs ND and Wash St but then had 136 vs Cal and 144 in the bowl to top the magical barrier with 1,107 (4.9). He was the first Bruin to lead the team in both rushing yards and receptions (35) since Kermit Alexander in 1962. Bell had 102 vs Rice but missed 4 with an injury and later was susp'd. Despite only playing in 7, he was #2 with 239 (4.0). True frosh FB Chane Moline (PS#33) added 101 (3.1) and Derrick Williams (5'10" 211) had 96 (4.2). This year everyone returns except for backup FB Danny Nelson (13 gm ST). Not listed below are Ryen Carew (5'9" 190 So, PS#133), Justin Fareed (5'11" 190 rFr), Craig Sheppard (6'1" 210 So, PS#183) and FB Chad Moline (6'0" 238 Sr, PS#261JC). The Bruins avg'd just 130 ypg (3.9) last season and should improve upon those numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Bruins usually have one feature WR near the top of the Pac 10 in receptions each year. That has not been the case the last two years. In 2005 TE Marcedes Lewis won the John Mackey Award and led the team with 58 (12.8) while the top WR was Joe Cowan (35, 13.4). The #3 receiver was RB Jones-Drew. Cowan missed the '06 season so the top returning WR was Marcus Everett (32, 12.2). Everett started 8 last year but was still the top receiver with 31 (14.5). Junior Taylor (PS#11) tore his ACL in '05 and started five in '06 (28, 11.8). TE Logan Paulsen (PS#88DL) was #4 with 27 (12.3). Brandon Breazell was #2 in yards (389, 18.5). This year they lose Taylor (5 st), TE JJ Hair (0 rec), WR's Matt Willis (3 st, 21 rec) and Andrew Baumgartner (2 st, 9 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ryan Graves (6'1" 166 Jr, PS#50), Jeremy McGee (5'10" 178 So, PS#114), TE William Snead (6'5" 255 Sr) who had 5 starts and 20 tackles at DE in '05 and true frosh TE Nate Chandler (PS#7). With Cowan's return, they basically have 4 returning starters at 3 positions and the underclassmen raise the talent level.

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 1999-'03 the UCLA O-line allowed a Pac 10 high 190 sacks. They brought in Tom Cable in 2004, who had been the head coach at Idaho, and he is an outstanding OL coach. He shook up the unit moving three starters to different positions and the Bruins started using chop blocks. They went from 2.6 ypc rushing in '03 to 4.8 in 2004 while allowing just 23 sacks. In 2005 they had to replace two starters plus Cable left for the NFL, and the unit was hit hard by injuries as only 2 OL's started all 12. The ypc dropped to 4.4 (26 sk). Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 26 starts, so they had 3 starters returning. The unit had only one start missed all year but surprisingly the ypc dropped to 3.9 (21 sk). This year they must replace C Robert Chai (13 st) but have 9 of the top 10 back. They do lose OL Coach Jim Colletto to the Detroit Lions. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Micah Reed (6'4" 306 Jr, 10 gm) and Justin Brown (6'6" 272 So, PS#245). This unit should pave the way for much improved rushing numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bruins had a solid D-line in Dorrell's first season allowing just 3.2 ypc rush, but had to replace 4 starters and 2 backups in '04 and used 14 different DL's as the ypc rose to 5.1. DT Kevin Brown led the team in sacks with 5 but he missed '05 with an injury. Former HC Toledo had gone two years without recruiting a DL, so Dorrell played a lot of frosh in '04 and '05. The undersized and young D-line yielded 5.4 ypc rushing in 2005 and was once again plagued by injuries. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 returning, and I noted that 8 DL's had starting experience and called for them to be one of the most improved D-lines in the NCAA. They were just that, as they amazingly went from allowing 233 ypg rush (5.4) down to 91 (2.8) with 40 sacks!! This year they lose 1st Tm Pac 10 DE Justin Hickman (13 st, Tm MVP, 12.5 sk!), DT Brian Ruziecki (3 gm) and DE Will Peddie (1 tkl). DT Kevin Brown is another year removed from injury. Chase Moline started 9 in 2005 and was a backup last year suffering from a back injury. Once again 7 of the top 8 are back including 6 with starting experience and not even listed in the 3 deep below are Jerzy Siewierski (6'3" 297 So, 1 tkl), Chinonso Anyanwu (6'4" 212 So), Dylan Rush (6'3" 246 rFr, PS#17TE), Darius Savage (6'4" 333 rFr, PS#86) and Reginald Stokes (6'3" 246 rFr, PS#149). Even with the loss of Hickman, this unit should be just as tough.

LINEBACKERS - The Bruins' LB corps was inexperienced last year as they had to replace three players who combined for 26 starts including their #1 tackler. The most experienced returning LB, John Hale (7 st '05) was just a backup after being suspended early. The 3 LB's that started the opener, had a combined 5 career starts. Aaron Whittington missed 3 with an ankle injury with Hale starting those. This year the unit is far more experienced with the only loss being Eric McNeal (24 tkl, 3 tfl). Five return with starting experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bruins had finished among my Top 50 pass D's every year since 1997 including #4 in 2001, #13 in 2002 and #12 in 2003. After a #27 finish in 2004, UCLA had just 8 int's in 2005 and they dropped to #58. Last year they had to replace two starters and the unit only contained two VHT's but the Bruins moved back up to #23. This year they are one of the few teams in the country with 4 veteran senior starters as the top 9 DB's all return.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2004 the Bruins' ST were loaded with talented, productive players and finished #3 in my ST rankings. Despite having to replace their top PR and P, they finished #8 in 2005. Last year they had to replace Jones-Drew who avg'd an unheard-of 28.5 on PR's, but had everyone else back and rose to #6. They did have 2 fumbled PR's in the first two games and then true frosh Terrence Austin (PS#9) who had a 79 yard TD vs Wash mishandled a couple of returns and was injured. Their top KR was Derrick Williams (26.2). Justin Medlock (PS#11) became the third Bruin K in 14 years to be named 1st Tm AA as he hit 28 of 32 FG's including a pair from 50+. He also had 20 TB on 72 KO. P Aaron Perez avg'd 42.6 (36.1 net). This year stepping into Medlock's (#5DC KC) large shoes is Kai Forbath (PS#1) who had 66 TB (84%) in HS and also nailed a 57 yard FG. This unit will contend for Top 10 honors once again.

COACHES - Karl Dorrell was an NFL coach for three years prior to coming here and had spent 7 years as an OC in the college ranks. Dorrell was a WR at UCLA and when he completed his career was #2 in school history in rec and played on teams that won three Rose Bowls. His offense is very complex and the team struggled to learn it in 2003. Dorrell was the Pac 10 co-Coach of the Year in 2005. Dorrell switched OC's in '04 bringing in Tom Cable, who was the HC at Idaho from '01-'03. The unit went from 19.1 ppg to 30.1 ppg in 2004 to 39.1 in 2005. Cable left for the NFL after the '05 season. The offensive production dropped to 23.0 ppg last year under the direction of Jim Svoboda so Dorrell brings in a new OC Jay Norvell this year. Norvell was the OC/QB coach at Nebraska the past three years (Callahan called the plays). I think Norvell is an up-and-coming HC candidate and should have a solid impact on the Bruins' offense. Last year they brought in a new DC in DeWayne Walker who was the DB coach with the NFL's Redskins, Giants and Patriots. Walker stepped into a great situation and the team allowed over 2 TD's less per game than they allowed in 2005!

PHIL'S FORECAST

At one time USC and UCLA used to battle it out annually for the Pac 10 Title. Just a decade ago the Bruins' program was clearly ahead of the Trojans. From 2000-'04, however, UCLA was just 19-21 in Pac 10 play and in Dorrell's first two seasons, they were just 6-7 and 6-6 overall. Dorrell played a school record 12 true frosh in 2004. The Bruins were picked 5th in the preseason Pac 10 poll in 2005, but almost everything went in their favor during the season. They were outgained by 72.9 ypg in league play but still managed a 6-2 mark and at one point stood 8-0 and were talking National Title and an unbeaten showdown with USC. They went 6-0 in the Rose Bowl for the 2nd time since '82 and achieved their seventh 10-win season in school history. That '05 miracle year was aided by four 4Q comebacks (See Hardcore). Last year they had just 12 returning starters and had to replace their OC, top QB, top RB and top receiver. I mentioned I did not expect them to match '05's 39.1 ppg and they avg'd just 23.0 ppg. Part of that could be attributed to losing QB Ben Olson to an injury in the 5th game. The Bruins stood at 4-1 when he went down and backup QB Cowan lost his first four starts. UCLA appeared headed for a losing season at 4-5 with a road trip to Ariz St and a home game vs USC on deck. They somehow managed to win their last 3 regular season games including a big upset of #2 USC to earn a bowl bid. In the bowl they lost 44-27 to Fla St, a game they led by 4 in the 4Q. After 3 years of having small senior classes, Dorrell has his most experienced and talented team with a large 2007 senior class. He has 10 starters back on offense and with new OC Norvell calling the shots, should have one of the most improved ppg's in the NCAA. The D went from a weakness to a strength last year allowing over 2 TD's per game less and also has 10 starters back in '07. UCLA could be favored in their first 11 games this year which could set up a titanic struggle vs USC in the season finale.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 7 **BEN OLSON JR.** 6-5 227 **PS#1**. 5 st (inj). 822 (64%) 5-5 ratio. 12 **Patrick Cowan** (6-5 218 Jr) PS#157. 8 st LY, 1782 (53%), 11-9, 228 rush. 11 Osaar Rasshan (6-4 208 So) **PS#23.**

RB 28 **CHRIS MARKEY SR.** 5-11 204 PS#74. 15 st 3Y, 2018 (5.0). 60 rec (9.9). **HM P10** LY. 36 Kahlil Bell (6-0 205 Jr) PS#88WR. 549 rush (4.9) 2Y. Raymond Carter is **PS#14.**

FB 42 **CHANE MOLINE SO.** 6-1 238 **PS#33.** 101 rush true, 5 rec. 32 **Michael Pitre** (6-0 244 Sr) PS#158LB. 15 st, 406 ttl yds 3Y. 31 Trevor Theriot (6-0 226 So) PS#429.

WR 9 **MARCUS EVERETT SR.** 6-1 196 PS#76DB. 18 st 3Y, 72 rec (13.2), 7 TD. Gavin Ketchum (6-4 201 Jr) PS#81. 3 st, 16 rec 2Y. Terrence Austin (5-11 162 So) **PS#9.** 2 rec true 8 PR (13.8).

WR 26 **JOE COWAN SR.** 6-4 220 PS#66. 12 st '05, 35 (13.4). 13 (17.5) '04. 1 **Brandon Breazell** (6-0 156 Sr) PS#126. 11 st 3Y. 47 rec (14.9), 8 TD. 19 Dominique Johnson (6-4 209 So) PS#41.

TE 86 **LOGAN PAULSEN JR.** 6-5 247 PS#88DL. 12 st LY, 27 rec (12.3). 15 Ryan Moya (6-2 234 Jr) PS#30. 5 st 2Y, 22 rec (inj miss 7 gm LY). 83 Adam Heater (6-5 255 So) PS#25.

C 60 **CHRIS JOSEPH SR.** 6-5 282 PS#197. 5 st WG in '05 til inj. 13 st WG LY. 50 Aaron Meyer (6-2 288 Jr) PS#147. 4 gm LY. Andy Keane (6-2 271 rFr) **PS#61.** Jake Dean (6-4 288 rFr) **PS#48.**

RG 71 **SHANNON TEVAGA SR.** 6-3 316 **PS#36.** 6 st SG true. 12 st '05. 13 st LY, **HM P10** L2Y. 75 Nick Ekbatani (6-4 285 Jr) PS#245JC. 4 gm. 55 Sonny Tevaga (6-4 351 rFr) PS#84.

LG 74 **NOAH SUTHERLAND SR.** 6-5 299 PS#122. 3 st ST '05. 13 st WT LY. Strongest on tm. 67 PJ Irvin (6-5 305 Sr) **PS#41.** 13 gm LY. 51 Nathaniel Skaggs (6-3 296 Jr) 1 st C, 1 st DT '05.

RT 78 **ALEKSEY LANIS SO.** 6-6 316 **PS#12.** 12 st ST rFr. 70 Tony Lee (6-4 281 Jr) PS#184. 72 Sean Sheller (6-4 282 rFr) **PS#44.** Brandon Bennett (6-4 352 rFr) **PS#86.**

LT 73 **Micah Kia So.** 6-5 304 **PS#47.** 13 gm true. 68 Brian Abraham (6-6 307 Sr) **PS#40.** 9 st ST '05. 1 st (bowl) LY. 99 Scott Glicksberg (6-4 252 Jr) PS#339. 8 gms.

K 15 **Kai Forbath rFr.** 6-0 193 **PS#1.** 66 TB on 79 KO in HS. 57 yd FG, 40.2 avg on punts. 37 Jimmy Rotstein (6-0 171 So) 5-5 xp in bowl as true. 7-15 FG HS, long of 49.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 44 **BRUCE DAVIS SR.** 6-3 237 **PS#40.** 2 st '04-'05, 45 tkl, 4.5 sk. 13 st LY, **12.5 sk, 2nd Tm P10.** 89 Tom Blake (6-4 275 Jr) UC Davis trans. 55 Korey Bosworth (6-1 234 So) PS#149LB.

DT 75 **KEVIN BROWN SR.** 6-2 293 **PS#23.** 11 st '04, 25 tkl, 5 sk. RS '05. 12 st LY, 24 tkl, 6 tfl. 58 **Chase Moline** (6-2 280 Jr) PS#237OL. **9 st DT** '05, 25 tkl. 8 tkl, 2 sk LY (miss 3 inj).

DT 93 **BRIGHAM HARWELL SR.** 6-2 286 **PS#10LB.** 11 st, 35 tkl, 4 sk, 7.5 tfl '05. 12 st, 31 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. 52 Jess Ward (6-3 294 So) PS#275OL. Brian Price **PS#13.** David Carter (6-3 259 rFr) PS#187.

DE 96 **Nikola Dragovic Sr.** 6-3 256 PS#145. 4 starts, 11 tkl, 2 tfl '05 (inj). 7 tkl LY. 77 **Kenneth Lombard** (6-1 261 Jr) **PS#65.** 7 st, 39 tkl, 6 tfl 3Y. 98 Jeff Miller (6-6 254 rFr) **PS#62.**

SLB 42 **AARON WHITTINGTON SR.** 6-2 215 PS#85DL. 4 st, 34 tkl '04-'05. 10 st LY (inj 3), 29 tkl. 12 **John Hale** (6-4 226 Jr) 10 st 2Y, 36 tkl. 49 Fred Holmes (6-1 248 Sr) PS#175. 9 tkl 3Y.

MLB 33 **CHRISTIAN TAYLOR SR.** 6-0 222 1 st '05, 43 tkl. 12 st LY, 83 tkl, 4.5 sk. 54 Kyle Bosworth (6-1 225 Jr) PS#150. 13 tkl, 1 st LY. 45 Tobi Umodu (5-11 231 rFr) is **PS#34.**

WLB 51 **REGGIE CARTER SO.** 6-1 218 PS#114. Scout Tm MVP true. 12 st rFr, 48 tkl, 6 tfl. 8 Shawn Oatis (6-0 220 So) **PS#56RB.** 1 tkl rFr. 53 Joshua Edwards (6-1 228 Jr) UC Davis trans.

CB 23 **TREY BROWN SR.** 5-9 185 PS#103. 5 st, 46 tkl rFr. 12 st, 53 tkl, 10 pbu '05. 13 st, **HM P10**, 47 tkl , 4 int, 9 pbu. 22 Michael Norris (5-10 176 Jr) 25 tkl, 4 pbu 2Y. Matt Caldwell (6-3 182 So).

CB 3 **RODNEY VAN SR.** 5-11 170 **PS#34.** 34 tkl '04-'05. 13 st, 57 tkl, 9 pbu LY. Alterraun Verner (5-10 170 So) PS#125. 1 st, 59 tkl true, 2 int, 6 pbu. Chris Meadows PS#176.

SS 14 **CHRIS HORTON SR.** 6-1 210 PS#104. 27 tkl rFr. 2 st '05, 26 tkl. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm P10, #1 tkl**'r, 3 int. 27 **Aaron Ware** (6-0 192 So) **PS#18.** 4 tkl rFr. 21 Christian Ramirez (6-2 199 So) PS#78.

FS 11 **DENNIS KEYES SR.** 6-2 194 **PS#17.** 9 st '05, 57 tkl, 8 tfl. 13 st '06, 79 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. 25 Bret Lockett (6-2 206 Jr) PS#80, 9 tkl 2Y. Matthew Slater (5-11 192 Sr) PS#108WR. 9 tkl LY.

P 17 **AARON PEREZ JR.** 6-4 219 **PS#4.** 54 punts rFr, 39.9 avg, net 35.6. 62 punts last year. 42.6 avg, net 36.1, 18 inside 20. Strong leg. 39 Danny Rees (6-3 185 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Brian Price 6-3 270 PS#13
RB	Raymond Carter 5-11 187 PS#14
QB	Chris Forcier 6-3 185 PS#14
DL	Akeem Ayers 6-2 214 PS#20LB
TE	Nate Chandler 6-6 225 PS#7
DB	Courtney Viney 5-10 160 PS#50
LB	Steve Sloan 6-2 219 PS#49
OL	Mike Harris 6-4 305 PS#129
DB	Glenn Love 6-4 205 PS#213
DL	Justin Edison 6-4 220 PS#256
LB	Mike Schmitt 6-1 228 PS#465JC

UCLA BRUINS

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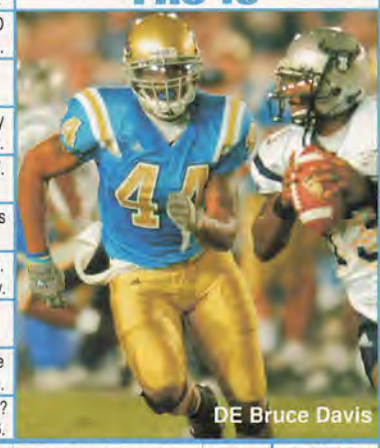
KARL DORRELL (Career 29–21)
5th Year at UCLA
Dorrell's Bowl Record: 1-3

Dorrell's records AT UCLA

29-21	Straight Up	2-7	Vs Top 10
20-5	Home	4-11	Vs Top 25
8-13	Away	4-5	Vs BCS Teams
1-3	Neutral	3-3	Off A Bye
19-14	Vs Conference	8-7	Off A Loss

RETURNING STARTERS:
2006 RECORD: (7–6)
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 10
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (24,24,1)
Lost: 12 (7,4,1)
2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,955 (#24)
PAC 10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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#5

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UCLA	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at Stanford	G						The home team is 8-1 the L/9 in this series. The Bruins' 31-0 shutout was their 2nd in the L3Y vs the Cardinal. UCLA is 43-31-3 all-time vs Stanford.
Sep. 8	BYU	G						UCLA has gone 8-1 in their last 9 home openers. This is their 1st meeting since the '95 season (UCLA leads all-time 6-1). The Bruins are 46-7-2 vs current MWC tms.
Sep. 15	at Utah	A						Ben Olson made his 1st career start in the Bruins' opener last year throwing for 318 yds & 2 TD's. UCLA has won 6 of 9 non-conference road games since 2001.
Sep. 22	Washington	G						UCLA led 16-0 early in the 2Q but the Huskies went on a 29-3 run to end the game. The Bruins have gone 9-1 in their conference home opener, including 4 straight.
Sep. 29	at Oregon St	A						The Bruins have won 4 straight in this series & 5 of 6 when visiting OSU. UCLA's 6 TD passes 2 yrs ago tied the most ever thrown vs OSU (Elway in '80).
Oct. 6	Notre Dame	G						LY UCLA led the #10 Irish almost the entire gm until ND QB Quinn connected on a 45 yd TD pass with :27 left to pull out the 20-17 miracle win. UCLA has won 16 of 18 non-conf HG's.
Oct. 13								
Oct. 20	California (HC)	G						Despite throwing for a season best 329 yds, Bruin QB Cowan threw 2 int's in Cal territory in their 38-24 loss (Bruins tallied a season high 516 yds vs Bears). HT has won 7 straight.
Oct. 27	at Washington St	A						The visitor has won 4 of 5 in this series & the winning team has scored 31+ pts the L5Y. Last year's 22 pt loss to the Cougars was UCLA's largest deficit of the season.
Nov. 3	at Arizona	G						The Bruins held the Wildcats to -13 yds rushing in last year's 27-7 win. UCLA has won 4 of 5 in Tucson. UCLA is 1-4 in the second of back-to-back road games.
Nov. 10	Arizona St	G						UCLA allowed just 4 FG's in LY's win in Tempe (ASU had 12 snaps inside the Bruin 10). Bruins have won 5 of 6. UCLA's 510 passing yds vs ASU 2 yrs ago in LA ranks 2nd in school history.
Nov. 17								
Nov. 24	Oregon	G						UO has won 5 of 6 in this series. Bruin QB Cowan started his 1st career game vs the Ducks, replacing the injured Olson, throwing for just 112 yds in the 30-20 loss in Eugene.
Dec. 1	at USC	G						UCLA won 8 straight then USC won the next 7, but UCLA won LY, start of another streak? These campuses are about 15 miles apart & they have played every yr since '36.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cade McNown 10,708 '95-'98
2. Drew Olson 8,532 '02-'05
3. Cory Paus 6,877 '99-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Gaston Green 3,731 '84-'87
2. Freeman McNeil 3,195 '77-'80
3. DeShaun Foster 3,194 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Danny Farmer 3,020 '96-'99
2. Craig Bragg 2,845 '01-'04
3. Kevin Jordan 2,548 '92-'95

STADIUM: ROSE BOWL (91,500) (#8)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	7-5	6-6	6-5	9-2	7-5	48-32
Home	5-2	4-1	2-4	5-1	3-3	6-0	6-1	31-12
Away	1-3	3-3	5-1	1-5	3-2	3-2	1-4	17-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	4-4	6-2	5-4	30-27
ATS	3-6-2	6-5	6-5-1	3-7-2	8-3	6-5	8-4	40-35-5
Home Fav (Bob Toledo)	0-4-1	3-2	1-2-1	1-2-2	3-2	5-1	3-2	16-15-4
Home Dog (Bob Toledo)	2-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	6-2
Away Fav (Karl Dorrell)	0-1	2-3	3-1	0-2	2-0	1-3	0-1	8-11
Away Dog (Karl Dorrell)	1-1-1	1-0	2-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	3-1	10-7-1
Favorite	0-5-1	5-5	4-3-1	1-4-2	5-2	6-4	3-3	24-26-4
Dog	3-1-1	1-0	2-2	2-3	3-1	0-1	5-1	16-9-1
vs Conf	1-5-2	3-5	3-4-1	2-5-1	6-2	3-5	6-3	24-29-4
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	3-1	1-2-1	2-1	3-0	2-1	16-6-1
Off SU Win	1-4-1	5-1	4-3	2-3-1	4-2	4-5	3-3	23-21-2
Off SU Loss	1-2-1	0-4	1-2-1	0-4-1	4-0	1-0	4-1	11-13-3

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Markey	227	1163	56	1107	2	4.9
Kahlil Bell	60	247	8	239	2	4.0
Patrick Cowan	54	228	120	108	2	2.0
Chane Moline	33	104	3	101	5	3.1
Derrick Williams	23	97	1	96	0	4.2
Brandon Breazell	3	34	0	34	0	11.3
Danny Nelson	1	27	0	27	0	27.0
Ben Olson	23	45	76	-31	0	-1.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Patrick Cowan	276	145	52.5	1782	11	9
Ben Olson	124	79	63.7	822	5	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marcus Everett	31	450	14.5	5	54
Brandon Breazell	21	389	18.5	4	78
Junior Taylor	28	331	11.8	3	36
Logan Paulsen	27	331	12.3	0	46
Chris Markey	35	261	7.5	0	28
Matt Willis	21	219	10.4	2	33
Michael Pitre	16	132	8.2	0	17
Ryan Moya	12	126	10.5	1	23
Andrew Baumgartner	9	112	12.4	0	27
Gavin Ketchum	5	57	11.4	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Aaron Perez	62	2639	42.6	6	36.1	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Justin Medlock	29-29	12-12	9-10	5-8	2-2	28-32	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Horton	95	0	5	4	3
Christian Taylor	83	4.5	9	6	1
Dennis Keyes	79	0	5	6	1
Alterraun Verner	59	0	1.5	6	2
Rodney Van	57	0	1	9	0
Reggie Carter	48	0.5	5.5	0	0
Trey Brown	47	1	1.5	9	4
Bruce Davis	47	12.5	5	3	0
Justin Hickman	42	12.5	6.5	2	0
Brigham Harwell	31	1	5.5	4	0
Aaron Whittington	29	0	4	2	0
Eric McNeal	24	1	2	2	2
Kevin Brown	24	1	5	0	0
John Hale	16	1.5	0.5	0	0
Kenneth Lombard	15	1	2	0	0
Kyle Bosworth	13	0	0	0	0
Danny Nelson	11	0	0	0	0
Matthew Slater	9	0	0	0	0
Chase Moline	8	2	2	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrence Austin	8	110	13.8	0
Ryan Graves	8	63	7.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Williams	13	340	26.2	0
Jeremy McGee	11	204	18.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Las Vegas	-10'	New Mexico	27-13
03	Silicon Valley	-3	Fresno St	9-17
04	Las Vegas	-12'	Wyoming	21-24
05	Sun - #17	-2'	Northwestern	50-38
06	Emerald	-3'	Florida St	27-44

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
UCLA's All-Time Bowl Record 13-14-1

UCLA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	23.0	18	130	3.9	200	56.0	14.4	+4	2006	6	19.9	18	91	2.8	223	56.1	15.8
6*	39.1	22	161	4.4	270	63.5	11.0	+6	2005	7	34.2	25	233	5.4	235	59.4	13.7
9*	30.1	20	185	4.8	225	57.0	13.6	-6	2004	5	25.8	21	210	5.1	223	55.6	16.8
6	19.1	16	92	2.6	203	52.6	15.5	-1	2003	7	23.5	17	117	3.2	201	59.0	13.5
6*	29.8	18	128	3.2	230	55.6	12.0	+2	2002	5	25.1	18	130	3.5	228	50.2	14.3
7*	28.8	19	170	4.1	218	52.4	13.5	-3	2001	8	20.5	16	122	3.3	199	47.3	15.7

2006 STATS BY GAME

UCLA 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	OFF SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	DEF SKS BY	TURN
–	Utah	26	41-107	2.6	25-34	318	0	15	23-112	4.9	14-34	175	0	+3
–	Rice	26	52-277	5.3	13-20	124	4	12	31-53	1.7	13-21	131	4	-3
–	at Washington	13	34-143	4.2	18-31	135	3	14	27-49	1.8	18-29	200	3	+2
–	Stanford	18	34-166	4.9	21-38	223	1	11	34-49	1.4	12-25	117	7	+2
–	Arizona	17	22-65	3.0	23-33	227	0	17	26-(-13)	-0.5	21-42	235	3	+1
–	at Oregon	17	30-104	3.5	16-31	112	2	21	43-256	6.0	11-22	148	1	+1
–	at Notre Dame	12	28-26	0.9	16-32	217	3	20	35-41	1.2	27-45	304	5	-1
–	Washington St	16	24-74	3.1	17-37	252	0	25	36-110	3.1	28-38	405	3	-1
–	at California	23	34-187	5.5	22-40	329	0	24	34-167	4.9	20-24	266	1	-1
–	Oregon St	15	36-136	3.8	12-23	126	1	19	34-85	2.5	17-29	175	5	+2
–	at Arizona St	13	30-87	2.9	14-24	187	3	14	37-115	3.1	11-30	149	5	+1
–	USC	15	36-121	3.4	12-21	114	3	14	29-55	1.9	23-39	274	2	0
–	† Florida St	17	35-194	5.5	15-36	240	1	21	30-105	3.5	21-43	325	1	-2
TOTALS		228	436-1687	3.9	224-400	2604	21	227	419-1184	2.8	236-421	2904	40	+4
AVERAGES		17.5	34-130	3.9	17-31	200	1.6	17.5	32-91	2.8	18-32	223	3.1	0.3

2002 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Colorado St - #19	-7	30-19
#23	at Oklahoma St	-7	38-24
#20	Colorado	-11'	17-31
–	at San Diego St	-15	43-7
–	at Oregon St	+4'	43-35
–	Oregon - #7	-2'	30-31
–	at California	-3'	12-17
–	Stanford	-10	28-18
–	at Washington	+3	34-24
–	at Arizona	-11	37-7
#25	USC - #7	+5'	21-52
–	Washington St - #7	+1'	27-48

2003 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Colorado - #24	+3	14-16
–	Illinois	-10	6-3
–	at Oklahoma - #1	+19	24-59
–	San Diego St	-10	20-10
–	Washington - #18	+1'	46-16
–	at Arizona	-17	24-21
–	California	-3	23-20 OT
–	Arizona St	-2'	20-13
–	at Stanford	-6	14-21
–	at Washington St - #12	+10	13-31
–	Oregon	-2	13-31
–	at USC - #2	+23	22-47

2004 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Oklahoma St	-1	20-31
–	at Illinois	-1'	35-17
–	at Washington	E	37-31
–	San Diego St	-6	33-10
–	Arizona	-10	37-17
–	at California - #8	+16'	28-45
–	at Arizona St - #21	+7'	42-48
–	Stanford	-4'	21-0
–	Washington St	-14	29-31
–	at Oregon	+6'	34-26
–	USC - #1	+22'	24-29

2005 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post #16 Score
–	at San Diego St	-9'	44-21
–	Rice	-24'	63-21
–	Oklahoma - #21	-6'	41-24
#20	Washington	-21'	21-17
#20	California - #10	-1'	47-40
#12	at Washington St	-5	44-41 OT
#8	Oregon St	-9'	51-28
#8	at Stanford	-7	30-27 OT
#7	at Arizona	-9'	14-52
#14	Arizona St	-3'	45-35
#11	at USC - #1	+21	19-66

2006 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Utah	-3	31-10
–	Rice	-27'	26-16
–	at Washington	-3	19-29
–	Stanford	-23'	31-0
–	Arizona	-12	27-7
–	at Oregon - #18	+8'	20-30
–	at Notre Dame - #10	+12'	17-20
–	Washington St	-1'	15-37
–	at California - #10	+17	24-38
–	Oregon St	+1'	25-7
–	at Arizona St	+5'	24-12
–	USC - #2	+11'	13-9

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - The Sun Devils appeared to have the deepest set of QB's in the country in '06. Sam Keller (PS#42) was the bowl MVP in 2004 in his first start hit 25 of 45 for 370 yards. He won the starting job in '05 and threw for 2,165 (58.7%) with a 20-9 ratio. He was lost for the year vs Stanford (7th gm). Rudy Carpenter came in and in his first start threw for 401 vs UW, and was also the bowl Off MVP (467 yards). Carpenter broke Ryan Kealy's frosh record (2,137, 1997) by throwing for 2,273 (68.4%) with an amazing 17-2 ratio. He was 4-1 as a starter and led the NCAA in pass efficiency. Keller was awarded the starting job in late August by former HC Dirk Koetter. Two days later, Koetter said he'd made a mistake and the 6'2" scrambling Carpenter was named the starter. That caused Keller to transfer (to Nebraska) and untested true frosh Danny Sullivan (PS#218) became the backup. Carpenter had an up-and-down year. He hit just 6 of 19 for 33 yards vs Oregon, but two games later hit 12 consecutive passes, one short of a school record vs Stanford (14 of 15). Carpenter then hit 9 of 27 for 124 vs Oregon St with 2 int's but the next week threw for 339 and 3 TD's vs Wash St. For the season he threw for 2,523 (55.4%) with a 23-14 ratio (296 rush). Sullivan got in six games hitting 6 of 15. This year both must learn a new system and adding depth are Brett Boon (6'1" 172 So, PS#320), Lucas Garby (6'4" 218 Jr) and this year's true frosh. During the season there was speculation Carpenter was injured when things were going bad but he said he was fine. He did admit this spring his throwing hand was fractured. Carpenter is a solid team player and I look for him to recapture '05's form and be one of the most improved QB's in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 the RB corps was decimated by injuries and WR Rudy Burgess (5'10" 188) started 3 at RB. He had 186 yards rushing in his 2nd start (Stanford) and finished with 1,214 all-purp yards (404 rush). In 2005 Burgess started 10 games at RB (1 at WR) and rushed for 644 (4.4) and was the team's #2 receiver (59 rec, 11.1). True frosh Keegan Herring (PS#44), who was a sprinter in HS and has 4.3 speed, started 2 gms. He had 134 vs Temple, the best debut for a RB in school history. In 1971, Woody Green had 117 yds in his debut and went on to become the school's all-time career rushing leader. Herring went on to break Loren Wade's frosh rushing record (773) with 870 (5.5). Last year Burgess moved to WR and ASU added JUCO Ryan Torain to the mix. Torain is a 213 lb powerback with speed. Herring didn't have any carries vs Cal (hamstring) and Torain took control with 191 in that game and finished with 1,229 (5.5). Herring had 4 starts (549, 5.8). True frosh Dimitri Nance (PS#139) led with 61 vs N Ariz and finished with 229 (4.1). Shaun DeWitty (PS#49) added 95 (4.1). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Preston Jones (5'8" 186 Sr) who has 2 starts and 388 rush yards in three years. They also add JUCO Jarrell Woods (425 bench). This year basically everyone returns and unlike last year when the loser of the QB derby transferred, Herring has a great attitude and adds excellent depth.

RECEIVERS - ASU has had their share of great receivers. Last year they had to replace Derek Hagan who left as the Pac 10's all-time career leading receiver. They still had plenty of talent at WR and also returned TE Zach Miller who was a Mackey Award finalist last year. Big things were expected of 6'4" Michael Jones (PS#99) and although banged up, he started 9 (20, 15.9). Jamaal Lewis (PS#28TE) was suspended playing in just 8 (11, 13.7). Burgess was moved back from RB but was also injured, starting just 4 at WR (10, 16.6) while also playing CB (2 st). Nate Kimbrough (PS#64) started 4 (15, 15.7, inj). Against Oregon St, Tyrice Thompson (6'5" 220 Sr) got his first career rec and walk-on Alex King saw significant time on ST. They took the redshirt off of true frosh Kyle Williams in the 8th game (4,218). This year they must replace Miller who left early for the NFL draft (50 rec, #2DC OAK) as well as Terry Richardson (3 st, 5 rec) and King (0 rec). Not listed below are Williams (5'10" 185 So, PS#134RB), Jeff Gray (5'11" 177 Sr, PS#118) and TE Brady Conrad (6'5" 257 Sr). Added to the mix is rFr Rodney Glass (PS#67RB, 10.43 100M). New HC Erickson will still use a HB at times but look for more 3-WR sets this year. Despite the loss of an outstanding talent like Zach Miller, this unit should remain healthier. I look for a huge increase in production from the WR's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Injuries have plagued ASU's O-line for the last 3 years. The unit only opened holes for 3.3 ypc rushing in 2004 and improved to 3.9 in 2005 with 36 sacks (7.3%). Last year they basically had 4 returning starters but RG Leo Talavou (3 st '05) quit and RT Andrew Carnahan (9 st '05, HM P10, #7DC JAX) was lost for the season after four starts. RG Zach Krula was lost after 3 starts in '05 and took a MedRS last year. Stephen Berg was lost for the season after 7 starts (3RG, 4RT) and LT Brandon Rodd missed 2 with an injury. For a few games late in the year they were actually missing 3 starters. The line still managed to improve to 4.4 ypc rush but the sacks climbed to 37 (10.6%). Six players return who have started 7 or more and ASU is the only Pac 10 team with all 5 OL starters returning in 2007. If the OL can stay healthy, this should be one of the most improved O-lines in the Pac 10.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Sun Devils had to replace two starters on the DL but appeared to be in great shape as they added Northwestern transfer Loren Howard, Florida transfer Tranell Morant, BYU transfer Michael Marquardt and three JUCO's. Injuries curtailed Morant's production and Howard DNP. Marquardt, who was the Scout Team MVP in 2005, started 12 (HM P10). This year they lose DE Kyle Caldwell (13 st, 29 tkl, 4 tfl, HM P10), DT Jordan Hill (12 st, 26 tkl, 2.5 sk), DT Will Kofe (1 st, 19 tkl, 3 sk), DT Brett Palmer (1 tkl) and Howard. I expect more production out of Morant, and they also add Luis Vasquez who had 31 sacks the last two years at JC. Last year's line improved from allowing 4.4 ypc to 3.6 and the sacks increased to 35 (from 22 in '05) and I look for continued improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Sun Devils had to replace MLB Dale Robinson (P10 co-Def POY, 115 tkl, 15 tfl), SLB Jamar Williams (#4DC ATL, Bowl MVP) and a backup. There were 3 true frosh in the 2 deep. This year they lose MLB Beau Manutai (13 st, 68 tkl, 6.5 tfl) and WLB Derron Ware (8 st, 34 tkl, 4 sk). While this unit has just one returning starter like last year, it is in better shape as four of the top 6 are back. Those three frosh (although Mike Nixon was 23 yrs old) are now experienced soph's and five players return with starting experience. They also add a VHT JUCO in Morris Wooten (PS#36JC). The two players lost this year combined for 102 tackles and 13.5 tfl while last year the two who departed had 185 tackles and 19 tfl. Not listed below are Matt Boatman (6'0" 203 rFr) and Anthony Reyes (6'0" 223 Jr, PS#467JC).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ASU finished #3 in my pass D rankings in 2004 despite having just two starters returning. They had to replace two starters again in 2005 and surprisingly stumbled to #75. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 35 starts. CB Chris Baloney only started 2 games because of an injury. True frosh Ryan McFoy started 8, but Erickson moved him to LB in the spring. Despite the inexperience, ASU climbed to #34. This year they lose CB Keno Walter-White (9 st, 39 tkl, 7 pbu), SS Zach Catanese (13 st, 59 tkl, 2 int), NB McFoy (34 tkl, move to LB), FS Chris Page (2 gm) and Burgess (6 tkl, 2 st, moved back to WR) but have 4 of the top 8 back including their star, FS Josh Barrett, who is 6'3" 231 with good speed. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Brett Nenaber (6'1" 211 Sr), Troy Osborne (5'11" 191 Jr) and Mike Callaghan (6'2" 203 rFr). They have 4 players back with starting experience and should continue to climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Former ST coordinator Tom Osborne uses many starters on his units and had great success in his tenure at Oregon. His 2003 unit here finished #31 in my ST rankings. Last year he did a tremendous job as their return game was wiped out by injuries to Terry Richardson and Rudy Burgess. They took the redshirt off of true frosh Kyle Williams and he had 14 PR (5.5) in the last 6. The Sun Devils still were #14. K Jesse Ainsworth handled all 3 duties at the end of 2005 but yielded the punting duties to JUCO Jonathan Johnson who avg'd 41.5 (37.2 net). Ainsworth hit 14 of 19 FG's (long 47) and also nailed 39 TB on 70 KO. Richardson avg'd 33.6 on KR's and 11.1 on PR's. This year they must replace Ainsworth, Richardson as well as Coach Osborne and ASU figures to drop some in my rankings.

COACHES - Dennis Erickson moves in as the new head man and this is his 3rd Pac 10 team. He was the HC at Idaho, Wyoming, Wash St, Miami, Fl and Oregon St then back at Idaho again last year. He has a 148-65-1 record overall as a college HC. He spent 7 years in the NFL as HC of Seattle and the 49ers. He won National Title's with Miami in '89 and '91 and his 2000 OSU squad finished 11-1 and ranked #4 in the final polls. His OC is Rich Olson who was the OC at Miami, Fl last year. He spent 10 years in the NFL and was the OC at Miami from 1992-'94. The new DC is Craig Bray who was the DC under Erickson at OSU from 2000-'02 and his DB coach at WSU from '87-'88. Last year he was the DB coach at Minnesota.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Dirk Koetter's first three seasons the Sun Devils were just 17-20. In 2004 I called them one of the most improved teams in the country. They started out 8-2 with their only two losses to #1 ranked USC and #7 Cal (lost by 72-7 margin). They finished 9-3. In 2005 they were 3-1 and appeared on their way to beating USC leading 24-3 at the half but lost. That team stumbled to a 7-5 finish. Last year's team, despite having just 12 starters back, was talented and made it to their 3rd straight bowl game which was the first time here since 1985-'87. Koetter also moved his record to 4-2 vs Arizona but was fired prior to the bowl vs Hawaii and the team finished just 7-6. They had a couple of embarrassing performances like their 48-13 loss at home to Oregon and their 44-10 loss at Oregon St. Erickson inherits a team with 14 returning starters and hopes to get better QB play as Carpenter went from a 17-2 ratio and 68.4% completions to 55.4% completions and a 23-14 ratio last season. Ironically the last time they had 9 returning starters on offense, they averaged 24.8 ppg, the lowest total in the last 7 years. This group has potential with all of the top RB's and WR's back. Erickson also inherits a favorable schedule as they have 8 home games. Despite their 4-5 P10 record last season, ASU outgained conf foes by 34.1 ypg (3rd best). Teams buy into new HC's programs if they have early success and looking at the schedule, I give the Sun Devils a great shot at opening the year 8-0! Erickson steps into a great situation and ASU will be a much improved team.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 12 RUDY CARPENTER JR. 6-2 199 PS#39. 5 st rFr, 2273 (68%) **17-2 ratio**. 13 st LY, 2523 (55%) 23-14 ratio, 296 rush. **15** Danny Sullivan (6-4 236 So) PS#218. Dax Crum (6-5 200 rFr) PS#157.

RB 26 RYAN TORAIN SR. 6-1 213 PS#95JC. 9 st '06, **2nd Tm P10**. 1229 (5.5), 18 rec. **24** Keegan Herring (5-10 186 Jr) PS#44. 6 st 2Y, 1419 (5.6). **36** Shaun DeWitty (6-2 217 Jr).

WR 1 MICHAEL JONES JR. 6-4 208 PS#99. 4 rec rFr. 9 st LY, 20 (15.9). 4.45 speed.

TE 84 Jovon Williams (6-4 227 So) PS#110. **89** Lance Evbuomwan (6-4 268 rFr) PS#83.

WR 16 Nate Kimbrough Jr. 6-1 189 PS#64. 185 all-purp rFr. 4 starts LY, 15 (15.7). **13** Chris McGaha (6-1 189 So) PS#61. 4 st rFr, 16 (14.9). **9** Brandon Smith (6-2 200 So) 10.6 100M.

WR 3 RUDY BURGESS SR. 5-10 188 PS#99. 20 st 3Y (13TB, 5WR, 2CB), 1051 rush, 1069 rec, 871 ret, 9 tkl. **21** Rodney Glass (5-10 169 rFr) PS#67RB. 10.43 in 100M.

TE 87 BRENT MILLER SR. 6-5 237 PS#53QB. 2 st '04-'05, 10 rec. 12 st at HB LY, 11 (15.7). **80** Dane Guthrie (6-3 267 Jr) **PS#15**. Fla trans, 4 rec LY. **88** Andrew Pettes (6-4 252 Jr) **PS#13**.

C 76 MIKE POLLAK SR. 6-4 292 **PS#35**. 5 st rFr. 6 st '05, (1RG, Last 5C). 13 st '06. **2nd Tm P10**. **56** Thomas Altieri (6-2 292 So) **PS#96**. **LS 53** Jason Perkins (6-1 228 Jr). Air Force trans.

RG 63 PAUL FANAIKA JR. 6-3 359 Former walk-on. Lettered as true. 10 st RG LY, **HM P10**, MIP OL Award. **67** Shawn Lauvao (6-3 307 So) PS#476. 5 gm LY. Matt Hustad is PS#217DL.

LG 73 ROBERT GUSTAVIS SR. 6-3 303 **PS#70**. 3 gm rFr. 2 starts RG '05. 13 st LG LY. **64** Djadji Daffe (6-5 324 Jr) JUCO RS LY. **69** Phil Brown (6-4 369 Jr) 0 letters. Walk-on '04.

RT 79 Julius Orieukwu Sr. 6-7 317 **PS#61**. 3 gm rFr. 7 st LY (5RT, 2LT). **78** Zach Krula (6-7 320 Sr) 4 gm as bkup in '03. 5 st RG '04. 3 st RG in '05 until injury. Med RS LY.

LT 62 BRANDON RODD SR. 6-4 303 PS#252. 1 st '04 until injury. 12 st '05. 10 st LT LY (miss 2 inj). **HM Pac 10 L2Y**. **75** Richard Tuitu'u (6-4 350 So) 1 st, 9 gm rFr. Top reserve.

K 38 Thomas Weber rFr. 6-1 202 Orig commit to Mich St. Walk-on LY. **35** Jonathan Johnson 52 yd FG in HS. Hit 15 of 25 FG, L/49 2Y at JC. **41** Matt Boatman 21 yd FG sprg gm.

DE 58 DEXTER DAVIS SO. 6-2 247 PS#147. 13 st rFr, 40 tkl, 6 sk, 4.5 tfl. **55** Wes Evans (6-3 253 Jr) PS#382. 2 tkl 2Y. **85** Kellen Mills (6-3 243 Sr) PS#397RB. 15 tkl 2Y, 24 gm.

DT 57 Tranell Morant Sr. 6-6 275 PS#115. 12 tkl at **Florida** '04. 6 tkl, 1 sk LY (inj). **90** David Smith (6-3 280 Jr) PS#137. 19 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. **59** Jon Hargis (6-4 310 rFr) PS#72.

DT 77 MICHAEL MARQUARDT SR. 6-4 295 PS#108. 16 tkl, 3 sk, 3 tfl **BYU**. Scout MVP '05. 12 st LY, 25 tkl, 3.5 sk, 4 tfl. Zach Niusulu (6-3 295 rFr) PS#139. Saia Falahola (6-2 301 rFr) PS#245OL.

DE 97 Luis Vasquez Jr. 6-3 247 **PS#2JC. 31 sk 2Y JC**. **95** Eric Tanner (6-2 253 Jr) PS#203JC. **94** Alex Asi (6-3 288 Jr) PS#120JC. 12 sk, 6 gm JC. Zack Brown (6-2 242 rFr).

WLB 44 Travis Goethel So. 6-3 229 PS#66. 4 st true, 29 tkl. 2 Ryan McFoy (6-2 201 So) PS#188DB. 8 st true. 34 tkl, 2 int. Chad Lindsey (6-0 228 So) PS#163. **Garrett Judah (6-3 230 Jr) PS#43JC.**

MLB 52 Morris Wooten Jr. 6-1 237 **PS#36JC. In spg. 47 Gerald Munns** (6-4 240 So) PS#63. 2 st true, 15 tkl. **45** Jamarr Robinson (6-2 234 rFr) PS#107. **41** Antone Saulsberry (6-0 245 Jr) PS#78.

SLB 25 MIKE NIXON SO. 6-3 232 PS#13QB. Baseball. 4 st true LY, 32 tkl, 3 sk, 5 tfl. **46** Jeff Bereuter (6-3 218 rFr) PS#174. **29 Robert James** (5-11 229 Sr) PS#161DB. 6 st, 68 tkl, 10.5 tfl 3Y.

CB 23 Chris Baloney Sr. 6-1 194 PS#139JC. 4.5 spd. 2 st LY, 17 tkl but inj. Jarrell Holman (6-0 194 Jr) PS#225JC. Travis Smith (5-11 178 So) PS#134. Littrele Jones (5-9 170 Sr) 12 tkl 3Y.

CB 4 JUSTIN TRYON SR. 5-10 180 PS#54JC. 47.25 in 400M. 13 st LY, 47 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu, **HM P10**. **6** Grant Crunkleton (5-10 182 So) PS#65. **21** Chad Green (5-11 184 Sr) 19 tkl 3Y. **Inj?**

SS 7 Jeremy Payton Jr. 6-1 210 PS#65. 3 st 2Y, 50 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **14** Troy Nolan PS#191JC. RS here LY. Colin Parker (6-2 205 Fr) PS#60LB. Oliver Aaron is PS#280LB.

FS 19 JOSH BARRETT SR. 6-3 231 4 st rFr, 17 tkl. 2 st, 37 tkl '05. 13 st LY, 82 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu, **HM P10**. **22** Rodney Cox (6-1 219 Jr) PS#197. 6 tkl 2Y. **15** Angelo Fobbs-Valentino (6-1 200 Jr) PS#226.

P 35 JONATHAN JOHNSON SR. 6-1 226 PS#482JC. 39.8 avg, 75% TB on KO in HS. 38 punts at JC in '05. 37.8 and 40.2 avg's 2Y. 54 punts here LY, 41.5 avg & super net **37.2!**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Luis Vasquez 6-3 247 PS#2JC
LB	Morris Wooten 6-1 237 PS#36JC
OL	Po'u Palelei 6-5 335 PS#35DL
WR	Kerry Taylor 6-0 175 PS#34
QB	Samson Szakacsy 6-4 200 PS#31
DB	Colin Parker 6-2 205 PS#60LB
DL	Jonathan English 6-0 330 PS#76
DL	James Brooks 6-6 260 PS#83
DL	Eric Tanner 6-2 253 PS#203JC
DB	Omar Bolden 5-11 200 PS#80RB
DB	Jarrell Holman 6-0 194 PS#225JC
WR	TJ Simpson 6-2 185 PS#102
OL	Garth Gerhart 6-2 300 PS#138
QB	Chasen Stangel 6-2 195 PS#86
OL	Adam Tello 6-4 290 PS#172
RB	Jarrell Woods 5-10 210 PS#453JC
DB	Jonathan Clark 6-1 185 PS#237
OL	Matt Hustad 6-5 260 PS#217DL
DB	Oliver Aaron 6-2 205 PS#280LB
OL	Mike Marcisz 6-6 295 PS#413
LB	Derrall Anderson 6-3 220 PS#409
DL	Bo Moos 6-2 296 PS#413
TE	Dan Knapp 6-5 230 PS#170

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#15

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	San Jose St	G					ASU is 15-1 since '62 vs San Jose St. Erickson was asst coach at SJSt from '79-'81. Arizona St has won 8 straight home openers by an average of 26 ppg.
Sep. 8	Colorado	G					ASU won their 1st ever meeting vs the Buffs LY holding them to just 219 total yards. Arizona St is 7-2 (incl bowls) vs non-conf BCS teams & 15-11 vs current Big 12 tms.
Sep. 15	San Diego St	G					The Sun Devils are 16-2 at home vs non-conference opponents. Arizona St has gone 9-0-1 all time vs San Diego St & 101-27-2 vs current MWC teams.
Sep. 22	Oregon St	G					Dennis Erickson was the HC at OSU from '99-'02 posting a 31-17 record & a 2000 Fiesta Bowl win. QB Carpenter was sk'd 4X & int'd twice completing just 9 of 27 in LY's blowout loss.
Sep. 29	at Stanford	G					The Sun Devils held the Cardinal to just 145 yds & 3 pts (also held Colorado to 3 pts). Arizona St is 14-9 all-time but has lost 4 straight visiting Stanford.
Oct. 6	at Washington St	A					ASU's Erickson coached the Cougars from 1987-1988 going 12-10-1 in that span. The Sun Devil def allowed just 27 net rushing yds in LY's 47-14 thrashing of WSU.
Oct. 13	Washington	G					Rudy Carpenter connected on a 25 yd TD pass in OT allowing ASU to prevail in Seattle. ASU is 11-15 vs Wash but has won 3 straight, their longest win streak in the series.
Oct. 20							
Oct. 27	California (HC)	G					ASU gave up 2 int's & PR for TD's in their 49-21 loss at Cal last season. In the gm, Sun Devil RB Ryan Torain ran for a career-best 191 rush yds & 2 TD's. Cal has won 4 straight.
Nov. 3	at Oregon	A					LY UO handed ASU their 2nd straight 20+ pt loss in a gm that reached over 100°. ASU's only TD came on a 100 yd Richardson KO return. Visitor has won 4 of 5.
Nov. 10	at UCLA	G					Despite having 12 snaps inside the Bruin 10, ASU was held to just 4 FG's LY vs UCLA. ASU has lost 5 of their last 6 vs the Bruins. ASU has lost 6 straight in B2B RG's.
Nov. 17							
Nov. 22	USC (Thur)	G					LY ASU came back from 21 down to tie #3 USC eventually losing on a late Trojan TD. The Sun Devils are 9-14 vs USC including a streak of 7 straight losses.
Dec. 1	Arizona	G					This will mark the 81st meeting (62 straight) between the Sun Devils & the Wildcats. The Arizona Wildcats lead the all-time series 44-35-1, but ASU has won 4 of 5.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Andrew Walter 10,617 '01-'04
2. Jake Plummer 8,827 '93-'96
3. Ryan Kealy 6,912 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Woody Green 4,188 '71-'73
2. Freddie Williams 3,424 '73-'76
3. JR Redmond 3,299 '96-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Derek Hagan 3,939 '02-'05
2. John Jefferson 2,993 '74-'77
3. Shaun McDonald 2,867 '00-'02

DENNIS ERICKSON (Career 148-65-1)
1st Year at Arizona St Erickson's Bowl Record: 5-5

Erickson's records AT ARIZONA ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

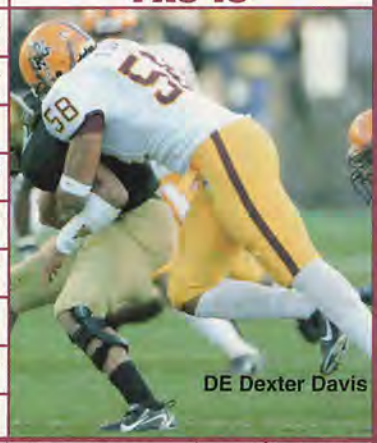
2006 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (24,21,1)
Lost: 18 (6,10,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 54,562 (#36)

PAC 10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STADIUM: SUN DEVIL STADIUM (71,706) (#27)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	4-7	8-5	5-7	8-3	6-5	7-5	44-37
Home	3-3	4-3	5-2	4-2	6-0	4-3	4-2	30-15
Away	3-2	0-4	3-3	1-5	2-3	2-2	3-3	14-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-5	1-7	5-3	2-6	5-3	4-4	4-5	24-33
ATS	6-3-2	5-6	7-5	2-9	6-5	6-5	7-4	39-37-2
Home Fav (Bruce Snyder)	2-1	4-2	3-2	1-2	4-2	3-3	2-2	19-14
Home Dog (Dirk Koetter)	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	6-2-1
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-2	0-1	2-1	2-0	7-5
Away Dog	1-1-1	1-3	1-3	0-4	2-2	0-1	2-2	7-16-1
Favorite	3-2	4-2	5-2	1-4	4-3	5-4	4-2	26-19
Dog	3-1-2	1-4	2-3	1-5	2-2	1-1	3-2	13-18-2
vs Conf	4-2-2	2-6	5-3	2-6	3-5	4-4	5-4	25-30-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	2-2	0-3	3-0	2-1	2-0	14-7
Off SU Win	3-0-2	1-3	5-2	0-4	5-3	3-2	3-3	20-17-2
Off SU Loss	3-2	3-3	2-2	2-5	0-2	2-3	4-1	16-18

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ryan Torain	223	1279	50	1229	7	5.5
Keegan Herring	94	584	35	549	6	5.8
Dimitri Nance	56	230	1	229	3	4.1
Shaun DeWitty	23	101	6	95	0	4.1
Rudy Carpenter	84	296	227	69	0	0.8
Preston Jones	12	47	3	44	1	3.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Rudy Carpenter	332	184	55.4	2523	23	14
Danny Sullivan	15	6	40.0	46	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Zach Miller	50	484	9.7	4	23	
Michael Jones	20	318	15.9	3	50	
Chris McGaha	16	238	14.9	3	35	
Nate Kimbrough	15	235	15.7	1	52	
Ryan Torain	18	205	11.4	3	39	
Brent Miller	11	173	15.7	1	34	
Brandon Smith	6	167	27.8	2	62	
Rudy Burgess	10	166	16.6	0	40	
Jamaal Lewis	11	151	13.7	2	38	
Terry Richardson	5	113	22.6	2	49	
Shaun DeWitty	9	107	11.9	2	26	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jonathan Johnson	54	2241	41.5	9	37.2(t)	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jesse Ainsworth	42-42	3-3	7-8	4-8	0-0	14-19	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Josh Barrett	82	1	6.5	6	3
Beau Manutai	68	2	4.5	1	0
Zach Catanese	59	0.5	1	1	2
Justin Tryon	47	1	1.5	7	1
Dexter Davis	40	6	4.5	1	0
Keno Walter-White	39	1	2.5	7	1
Ryan McFoy	34	1	1	2	2
Derron Ware	34	4	3	0	0
Mike Nixon	32	3	5	3	0
Kyle Caldwell	29	1.5	2.5	2	0
Travis Goethel	29	1	0	0	0
Robert James	26	1	3.5	0	0
Jordan Hill	26	2.5	1	1	1
Michael Marquardt	25	3.5	4	1	0
Jeremy Payton	25	1	0.5	1	1
Will Kofe	19	3	0	0	1
Chris Baloney	17	0	0	0	2
Gerald Munns	15	0	0	0	0
David Smith	14	1	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terry Richardson	19	210	11.1	0
Kyle Williams	14	77	5.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terry Richardson	9	302	33.6	1
Chris McGaha	9	144	16.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Aloha Classic	-3'	Boston College	17-31
02	Holiday	+18'	Kansas St - #6	27-34
04	Sun - #21	+8	Purdue	27-23
05	Insight	-9	Rutgers	45-40
06	Hawaii	+7	Hawaii	24-41

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Arizona St's All-Time Bowl Record 12-10-1

ARIZONA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	26.8	19	170	4.4	198	54.4	13.7	-1	2006	4	25.1	17	117	3.6	211	54.5	13.1
7	36.8	26	146	3.9	373	63.3	14.1	+7	2005	5	29.9	24	180	4.4	289	59.6	15.7
7*	29.8	22	118	3.3	317	57.6	14.6	+5	2004	6	24.5	18	123	3.5	236	53.7	14.6
9*	24.8	19	117	3.5	274	52.5	15.8	-4	2003	7	27.3	21	151	3.8	254	55.0	14.8
4	32.3	20	89	2.5	304	54.8	12.2	+4	2002	8	29.1	18	119	3.4	244	49.9	12.5
7*	34.0	19	167	4.3	259	51.1	12.5	-8	2001	7	32.8	21	138	3.6	261	55.6	12.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

ASU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#24	N Arizona	21	34-154	4.5	17-24	261	1	13	38-45	1.2	16-21	267	9	-1
#25	Nevada	23	31-149	4.8	19-30	337	1	19	37-135	3.6	18-31	170	4	+2
#22	at Colorado	24	37-182	4.9	21-37	248	1	13	44-133	3.0	8-18	86	5	-1
#22	at California	25	46-237	5.2	16-36	177	5	16	27-139	5.1	18-26	270	1	-3
–	Oregon	9	34-142	4.2	6-19	33	6	28	40-315	7.9	23-37	259	0	-1
–	at USC	13	33-121	3.7	12-21	124	2	18	36-159	4.4	12-25	148	1	+1
–	Stanford	23	47-206	4.4	17-19	175	2	11	30-79	2.6	7-25	66	3	+3
–	at Washington	15	34-190	5.6	16-23	170	2	16	35-126	3.6	14-32	148	1	+2
–	at Oregon St	14	34-99	2.9	9-29	124	4	18	36-121	3.4	17-36	282	0	-2
–	Washington St	27	49-196	4.0	16-29	366	4	12	19-27	1.4	15-32	165	2	0
–	UCLA	14	37-115	3.1	11-30	149	5	13	30-87	2.9	14-24	187	3	-1
–	at Arizona	23	45-215	4.8	17-26	214	0	14	23-33	1.4	17-40	135	2	0
–	† Hawaii	18	36-200	5.6	13-26	191	4	32	27-121	4.5	33-42	559	4	0
TOTALS		249	497-2206	4.4	190-349	2569	37	223	422-1520	3.6	212-389	2742	35	-1
AVERAGES		19.2	38-170	4.4	15-27	198	2.8	17.2	32-117	3.6	16-30	211	2.7	-0.1

2002 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Nebraska - #10	+22	10-48
–	E Washington	NL	38-2
–	UCF	-3	46-13
–	at San Diego St	-6	39-28
–	Stanford	-1	65-24
–	North Carolina	-8'	35-38
–	Oregon St	+3	13-9
–	at Oregon - #6	+10	45-42
#23	Washington	-3'	27-16
#16	at Washington St - #8	+7	22-44
#25	California	-4'	38-55
–	at USC - #8	+15'	13-34
–	at Arizona	-6'	34-20

2003 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre #22 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#22	N Arizona	NL	34-14
#20	Utah St	-27'	26-16
#16	at Iowa - #18	+7'	2-21
#16	at Oregon St	+6	17-45
–	USC - #10	+12	17-37
–	Oregon	+2'	59-14
–	at North Carolina	-6	33-31
–	at UCLA	+2'	13-20
–	California	-3	23-51
–	at Stanford	-2'	27-38
–	at Washington St - #8	+13	19-34
–	Arizona	-15	28-7

2004 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
–	UTEP	-24'	41-9
–	at Northwestern	+2	30-21
–	Iowa - #16	-1'	44-7
#22	Oregon St	-7'	27-14
#21	at Oregon	+2'	28-13
#15	at USC - #1	+10'	7-45
#21	UCLA	-7'	48-42
#20	at California - #7	+17	0-27
#23	Stanford	-10'	34-31
#20	Washington St	-13	45-28
#18	at Arizona	-14	27-34

2005 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre #20 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#20	Temple	-31'	63-16
#15	LSU - #5	-1	31-35
#18	Northwestern	-14'	52-21
#18	at Oregon St	-6'	42-24
#14	USC - #1	+16	28-38
#17	Oregon - #25	-10	17-31
–	at Stanford	-10'	35-45
–	Washington	-17	44-20
–	at Washington St	-2'	27-24
–	at UCLA - #14	+3'	35-45
–	Arizona	-10	23-20

2006 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre #24 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#24	N Arizona	NL	35-14
#25	Nevada	-14'	52-21
#22	at Colorado	-11'	21-3
#22	at California - #21	+8'	21-49
–	Oregon - #11	-1	13-48
–	at USC - #3	+19	21-28
–	Stanford	-23	38-3
–	at Washington	-2	26-23 OT
–	at Oregon St	+2	10-44
–	Washington St	+1	47-14
–	UCLA	-5'	12-24
–	at Arizona	+2'	28-14

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Cal has had 7 QB's selected in the NFL draft since 1979 including three 1st rounders. As a QB coach, Jeff Tedford has had 7 QB's go on to start an NFL game including six #1 DC's. When Tedford took over here, he inherited an underachieving Kyle Boller (career 47%). In his only season under Tedford, he threw for 2,815 (53.4%) with a 28-10 ratio (#1DC BAL). Aaron Rodgers was next and left as a #1DC of the Packers. Joseph Ayoob (PS#6JC), who had thrown for 5,790 yards and 55 TD's in two years at JC, battled VHT Nate Longshore (PS#18) for the starting job in 2005. Longshore won the job but broke his leg in the opener. Ayoob misfired on all 10 passes vs Sac St and former walk-on FB Steve Levy also played. Ayoob had 9 starts but threw for just 1,707 (49.2%) with a 15-14 ratio (175 rush). Levy started the final 2 guiding the team to wins throwing for 439 (61.5%) with a 4-2 ratio. All 3 returned last year. Longshore edged out Ayoob and in his first road start in Knoxville and under heavy pressure hit just 11 of 20 for 85 yards. Ayoob led the team to a pair of scores throwing for 187 in relief. Longshore got the start vs Minnesota and would go through a 5 game stretch in which he completed 66.4% with a 17-4 ratio cementing his hold on the job. Over the final 7, he only had a 7-8 ratio. Ayoob played in 4, hitting 11 of 26 and Levy played in 2. Ayoob and Levy depart but Longshore now has a full year of experience and should have an improved junior season. Adding depth are Kyle Reed (PS#18) who is moblie and may be the best passer on the team, Kevin Riley (PS#33), Bryan Van Meter (6'1" 193 Jr) and Cory Smits (6'2" 207 So, PS#201).

RUNNING BACKS - JJ Arrington rushed for 2,018 (7.0) in '04. VHT Marshawn Lynch (PS#23) was his backup as a true frosh and rushed for 628 with a sensational 8.8 ypc. In 2005 the job was Lynch's and he rushed for 1,246 (6.4) with Justin Forsett starting 3 and rushing for 999 (7.6!). Marcus O'Keith (PS#26) had 243 (11.0). Last year the only major loss was FB Chris Manderino (8 st) but three OL's were taken in the NFL draft. Lynch was bothered by ankle sprains but did become just the 2nd Bear ever to have two 1,000 yard rush seasons (Russell White) and was the Pac 10 Off POY rushing for 1,356 (6.1) with 328 yards receiving. Forsett saw his ypc drop to 5.3 (626 yd) but led in rushing vs Oregon (163) and Stanford (75). O'Keith rushed for 104 (4.7) after being slowed by a leg injury. This year Lynch left early for the NFL (#1DC BUF) and also departing are O'Keith and FB Byron Storer (6 st, 16 yd). Challenging Forsett this year will be two rFr, James Montgomery (PS#21) and Tracy Slocum (PS#47). Not listed below are Bryan Schutte (6'1" 195 So, TD on Cal's last play of bowl) and FB Brian Holley (5'10" 232 So). Cal's running game will have a tough time matching 2006 stats.

RECEIVERS - Cal had to replace their top 3 receivers in '05 but added talent in DeSean Jackson (PS#1) and Lavelle Hawkins (PS#5). Jackson led with 38 rec (15.8) and Robert Jordan had 34 (13.4) while Hawkins only had 18 (9.5). The top six all returned last year including TE Craig Stevens (PS#36). Stevens was injured in the opener but still had 17 (14.1). Jackson was one of the most explosive players in the Pac 10 and led with 59 (18.0). Jordan had 46 (12.4) and Hawkins improved to 46 (15.3). This year they must replace backup TE's Eric Beegun (3 st, 7 rec) and David Gray (0 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's LaReylle Cunningham (6'2" 195 Jr, 1 st, 6 rec 2Y), Jeremy Ross (6'0" 185 rFr, 4.39 spd), Alex Stroud (6'2" 187 Jr, III trans), Drew Glover (6'3" 197 Jr), Cameron Toler (5'10" 174 So) and TE's Julian Arthur (6'5" 276 Sr) and Garry Graffort (6'4" 252 So). They have PS#1, PS#5 and PS#8 WR's and Tedford is high on backup TE Cameron Morrah with starting TE Stevens an AA candidate, so this is one of the nation's top receiving corps.

WR DeSean Jackson

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 Cal had to replace four starters but surprisingly the inexperienced O-line paved the way for 6.1 ypc rushing (25 sk). In 2005 they had to replace one starter but then lost LT Andrew Cameron to injury after 3 starts. Four OL missed starts and nine different players started. They opened holes for 5.8 ypc (23 sk). Last year they had to replace 3 starters who were all drafted (#5, #6, #7 DC's) but they did get the unexpected return of Cameron. They avg'd 72 ypg less rushing and the ypc dropped to 5.0 but they yielded just 13 sacks (3.1%!). This year they lose LG Erik Robertson (13 st, HM P10, 2Y st'r), Cameron (11 st, HM P10), RG Bryan Deemer (1 st) and RT Scott Smith (3 st). Five players return with starting experience including their top 2 OL in 1st Tm Pac 10 C Alex Mack and 2nd Tm Pac 10 RT Mike Gibson and there are 6 VHT's in the 3 deep below.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Cal's defensive strength over the past 9 years has been their D-line play. In 2004 just one starter returned but the unit allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing. In 2005 they had to replace 3 starters including two All-P10 players and two backups. They allowed 3.3 ypc rush. Last year they had a veteran group. Surprisingly Cal allowed 3.8 ypc rush, its highest total since 2001. This year they lose DE Abu Ma'afala (12 st, 23 tkl, 3 tfl), 1st Tm P10 DT Brandon Mebane (12 st, 52 tkl, 10 tfl, #3DC SEA), 2nd Tm P10 DE Nu'u Tafisi (12 st, 32 tkl, 5.5 sk) and DE Steve Kelly (1 st, 6 tkl). Phillip Mbakogu (PS#11) started 5 games in 2005 but missed last year with a knee injury and is doubtful for '07. If Mbakogu does not return, this unit has 1 career sack combined returning! Not listed in the 3 deep below is Jonathan Karacozoff (6'1" 250 Jr). I look for a big impact from DT Derrick Hill (PS#22) who played in 3 games as a true frosh until an injury but still RS'd. This group is less experienced than LY but may be tougher vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - Cal had a young LB corps in 2005 but it actually was upgraded talent-wise with the addition of JUCO's Desmond Bishop (PS#3) and Mickey Pimentel (PS#24). Bishop led the team in tackles with 89. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 4 players back with starting experience. Anthony Felder (PS#32) lost his starting spot. 1st Tm Pac 10 Bishop (#6DC GB) led the Pac 10 in tackles (126) and added 15 tfl. Pimentel started the last 10 (64 tkl, 10 tfl). This year they both depart along with Chris Purtz (5 tkl, 1 sk) but 5 of the top 7 are back including 5 with starting experience. They also add two more top-notch JUCO's in Alex Cook (PS#21) and Devin Bishop (PS#42). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Michael Mohamed (6'4" 200 rFr, PS#266WR), Eric Morrah (6'2" 202 Sr, K-St trans) and Kyle Kirst (5'11" 198 So). Despite the losses, this looks like another top-notch Bear LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Cal was #10 in my pass D rankings in 2004. In 2005 they had 2 starters returning plus got back ROV Donnie McCleskey (#1 tkl'r '03, inj'd '04) so they basically had 3 starters back. Cal finished #11. Last year they had to replace both starting S's then CB Tim Mixon tore his ACL so just one starter returned. The sole returning starter was tremendous CB Daymeion Hughes (6'2", 4.4 spd) who went on to earn Pac 10 Def POY honors. Cal slipped to #26. This year they lose Hughes (13 st, 72 tkl, 8 int, #3DC IND) and backup CB Randy Bundy (8 tkl) but I like Hughes' replacement, CB Darian Hagan (PS#23, 6'1"), and CB Syd'Quan Thompson is now in his second year after moving from WR. Three safeties return with starting experience and despite the loss of their star, it is a more experienced unit overall.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Tedford's first 4 seasons, they were #33, #47, #69 and #34 in my ST rankings. The team brought in 3rd Tm AA JUCO P Andrew Larson and he avg'd 42.6 and the team's net improved from 34.4 to 38.3. Marcus O'Keith was the top KR (24.4) in '06. DeSean Jackson avg'd 18.2 on PR and had an amazing 4 TD's and won the first ever Randy Moss Returnman Award. Tom Schneider hit 15 of 20 FG's and tied a school record with a 55 yarder vs Stanford despite playing in windy Memorial Stadium. Three of his 5 misses were from 50+. Andrew Larson had 14 TB on 38 KO and Schneider had 16 on 42. The only losses are KR's O'Keith and Lynch, so this will once again be one of the nation's top ST units (#2 in '06!).

COACHES - Jeff Tedford was the Pac 10 Coach of the Year in his first season and in 2004. He had previously been the OC at both Oregon and Fresno St and has produced many fine NFL QB's. The new OC here is Jim Michalczik who has been Cal's OL coach the last 5 years. Bob Gregory was Boise St's DC in '01 and Oregon's secondary coach from '98-'00 and enters his 6th year as DC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2004, I called Cal my #2 surprise team in the country and forecasted that they would go from 8-6 to a potential 10 or 11 win season. The Golden Bears were nearly the surprise team in the country in 2004 as in a road trip to USC, Cal had 28-12 FD and 424-205 yard edges but came up short failing to score on 1st & goal from the 9. They fell 6 points short of winning the Pac 10 Title and getting to the National Title game. The Bears amazingly outgained Pac 10 foes in 2004 by 158.5 ypg and outscored them by 23 ppg, even better marks than the Trojans! Tedford's first 3 years were the most successful 3 year run for a Bears HC since Pappy Waldorf took them to 3 straight Rose Bowls in '48, '49 and '50. They had 8 players make 1st Tm Pac 10 in '04 and Tedford was given a 5 year contract extension. At one point they were #4, their best ranking in 52 years. Cal was very inexperienced in '05 with just 8 starters back. That team still opened 5-0 and rose to #10 in the polls but went 2-4 in their last 6 regular season games before beating BYU in the bowl. Their 8-4 finish was the 2nd best under Tedford despite their first negative turnover ratio (-6). They finished #25 in the polls (#9 in '04) which was the first time since '50-'51 that Cal finished the season ranked in back-to-back years. Last year expectations were high for Cal. They opened the year #9 in the polls but were whipped by Tennessee on the road. They rebounded to win their next 8, but with a huge matchup on deck vs USC with BCS National Title implications on the line, they lost to Arizona in Tucson. They led that game 17-3 mid-3Q and had a 356-262 yard edge in it. Still, if they beat USC they would have had their first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1959 and they led 9-6 at the half but lost. They thrashed Texas A&M 45-10 in the Holiday Bowl and it was the first time in school history that they'd been to 4 straight bowls. When USC lost to UCLA, Cal won a share of the Pac 10 Title, their first Conf Title since 1975. Despite the loss of RB Lynch, the offense figures to be explosive with a veteran QB and their top 3 WR's back. Last year they averaged 32.8 ppg which was the 5th highest scoring average since 1946, but just the 4th best in Tedford's 5 years. The defense has just 5 starters back and loses its top 3 tacklers but had just 3 starters back in 2005 and still allowed just 21.2 ppg. Despite their 7-2 conf record Cal only outgained P10 foes by 32.2 ypg, 4th best. If the young D-line comes together quickly, Cal has a shot at defending their Pac 10 Title, despite a killer schedule.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 9 NATE LONGSHORE JR. 6-5 233 **PS#18.** 1 st rFr until injury. 13 st, 3021 (60%) 24-13 ratio, 48 rush, **HM P10** LY. **8** Kyle Reed (6-3 220 So) **PS#18. 13** Kevin Riley (6-3 200 rFr) PS#33.

RB 20 Justin Forsett Sr. 5-8 186 4 st, 1674 rush (6.4) 19 rec, 3Y. **21 James Montgomery** (5-10 205 rFr) **PS#21.** Tracy Slocum (5-11 195 rFr) PS#47. **Jahvid Best PS#10.**

WR 7 LAVELLE HAWKINS SR. 6-2 181 **PS#5.** 11 st 2Y, 64 (13.7). **HM P10. 80** Daniel Lofton (6-3 190 rFr) PS#48. **FB 23** Will Ta'ufo'ou (6-0 250 Jr) PS#93. RJ Garrett (5-10 220 rFr) PS#142.

WR 11 ROBERT JORDAN SR. 5-11 165 PS#108. 26 st, 109 rec (12.5) 3Y. **HM P10. Nyan Boateng** (6-2 204 Jr) **PS#8.** 4 rec true Florida. **88** Sean Young (5-11 178 Sr) PS#134.

WR 1 DeSEAN JACKSON JR. 6-0 166 **PS#1.** 10 st true, 38 (15.8). **1st Tm P10 LY**, 13 st, 59 (18.0), 25 PR (18.2). **86** Sam DeSa (5-10 195 Sr) PS#59. 2 st, 7 rec 3Y. Alex Lagemann PS#47.

TE 82 CRAIG STEVENS SR. 6-5 254 PS#36. 20 st 3Y, 34 rec (13.7). **2nd Tm P10** in '06. **6** Cameron Morrah (6-4 248 So) PS#63DL. 2 st, 1 rec rFr. Skylar Curran (6-5 250 So) PS#212JC.

C 51 ALEX MACK JR. 6-5 300 PS#201. 2nd string rFr. **1st Tm P10**, 13 st C LY, 57.5 kd. **54** Chris Guarnero (6-3 270 rFr) **PS#41. LS 68** Nick Sundberg (6-1 254 Jr) 13 gm.

RG 55 NORIS MALELE JR. 6-3 294 **PS#42.** 1 st LG rFr. L/10 st RG LY, 24 kd. Matt Summers-Gavin (6-5 280 Fr) **PS#16. 77** Mark Gray (6-0 275 Sr) 5 games 2nd string C LY.

LG 63 Brian De La Puente Sr. 6-4 306 PS#481. 3 st, 11 gm LY, 14.5 kd. **50** Kevin Bemoll (6-5 305 So) **PS#33.** Mitchell Schwartz is **PS#57. 70** Mark Boskovich (6-4 286 So).

RT 53 MIKE GIBSON SR. 6-5 290 **PS#65JC.** L/10 st RT LY, **2nd Tm P10.** Miss spring '07 shoulder. **78** Justin Prueitt (6-5 275 rFr) PS#156. **73** Richard Fisher (6-5 260 So).

LT 79 Mike Tepper Jr. 6-7 336 PS#189. Broke fibula '05. 2 st LT LY, 13 gm. **76** Matt Laird (6-7 295 So) PS#273. **58** Chet Teofilo (6-4 305 Jr) Moved from DE. In spring.

K 15 TOM SCHNEIDER SR. 6-1 191 9 of 16 FG, long 48 '04. 9 of 16 '05, long 49. 15 of 20 LY, long 55. **34** Jordan Kay (5-10 197 Jr) PS#28. **30** Joe Robles (5-11 195 So) PS#98.

DE 94 Rulon Davis Jr. 6-5 275 PS#94JC. 5 tkl LY, miss 7 inj. Cameron Jordan is PS#91. **99 Phillip Mbakogu** (6-3 255 Jr) **PS#11.** 5 st '05, 40 tkl, 5.5 sk. RS LY. ? for '07.

DT 69 MATTHEW MALELE SR. 6-1 335 **PS#14.** 4 tkl rFr. 8 st '05, 13 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 13 st '06, 11 tkl. **77** Michael Costanzo (6-3 300 rFr) **PS#49OL. 93** John Allen (6-1 248 Sr) 11 gm 2Y.

DT 76 Derrick Hill rFr. 6-3 280 **PS#22.** 5 tkl true but inj and RS. **90** Tyson Alualu (6-4 288 So) PS#113. 1 st at DT as a true, 16 tkl. **98** Mika Kane (6-3 297 Jr) 1 st, 9 tkl 2 years.

DE 91 Cody Jones So. 6-5 255 PS#78. 1 st rFr, 5 tkl. **57 Keith Browner** (6-6 235 rFr) **PS#46. 92** Tad Smith (6-6 250 So) PS#168. Inj rFr. DJ Holt is PS#119. 14 sk in HS as Sr.

WLB 15 Anthony Felder Jr. 6-4 231 **PS#32.** 8 st '05. 57 tkl, 2Y. **Alex Cook PS#21JC. 88** Eddie Young (6-1 228 So) PS#59TE. 5 gm rFr. **42** Shea McIntyre (6-1 226 So). 1 tkl, 4 gm.

MLB 1 WORRELL WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 256 **PS#26.** 26 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 12 st LY, 51 tkl. **Devin Bishop PS#42JC.** Desmond's brother. Greg Van Hoesen (6-4 227 Sr) PS#204. 3 st '05, 16 tkl, 3 tfl. 23 tkl LY.

SLB 56 Zack Follett Jr. 6-2 237 PS#85. 32 tkl, 3 tfl true. 1 st WLB LY, #5 tkl'r. **HM P10. 16** Justin Moye (6-1 228 Sr) 3 st, 30 tkl 2Y. Robert Mullins **PS#50.** Matt Russi (5-10 246 So).

CB 5 SYD'QUAN THOMPSON SO. 5-10 178 **PS#20.** Moved from WR LY. 13 st rFr, 60 tkl, 2 pbu. **7** Robert Peele (5-10 187 So) **PS#43.** 14 tkl 2Y. **27** Charles Amadi (5-11 175 rFr) PS#310.

CB 26 Darian Hagan rFr. 6-1 180 **PS#23. 20** Jesse Brooks (6-0 186 So) PS#184RB. 3 tkl, 4 gm rFr. **24** Brandon Jones (5-10 175 rFr) PS#80. **25** Brett Johnson (6-2 192 So) PS#186.

ROV 2 BERNARD HICKS JR. 6-0 198 PS#139. L/9 st FS LY, 58 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **3** Brandon Hampton (5-10 188 Sr) 12 tkl '05. 13 st LY, 63 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **28** Kenny Frank (5-11 201 Sr). 4.4 spd.

FS 4 THOMAS DeCOUD SR. 6-3 195 PS#172. 4 st, 82 tkl, 3 pbu 3Y. **29** Marcus Ezeff (6-0 194 So) **PS#50.** 12 tkl as rFr. **6** Gary Doxy (6-1 189 So). 7 games Spec Tms LY.

P 11 ANDREW LARSON SR. 6-2 190 PS#98JC. 43.1 avg JC Fr, 42.6 as soph. 49 punts here LY, 42.6 avg. **Net 38.3, 2nd Tm Pac 10.** Bryan Anger PS#1. Scott Wingert (6-1 239 Sr) JC.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Nyan Boateng 6-2 204 PS#8 '05
LB	Alex Cook 6-3 220 PS#21JC
RB	Jahvid Best 5-10 185 PS#10
OL	Matt Summers-Gavin 6-5 280 PS#16
LB	Devin Bishop 6-3 230 PS#42JC
RB	Shane Vereen 5-10 185 PS#25
K	Bryan Anger 6-4 190 PS#1
QB	Brock Mansion 6-5 225 PS#27
OL	Sam DeMartinis 6-6 270 PS#51
OL	Mitchell Schwartz 6-5 300 PS#57
LB	Robert Mullins 6-2 212 PS#50
WR	Alex Lagemann 6-3 206 PS#47
OL	Todd Huber 6-3 285 PS#82
DL	Cameron Jordan 6-4 260 PS#91
DB	DJ Campbell 6-0 185 PS#92
WR	Michael Calvin 6-3 200 PS#72
DB	Sean Cattouse 6-3 190 PS#97
TE	Skylar Curran 6-5 250 PS#212JC
OL	Justin Cheadle 6-5 280 PS#131
DL	DJ Holt 6-2 235 PS#119
TE	Savai'i Eselu 6-4 245 PS#41
DL	Scott Smith 6-6 250 PS#169
DB	Chris Conte 6-3 190 PS#187
RB	John Tyndall 6-3 220 PS#158LB
DL	Ernest Owusu 6-5 250 PS#365
DL	Solomona Aigamaua 6-3 215 PS#451

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#8

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CAL	Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Tennessee	A					Cal gave up 4 TD's of 40+ yards in last year's loss to the Volunteers. The 106,009 fans in Knoxville LY was the largest crowd ever to watch a Cal football gm.
Sep. 8	at Colorado St	A					This will mark the Bears 1st ever trip to Fort Collins. Cal's last non-conference home loss was to Colorado St in 2003. The Bears are just 3-5 in its 1st road game.
Sep. 15	Louisiana Tech	A					Cal lost their only meeting ever to Louisiana Tech back in '97 (41-34) in Shreveport. The Golden Bears own a 60-12-1 overall record vs current WAC teams.
Sep. 22	Arizona	A					LY Arizona ended Cal's BCS hopes with their 24-20 upset of the Bears in Tucson. DeSean Jackson broke a P10 record with a 95 yd PR for a TD, his 4th of the season.
Sep. 29	at Oregon	A					Cal HC Tedford was the UO OC from 1998-2001. The home team is 4-0. Backup RB Forsett came off the bench to rush for a career high 163 yds in last year's win.
Oct. 6							
Oct. 13	Oregon St (HC)	A					Bear QB Longshore threw for a career high 341 yds & 4 TD's in LY's win in Corvallis. Cal jumped out to a 31-3 HT lead racking up 483 yds. The visitor has won 4 straight.
Oct. 20	at UCLA	G					These schools are about 370 miles apart & UCLA leads the all-time series 47-29-1. The HT has won 7 straight. With LY's win over UCLA, Cal started off 6-0 in the P10 for 1st time S/'50.
Oct. 27	at Arizona St	G					Bears' D int'd 4 ASU passes (2 for TD's) while star PR Jackson had an 80 yd PR for a TD in Cal's 49-21 pounding of the Sun Devils. Cal has beaten ASU 4 straight all by 17+ pts.
Nov. 3	Washington St	A					Despite allowing 350 yards of total offense to WSU, Cal held them to just 3 pts in their 21-3 victory giving Cal their first win visiting the Cougars since 1979 (10 games).
Nov. 10	USC	A					USC put up 14 pts in the 4Q breaking a 9-9 tie ending Cal's Rose Bowl aspirations (1st S/'59). Golden Bears upset a #3 Trojan squad 34-31 in 3OT at Berkeley back in'03. HT is 4-1.
Nov. 17	at Washington	A					Cal was forced into OT on a "Hail Mary" in LY's victory. Cal is 2-11 prior to Stanford. Cal has beaten UW 5 straight for the 1st time S/'76, Cal actually lost 19 straight prior to Tedford.
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1	at Stanford	G					This yr will mark the 101st football edition of the "Big Game" (SU leads all-time series 49-41-10). Jeff Tedford is the 1st Cal HC to start 5-0 vs Stanford since 1921.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Troy Taylor 8,126 '86-'89
2. Kyle Boller 7,980 '99-'02
3. Pat Barnes 7,360 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Russell White 3,367 '90-'92
2. Marshawn Lynch 3,230 '04-'06
3. Joe Igber 3,124 '99-'02

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Geoff McArthur 3,188 '00-'04
2. Bobby Shaw 2,731 '94-'97
3. Dameane Douglas 2,335 '95-'98

JEFF TEDFORD (Career 43–20)
6th Year at California — Tedford's Bowl Record: 3-1

Tedford's records AT CALIFORNIA

43-20	Straight Up	1-3	Vs Top 10
24-7	Home	8-8	Vs Top 25
16-11	Away	7-3	Vs BCS Teams
3-2	Neutral	5-2	Off A Bye
27-14	Vs Conference	13-6	Off A Loss

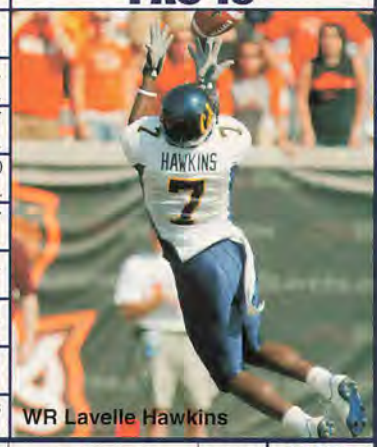
2006 RECORD: (10–3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (22,23,3)
Lost: 23 (14,8,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,318 (#25)

PAC 10



WR Lavelle Hawkins

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (72,516) (#22)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sportexe)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	1-10	7-5	7-6	10-1	7-4	9-3	44-37
Home	2-3	0-6	4-3	4-2	5-0	4-2	7-0	26-16
Away	1-5	1-4	3-2	3-3	5-1	3-2	2-3	18-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	2-6	0-8	4-4	5-3	7-1	4-4	7-2	29-28
ATS	7-4	3-8	8-4	8-4-1	7-4	3-7	5-6	41-37-1
Home Fav (Tom Holmoe)	0-2	0-1	3-2	3-2	3-2	1-3	3-3	13-15
Home Dog	3-0	1-4	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	6-6
Away Fav (Jeff Tedford)	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-2	2-1	2-2	8-7
Away Dog	4-2	2-2	4-1	2-1-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	13-9-1
Favorite	0-2	0-2	3-2	4-3	6-4	3-4	5-5	21-22
Dog	7-2	3-6	5-2	4-1-1	1-0	0-3	0-1	20-15-1
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-2-1	6-2	3-5	4-5	31-25-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	3-1	3-2	1-2	0-2	1-1	10-12
Off SU Win	3-0	0-0	3-3	3-3	5-4	2-4	4-3	20-17
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-7	4-1	4-1-1	1-0	1-3	1-2	17-18-1

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
96	Aloha		+1	Navy	38-42
03	Insight		+3	Virginia Tech	52-49
04	Holiday -	#4	-11	Texas Tech -	#23 31-45
05	Las Vegas		-8	BYU	35-28
06	Holiday -	#20	-3	Texas A&M -	#21 45-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

California's All-Time Bowl Record 8–8–1

CALIFORNIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	32.8	20	163	5.0	253	59.3	12.7	+6	2006	7	19.3	18	125	3.8	241	56.3	19.0
5	32.9	21	235	5.8	193	52.0	13.0	-6	2005	3	21.2	19	119	3.3	240	55.9	17.0
6*	36.8	24	257	6.1	236	66.2	13.4	+2	2004	8	16.0	17	83	2.7	238	51.9	20.1
6	32.6	23	168	4.3	265	61.5	13.3	+3	2003	2	24.4	20	134	3.7	251	55.9	15.8
7*	35.6	19	108	3.3	248	53.7	10.0	+18	2002	8	26.5	21	114	3.0	279	58.2	14.8
8*	18.3	20	121	3.4	229	47.8	19.1	-18	2001	8	39.2	22	150	3.8	296	54.8	11.4

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marshawn Lynch	223	1421	65	1356	11	6.1
Justin Forsett	**119**	**670**	**44**	**626**	**4**	**5.3**
Marcus O'Keith	22	107	3	104	1	4.7
Lavelle Hawkins	**3**	**36**	**0**	**36**	**0**	**12.0**
DeSean Jackson	**5**	**21**	**2**	**19**	**0**	**3.8**
Joe Ayoob	4	4	4	0	1	0.0
Steve Levy	3	6	11	-5	0	-1.7
Nate Longshore	**28**	**48**	**100**	**-52**	**3**	**-1.9**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Nate Longshore	**377**	**227**	**60.2**	**3021**	**24**	**13**
Joe Ayoob	26	11	42.3	205	1	1
Steve Levy	10	7	70.0	66	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
DeSean Jackson	**59**	**1060**	**18.0**	**9**	**62**	
Lavelle Hawkins	**46**	**705**	**15.3**	**5**	**44**	
Robert Jordan	**46**	**571**	**12.4**	**4**	**44**	
Marshawn Lynch	34	328	9.6	4	28	
Craig Stevens	**17**	**239**	**14.1**	**1**	**29**	
Justin Forsett	**12**	**116**	**9.7**	**1**	**25**	
Byron Storer	8	61	7.6	0	14	
Eric Beegun	7	60	8.6	0	28	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Andrew Larson	**49**	**2087**	**42.6**	**16**	**38.3**	**0**	**16**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Tom Schneider	**52-52**	**5-5**	**3-3**	**5-7**	**2-5**	**15-20**	**55**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Desmond Bishop	126	3	12	2	3
Daymeion Hughes	72	0	1	11	8
Mickey Pimentel	64	4.5	5.5	5	1
Brandon Hampton	**63**	**1**	**1**	**4**	**2**
Zack Follett	**62**	**5.5**	**7**	**2**	**1**
Syd'Quan Thompson	**60**	**0**	**2.5**	**2**	**1**
Bernard Hicks	**58**	**0**	**1.5**	**6**	**2**
Brandon Mebane	52	4	6	0	0
Worrell Williams	**51**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Thomas DeCoud	**45**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Nu'u Tafisi	32	5.5	0.5	0	0
Justin Moye	**23**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Abu Ma'afala	23	1	2	1	0
Greg Van Hoesen	**23**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Anthony Felder	**18**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Tyson Alualu	**16**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Marcus Ezeff	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Matthew Malele	**11**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Robert Peele	**11**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Will Ta'ufo'ou	**9**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
DeSean Jackson	**25**	**455**	**18.2**	**4**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Marcus O'Keith	12	293	24.4	0	
Marshawn Lynch	5	101	20.2	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

CAL 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#9	at Tennessee	15	23 - 64	2.8	20 - 42	272	3	19	41 - 216	5.3	13 - 20	298	0	0
#22	Minnesota	31	48 - 231	4.8	22 - 31	300	1	18	32 - 109	3.4	21 - 33	243	2	+1
#21	Portland St	23	31 - 193	6.2	24 - 37	309	1	16	34 - 97	2.9	15 - 25	176	3	-1
#21	Arizona St	16	27 - 139	5.1	18 - 26	270	1	25	46 - 237	5.2	16 - 36	177	5	+3
#20	at Oregon St	25	33 - 142	4.3	22 - 31	341	1	16	24 - 56	2.3	23 - 34	244	4	0
#16	Oregon	20	42 - 235	5.6	14 - 26	189	0	21	29 - 70	2.4	21 - 36	288	2	+3
#10	at Washington St	19	40 - 177	4.4	17 - 31	176	1	14	19 - 88	4.6	21 - 41	262	2	-1
#11	Washington	22	35 - 195	5.6	21 - 36	291	1	18	36 - 162	4.5	17 - 31	284	0	+5
#10	UCLA	24	34 - 167	4.9	20 - 24	266	1	23	34 - 187	5.5	22 - 40	329	0	+1
#8	at Arizona	14	23 - 106	4.6	17 - 36	250	0	13	33 - 60	1.8	17 - 34	202	2	-3
#17	at USC	14	26 - 99	3.8	17 - 38	176	1	19	31 - 120	3.9	18 - 31	238	0	-3
#21	Stanford	18	33 - 127	3.8	14 - 31	217	2	15	33 - 65	2.0	15 - 31	204	4	+1
#20	† Texas A&M	22	32 - 241	7.5	19 - 24	235	0	21	38 - 163	4.3	18 - 29	186	2	0
TOTALS		263	427 - 2116	5.0	245 - 413	3292	13	238	430 - 1630	3.8	237 - 421	3131	26	+6
AVERAGES		20.2	33 - 163	5.0	19 - 32	253	1.0	18.3	33 - 125	3.8	18 - 32	241	2.0	0.5

2002 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score
–	Baylor	-7'	70-22
–	New Mexico St	-12'	34-13
–	at Michigan St - #15	+13'	46-22
#23	Air Force	-9'	21-23
–	Wash St - #16	+2'	38-48
–	at Washington - #12	+11	34-27
–	at USC - #20	+12'	28-30
–	UCLA	+3'	17-12
–	at Oregon St	+5'	13-24
–	at Arizona St - #25	+4'	55-38
–	Arizona	-16'	41-52
–	Stanford	-10'	30-7

2003 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	† Kansas St	+28	28-42	
–	S Mississippi	-4	34-2	
–	Colorado St	-2'	21-23	
–	at Utah	+1	24-31	
–	at Illinois	+3	31-24	
–	USC - #3	+13'	34-31	3OT
–	Oregon St	-1	21-35	
–	at UCLA	+3	20-23	OT
–	Arizona	-17	42-14	
–	at Arizona St	+3	51-23	
–	at Oregon	-2	17-21	
–	Washington	-6	54-7	
–	at Stanford	-10	28-16	

2004 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #9
#12	at Air Force	-14	56-14	
#12	New Mexico St	-34'	41-14	
#10	at Oregon St	-7	49-7	
#7	at USC - #1	+7'	17-23	
#8	UCLA	-16'	45-28	
#7	at Arizona	-22'	38-0	
#7	Arizona St - #20	-17	27-0	
#4	Oregon	-20	28-27	
#5	at Washington	-30'	42-12	
#4	Stanford	-24'	41-6	
#4	at S Mississippi	-24'	26-16	

2005 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #25
#19	Sacramento St	NL	41-3	
#16	at Washington	-9	56-17	
#15	Illinois	-21'	35-20	
#13	at New Mexico St	-29	41-13	
#12	Arizona	-16'	28-0	
#10	at UCLA - #20	+1'	40-47	
#18	Oregon St	-15'	20-23	
#25	Washington St	-12	42-38	
#23	at Oregon	+2'	20-27	OT
–	USC - #1	+18	10-35	
–	at Stanford	-5'	27-3	

2006 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #14
#9	at Tennessee - #23	-3	18-35	
#22	Minnesota	-8	42-17	
#21	Portland St	NL	42-16	
#21	Arizona St - #22	-8'	49-21	
#20	at Oregon St	-9	41-13	
#16	Oregon - #11	-5	45-24	
#10	at Washington St	-8'	21-3	
#11	Washington	-24	31-24	OT
#10	UCLA	-17	38-24	
#8	at Arizona	-13'	20-24	
#17	at USC - #4	+6	9-23	
#21	Stanford	-29'	26-17	

OREGON ST BEAVERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Jonathan Smith left after 2001 as the school's all-time career passing leader and Derek Anderson broke those records, leaving in 2004. Matt Moore (PS#19) was the first true frosh to win his first game as a starter at UCLA (he had 5 starts there '02-'03) but transferred to OSU in '05. Moore beat out Ryan Gunderson (PS#27) for the starting job and threw for 2,711 (59.4%) but had a poor 11-19 ratio. Gunderson threw for 542 (52.9%, 2-4 ratio) and OSU was last in the NCAA with 23 int. Gunderson played in just one game in '06 as Sean Canfield (PS#40) won the backup spot. Both Canfield and Moore would play in each of the first 4 and after a blowout loss to Cal, OSU was 2-2 and many were calling for Canfield to be the starter. Moore was booed during their home loss to Wash St and only had 67 yards passing in the 1H vs UW. It was almost Canfield's time but Moore exploded for 241 yards in the 2H and Canfield had just 6 passes in the final 8. Moore had a 12-1 ratio over the final 7 including a streak of 182 passes without an int. He threw for 3,022 (60.6%) with an 18-7 ratio. Moore departs, so Canfield will take over. Canfield threw for 335 (62.2%) with a 2-2 ratio. Canfield has ideal size (6'4" 225) and a solid arm. Battling Gunderson for #2 will be Lyle Moevao (5'11" 230 So, PS#185JC), Brennan Sim (6'2" 196 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Canfield should have a fine first year as a starter but it will be tough to match Moore's productivity down the stretch last year.

RUNNING BACKS - Ken Simonton left after the '01 season as the Pac 10's #2 all-time leading rusher. In 2002, Steven Jackson (PS#35), a powerful 224 lb back with 4.4 speed, rushed for a school record 1,690 (5.3) and became OSU's 2nd Pac 10 rushing champ in 3 years. He then rushed for 1,545 (4.4) in '03 but left early for the NFL (#1DC STL). In 2004 the top 2 RB's did not COMBINE for 1,000 yards (994). Yvenson Bernard was the top returning rusher in '05 but had just 20 yards as a rFr. Bernard rushed for 1,321 (4.4) with #2 rusher Nate Wright getting just 10 carries. True frosh Patrick Fuller (PS#65) took off his redshirt vs Ariz St (Gm 4) but had just 12 carries. Bernard was banged up on a weekly basis but his total was the 5th best rushing season in OSU history. Last year Bernard lost 4 fumbles in the first 5 and did not play vs USC (injured). He again was on the injury list on a weekly basis but still rushed for 1,307 (4.4) with 12 TD's. At 5'9" 202, his strength is his shifty elusiveness. Clinton Polk (6'2" 205) was a JC transfer who had 100 yards vs USC and is more of a power back, although he has better speed to the outside than Bernard. Polk rushed for 248 (3.9) and Tony Carrasco (5'7" 191 So) had 43 (3.6). Fuller played in 4 games (9 yd). This year only Fuller departs and added to the mix are rFr Ahmed Mokhtar (PS#67) and Ryan McCants (PS#138). When the team uses an HB they have Andy Stewart (5'11" 229 Sr) and Micah Strickland (6'0" 210 So). As long as Bernard stays healthy, he could have his best season yet.

RB Yvenson Bernard

RECEIVERS - OSU has had some fine receivers including their Fiesta Bowl season in 2000 when they had their best unit ever led by Chad Johnson and TJ Houshmandzadeh (both drafted by CIN). In 2003 Mike Hass became just the 3rd Beaver to top 1,000 yards receiving in a season (23.0). He set a school record with 86 rec (16.0) in '04 and TE Joe Newton hauled in 56 (12.3). Newton was injured in 2005 and Hass reset the school's rec record (90). He also set a Pac 10 mark with 1,532 yards (17.0) and was #1 in the NCAA in receiving ypg. He was voted 1st Tm AA and won the Biletnikoff Award (#6DC NO). Sammie Stroughter only had 5 rec his first 2 years because Hass rarely left the field. Last year Stroughter led with 1,293 yards (17.5). Rueben Jackson (PS#17JC) missed 3 with inj and had 16 (21.1). Brandon Powers was #3 with 39 (11.1) while Newton had 36 (12.9), and Anthony Wheat-Brown had 21 (15.2) despite missing 3 (susp). This year they lose Newton (UFA SEA) and his backup Jason Vandiver (PS#23JC, 7 rec) as well as Jackson (4 st). TE Gabe Miller (PS#8) was Riley's top frosh recruit last year and should fill in nicely for Newton. Even with the losses, this group could be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 OSU, with just 2 returning starters, only paved the way for 71 ypg rushing (2.2), their lowest total in the last 2 decades. In 2005 they brought in OL coach Mike Cavanaugh and despite having to replace two starters, having solid blocking TE Joe Newton injured and having zero senior starters, they improved to 123 ypg (3.2) while allowing 32 sacks (7.0%) . Naturally last year all 5 starters returned but RT Josh Linehan was lost for the year after 3 starts. They were the only team that had all 5 OL starters earn some type of P10 recognition but surprisingly the stats did not improve (118 ypg, 3.5, 35 sacks allowed, 8.2%). This year the only losses are 2nd Tm P10 LT Adam Koets (14 st, 3Y st'r, #6DC NYG), Linehan (3Y st'r) and solid blocking TE Newton (14 st, HM P10, Mackey semi). Eight of the top 10 return and they have 99 combined career starts and should top 4.0 ypc rushing for the first time S/'00.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 OSU had 7 of their top 8 returning but had to replace their all-time sack leader, DE Bill Swancutt. They allowed just 108 ypg (3.1) rush but the team only had 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace both starting DT's and two backups. DT Ben Siegert, who started 12 in '04 (bkup in '05), returned so they basically had 3 starters back. They allowed 110 ypg rush (3.5) but had 47 sacks and their sack leader was backup DE Dorian Smith (PS#23JC) who had 9. DE Jeff Van Orsow was HM P10 with 10 tfl and deflected the potential game tying 2 point pass vs USC. This year they must replace DE Joe Lemma (12 st, 10 tkl, 4 sk) and DT Ben Siegert (14 st, HM P10, 23 tkl, 3.5 tfl). This unit should be just as solid as last year's version.

LINEBACKERS - OSU has had some excellent LB's and since 2002 five have been drafted. Riley takes a lot of pride in this group calling it the West Coast version of "LB U", saying his LB's all have the ability to rush the passer and drop back in coverage. Last year they had to replace two starters and then lost Andy Darkins (6 st '05) to injury. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dennis Christopher (6'1" 215 Jr, PS#324), Keo Camat (6'2" 235 rFr, PS#308), Slade Norris (6'3" 242 Jr, PS#125WR) and this year's signees. The backups saw plenty of action and the entire 2 deep returns. With 2nd Tm Pac 10 SLB Derrick Doggett and 2 VHT's manning the starting spots, this is one of the Pac 10's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OSU had recorded 3 straight Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings including #2 in 2004. They had to replace three 1st or 2nd Tm Pac 10 starters including both CB's in 2005. It was the first time since 1989 that they had not had at least 2 starters returning and the Beavers dropped all the way to #79 allowing a 31-12 ratio. Last year all 4 starters returned including their star, SS Sabby Piscitelli. As expected, OSU moved up to #7. When Coye Francies grabbed an int vs Stanford, he ended a streak of 22 games without an int by the OSU CB's and it was the only CB int in the last two years. This year they must replace Piscitelli (1st Tm P10, 14 st, 75 tkl, 5 int, #2DC TB) but have 7 of the top 8 returning including six with starting experience and should maintain their spot near the top of my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2005 OSU had the outstanding K/P combo of Sam Paulescu and Alexis Serna and had their highest ever finish in my ST rankings (#43). Last year they had to replace Paulescu and top KR Lamar Herron. PR Sammie Stroughter improved to 15.7 in 2006 with 3 TD's (6.5 in '05). The top two KR's were Coye Francies (22.4) and Gerard Lawson (26.9, 1 TD). Serna missed the first 3 xp's of his career vs LSU but has not missed one since (106 straight). He was a Lou Groza Award winner in '05 and hit 22 of 29 FG's last year including 4 of 6 from 50+ and tied Chris Mangold's (1982) school record with a 58 yarder. They had a true frosh P in Kyle Loomis (PS#33) and he started slowly (28.4 in opener) but had a 41.3 avg (net 33.9). He dropped 2 punt snaps which were recovered by the opps and I count those as blocks in the special teams chart (pg 302). Serna had 36 TB on 82 KO. DT Ben Siegert set a school record with 2 blocked kicks (xp & FG) vs Oregon. The Beavers moved all the way up to #4 last year and with everyone back (even LS Joel Cohen who was granted a 6th year) they will contend for the top spot. However, they must replace ST coach Bruce Read who left for Dallas (10 blocked kicks in his 3 yr tenure).

COACHES - Mike Riley began the turnaround at OSU in 1997 and he inherited a team filled with players recruited for the wishbone. In his 2nd year he guided them to their first 5 conf win season in 27 years. He left in '99 to be the HC of the SD Chargers but returned to Corvallis in '03. Riley is 3-0 in bowls as a HC and 3-0 in bowls as an OC (USC). Riley is the first OSU coach to lead the program to 2 winning marks in the Pac 10 since 1969. Riley calls the plays on game day but in 2005, Riley's OC Paul Chryst left for Wisc so he brought in Danny Langsdorf (ex-OC CFL Eskimos) who was an asst with New Orleans in 2002-'03. The DC is Mark Banker, who was the co-DC at Stanford in 2002 and the DB coach for Riley from 1997 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Oregon St snapped a TWENTY-EIGHT year streak of losing seasons in 1999 and has had solid success this decade even finishing #4 in the final polls in 2000. In 2004 Oreg St won the Northwest Championship beating Wash, Wash St and Oreg in the same year for the first time since 1974. The Beavers have turned Reser Stadium into a pit for opposing teams as they are 37-11 their last 48 home games. In 2005 the stadium underwent a $93 million expansion project including replacing their old artificial turf with FieldTurf (to cut down on inj). Their streak of 28 consecutive sellouts ended but they did get their first sellout in the expanded stadium vs Oregon last year. When Mike Riley returned in 2003, he inherited a team that went 4-4 in the Pac 10 and outgained foes by 67 ypg. OSU opened 5-1 and made it to their 4th bowl in 5 years. This time they outgained Pac 10 foes by 141.8 ypg. That was even better than co-National Champion USC despite their 4-4 league mark! OSU whipped New Mexico in their bowl 55-14. In 2004 they nearly defeated defending co-Nat'l Champ LSU in Death Valley but opened the season just 1-4 and were blown out by Cal 49-7. They went 5-1 in the last 6 regular season games just to make a bowl then dispatched ND 38-21 in the Insight Bowl (5th bowl in six years). The 2004 squad faced the toughest schedule in the country. In 2005 they were the only team in the Pac 10 not to face USC. OSU was blown out on consecutive weekends by L'ville and Ariz St but 2 weeks later snapped #18 Cal's 10 game home win streak and moved to 4-2. They suffered some tough losses (see Hardcore Fans). They were blown out by #10 Oregon in the season finale, missing out on a bowl and despite their 3-5 Pac 10 record, still outgained conf foes by 13.7 ypg (4th best). I pointed out last year that OSU was -14 in turnovers in 2005 so an improved record was expected. Things did not start out well as they were just 2-3 suffering blowout losses to Boise St and Cal and also trailed Wash 17-10 at the half. Their season turned around in the second half with a win vs Wash and two games later they ended USC's streak of 27 straight Pac 10 wins. In the rain they got past Oreg then upset #24 Hawaii on the road. Trailing by 14 in the 4Q in the bowl, they got a TD and 2 point conv with :23 left to beat Missouri and finished with the 2nd best record in school history (#21 AP). This year the Beavers have 16 returning starters which is tied with last year for the most they've had since 1998. They must replace QB Moore and TE Newton along with 1st Tm Pac 10 SS Sabby Piscitelli. The most troubling factor is that OSU was +4 in net close wins last year and +8 in turnovers. On the positive side, the D led the Pac 10 in sacks and the returning players accounted for 41 of the team's 47 sacks. Riley should have his team in the post season once again.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Una Smiley 6-6 280 PS#64JC
OL	Jon Ioane 6-5 325 PS#69JC
DB	David Ross 6-0 174 PS#51
LB	Danzel Issac 6-3 215 PS#80JC '06
OL	Michael Cole 6-7 290 PS#95JC
OL	Gerald Parker 6-7 280 PS#96JC
TE	Carl Sommer 6-4 230 PS#19
DL	Kevin Frahm 6-3 250 PS#84
TE	Joe Halahuni 6-2 259 PS#28 '06
RB	Ahmed Mokhtar 5-11 196 PS#67
DL	Latu Moala 6-2 260 PS#174JC
WR	Reggie Dunn 5-8 158 PS#85
DL	Sioeli Nau 6-2 292 PS#214JC
LB	Will Darkins 6-2 217 PS#92
QB	Jake Gelakoska 6-3 206 PS#66
DB	Lance Mitchell 6-2 186 PS#113WR
LB	Anthony Watkins 6-2 200 PS#127DB
DB	Cameron Collins 6-2 194 PS#129
RB	Ryan McCants 6-2 230 PS#138
WR	Darrell Catchings 6-1 185 PS#184
TE	Colby Prince 6-5 225 PS#81
DB	Brandon Hardin 6-2 175 PS#278
WR	James Rodgers 5-6 164 PS#315DB
WR	Lofa Liilii 5-9 165 PS#366
OL	Rory Ross 6-4 250 PS#134TE
OL	Kevin Pankey 6-5 255 PS#473
LB	Keith Pankey 6-2 215 PS#427
DB	Josh LaGrone 6-1 170 PS#494
DL	Kyle Bell 6-4 220 PS#451
DL	Jesse Fifita 6-3 260 PS#451
DL	Castro Masaniai 6-3 244 PS#451
DL	Tonu Tuimalealiifano 6-1 235 PS#451
LB	David Pa'aluhi 6-0 215 PS#500
DL	Taylor Henry 6-3 235 PS#451
LS	Marcus Perry 6-1 225 PS#606
WR	Brandon Wimberly 6-1 185 PS#495

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 5 Sean Canfield So. 6-4 225 **PS#40.** 8 games rFr, 335 pass (62%), 2-2 ratio. 3 Lyle Moevao (5-11 230 So) PS#185JC. RS LY. 10 **Ryan Gunderson** (6-5 224 Sr) **PS#27.**

RB 26 YVENSON BERNARD SR. 5-9 202 11 st, 1321 (4.4), 37 rec in '05. 13 st, **1st Tm P10 LY**, 1307 (4.4), 43 rec. 22 Clinton Polk (6-2 205 Sr) PS#163. JC. 1 st, (vs USC) 248 (3.9) LY.

WR 82 BRANDON POWERS SR. 6-2 218 PS#319. 14 st LY, 39 rec (11.1). 7 Kyle Brown (6-4 212 rFr) PS#114. 29 Shane Morales (6-1 197 Jr) 36 rec, JC '05. 84 Taylor Kavanaugh (5-10 174 So).

WR 19 SAMMIE STROUGHTER SR. 6-0 183 PS#94. 14 st LY, **2nd Tm P10**, 74 rec (17.5). 1193 ret yds 3Y. 3 Chris Johnson (6-1 187 Jr) JUCO. 4 rec (17.2) LY. Reggie Dunn is PS#85.

WR 17 ANTHONY WHEAT-BROWN SR. 6-1 213 PS#99RB. 29 st, 94 rec (11.9) 3Y. Miss 3 LY (susp). 25 Casey Kjos (6-2 210 So) PS#282. 10 gm ST true. 15 Brian Davilla (5-11 169 Sr) PS#260JC.

TE 81 Gabe Miller rFr. 6-3 230 **PS#8.** RS LY. 83 Howard Croom (6-3 248 So) PS#71. 1 rec true. John Reese (6-3 235 So) PS#58. Joe Halahuni (6-2 259 Fr). Brady Camp (6-4 256 rFr).

C 75 KYLE DeVAN SR. 6-2 310 PS#149. 11 st '05. 14 st C LY, **2nd Tm Pac 10.** 65 Marcus Henderson (6-5 285 Jr) 10 gm LY. **LS** 55 Joel Cohen (5-11 249 Sr) 14 gm '06.

RG 67 ROY SCHUENING SR. 6-4 317 **PS#64.** 12 st RG rFr. 11 st '05. 14 st RG LY, **HM P10.** 73 Gregg Peat (6-3 297 So) 4 gm backup rFr. 54 Steven Rodenhurst (6-4 345 rFr).

LG 62 JEREMY PERRY JR. 6-2 313 11 st rFr, **P10 Co-Fr Yr.** 12 st LG LY, **1st Tm P10.** 51 Adam Speer (6-3 291 Jr) PS#103. 1 st (bowl) LY. 71 Mau Nomani (6-4 327 rFr) PS#139.

RT 66 ANDY LEVITRE JR. 6-3 326 PS#144. 1 st, 9 gm rFr. 12 st LY. 63 Ryan Pohl (6-3 280 rFr) PS#229. Jon Ioane (6-5 325 Jr) **PS#69JC.** 60 Alex Linnenkohl (6-2 291 rFr) PS#158.

LT 76 Tavita Thompson Jr. 6-6 303 PS#251. 5 gm LY. 2 letters. Michael Cole **PS#95JC.** In spring. 72 Timi Oshinowo (6-6 316 rFr) PS#64. 64 Nathan Hannah (6-2 301 rFr).

K 13 ALEXIS SERNA SR. 5-8 170 17-20 FG, L/55 rFr. 23-28 FG '05, **2nd Tm AA, Groza winner.** 22-29 FG LY, long 58. 27 Justin Kahut (5-8 157 rFr). Jake Webber (6-4 186 rFr).

DE 49 JEFF VAN ORSOW SR. 6-4 262 PS#292. 11 st '05, 31 tkl, 7 tfl. 14 st LY, **HM P10,** 48 tkl, 10 tfl. 91 Naymon Frank (6-5 285 Sr) PS#235. 1 st, 13 tkl 3Y. Latu Moala is PS#174JC.

DT 53 Gerard Lee Sr. 6-1 275 PS#139JC. 20 tkl, 4 tfl here '06. Pennell Booth (6-1 305 Jr) PS#251. 1 st, 11 tkl 2Y. Jeff Kruskamp (6-5 238 Sr) 5 tkl 2Y. Mitchel Hunt (6-2 277 rFr) PS#215.

DT 98 CURTIS COKER SR. 6-1 299 PS#211. 14 tkl '04-'05. 13 st LY, 19 tkl, 4 tfl. William 'Akau'ola Vea (6-2 285 Sr) PS#174JC. 16 tkl, 3 sk, 2.5 tfl. Sioeli Nau PS#214JC. Taani Fuahala (5-11 268 rFr).

DE 93 Dorian Smith Sr. 6-3 258 **PS#23JC.** 12 sk JC '05. #1 w/**9 sk** here LY, 30 tkl. Victor Butler (6-2 235 Jr) 20 tkl, 3.5 sk 2Y. Keith Robertson (6-2 277 Jr) PS#64JC. In spg. Kevin Frahm PS#84.

SLB 45 DERRICK DOGGETT SR. 6-3 210 **2nd Tm P10 '05-'06.** 14 st in '06, 87 tkl, 5 sk, 9.5 tfl. 58 Eric Moala Liava'a (6-0 233 Jr) PS#184DB '01. Mission. 9 tkl LY. Tom Hansen (6-1 272 rFr) PS#71.

MLB 43 ALAN DARLIN SR. 6-1 254 **PS#40.** 13 st LY, 72 tkl, 5.5 sk, 7 tfl. 41 Bryant Cornell (6-1 245 Jr) PS#164RB. 1 st, 32 tkl, 2Y. Dwight Roberson (6-0 238 rFr) PS#79. Will Darkins is PS#92.

WLB 42 JOEY LaROCQUE SR. 6-2 218 **PS#39JC.** 14 st LY, 98 tkl (#1) 6.5 tfl. 12 Isaiah Cook (6-2 215 Jr) PS#89. 18 tkl, 2 tfl LY. Danzel Isaac (6-3 215 Jr) PS#80JC '06. In spring.

CB 6 KEENAN LEWIS JR. 6-1 199 11 st rFr, 45 tkl. 13 st LY, 22 tkl, 8 pbu. 5 Gerard Lawson (5-11 192 Sr) PS#310RB. 4 st 3Y, 47 tkl, 2 pbu. 21 Tim Clark (6-0 175 So) 2 tkl, 10 gm LY.

CB 4 COYE FRANCIES SR. 6-1 180 **PS#4JC.** 3 st in '06, 39 tkl, 2 sk, 1 int, 5 pbu, 4 FF. 36 Brandon Hughes (5-11 178 Jr) **19 st** 2Y, 76 tkl, 13 pbu. 14 Patrick Henderson (5-10 182 So) 8 tkl.

SS 23 Bryan Payton Jr. 6-2 221 **PS#25.** 5 st FS LY, 50 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. Daniel Drayton (5-10 204 Sr) 35 tkl 3Y. Keaton Kristick (6-3 226 So) PS#92LB. 17 tkl true. Lance Mitchell PS#113WR.

FS 9 AL AFALAVA JR. 5-11 209 6 st true, 32 tkl. 9 st LY, 35 tkl, 1 int. 28 Suaesi Tuimaunei (6-1 198 rFr) PS#298. 2 James Dockery (6-1 168 rFr) PS#143WR. 44 Greg Laybourn (5-10 201 Jr) 9 tkl.

P 18 KYLE LOOMIS SO. 6-2 197 PS#33. 45.4 avg HS. 62 punts true, 41.3 avg. 33.9 net, 14 inside 20. 1-1 passing. 32 Jon Strowbridge (6-2 267 Sr). Also holder on FG.

OREGON ST BEAVERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#7

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	Utah (Thur)	A				
Sep. 6	at Cincinnati (Thur)	A				
Sep. 15	Idaho St	A				
Sep. 22	at Arizona St	G				
Sep. 29	UCLA	A				
Oct. 6	Arizona	A				
Oct. 13	at California	A				
Oct. 20						
Oct. 27	Stanford (HC)	A				
Nov. 3	at USC	G				
Nov. 10	Washington	A				
Nov. 17	at Washington St	A				
Nov. 24						
Dec. 1	at Oregon	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Derek Anderson 11,249 '01-'04
2. Jonathan Smith 9,680 '98-'01
3. Erik Wilhelm 9,383 '85-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ken Simonton 5,044 '98-'01
2. Steven Jackson 3,625 '01-'03
3. Yvenson Bernard 2,648 '04-Present

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mike Hass 3,924 '01-'05
2. James Newson 3,572 '00-'03
3. Reggie Bynum 2,231 '82-'85

Utah's last visit to Corvallis was in '91 (22-10 victory over OSU).OSU has won 5 straight home openers (4 vs IAA). Beavers 22-16-1 all-time vs current MWC teams.

First meeting. OSU has gone just 5-7 against current Big East tms. Last trip east of the Mississippi they lost to Louisville 63-27. Oregon St is 1-5 in their 1st road game.

Idaho St went 2-9 in the Big Sky Conference last year. They lost to Division IA foes UNLV (54-10) & Idaho (27-24). OSU has won 22 straight non-conf home games.

OSU scored a TD on their opening drive for the 7th time in 9 games LY vs ASU. HT is 6-1. Beavers held ASU's Carpenter to just 9 of 27 passing in LY's 44-10 thrashing.

Beavers fumbled 4 times last year falling to the Bruins 25-7. OSU has dropped 4 straight to UCLA. Last year OSU won 9 of the last 10 (only loss to UCLA).

OSU's defense accounted for 11 tfl's in LY's 17-10 victory holding UA to just 183 yds. The lone TD given up by OSU was on a 67 yd Wildcat PR. OSU has won 7 of 8 meetings.

Serna's 58 yd FG at the end of the 1H gave OSU its 1st pts as they trailed 31-3 at HT. LY's loss to Cal was OSU's 5th P10 opening loss in the L/6 seasons. The visitor has won 4 straight.

Visitor is 4-1. OSU has allowed just 142 rush yds on 112 attempts (1.3) L4Y vs Stanford. In LY's gm, Beaver RB Bernard crossed the 1,000 yd plateau for the 2nd straight season.

LY's 33-31 win over #3 USC was the highest ranked tm OSU has beaten since they upset a #1 ranked Trojan squad in Corvallis back in '67. Prior to LY USC won 30 of 31.

LY's win started a 4 gm winning streak for OSU. The HT has lost 4 straight. OSU's Stroughter caught 7 passes for 223 yds in Seattle LY (4th highest yd ttl in school history).

LY's 13-6 loss was the lowest combined scoring output S/'75 (OSU 7-0). OSU was held without a TD for the 1st time S/'02 (22-0 loss to USC). HT is 5-1. OSU is 7-1 prior to UO.

HT has won 10 straight. LY's 2 pt OSU win was the closest Civil War margin S/'95. LY's Corvallis crowd of 44,015 was the most ever recorded in Reser Stadium history.

MIKE RILEY (Career 38-34)

7th Year at Oregon St ('97-'98 & '03-'06) — Riley's Bowl Record: 3-0

Riley's records AT OREGON ST

38-34	Straight Up	1-9	Vs Top 10
23-15	Home	4-18	Vs Top 25
12-19	Away	3-2	Vs BCS Teams
3-0	Neutral	5-2	Off A Bye
20-29	Vs Conference	13-18	Off A Loss

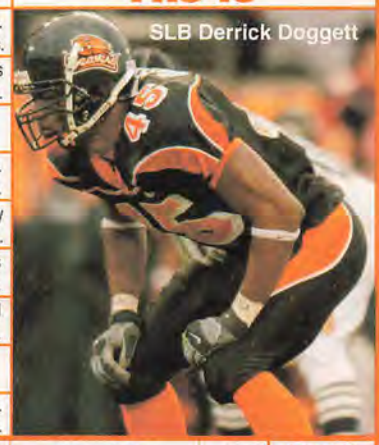
2006 RECORD: **(10-4)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 62 (27,31,4)
Lost: 13 (8,5,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 40,830 (#57)

PAC 10



STADIUM: RESER STADIUM (46,000) (#67)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	5-6	8-4	7-5	6-5	5-6	9-4	50-31
Home	6-0	4-1	6-1	6-1	3-2	3-3	5-2	33-10
Away	4-1	1-5	2-3	1-4	3-3	2-3	4-2	17-21
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	7-1	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	3-5	6-3	32-25
ATS	8-2	5-5	6-5	5-6	7-4	3-6-1	7-5	41-33-1
Home Fav (Dennis Erickson)	4-0	1-1	5-1	3-3	2-1	1-2-1	2-1	18-9-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2	4-5
Away Fav (Mike Riley)	0-2	0-2	1-3	0-2	3-0	1-0	2-1	7-10
Away Dog	3-0	3-1	0-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	2-1	12-9
Favorite	4-2	1-3	6-4	3-5	5-1	2-2-1	4-2	25-19-1
Dog	4-0	4-2	0-1	2-1	2-3	1-4	3-3	16-14
vs Conf	7-1	5-3	3-5	5-3	6-2	3-5	5-4	34-23
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-2	3-0	0-3	1-2	0-1-1	2-1	7-10-1
Off SU Win	7-2	2-2	5-2	3-4	4-1	1-3-1	4-4	26-18-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-2	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	14-14

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Fiesta - #5	-3'	Notre Dame - #10	41-9
02	Insight	-2'	Pittsburgh - #24	13-38
03	Las Vegas	-2	New Mexico	55-14
04	Insight	-4	Notre Dame	38-21
06	Sun - #24	-3'	Missouri	39-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Oregon St's All-Time Bowl Record 6-4

OREGON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	27.8	19	118	3.5	242	60.9	13.0	+8	2006	7	22.2	18	110	3.5	224	54.2	15.0
7	26.6	22	123	3.2	296	58.2	15.7	-14	2005	6	33.2	20	108	3.1	299	52.7	12.3
4*	26.7	20	71	2.2	309	53.9	14.2	+3	2004	7	24.5	19	117	3.4	196	43.9	12.8
9*	33.3	24	135	3.3	328	51.3	13.9	-8	2003	5	23.2	16	84	2.5	204	44.1	12.5
7	31.8	20	149	3.9	263	47.2	12.9	+8	2002	8	20.5	18	94	2.6	199	48.7	14.3
5*	26.1	20	127	3.4	247	54.4	14.4	-7	2001	5	23.5	18	157	3.8	174	48.9	14.1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Yvenson Bernard	296	1364	57	1307	12	4.4
Clinton Polk	63	256	8	248	1	3.9
Ruben Jackson	10	102	7	95	0	9.5
Tony Carrasco	12	45	2	43	1	3.6
Patrick Fuller	4	11	2	9	0	2.2
Sean Canfield	3	1	11	-10	1	-3.3
Matt Moore	77	214	225	-11	5	-0.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Moore	378	229	60.6	3022	18	7
Sean Canfield	45	28	62.2	335	2	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Sammie Stroughter	74	1293	17.5	5	80	
Joe Newton	36	466	12.9	7	34	
Brandon Powers	39	433	11.1	1	27	
Ruben Jackson	16	337	21.1	2	67	
Anthony Wheat-Brown	21	319	15.2	3	35	
Yvenson Bernard	43	276	6.4	1	19	
Chris Johnson	4	69	17.2	0	30	
Jason Vandiver	7	57	8.1	1	14	
Clinton Polk	8	52	6.5	0	16	
Micah Strickland	5	44	8.8	0	15	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kyle Loomis	62	2558	41.3	8	33.9	0	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Alexis Serna	45-45	8-9	4-6	6-8	4-6	22-29	58

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joey LaRocque	98	0	6.5	0	1
Derrick Doggett	87	5	9.5	2	3
Sabby Piscitelli	75	1	2	11	5
Alan Darlin	72	5.5	7	0	0
Bryan Payton	50	0	1	3	2
Jeff Van Orsow	48	3	7	0	0
Coye Francies	39	2	2.5	5	1
Brandon Hughes	35	0	2	4	0
Al Afalava	35	0	0	3	1
Dorian Smith	30	9	2.5	1	0
Bryant Cornell	24	1	1	0	1
Ben Siegert	23	1	2.5	0	0
Keenan Lewis	22	1	1	8	0
Daniel Drayton	21	1	0	1	2
Gerard Lee	20	1.5	2.5	0	0
Curtis Coker	19	2	2	0	0
Isaiah Cook	18	1	1	0	0
Gerard Lawson	18	0	1	1	0
Victor Butler	17	3.5	2	0	0
Keaton Kristick	17	1	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Sammie Stroughter	30	470	15.7	3	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Coye Francies	22	493	22.4	0	
Gerard Lawson	13	350	26.9	1	

2006 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	E Washington	22	38-209	5.5	19-30	274	0	10	30-(-14)	-0.5	12-26	140	5	+2
–	at Boise St	14	32-58	1.8	20-29	205	6	19	42-302	7.2	8-14	105	3	-2
–	Idaho	23	38-174	4.6	20-35	206	1	7	24-57	2.4	8-23	128	3	+4
–	California	16	24-56	2.3	23-34	244	4	25	33-142	4.3	22-31	341	1	0
–	Washington St	15	28-64	2.3	18-34	223	6	19	37-85	2.3	19-34	270	5	-2
–	at Washington	18	39-180	4.6	14-21	308	0	15	37-84	2.3	14-30	172	6	-3
–	at Arizona	19	38-151	4.0	16-22	181	0	13	28-22	0.8	17-30	161	3	0
–	USC	16	35-89	2.5	21-32	262	6	23	27-86	3.2	24-39	406	2	+4
–	Arizona St	18	36-121	3.4	17-36	282	0	14	34-99	2.9	9-29	124	4	+2
–	at UCLA	19	34-85	2.5	17-29	175	5	15	36-136	3.8	12-23	126	1	-2
–	at Stanford	24	47-208	4.4	16-25	177	1	12	21-85	4.0	9-26	125	5	+2
–	Oregon	18	30-88	2.9	16-27	255	2	22	33-153	4.6	25-43	274	0	+1
–	at Hawaii	17	26-71	2.7	11-17	245	2	31	29-103	3.6	37-50	401	6	+2
#24	† Missouri	30	29-101	3.5	31-54	356	2	21	33-202	6.1	17-32	359	3	0
TOTALS		269	474-1655	3.5	259-425	3393	35	246	444-1542	3.5	233-430	3132	47	+8
AVERAGES		19.2	34-118	3.5	19-30	242	2.5	17.6	32-110	3.5	17-31	224	3.4	0.6

OSU Pre-Rank – 2002 RESULTS – Post-Score

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Eastern Kentucky	NL	49-10
–	at Temple	-11	35-3
–	UNLV	-16	47-17
–	Fresno St	-11'	59-19
#23	at USC - #18	+3'	0-22
–	UCLA	-4'	35-43
–	at Arizona St	-3	9-13
–	California	-5'	24-13
–	Arizona	-15'	38-3
–	at Washington	-6	29-41
–	at Stanford	-12'	31-21
–	Oregon	-4'	45-24

OSU Pre-Rank – 2003 RESULTS – Post-Score

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Sacramento St	NL	40-7
–	at Fresno St	-8'	14-16
–	New Mexico St	-21'	28-16
–	Boise St	-5'	26-24
–	Arizona St	-6	45-17
–	at California	+1	35-21
#22	Washington	-10'	17-38
–	at Washington St - #6	+7'	30-36
–	Arizona	-22'	52-23
–	Stanford	-14'	43-3
–	at Oregon	-3	20-34
–	at USC - #2	+21'	28-52

OSU Pre-Rank – 2004 RESULTS – Post-Score

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at LSU - #4	+17'	21-22 OT
–	at Boise St	+8	34-53
–	New Mexico	-13'	17-7
–	at Arizona St - #22	+7'	14-27
–	California - #10	+7	7-49
–	at Washington	-7	29-14
–	Washington St	-8	38-19
–	at Arizona	-7	28-14
–	USC - #1	+18	20-28
–	at Stanford	-2	24-19
–	Oregon	-3'	50-21

OSU Pre-Rank – 2005 RESULTS – Post-Score

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Portland St	NL	41-14
–	Boise St	-3	30-27
–	at Louisville - #11	+13'	27-63
–	Arizona St - #18	+6'	24-42
–	Washington St	-1'	44-33
–	at California - #18	+15'	23-20
–	at UCLA - #8	+9'	28-51
–	Arizona	-9'	27-29
–	at Washington	-3	18-10
–	Stanford	-6	17-20
–	at Oregon - #10	+13	14-56

OSU Pre-Rank – 2006 RESULTS – Post #21 Score

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post #21 Score
–	E Washington	NL	56-17
–	at Boise St	+7'	14-42
–	Idaho	-25'	38-0
–	California - #16	+9	13-41
–	Washington St	+3	6-13
–	at Washington	+9'	27-17
–	at Arizona	-2'	17-10
–	USC - #3	+10	33-31
–	Arizona St	-2	44-10
–	at UCLA	-1'	7-25
–	at Stanford	-14'	30-7
–	Oregon	-3	30-28
–	at Hawaii - #24	+8	35-32

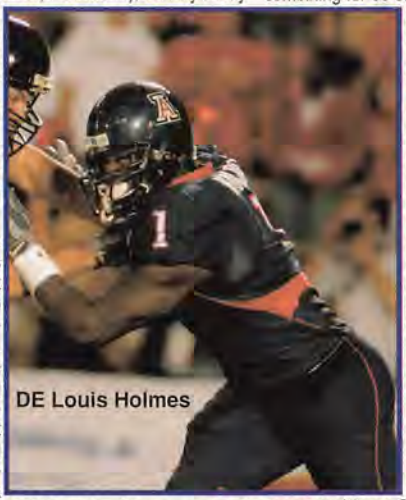
ARIZONA WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Since Arizona joined the Pac 10 in 1978, they have had zero QB's drafted or make 1st Tm Pac 10. In '04 Kris Heavner (PS#44) began as the starter (837, 58.7%, 4-4 ratio) but lost his job and transferred to Baylor. Richard Kovalcheck (PS#23) started the last 5 throwing for 1,039 (47.6%). Kovalcheck began '05 as the starter and threw for 1,351 (56.8%) with a 10-11 ratio. Stoops took the RS off of Willie Tuitama (PS#32) in Wk 7 and he had a tremendous 2H of the year guiding the team to wins over Oregon St and UCLA. They also could have beaten ASU if he had not been injured in the 4Q. Tuitama threw for 1,105 (57.7%) with a 9-5 ratio. Walk-on Adam Austin had 5 attempts (32 yards). Kovalcheck transferred to Vandy and expectations were high for Tuitama last year. Tuitama improved his squat from 185 to 335 but had concussion problems. He got one on the first play vs LSU but remained in the game for almost 3Q's (8 of 17 for 50 yards) before being pulled. Austin started vs SFA but Tuitama came off the bench to lead two 4Q TD drives. Tuitama had a huge game vs Wash hitting 24 of 41 for 308, but was injured again in the 2Q vs UCLA and missed the next two. Austin started against Stanford but he was injured and Heavner who transferred back, hit 4 of 4 for 11 yards. Stoops experimented with a pair of WR's at the QB position in Syndric Steptoe and Anthony Johnson. Johnson actually got the start the next week vs Oregon St but played just the first series then Heavner played the rest hitting 17 of 26 for 161 but threw 2 costly int. Tuitama returned and guided the team to three straight wins including back-to-back victories over ranked teams (#25 WSU & #8 Cal) but was injured vs Ariz St on a late hit. There are concussion questions with Tuitama (cleared for spring) and they must learn a new offense under former Texas Tech OC Dykes. Austin departs but Heavner is back and added to the mix are Tyler Lyon (6'5" 215 rFr, PS#21) and true frosh Bryson Beirne who was recruited for the new system. The Cats used 5 QB's including the 2 WR's last year and completed just 53.7% with a 9-14 ratio and should put up much better numbers in 2007.

RUNNING BACKS - Mike Bell led the team in rushing for three straight years with 920 (5.5) in '03, 950 (4.7) in '04 and 952 (4.8) in '05. Bell signed as a UFA with the Broncos last year. The top returning rusher last year was Chris Henry (PS#112) who had 311 (3.0) in his first 3 years (MedRS '03). With a young O-line the Cats' running game struggled in '06 but had some bright spots. In Wk 3 with Henry suspended, walk-on JUCO Chris Jennings rushed for 201 but it was vs IAA SFA. Henry set a school record with 35 rush attempts (94 yards) vs Wash St and had his best game in their upset of Oregon rushing for 191 (6.6). He had just 38 in the season finale finishing with 581 (3.5) and opted to leave early for the NFL (#2DC TEN). Jennings rushed for 451 (4.3) and Xavier Smith (PS#53) rushed for 120 (5.2). This could be the year that Terry Longbons (PS#16) emerges. He did not have any rush att last year after getting in the OC's doghouse but they have a new OC and he also has great hands as a receiver which is important in the new offense. Adding depth are Glyndon Bolasky (6'0" 208 rFr, PS#42) who missed last year (ACL) and this year's true frosh. In the new offense the RB's will gain a lot of receiving yards on dumpoffs from the QB (like rushes) and by adding those in, I expect improved production from this position in 2007.

RECEIVERS - The Cats' leading receiver in 2004 was Syndric Steptoe (30, 14.9). Steptoe had 37 (13.3) in '05, but true frosh Michael Thomas (10.3 in 100m) was named co-PAC 10 Frosh of the Year and led with 52 (14.8) and Anthony Johnson added 32 (13.1). Last year they added 3 true frosh who were all expected to contribute in 6'4" Delashaun Dean (PS#41), 6'4" Terrell Reese (PS#32), and 6'2" Terrell Turner (PS#66). It was a 2-man show as Steptoe (55, 10.3) and Thomas (50, 11.9) combined for over 1/2 of the team's rec's. Steptoe did see some time at QB as did Johnson who started at QB vs Oreg St then returned to WR vs WSU and caught a 78 yard TD pass on the 3rd play. Steptoe made one of the key plays of the season when he had a one-handed grab on a 3rd & 11 pass for a 21 yard gain vs WSU keeping a key drive alive. Johnson finished with 26 (12.0), TE Brandyn McCall had 11 (9.0) and TE Brad Wood had 7 (8.7). This year they must replace Steptoe (12 st, #7DC CLE) and Wood (6 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE Ryan Kilpatrick (6'3" 252 Sr, PS#108LB), WR Kyle Day (5'11" 180 rFr), HB's Brandon Lopez (6'1" 224 Jr, PS#209LB) and Brooks Reed (6' 3" 240 rFr, PS#109RB) and VHT TE true frosh Rob Gronkowski (PS#4). Naturally with the new offense I expect much better numbers. Overall this group has another year of experience and should be improved despite the loss of their star.


DE Louis Holmes

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cats' O-line only opened holes for 118 ypg (3.4) in Stoops' first season. In 2005 they had to replace 2 starters and improved slightly to 122 ypg (3.5). Last year they had to replace two starters but then returning starter RT Tanner Bell was injured and Erick Levitre (11 st '05) played in just 3. Taking Bell and Levitre out of the equation, the starting OL's had a combined 28 starts coming into 2006 and 21 of them were by LT Peter Graniello. The ypg rushing dropped to 84 (2.7) and they yielded 31 sacks (8.7%). Arizona rushed for negative yards in 3 straight games. This year they should have one of the most improved O-lines in the country. The only losses are LG Adam Hawes (8 st), Bell and Levitre. They also have four HT rFr including two VHT's and a VHT JUCO that redshirted last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cats almost always have a solid rush D. They did not allow over 4.3 ypc rush between '92-'04. In 2005 it was a veteran unit, but due to injuries only one player started all 11 and the Cats shockingly allowed 4.6 ypc, their worst in the last 2 decades. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had six back with starting experience. Louis Holmes (PS#21JC) finally qualified in July and was awarded the #1 jersey, showing how high expectations were for him. He earned 2nd Tm P10 honors starting 9 while DT Lionel Dotson started the most games on the DL with 10. This year the only losses are DT Marcus Smith (3 st, 16 tkl, 3 sk) and DT Paul Philipp (2 st, 8 tkl). Since scrapping the Double Eagle Flex D in '02, the lowest ypc allowed has been 3.3 ('04) and this talented group is capable of topping that.

LINEBACKERS - The Cats had an inexperienced LB corps for three straight years until last year when they only had to replace 3 players who combined for 5 starts and returned 5 with starting experience. This year they must replace OLB's Marcus Hollingsworth (7 st, 31 tkl) and John McKinney (4 tkl). Spencer Larsen (2nd Tm Pac 10) led in tackles (89) and Ronnie Palmer was #2 (69). Four players return with starting experience and they get the outstanding addition of PS#19JC Vuna Tuihalamaka. This shapes up as the Cats' best LB corps of the decade.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cats basically had 4 starters back in 2005 and Stoops called it the top unit on the team. They finished #21 in my pass D rankings and CB Antoine Cason, who was the first true frosh starting DB here since 1994 (Kelly Malveaux), was 2nd Tm Pac 10 as a soph. Last year they had to replace their star FS Darrell Brooks and SS Lamon Means (18 combined st). Basically they had 3 starters back as Michael Johnson started the last 4 and had 3 times as many tackles as Means. Johnson missed 2 starts in '06 and Michael Klyce snagged two int in those two starts. Surprisingly the Cats dropped to #35. This year they must replace 2nd Tm P10 SS Johnson (10 st, 47 tkl, #7DC NYG), but not only do they return 7 of the top 8, they also add VHT JUCO Nate Ness who was impressive in his redshirt year. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Joe Ortiz (6'2" 183 So) and Victor Yates (5'11" 185 rFr). They have the most experienced pair of CB's in the country with Cason and Fontenot combining for 68 starts. However Fontenot injured his shoulder prior to spring and is questionable for the start of the '07 season. Cason earned 1st Tm Pac 10 honors last year and this looks like one of the top secondaries in the NCAA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Stoops inherited a unit that finished #115 in my ST rankings in 2003. They improved to #78 and #52 in his first two seasons. Last year they had to replace their star P Danny Baugher (47.5 avg), but had everyone else back. Nick Folk was one of the best K's you never heard of and he nailed a 70 yard FG in practice last August. Folk hit 15 of 20 (long 52) and also avg'd 44.0 on punts (tm net 36.3). Folk also drilled an amazing 31 TB on 49 KO (63%!). Syndric Steptoe was dangerous on PR (13.1) and KR (25.6). The Cats finished a lofty #10 in my ST rankings last year, but have to replace Folk (#6DC DAL) and Steptoe this year so the unit may drop quite a few notches in 2007.

COACHES - Mike Stoops was K-St's DC from '96-'98 then DC at Oklahoma from '99-'03. He is now in his 4th year here. Last year Mike Canales was the OC but in Wk 7 Dana Dimel was named the co-OC and was in charge of the running game which picked up at season's end. Canales is gone and Dimel moves back to TE/HB coach. The new OC is Sonny Dykes who was the Texas Tech co-OC the last 2 years. He was Tech's receivers coach for the last 7 seasons. The DC is Stoops' brother, Mark, who was Miami, FL's DB coach from '01-'03 and Houston's co-DC in 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Arizona joined the Pac 10 in 1978 and is the only team in the conference that has not been to the Rose Bowl. The Cats were ranked #4 in the 1999 preseason polls but have gone just 34-58 overall the last 8 years including a surprising 6-27 record at home in Pac 10 play. In 2003 Arizona finished 2-10 and was outgained in conf play by 144.1 ypg. When Stoops was hired there was great enthusiasm but the team struggled to a 3-8 finish (-118 ypg P10). In 2005 they had 14 returning starters and after just 20 players stayed over the summer to work out in 2003, 80 stayed in 2005. Stoops' honeymoon with the fans was quickly over when the team opened 1-6 in '05. Willie Tuitama got his first start the next week and led the upset of Oreg St on the road before beating undefeated #7 UCLA at home. It was the highest ranked team they had beaten since 1992 (#1 Wash). UA could not handle the favorite's role vs UW losing by 24 and would have beaten Ariz St but lost QB Tuitama, RB Bell and WR Thomas to injury in the 2Q when they led 17-5. UA was -9 in turnovers and had 5 losses by 7 points or less in 2005 so things looked good for 2006. I called Arizona my #2 most improved team in the country and they did achieve bowl eligibility. Unfortunately Tuitama suffered a concussion vs LSU and started just 9. Arizona was 2-2 and Stoops called Wash the biggest game of his tenure but unfortunately they were whipped, allowing 328 yards in the 1H losing 21-10. The Cats would drop to 3-5 and had 3 ranked teams on deck so it appeared they were headed for a 3rd consecutive 3-win seasons. Tuitama returned and they upset #25 Wash St, 27-17. The next week they stunned #8 Cal 24-20. Oregon had dropped from the AP rankings but it was still a major upset when they got their first win in Autzen Stadium since 1986. This time Arizona had a bowl bid firmly in its grasp only needing to knock off the Sun Devils at home but Tuitama was injured again in the 2Q. They were bowl eligible but not invited. This year they return 8 starters on offense and hope to keep Tuitama healthy. In the last 5 years they have averaged 17.7 ppg and should have their best offensive production since at least '01. The D returns 9 starters and last year allowed 6.8 ppg less than in '05 and should be improved again. Five of their six road opp's were in bowls last year but even with the tough schedule they have a shot at their first bowl game S/'98.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 7 WILLIE TUITAMA JR. 6-3 218 **PS#32**. L/4 st true, 1105 (57.7%) 9-5 ratio. 9 st LY, (inj) 1335 (56%) 7-6 ratio. Tyler Lyon (6-5 215 rFr) PS#21. **Kris Heavner** (6-3 230 Sr) PS#44. **14 st 3Y.**

RB 28 Chris Jennings Sr. 5-10 225 6 st LY, 451 (4.3). **43** Terry Longbons (5-11 200 So) **PS#16**. **30** Xavier Smith (5-11 196 So) PS#53. 120 (5.2) as rFr. **Joe Reese is PS#20.**

WR 9 ANTHONY JOHNSON SR. 6-2 205 PS#164. 18 st, 71 rec (11.6) at WR 3Y. 1 st at QB LY. **4** BJ Dennard (5-11 194 Jr) PS#158DB. 4 st, 9 rec 3Y. David Roberts is PS#114.

WR 10 MICHAEL THOMAS JR. 5-8 173 PS#73. 4 st true, 52 rec (14.8). 10 st LY, 50 rec (11.9), **HM P10**. **84** Terrell Turner (6-2 170 So) PS#66. 2 st true, 1 rec. Devin Veal is PS#131.

WR 18 Delashaun Dean rFr. 6-4 198 PS#41. Knee inj HS. RS LY. **11 Terrell Reese** (6-4 201 rFr) **PS#32**. **89 Bobby McCoy** (6-1 182 Jr) PS#83. 1 rec 2Y. **P10 200M champ '05.**

HB 49 EARL MITCHELL SO. 6-2 250 PS#51TE. 7 st FB true, 9 rec (15.1). **TE 87** Brandyn McCall (6-4 245 Sr) PS#83JC. 5 st LY, 11 (9.0). **86** Travis Bell (6-6 235 Jr) PS#68. 1 st, 5 rec 2Y.

C 50 BLAKE KERLEY SO. 6-2 273 **PS#56**. 2nd string C as true but RS. 12 st C in '06. **64** Colin Baxter (6-4 295 rFr) **PS#89**. **LS 65** Garon McHone (6-4 269 Sr). Ricky Wolder (5-10 220 So).

RG 75 JOE LONGACRE JR. 6-3 303 PS#324. 4 st RG rFr. 11 st RG '06. **57 Jovon Hayes** (6-2 320 rFr) **PS#29**. **52** Bill Wacholz (6-6 294 Jr) PS#415. 11 games in '06.

LG 68 Daniel Borg So. 6-5 270 **PS#17**. Impressive in RS yr. 5 st OG rFr, inj'd early. **55** Conan Amituanai (6-4 285 rFr) PS#113DL. DT as RS LY. **73** Brad Allen (6-0 270 So).

RT 77 EBEN BRITTON SO. 6-6 280 **PS#38**. 12 st RT rFr, **HM Pac 10**. **78** Adam Grant (6-6 278 So) PS#91DL. TE/DL as RS '05. Inj LY. **70** Cory Elmore (6-5 260 rFr).

LT 76 PETER GRANIELLO SR. 6-5 296 11 st rFr (8RT, 3RG). 10 st LT '05, HM Pac 10. 12 st LT '06. **66** James Tretheway (6-6 300 Jr) PS#40JC. RS LY. **72** Cody Anderson PS#116DL.

K 13 Jason Bondzio Jr. 5-9 168 PS#16. 9 of 10 FG as HS Sr, long of 48. 94 straight xp. Alex Zendejas (5-11 175 Fr) **PS#8**. 8-13 FG HS LY incl 53 & 59 yd FG's. 42 TB/50 KO.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 1 LOUIS HOLMES SR. 6-6 270 **PS#21JC. 2nd Tm Pac 10**, 9 st in '06, 36 tkl, 4 sk. **93** D'Aundre Reed (6-4 225 rFr) PS#192. **91** Mike Shelton (6-3 230 Jr) PS#96. 1 st, 7 tkl, 2 sk 2Y.

NT 96 YANIV BARNETT SR. 6-1 285 PS#119. 11 st '05, 27 tkl, 3 tfl. 9 st LY, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **46** Donald Horton (6-0 259 So) **PS#50**. 1 st rFr, 5 tkl. **64** John Markovich (6-0 280 Sr).

DT 54 LIONEL DOTSON SR. 6-4 278 PS#93. 6 st rFr, 3 sk. 4 st '05, 21 tkl. 10 st LY, 31 tkl, 2 tfl. **94** Lolomana Mikaele (6-2 270 rFr) PS#237LB. **82** Dave Bertrand (6-1 291 Jr) 7 tkl 2Y.

DE 97 JOHNATHAN TURNER JR. 6-3 250 PS#58LB. 10 st rFr, 27 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 9 st LY, 18 tkl, 2 tfl. **53** Jason Parker (6-3 258 Sr) PS#192. 5 st, 36 tkl, 6.5 tfl 2Y. **98** Ricky Elmore (6-5 235 rFr).

SLB NA Vuna Tuihalamaka Jr. 6-2 220 **PS#19JC**. 97 tkl JC '06. **39 Dane Krogstad** (6-2 236 Sr) PS#166. 14 st, 127 tkl, 10 tfl 3Y. **41** James Alford (6-1 222 Jr) PS#111. 7 tkl 2Y.

MLB 33 RONNIE PALMER JR. 6-3 239 **PS#42**. 5 st rFr, 38 tkl, 2 tfl. 11 st '06, 69 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **25** Adrian McCovy (6-2 223 Jr) **PS#37**. 1 st, 22 tkl, 3 sk 2Y. Cole Graybill (6-3 236 rFr) PS#258.

WLB 51 SPENCER LARSEN SR. 6-1 236 PS#110. 7 st '02, 41 tkl, 3 tfl. Mission. 7 st '05, 51 tkl. **2nd Tm P10** LY, 89 tkl, 10.5 tfl. **15** Xavier Kelley (5-11 193 So) PS#62. 8 tkl. **57** Jeremy Samoy (6-2 208 So).

CB 5 ANTOINE CASON SR. 6-0 182 PS#68. **1st Tm P10 '06**. 11 st true, 70 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu. 11 st '05, 50 tkl, 5 pbu. 12 st LY, 62 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu. **6 Devin Ross** (5-11 180 So) **PS#8**. 7 tkl true.

CB 3 WILREY FONTENOT SR. 5-9 174 PS#186. 11 st, 46 tkl rFr. 11 st, 51 tkl '05. 12 st, 37 tkl LY. 4 int, 18 pbu 3Y. ? for ssn (shoulder). **14** Marquis Hundley PS#81JC. Michael Turner PS#129.

SS 32 Nate Ness Jr. 6-1 190 **PS#17JC**. 8 int JC '04. RS here LY. **20** Cam Nelson (6-1 180 So) PS#191. 7 tkl true. Michael Klyce (6-0 193 Jr) PS#165. 2 st rFr, 3 int, 18 tkl.

FS 8 DOMINIC PATRICK SR. 6-1 207 PS#126. 14 tkl '04-'05. 11 starts LY, 59 tkl, 6 pbu. **21** Corey Hall (5-10 182 So) **PS#41**. 1 st, 4 tkl rFr. **34** Brandon Tatum (6-1 181 So) **PS#32**. 5 tkl 2Y.

P 47 Keenyn Crier rFr. 6-1 180 Avg 46.0 L2Y HS. TX Southern offered scholarship but walked-on here. Alex Zendejas **PS#8**. 36.0 avg HS. Jason Bondzio PS#16. 38.5 avg HS Sr.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

LB	Vuna Tuihalamaka 6-2 220 PS#19JC
TE	Rob Gronkowski 6-6 250 PS#4
RB	Joe Reese 6-1 190 PS#20
DB	Marquis Hundley 6-0 185 PS#81JC
DL	Kaniela Tuipulotu 6-2 280 PS#65
LB	Apaita Tuihalamaka 6-3 210 PS#69DL
DL	Levar Brown 6-3 240 PS#92
K	Alex Zendejas 5-11 175 PS#8
WR	David Roberts 6-0 175 PS#114
RB	Nicholas Grigsby 5-10 178 PS#108
WR	Devin Veal 5-11 165 PS#131
DL	Hans Philipp 6-1 282 PS#159
QB	Bryson Beirne 6-3 214 PS#109
DB	Joseph Perkins 6-2 192 PS#446JC
DL	Ron Jackson 6-3 210 PS#365
DB	Trevin Wade 5-11 165 PS#540
WR	William Wright 5-9 170 PS#495

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#4

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	at BYU	G				
Sep. 8	N Arizona	G				
Sep. 15	New Mexico	G				
Sep. 22	at California	A				
Sep. 29	Washington St	G				
Oct. 6	at Oregon St	A				
Oct. 13	at USC	G				
Oct. 20	Stanford	G				
Oct. 27	at Washington	A				
Nov. 3	UCLA (HC)	G				
Nov. 10						
Nov. 15	Oregon (Thur)	G				
Nov. 24						
Dec. 1	at Arizona St	G				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tom Tunnicliffe 7,618 '80-'83
2. Alfred Jenkins 6,016 '83-'86
3. Keith Smith 5,972 '96-'99

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Trung Canidate 3,824 '96-'99
2. Ontiwaun Carter 3,501 '91-'94
3. Art Luppino 3,371 '53-'56

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bobby Wade 3,351 '99-'02
2. Dennis Northcutt 3,252 '96-'99
3. Theopolis "T" Bell 2,509 '72-'75

Arizona & BYU were WAC members from '62-'77 (UA leads 11-8-1). UA's Folk connected on a 48 yd FG w/:01 left for the win LY. UA has lost 5 straight road openers.

Lumberjacks finished 6-5 LY losing at ASU & Utah as Div IAA Big Sky Conf members. They have met 9 times (UA 8-1). UA has won 3 recent meetings by an avg of 30-6.

These 2 schools last met in the Insight.com Bowl in '97 & UA leads all-time series 43-18-3, including winning 11 of the last 15 & all 4 meetings since 1977.

Cats' CB Antoine Cason received P10 DPOW after an int on a 4Q Cal pass returning it for a TD as Cal's BCS hopes ended. UA has lost 6 straight Pac 10 road openers.

UA has lost 6 straight P10 home openers. LY's victory over #25 WSU gave UA their 3rd consec ssn of knocking a Top 25 tm off & the 1st time they have done this on the road S/'00 (#18 USC).

Arizona was forced to start 3rd string QB Heavner which proved costly as he threw 2 late 4Q int's in the 17-10 loss to the Beavers LY. The visitor has won the L/3 games.

UA's def held the Trojan off to 10 pts thru the 1st 3Q's but the Wildcat off finished with -16 rush yds being sk'd 5 times in the 20-3 loss in Tucson. UA is 1-6 in B2B road gms.

Wildcat D held the Cardinal to just 52 total yds (-6 rush) in LY's 20-7 victory marking Stanford's lowest yardage total in school history. The visitor has won 6 of 7 meetings.

Wildcats surrendered all 21 Husky pts in a 6:00 span right before halftime LY. In the loss, UA QB Tuitama was able to set career highs in both passing att's (41) & comp (24).

UCLA has won 5 of L/6. UA was held to their 3rd straight gm of negative rush yds (-13) as starting QB Tuitama was knocked out early in 2Q for the 2nd time in the season.

Last year the Wildcats won in Autzen Stadium for the 1st time since the 1986 season. UA held UO scoreless in the 2H (4th time in '06 they shutout a team in the final 30:00).

UA/ASU play for the Territorial Cup (nation's oldest traveling trophy). This will be their 81st meeting (UA 44-35-1). Arizona has dropped 4 of the last 5 in this series.

MIKE STOOPS (Career 12-22)

4th Year at Arizona — Stoops' Bowl Record: 0-0

Stoops' records AT ARIZONA

12-22	Straight Up	2-5	Vs Top 10
7-13	Home	4-10	Vs Top 25
5-9	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	2-3	Off A Bye
8-17	Vs Conference	7-13	Off A Loss

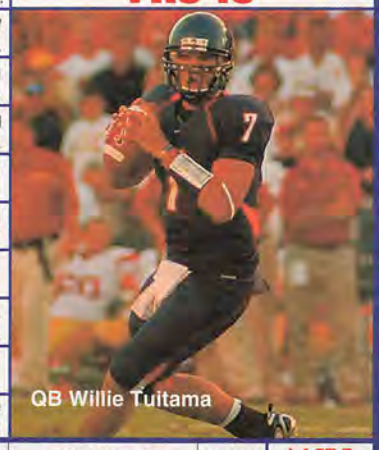
2006 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,21,1)
Lost: 15 (6,8,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 55,798 (#34)

PAC 10


QB Willie Tuitama

STADIUM: ARIZONA STADIUM (56,002) (#48)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	4-8	2-10	3-8	3-8	6-6	28-52
Home	2-4	2-4	3-4	2-5	2-5	2-4	3-4	16-30
Away	3-2	3-2	1-4	0-5	1-3	1-4	3-2	12-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	1-7	1-7	2-6	2-6	4-5	15-42
ATS	5-6	5-6	4-7	5-7	4-6	6-3-1	5-6	34-41-1
Home Fav (Dick Tomey)	0-5	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	0-3	2-12
Home Dog (John Mackovic)	0-1	0-4	2-3	3-3	3-3	2-0-1	2-1	12-15-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
Away Dog (John Mackovic/Mike Hankwitz)	5-0	3-1	2-3	1-4	1-3	4-1	2-2	18-14
Favorite (Mike Stoops)	0-5	2-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	1-3	4-12
Dog	5-1	3-5	4-6	4-7	4-6	6-1-1	4-3	30-29-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-4	26-31
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-0-1	0-2	8-10-1
Off SU Win	3-2	1-3	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	3-3	9-16-1
Off SU Loss	1-4	3-3	3-4	4-5	4-4	4-2	2-2	21-24

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Henry	165	668	87	581	7	3.5
Chris Jennings	105	500	49	451	3	4.3
Xavier Smith	23	120	0	120	0	5.2
Michael Thomas	6	68	0	68	0	11.3
Syndric Steptoe	7	36	2	34	0	4.9
Kris Heavner	10	12	28	-16	0	-1.6
Adam Austin	13	15	78	-63	1	-4.8
Willie Tuitama	35	14	180	-166	0	-4.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Willie Tuitama	211	118	55.9	1335	7	6
Adam Austin	111	52	46.8	517	2	6
Kris Heavner	30	21	70.0	172	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Michael Thomas	50	597	11.9	2	39
Syndric Steptoe	55	568	10.3	2	48
Anthony Johnson	26	312	12.0	3	78
Chris Henry	21	197	9.4	1	29
Earl Mitchell	9	136	15.1	1	37
Brandyn McCall	11	99	9.0	0	17
Brad Wood	7	61	8.7	0	19
Chris Jennings	7	30	4.3	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Nick Folk	74	3259	44.0	7	36.3(t)	0	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Folk	22-22	5-5	4-5	5-9	1-1	15-20	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Spencer Larsen	89	2	8.5	3	1
Ronnie Palmer	69	0	5	6	2
Antoine Cason	62	0	2	7	3
Dominic Patrick	59	0	1	6	0
Michael Johnson	47	0	1	4	1
Dane Krogstad	41	0.5	2.5	1	1
Wilrey Fontenot	37	0	2	8	0
Louis Holmes	36	4	1	3	0
Marcus Hollingsworth	31	0	2	2	1
Lionel Dotson	31	1	1	0	0
Jason Parker	22	2.5	2.5	2	0
Johnathan Turner	18	0	2	0	0
Michael Klyce	18	0	0.5	2	3
Yaniv Barnett	18	0.5	2	0	0
Marcus Smith	16	3	0	0	0
Adrian McCovy	15	1	0	0	0
Paul Philipp	8	0.5	0	0	0
Xavier Kelley	8	0	0	0	0
Cam Nelson	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Syndric Steptoe	20	261	13.1	1
Michael Thomas	1	-1	-1.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Syndric Steptoe	16	409	25.6	0
Devin Ross	2	63	31.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	John Hancock - #22	-6'	Baylor	15-20
93	Fiesta - #16	+6	Miami, Fl - #10	29-0
94	Freedom - #15	-3'	Utah - #14	13-16
97	Insight.com	-9'	New Mexico	20-14
98	Holiday - #5	+3	Nebraska - #14	23-20

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ARIZONA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	16.6	14	84	2.7	169	53.7	15.2	+7	2006	9	19.6	16	120	3.9	207	61.7	16.7
7*	22.9	19	122	3.5	229	57.3	15.3	-9	2005	7	26.4	20	184	4.6	225	58.7	15.5
9*	14.9	16	118	3.4	171	52.6	19.4	+3	2004	5	25.0	20	124	3.3	255	58.0	15.2
6	15.1	14	124	3.9	184	46.8	20.4	-5	2003	5	35.8	24	181	3.9	279	61.2	12.9
7*	18.9	18	44	1.5	290	57.2	17.6	-7	2002	6	25.8	20	162	3.8	224	58.2	14.9
6	29.1	21	142	4.0	250	54.3	13.5	-7	2001	7	34.3	22	140	3.5	258	51.0	11.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

UA 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	BYU	15	24-67	2.8	19-39	186	2	17	24-24	1.0	28-37	289	3	+1
–	at LSU	13	21-35	1.7	16-36	117	3	21	38-231	6.1	16-23	230	0	-1
–	Stephen F Austin	20	41-263	6.4	17-25	144	0	10	25-86	3.4	15-25	110	1	-1
–	USC	8	19-(-16)	-0.8	14-25	170	5	22	42-202	4.8	24-39	179	1	0
–	Washington	17	24-(-7)	-0.3	24-41	308	6	16	40-154	3.9	14-26	293	0	0
–	at UCLA	17	26-(-13)	-0.5	21-42	235	3	17	22-65	3.0	23-33	227	0	-1
–	at Stanford	16	51-220	4.3	10-13	74	1	4	19-(-6)	-0.3	8-13	58	6	0
–	Oregon St	13	28-22	0.8	17-30	161	3	19	38-151	4.0	16-22	181	0	0
–	at Washington St	11	44-116	2.6	10-17	159	1	11	27-45	1.7	18-33	265	4	0
–	California	13	33-60	1.8	17-34	202	2	14	23-106	4.6	17-36	250	0	+3
–	at Oregon	16	45-230	5.1	9-14	133	3	18	26-163	6.3	25-45	183	0	+6
–	Arizona St	14	23-33	1.4	17-40	135	2	23	45-215	4.8	17-26	214	0	0
TOTALS		173	379-1010	2.7	191-356	2024	31	192	369-1436	3.9	221-358	2479	15	+7
AVERAGES		14.4	32-84	2.7	16-30	169	2.6	16.0	31-120	3.9	18-30	207	1.3	0.6

2002 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	N Arizona	NL	37-3
–	Utah	+3	23-17
–	at Wisconsin - #22	+4'	10-31
–	North Texas	-14'	14-9
–	Oregon - #8	+8	14-31
–	at Washington - #22	+13'	28-32
–	at Stanford	+1'	6-16
–	Washington St - #9	+12	13-21
–	at Oregon St	+15'	3-38
–	UCLA	+11	7-37
–	at California	+16'	52-41
–	Arizona St	+6'	20-34

2003 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	UTEP	-21'	42-7
–	LSU - #13	+11'	13-59
–	Oregon	+11'	10-48
–	at Purdue - #25	+27'	7-59
–	TCU - #19	+14	10-13 OT
–	at Washington St - #14	+28'	7-30
–	UCLA	+17	21-24
–	at California	+17	14-42
–	at Oregon St	+22'	23-52
–	Washington	+16'	27-22
–	USC - #2	+28'	0-45
–	at Arizona St	+15	7-28

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	N Arizona	NL	21-3
–	Utah - #17	+13'	6-23
–	Wisconsin - #20	+11	7-9
–	Washington St	+3'	19-20
–	at UCLA	+10	17-37
–	at Oregon	+11	14-28
–	California - #7	+22'	0-38
–	Oregon St	+7	14-28
–	at Washington	+1'	23-13
–	at USC - #1	+35	9-49
–	Arizona St - #18	+14	34-27

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Utah	+7'	24-27
–	N Arizona	NL	31-12
–	Purdue - #12	+7	24-31
–	at California - #12	+16'	0-28
–	at USC - #1	+38	21-42
–	Stanford	-4'	16-20
–	Oregon - #15	+11'	21-28
–	at Oregon St	+9'	29-27
–	UCLA - #7	+9'	52-14
–	Washington	-13	14-38
–	at Arizona St	+10	20-23

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	BYU	-6'	16-13
–	at LSU - #8	+16'	3-45
–	Stephen F Austin	NL	28-10
–	USC - #3	+21	3-20
–	Washington	-3'	10-21
–	at UCLA	+12	7-27
–	at Stanford	-3'	20-7
–	Oregon St	+2'	10-17
–	at Washington St - #25	+16	27-17
–	California - #8	+13'	24-20
–	at Oregon	+14'	37-10
–	Arizona St	-2'	14-28

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004, UW started 3 QB's in the same season for the first time since 1972 (see Hardcore Fans). Those three combined for the worst QB rating in the NCAA. In 2005 Johnny DuRocher (PS#13) transferred in from Oregon. Isaiah Stanback (PS#11) won the job and started all 11 and threw for 2,136 (54.2%) with a 9-6 ratio while DuRocher threw for 247 (44.4%) with a 2-2 ratio. Stanback is a dangerous runner and passer and was on his way to his best season in '06 throwing for 1,325 yds with a 10-3 ratio while also rushing for 438 in his 1st 7 games. Unfortunately, his season (and basically UW's) ended with an injury vs Oreg St. Carl Bonnell, in his first start, took the team to OT vs Cal (thanks in part to a Hail Mary TD on the last play in regulation) but threw 5 int's including one in OT that clinched the loss. He was banged up in each of his 5 starts as was backup DuRocher. The two combined for a miserable 11 of 44 for 122 vs Stanford, but in the Apple Cup Bonnell threw for 271 yards guiding them to the win. Bonnell returns but had surgery (shoulder) in the offseason. Stanback moves on (#4DC DAL) as does 4th string QB Felix Sweetman. DuRocher's future is in doubt after surgery to remove a malignant brain tumor. Husky fans feel they have their "savior" in Jake Locker (PS#8). RFr Locker is 210 lbs with legitimate 4.5 speed and huge expectations. Locker will draw comparisons with Marques Tuiasosopo as he can hurt you with both his feet and his arm. Adding depth are Ronnie Fouch (true frosh in for spring) and Chandler Clemons (6'1" 185 rFr, PS#42). As long as Locker stays healthy, I look for much improved numbers from the Husky QB's.

RB Louis Rankin

RUNNING BACKS - UW had six 1,000 yard rushers from 1989-1997 but has not had one since. Kenny James (PS#23) was #2 rusher in '03 (530, 4.3) and #1 in '04 (702, 4.1), but due to injuries only had 103 (3.6) in '05. Louis Rankin (PS#105) had three 100 yard efforts in '05 but missed the last four with injury (485, 4.7). The leading rusher in '05 was James Sims (495, 4.4). Sims had to be replaced last year but the debut of JR Hasty (PS#26) was delayed due to academics. James suffered through another injury-plagued season finishing #2 with 416 (3.9). Rankin led with 666 (4.7). This year they must replace James (10 st) and FB Mark Palaita (4 st, 8 ttl yd) but they add Hasty and 5 HT true frosh (see Newcomers). Adding depth at FB is Luke Kravitz (6'1" 225 Jr, PS#220). The Huskies have not topped 4.0 ypc rushing in the last 6 years, but this group is capable of that.

RECEIVERS - The Huskies' top WR in 2005 was Sonny Shackelford (41, 14.4). The only loss last year was #2 receiver Craig Chambers (31, 18.5). Dropped passes hurt this unit at times last year, but Shackelford led again with 50 (13.3). Anthony Russo (PS#124DB) emerged with 32 (17.2) and Cody Ellis (PS#121) added 18 (12.8). Much was expected of two transfers, but Chancellor Young (PS#29 Duke) missed the year due to academics. He is 6'2" but may be UW's fastest WR. Huge Marcel Reece (PS#52JC) reported at 260 lbs. He was overwhelmed early with the playbook but had 107 yards in the Apple Cup. Reece has outstanding potential and reported this year at 240 with solid speed. Quintin Daniels (PS#26) injured his wrist and missed the opener and was less than 100% last year. Daniels is considered the most physical of the WR's, but only had 12 (12.1). This year they lose their top guy Shackelford (9 st, HM P10) and Marlon Wood (2 rec). TE Robert Lewis started 10 in '05 but missed 3 with a broken foot in '06 (1 st, 6 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Charles Hawkins (6'2" 185 Jr), Princeton transfer Ian McMilan (6'3" 190 Jr), Tony Chidiac (5'11" 190 rFr), Sho Yoshinaga (5'9" 175 Sr), TE Tim Williams (6'6" 255 So), Oregon transfer TE Tim Harris (6'4" 250 Sr) and this year's fine class of true frosh. I look for much bigger contributions from some of the players, so I'll call this unit stronger in 2007.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, UW had 3 starters back plus moved starting TE Joe Toledo to OT so they had an experienced group. They opened up holes for their best ypc rushing since their 2000 Rose Bowl season at 135 ypg (3.9). Last year UW had to replace 5 players who combined for 42 starts. The stats surprisingly were very similar with 128 ypg rush (3.8) and just 19 sacks allowed (5.1%). Stanback's mobility helped the young OL last year. It was the first time since 2001 that UW had their starting O-line intact for more than 4 straight games (1st 5) and they had basically five ironmen with only 2 backups even playing in Erik Berglund (1 st, 1 gm) and Casey Bulyca (1 gm). Two starters depart this year in RG Clay Walker (12 st, 31 career st, HM P10) and LG Stanley Daniels (27 career st). Including the three backups that DNP, 8 of the top 10 return making this unit more experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The 2005 Husky D-line allowed 3.8 ypc rush (25 sk). Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup and moved projected starting NT Jordan White-Frisbee (8 st '04) to the OL. Returning starting DT Greyson Gunheim was injured in August but still started 10 games (44 tkl, 6 sk). Anthony Atkins (PS#114JC) redshirted. They allowed 4.0 ypc but did increase their sacks by 2 (27). The four players who were the primary starters at the end of the year all return. They lose DT Donny Mateaki (7 st, 12 tkl) and DE Brandon Ala (3 st, 22 tkl, 3 sk). Not listed below are true frosh Emeka Iweka (PS#36OL) and Fred Wiggs (6'1" 225 rFr).

LINEBACKERS - The Husky LB's ranked #1, #2 and #3 in tackles in 2004 and all 3 starters returned in '05. Last year they had to replace two starters (#1 and #5 tkl'rs). Scott White lost his starting OLB spot in August and almost quit, but stuck around and won the spot back starting 11 and earning 2nd Tm Pac 10 honors (#2 tackler). True frosh Donald Butler was becoming the talk of the LB corps before he injured his calf and missed 2 of the L/3 games. This year they must replace White (90 tkl, 13 tfl) and ILB Tahj Bomar (12 st, 65 tkl, 9 tfl). Once again they return 4 of their top 6 and not listed in the 3 deep below are TJ Poe (6'1" 205 So) and Joshua Gage (6'2" 215 So).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With 7 players returning with starting experience in 2003, the Huskies, even in a non-bowl season, finished #18 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace 1.5 starters in 2004 and slipped to #45. It was an injury-plagued unit in 2005 and they were shredded on a weekly basis finishing #107 with 276 ypg passing and 24 TD's allowed, the most in school history. Last year it appeared the entire 2 deep returned and they added 3 top-notch JUCO's. Three players who combined for 8 starts in 2005 were lost over the summer as well as FS Ashlee Palmer (PS#20JC), who was expected to be an impact player and DNQ. Returning starting CB Dashon Goldson started just 6 and JUCO Jordan Murchison DNP (inj). Goldson is 6'2" with good speed and held Cal's DeSean Jackson to a season low 40 yards. JUCO FS Jason Wells missed 3 with injuries. This year they lose Goldson (6 st, HM P10, #4DC SF), CB Matt Fountaine (7 st, 54 tkl, 2 pbu), 1st Tm Pac 10 SS CJ Wallace (#1 tkl'r w/105, 10 tfl, UFA SEA), and S Chris Hemphill (3 st, 31 tkl), so just 3 of the 7 DB's that saw action return. They do add Byron Davenport who had 25 tackles at UCLA as a rFr, Darin Harris who had 4 starts in '05 (inj '06) and Murchison. They are less experienced than '06 and may drop some in my pass D ranking (#57 LY).

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2005, HC Ty Willingham brought in ST coordinator Bob Simmons, who was Okla St's HC from 1995-2000 (1997 Big 12 Coach of Year). Surprisingly, after the unit was #105 in '04, they only moved up to #102. Last year they only had to replace their K. RFr Ryan Perkins (PS#36) was expected to be the K but suffered a season-ending injury in the spring. Michael Braunstein hit 10 of 12 FG's with a long of 47 (15 TB on 51 KO). Surprisingly, Willingham did not allow him to return for his senior season. P Sean Douglas avg'd 43.2 (1 of 10 Ray Guy finalists) but the team's net was just 33.9. JUCO Marlon Wood, who avg'd 40.4 on KR at JC, was the top PR (6.1) and top KR (25.7). This year they lose Braunstein (PS#4, HM P10), Wood and Douglas but bring in JC Jared Ballman (PS#22) and get Perkins back as well. Despite the loss of all the top players, this unit could actually move up in my ST rankings (#95 in 2006).

COACHES - Willingham was the HC at Stanford from '95-'01 and at ND from '02-'04. The OC is Tim Lappano who was the co-OC at Purdue in '97, Seahawks' RB coach in '98, OC at Oreg St from '99-'02 and the RB coach for Dennis Erickson's 49ers from '03-'04. The DC is Kent Baer who has worked under Willingham the last 13 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 2003-2005, UW was an injury ravaged team that did not catch a lot of breaks. The 2004 season was their first losing season in 27 years and in 2005 they were picked #10 in the conference by the media in the preseason rankings (previous low #7). In '04 and '05, they were just 2-10 at home, making their once feared home venue seem downright hospitable. Their 3 wins in 2004 and 2005 combined were the lowest since 1917-'18. UW was outgained by 108.1 including 82.6 ypg in league play in '04-'05. Last year was a roller coaster of emotions for the Huskies. They opened the season playing before their smallest home crowd since 1981 (52,256) in a win over San Jose St. They played three outstanding games against three of the best teams in the country on the road. Against #15 Okla, they were tied 13-13 at the half, they had a 6 point road loss to #3 USC, and an OT loss vs #11 Cal. UW was 4-1 prior to their matchup vs USC and it appeared that the magic was back. Willingham was the last coach to beat USC in the Coliseum and UW had a FD at the Trojan 15 with :02 left but could not get a play off. They led Oreg St 17-10 at the half but QB Stanback was lost for the year in the 2H and their season fell apart starting with the loss to the Beavers. UW then dropped back-to-back OT games. Prior to the Stanford game, Willingham announced that four players would not be invited back for '07 which seemed to hurt the team's morale. The season appeared to have spiraled out of control when they lost their 6th straight game and it came vs 0-9 Stanford. In the season finale, they won the Apple Cup knocking rival Wash St out of a bowl. This year they lose 26 lettermen and have 6 starters back on both offense and defense. The Huskies draw Boise St, Ohio St and a loaded Hawaii team in the non conf schedule and many of their winnable P10 games are on the road. This is Willingham's best team in his 3 years but it will be tough to get a winning record vs the nation's toughest schedule (see pg 318).

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 10 Jake Locker rFr. 6-3 210 **PS#8**. 4.5 speed. 27-3 ratio as senior in high school. **11 Carl Bonnell** (6-3 210 Sr) PS#99. **7 st** 2Y, 1144 pass (42.2%) 7-15 ratio, 310 rush.
RB 24 JR Hasty So. 5-11 200 **PS#26**. Inel '06. **9** Louis Rankin (6-0 205 Sr) PS#105. 9 st, 1186 yd (4.7) 3Y. Brandon Johnson is PS#58. Curtis Shaw is PS#77.
WR 19 Quintin Daniels Sr. 6-0 195 **PS#26**. 6 st 3Y, 24 rec (12.5). **16** D'Andre Goodwin (6-0 170 rFr) PS#326DB. **FB 30** Paul Homer (6-0 222 So) PS#134LB. 3 tkl, 5 KR true.
WR 5 ANTHONY RUSSO SR. 5-11 185 PS#124DB. 11 st '05, 30 (16.2). 12 st LY, 32 (17.2). **18** Corey Williams (6-2 196 Sr) **PS#37**. 6 st 4Y, 31 rec (11.6). Devin Aguilar (6-0 182 Fr) PS#49.
WR 3 MARCEL REECE SR. 6-3 240 **PS#52JC**. 1 st, 9 rec (24.3) LY. Trimmed 20 lbs. **29** Cody Ellis (6-0 185 Sr) PS#121. 4 st, 27 rec (14.4) L3Y. **1** Chancellor Young (6-2 210 Sr) **PS#29**.
TE 81 ROBERT LEWIS SR. 6-5 250 **PS#50LB**. 10 st '05. 1 st LY (inj). **37** Johnie Kirton (6-3 270 Jr) PS#110RB. 8 st, 26 rec 2Y. **86** Michael Gottlieb (6-5 245 Jr) 6 st, 4 rec.
C 58 JUAN GARCIA SR. 6-3 315 PS#181. Inj '04 & '05. 12 st C LY, ply'd every snap. **73** Ryan Bush (6-2 305 Jr) PS#128. 2nd string LY. **LS 49** Danny Morovick (6-3 230 So) PS#427JC.
RG 65 Ryan Tolar rFr. 6-6 325 **PS#77**. 2nd string as true but still RS. **72** Casey Bulyca (6-6 320 Jr) **PS#72**. 2nd string L2Y. **76** Nathan Flowers (6-3 335 Jr) PS#264. 11 gm '05.
LG 70 Morgan Rosborough So. 6-6 375 PS#248. 2nd string rFr. **76** Jordan White-Frisbee (6-6 320 Jr) **PS#51DL**. 8 st at DT '04, 26 tkl. **61** Gregory Christine (6-3 280 rFr).
RT 75 CHAD MACKLIN SR. 6-8 300 **PS#97**. 6 gm rFr. 2 st at RT '05. 12 st at RT LY, played every snap. **71** Cody Habben (6-5 270 rFr) PS#113. **64** Matt Sedillo (6-3 300 rFr) PS#562.
LT 79 BEN OSSAI SO. 6-6 300 PS#282. 11 st rFr, susp 1Q USC. **69** Erik Berglund (6-6 290 Sr) PS#127. 2nd string LY, 1 st vs USC. **78** Sir Aaron Mason (6-6 270 Jr) PS#423JC.
K NA Erik Folk Fr. 5-10 190 PS#32. 7 FG as HS Sr, long 56. **13** Ryan Perkins (6-0 185 So) PS#36. Jared Ballman **PS#22JC**. 11 of 18 FG at JC LY. Zach Gerasin (5-11 155 So).

DE 66 DANIEL Te'o-NESHEIM SO. 6-4 245 PS#239LB. 12 st LY, 35 tkl, 10 tfl. **92 Walt Winter** (6-5 250 Jr) **PS#20LB**. TE LY. **96** De'Shon Matthews (6-3 245 rFr) PS#102. **59** Darrion Jones (6-3 245 Jr).
DT 95 Jordan Reffett Sr. 6-6 295 PS#115. 5 st LY, 23 tkl, 3 sk. **93** Derek Kosub (6-4 270 rFr) PS#246OL. Tyrone Duncan is PS#101. **56** Jovon O'Connor (6-5 290 Jr).
DT 74 WILSON AFOA SR. 6-3 290 PS#187. L/7 st '05. 11 starts LY. 66 tkl, 16.5 tfl 3Y. **99 Cameron Elisara** (6-2 275 rFr) **PS#27**. **77** Erick Lobos (6-3 285 Sr) PS#141. 22 tkl 3Y.
DE 7 GREYSON GUNHEIM SR. 6-5 265 PS#104. 11 st '05, 38 tkl, 11 tfl. 10 st LY, 44 tkl, 6 sk, 8 tfl, **HM P10**. **85** Caesar Rayford (6-7 242 Sr) 2 sk L2Y. **55** Anthony Atkins (6-2 290 Jr) **PS#114JC**.
OLB 34 DAN HOWELL SR. 6-1 225 PS#150. 3 tkl '04-'05. 10 starts LY, 35 tkl, 6 tfl. **20** Kyle Trew (6-2 235 Sr) PS#62DB. 2 tkl 3Y. **51** Linus Chou (6-4 215 Jr) 1 tkl, 12 gms Sp tms LY.
ILB 35 Donald Butler So. 6-1 240 PS#285. 24 tkl, 2 tfl as true. One of top LB's until inj. **57 Trenton Tuiasosopo** (6-2 240 Jr) **PS#31**. Inj '05. 6 tkl LY. Austin Sylvester PS#404. In spg.
OLB 22 EJ Savannah So. 6-2 222 PS#55. 22 tkl, 1 tfl rFr LY (miss 3 inj). **29** Chris Stevens (6-0 215 Jr) PS#243RB. 2 st, 42 tkl, 8 tfl 2Y. **36** Matt Houston (6-1 215 rFr).
CB 28 ROY LEWIS SR. 5-11 187 PS#172. 5 st, 42 tkl at San Jose St '03. 7 st here '05, 47 tkl, 4 pbu. 12 st LY, 66 tkl, 5 pbu. Vonzell McDowell PS#77WR. **21** Desmond Davis (5-11 190 Jr), DNP FB. **16** Jordan Murchison (6-0 184 Sr) PS#306JC. **19** Matt Mosley (5-11 190 rFr) PS#223WR.
SS 23 Mesphin Forrester Jr. 6-2 205 PS#185. 1 tkl rFr. 2 starts LY, 30 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **15 Darin Harris** (5-11 200 Sr) **PS#61**. 4 st '05, 20 tkl, 1 int. Inj LY. Marquis Persley PS#540.
FS 26 JASON WELLS JR. 6-2 210 PS#477JC. 7 st here FS LY (miss 3) 42 tkl, 2 pbu. **Quinton Richardson PS#47RB. 27** Jay Angotti (5-10 180 rFr) PS#419. Victor Aiyewa PS#540.
P NA Jared Ballman Jr. 5-11 175 **PS#22JC**. 31 punts at JC, 40.8 avg LY. **13** Ryan Perkins (6-0 185 So) PS#36. Avg 46.7 as senior in HS. Inj'd LY. AP 1st Tm All-Washington.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

K	Jared Ballman 5-11 175 PS#22JC
TE	Chris Izbicki 6-3 230 PS#11
DL	Emeka Iweka 6-4 340 PS#36OL
DB	Quinton Richardson 6-0 205 PS#47RB
WR	Devin Aguilar 6-0 182 PS#49
RB	Brandon Johnson 5-11 195 PS#58
DB	Vonzell McDowell 5-9 176 PS#77WR
DB	Byron Davenport 5-11 195 PS#173JC
DL	Tyrone Duncan 6-2 285 PS#101
RB	Curtis Shaw 5-11 190 PS#77
QB	Ronnie Fouch 6-1 181 PS#56
WR	Anthony Boyles 6-2 195 PS#86
WR	Alvin Logan 6-2 200 PS#90
RB	Willie Griffin 5-8 200 PS#107
RB	Nate Williams 6-1 205 PS#113
DL	Nick Wood 6-2 275 PS#134
RB	Brandon Yakaboski 6-0 190 PS#129
DL	Kalani Aldrich 6-7 244 PS#148
K	Erik Folk 5-10 190 PS#32
OL	Scott Shugert 6-6 310 PS#286
LB	Mason Foster 6-1 218 PS#404
LB	Austin Sylvester 6-1 245 PS#404
OL	Skyler Fancher 6-5 280 PS#485
LB	Cort Dennison 6-1 215 PS#500
DB	Victor Aiyewa 6-1 217 PS#540
DB	Marquis Persley 6-1 183 PS#540
OL	Mark Armelin 6-5 290 PS#606

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#1

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 31	at Syracuse (Fri)	A					
Sep. 8	Boise St	A					
Sep. 15	Ohio St	A					
Sep. 22	at UCLA	G					
Sep. 29	USC	A					
Oct. 6							
Oct. 13	at Arizona St	G					
Oct. 20	Oregon	A					
Oct. 27	Arizona (HC)	A					
Nov. 3	at Stanford	G					
Nov. 10	at Oregon St	A					
Nov. 17	California	A					
Nov. 24	Washington St	A					
Dec. 1	at Hawaii	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS: 1. Cody Pickett 10,220 '99-'03 2. Brock Huard 6,391 '96-'98 3. Damon Huard 5,886 '92-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS: 1. Napoleon Kaufman 4,106 '91-'94 2. Joe Steele 3,168 '76-'79 3. Greg Lewis 2,903 '87-'90

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS: 1. Reggie Williams 3,598 '01-'03 2. Mario Bailey 2,306 '88-'91 3. Jerome Pathon 2,275 '95-'97

UW is 1-1 all-time vs Syracuse with their last gm being played back in '77. UW has gone just 4-17 away from home the L4Y. Wash has lost 5 straight road openers.

This will be UW's 1st ever meeting vs the Broncos. Huskies are 51-5-2 vs current WAC members, holding them to an avg of 9 ppg. UW has gone 6-1 in their 1st non-conf HG.

Huskies have gone 3-7 all-time vs the Buckeyes with their last meeting occuring in '03. UW is 40-38-1 vs current Big 10 teams & 14-3 at home vs non-conference teams.

Trailing 16-0, UW outscored the Bruins 29-3 for their 1st win over UCLA S/'00. Overcoming a terrible start, QB Stanback threw a career-high 3 TD's in the win. UW has lost 5 straight visits to UCLA.

Trailing 26-20, Stanback drove the Huskies down to the Trojan 15 but was unable to get their final play off allowing USC to survive at the Coliseum. UW has dropped 5 straight vs USC.

ASU handed UW their 2nd straight OT loss as ASU QB Carpenter connected on a 25 yd TD pass after UW kicked a FG during their OT drive. UW is 1-7 following USC & lost 3 straight vs ASU.

Ducks were able to hold UW to just 138 total yds (13 rush) in their 34-14 rout. Wash is 31-14-2 all-time vs the Ducks in Seattle (58-36-5 overall). UW has lost 3 straight.

Huskies held UA to -7 rushing yds in their 4th win in their first 5 gms putting UW into a 1st place tie at the top of the P10. UW's 4-1 record was their best S/'01 (7-1). UW has won 6 of 8.

Huskies 3rd string QB DuRocher completed just 1 of 9 passes, throwing 2 int's including one that was returned 49 yds for a TD. It was Stanford's only victory of the season.

Wash is 1-7 in B2B road games. In LY's gm, QB Stanback was lost for the ssn, after which UW dropped 5 of their final 6 gms. The visitor has won 4 straight.

In his 1st start of the season, QB Bonnell connected on a 40 yd gm tying "Hail Mary" on the final play of regulation only to fall to the Bears in OT. Wash has lost 5 straight to Cal.

UW & WSU will play in the 46th edition of the "Apple Cup" (100th meeting overall). First time S/'78 that it will be played on Thanksgiving weekend. UW is 7-2 S/'98 but has lost 2 of L/3.

UW will be playing their 1st ever 13 gm reg ssn sched. UW is 1-1 all-time vs UH with their last gm being played back in '73. First time S/'48 that WSU is not last reg ssn gm sched.

TYRONE WILLINGHAM (Career 72-67-1)
3rd Year at Washington (Willingham's Bowl Record: 1-4)

Willingham's records AT WASHINGTON

7-16	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
4-8	Home	0-9	Vs Top 25
3-7	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
4-13	Vs Conference	4-11	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (17,18,1)
Lost: 26 (12,11,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 57,483 (#30)

PAC 10

DE Daniel Te'o-Nesheim

STADIUM: HUSKY STADIUM (72,500) (#23)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	8-3	7-5	6-6	1-10	2-9	5-7	39-41
Home	6-0	6-0	5-2	5-2	1-5	1-5	3-3	27-17
Away	4-1	2-3	2-3	1-4	0-5	1-3	2-4	12-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	7-1	6-2	4-4	4-4	0-8	1-7	3-6	25-32
ATS	4-5-2	5-6	5-7	5-7	2-9	4-7	6-5-1	31-46-3
Home Fav (Rick Neuheisel)	1-3-1	2-2	1-5	3-2	0-3	1-0	0-3	8-18-1
Home Dog	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-4	2-1	9-8
Away Fav (Keith Gilbertson)	1-1-1	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-5-1
Away Dog (Tyrone Willingham)	1-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-4	2-2	4-1-1	13-14-1
Favorite	2-4-2	2-4	1-5	3-4	0-3	1-1	0-3	9-24-2
Dog	2-1	3-2	4-2	2-3	2-6	3-6	6-2-1	22-22-1
vs Conf	1-5-2	3-5	3-5	3-5	2-6	3-5	5-4	20-35-2
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	2-2	2-2	0-3	1-2	1-1-1	11-11-1
Off SU Win	3-4-2	3-5	3-3	1-4	0-1	0-2	3-0-1	13-19-3
Off SU Loss	0-1	1-1	1-4	4-2	2-7	4-4	3-4	15-23

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Oahu Classic	+3'	Air Force - #16	25-45
99	Holiday	+10'	Kansas St - #7	20-24
00	Rose - #4	-1'	Purdue - #14	34-24
01	Holiday - #21	+13	Texas - #9	43-47
02	Sun	-3	Purdue	24-34

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Washington's All-Time Bowl Record 14-14-1

WASHINGTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	21.8	16	128	3.8	194	48.0	14.7	-8	2006	8	25.9	19	140	4.0	240	61.3	14.7
10*	21.5	17	135	3.9	223	52.5	16.6	-3	2005	9	30.6	22	143	3.8	276	66.8	13.7
4	14.0	17	120	3.2	191	40.1	22.2	-19	2004	7	30.4	19	184	4.4	186	60.0	12.2
7*	26.0	23	120	3.1	270	55.7	15.0	-4	2003	7	26.3	18	152	4.1	233	51.7	14.6
8*	30.6	25	74	2.1	346	59.9	13.7	+1	2002	5	26.3	18	98	2.8	259	55.8	13.6
4	29.4	21	115	3.1	281	54.4	13.4	-2	2001	5	30.8	21	159	4.1	241	58.6	13.0

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Louis Rankin	142	706	40	666	4	4.7
Kenny James	108	444	28	416	3	3.9
Isaiah Stanback	85	438	88	350	4	4.1
Marlon Wood	4	66	0	66	0	16.5
Carl Bonnell	38	161	99	62	1	1.6
Johnie Kirton	5	10	0	10	0	2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Isaiah Stanback	189	101	53.4	1325	10	3
Carl Bonnell	164	72	43.9	916	7	11
Johnny DuRocher	17	5	29.4	44	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sonny Shackelford	50	666	13.3	7	50
Anthony Russo	32	552	17.2	2	56
Cody Ellis	18	230	12.8	1	64
Marcel Reece	9	219	24.3	1	69
Quintin Daniels	12	145	12.1	2	55
Johnie Kirton	12	93	7.8	3	12
Corey Williams	10	83	8.3	0	15
Michael Gottlieb	4	78	19.5	0	27
Louis Rankin	13	75	5.8	0	16
Kenny James	9	65	7.2	2	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Sean Douglas	72	3110	43.2	7	33.9	2	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Michael Braunstein	32-32	6-7	2-3	2-2	0-0	10-12	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
CJ Wallace	105	0	10	1	1
Scott White	90	3	10	3	4
Roy Lewis	66	1	1	5	0
Tahj Bomar	65	1	8	0	0
Matt Fountaine	54	0	0	2	0
Dashon Goldson	50	0	2	10	1
Greyson Gunheim	44	6	8	2	0
Jason Wells	42	0	0	2	0
Daniel Te'o-Nesheim	35	3	7	1	0
Dan Howell	35	1	5	4	1
Chris Stevens	31	3	4	0	0
Chris Hemphill	31	0	0	0	1
Mesphin Forrester	30	0	0	4	2
Donald Butler	24	0	2	0	0
Wilson Afoa	23	2	4	1	0
Jordan Reffett	23	3	1	0	0
Brandon Ala	22	3	2	1	0
EJ Savannah	22	0	1	0	0
Donny Mateaki	12	0	0	1	0
Trenton Tuiasosopo	6	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marlon Wood	36	220	6.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roy Lewis	18	339	18.8	0
Marlon Wood	13	334	25.7	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UW RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	San Jose St	22	41-300	7.3	16-25	168	1	19	29-50	1.7	28-37	323	2	-3
–	at Oklahoma	17	40-204	5.1	14-30	180	0	22	35-181	5.2	21-33	272	1	+1
–	Fresno St	16	35-128	3.7	15-26	151	1	17	37-157	4.2	11-21	140	1	+1
–	UCLA	14	27-49	1.8	18-29	200	3	13	34-143	4.2	18-31	135	3	-2
–	at Arizona	16	40-154	3.9	14-26	293	0	17	24-(-7)	-0.3	24-41	308	6	0
–	at USC	19	31-167	5.4	17-39	212	0	21	32-148	4.6	24-41	263	0	+1
–	Oregon St	15	37-84	2.3	14-30	172	6	18	39-180	4.6	14-21	308	0	+3
–	at California	18	36-162	4.5	17-31	284	0	22	35-195	5.6	21-36	291	1	-5
–	Arizona St	16	35-126	3.6	14-32	148	1	15	34-190	5.6	16-23	170	2	-2
–	at Oregon	10	21-13	0.6	15-34	125	3	31	54-316	5.9	18-30	138	2	+2
–	Stanford	12	28-39	1.4	11-44	122	2	7	35-20	0.6	11-20	206	4	-3
–	at Washington St	14	31-109	3.5	14-27	271	2	26	31-102	3.3	32-54	328	5	-1
TOTALS		189	402-1535	3.8	179-373	2326	19	228	419-1675	4.0	238-388	2882	27	-8
AVERAGES		15.8	34-128	3.8	15-31	194	1.6	19.0	35-140	4.0	20-32	240	2.3	-0.7

2002 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#11	at Michigan - #13	+6	29-31
#14	San Jose St	-30	34-10
#13	Wyoming	-30'	38-7
#13	Idaho	-30'	41-27
#12	California	-11	27-34
#22	Arizona	-13'	32-28
#22	at USC - #19	+7'	21-41
–	at Arizona St - #23	+3'	16-27
–	UCLA	-3	24-34
–	Oregon St	+6	41-29
–	at Oregon - #23	+6'	42-14
–	at Washington St - #3	+8	29-26 3OT

2003 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre #17 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#17	at Ohio St - #2	+9	9-28
#22	Indiana	-24'	38-13
#19	Idaho	-26'	45-14
#18	Stanford	-12'	28-17
#18	at UCLA	-1'	16-46
–	Nevada	-17'	17-28
–	at Oregon St - #22	+10'	38-17
–	USC - #5	+10'	23-43
–	Oregon	-1	42-10
–	at Arizona	-16'	22-27
–	at California	+6	7-54
–	Washington St - #8	+7	27-19

2004 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	Fresno St	-1'	16-35
–	UCLA	E	31-37
–	at Notre Dame	+11'	3-38
–	at Stanford	+13'	13-27
–	San Jose St	-17'	21-6
–	Oregon St	+7	14-29
–	at USC - #1	+35	0-38
–	at Oregon	+19'	6-31
–	Arizona	-1'	13-23
–	California - #5	+30'	12-42
–	at Washington St	+12	25-28

2005 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	† Air Force	-3	17-20
–	California - #16	+9	17-56
–	Idaho	-13'	34-6
–	Notre Dame - #16	+12	17-36
–	at UCLA - #20	+21'	17-21
–	at Oregon - #20	+17	21-45
–	USC - #1	+30	24-51
–	at Arizona St	+17	20-44
–	Oregon St	+3	10-18
–	at Arizona	+13	38-14
–	Washington St	+3	22-26

2006 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	San Jose St	-20	35-29
–	at Oklahoma - #15	+17	20-37
–	Fresno St	+3'	21-20
–	UCLA	+3	29-19
–	at Arizona	+3'	21-10
–	at USC - #3	+19	20-26
–	Oregon St	-9'	17-27
–	at California - #11	+24	24-31 OT
–	Arizona St	+2	23-26 OT
–	at Oregon - #24	+16	14-34
–	Stanford	-19	3-20
–	at Washington St	+8'	35-32

WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - The Cougars have had a storied history of QB's including 1st round DC's like Drew Bledsoe, Ryan Leaf and Jack Thompson and other stars like Timm Rosenbach and Mark Rypien. In 2004 Josh Swogger broke his foot in the sixth game and Alex Brink (PS#51) started the final five. After a rough debut Brink threw for 1,305 (50%) with a 7-5 ratio. Brink added 10 lbs and improved his arm strength. In 2005 he threw for 531 vs Oreg St (4th best P10 history) and became the first WSU QB to have two consecutive wins in the Apple Cup. Brink threw for 2,891 (57.3%) with a 24-13 ratio (244 rush) and Swogger had just 18 att's and transferred. Third string Gary Rogers (PS#28) got in 4 games (5 att). Brink threw for 2,899 (60.9%) with a 19-10 ratio in '06. There was a change in the offensive philosophy as higher % completions were stressed and at the end of the year, Brink was without his top 2 WR's, Hill and Bumpus. Rogers was very productive as the backup. On his first drive vs Auburn he was 5-5 for 85 yards on a 90 yard TD march. He also led a 2Q TD drive vs Idaho. Brink was booed vs Baylor and when Rogers came in for the 2Q he was warmly cheered. He promptly led them on a 34 yd TD drive. Rogers started the 2H of the Cal game but separated his shoulder and only threw 2 more passes (vs ASU). Arkelon Hall (PS#17) was injured and DNP. Brink hit 28 of 38 for 405 vs UCLA and threw for 328 vs UW in the season finale. Cole Morgan (6'2" 198 So, PS#100) was the backup when Rogers was injured (no stats). This year they add in K-St transfer Kevin Lopina (PS#38). I look for improved production from the Cougar QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - If you follow WSU football you know they usually rely on JUCO transfers at RB and have had great success with many 1,000 yard rushers (see Hardcore). Last year JT Deiderichs (6-2 235 PS#8JC) did not make the roster in August opening up the job for DeMaundray Woolridge. Woolridge rushed for 86 vs a tough Auburn D in less than 2Q's but was banged up most of the year and finished with 330 (4.2). RFr Dwight Tardy (PS#119) took over as the feature back with his best games being 145 vs Oregon and 105 vs Wash. He finished with 667 (4.6). Derrell Hutsona (PS#31JC) rushed for 379 (6.4) while Kevin McCall (5'11" 218 Sr, PS#210DB) had 72 (10.3). This year there are some question marks as Deiderichs was not re-signed and Hutsona and Woolridge missed spring with academics. All three are iffy for the fall with Hutsona having the best chance to return. Added to the mix are Skylar Jessen (5'10" 202 rFr, PS#70), Chris Ivory (5'11" 213 So) who avg 28.3 on 3 carries last year, Marcus Richmond (6'1" 200 rFr, PS#83), Ian Bell (5'10" 189 Jr, PS#80) and true frosh Logwone Mitz (PS#136). This group is more experienced and should top 2006's production.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Jason Hill was #1 with 45 rec and an impressive 22.4 ypc while Michael Bumpus (PS#8) had 35 (9.1). The unit was banged up in 2005 with Hill missing two but he was still #1 with 62 (17.7). Bumpus missed 4 and finished #2 with 30 (11.9). TE Troy Bienemann was 2nd Tm Pac 10 and departed last year one catch short of the career TE rec record. Last year good sized TE Cody Boyd (6'8" 262) missed 2 but still had 32 (15.0). Hill turned down a shot at the NFL but missed 2 full games and parts of others and saw his numbers drop to 41 (14.6). Along with Bumpus they missed the 2H vs Arizona and the entire game vs Ariz St. Bumpus led in rec with 60 (9.3) and due to the injuries soph Brandon Gibson emerged (49, 14.9). This year they must replace Hill (10 st, 2nd Tm P10, #3DC SF) as well as Boyd (9 st, HM P10), TE Jesse Taylor (0 rec) and WR Chris Jordan (4 st). Not listed below are Reid McElrath (6'4" 210 So), Jared Bjerkestrand (6'4" 194 Jr), Randy Johnson (6'4" 201 rFr), Matt Sledge (6'4" 200 Jr), Corey Williams (6'1" 191 So) and TE Aaron Gehring (6'5" 215 rFr). Despite the losses, this group should remain healthier and could come close to last year's numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - OL Coach Yarno uses an NFL system of blocking where the OL's read the defenses. 2005's OL had to replace two starters who were 1st and 2nd Tm Pac 10. They did not have any injuries and paved the way for an outstanding 212 ypg (5.3) allowing just 18 sacks (4.7%). Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups. Walk-on Josh Duin lost his job to Kenny Alfred who Doba commented in 2005 that he would be a 4 year starter. The numbers dropped drastically to 128 ypg (3.9) with 29 sacks (6.7%) allowed as only 1 OL started all 12 due to injuries. This year they lose LG Sean O'Connor (11 st, 2Y st'r), RT Charles Harris (12 st, HM P10, 2Y st'r), Duin (4 st, 9 gm) and RG Justin Luafalemana (5 gm). Four players return with starting experience and Doba brings in PS#38JC Vaughn Lesuma. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Zach Enyeart (6'1" 254 rFr), Jeff Bowen (6'2" 259 Jr) and late signee Reed Lesuma (6'4" 305 So) who is Vaughn's brother. While this unit is just as experienced, I look for increased production as they should maintain better health.

DEFENSIVE LINE - When I think of WSU, I think of fierce pass rushing D-lines. In Doba's first year as a HC he inherited a D that recorded 55 sacks (with Doba as DC) and allowed just 2.5 ypc rushing. They had to replace Outland Trophy winner DT Rien Long but allowed just 2.7 while recording 50 sacks in '03. They lost all four starters in 2004 and allowed 3.2 ypc with 32 sacks. In 2005 they had 7 of the top 8 back but lost DT Ropati Pitoitua for most of the season. They slipped to allowing 3.8 ypc rush with 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups but returned Mkristo Bruce who was #1 in the Pac 10 with 10 sacks in 2005. Due to injuries, the Cougars had to go to a 3-4 alignment over the 2H of the season. They lost outstanding DT Fevaea'i Ahmu (PS#31) after 3 starts so they basically had two starters back and Matt Mullennix also missed the year. JUCO Bryan Tarkington was not cleared until late August and only played in 8. Bruce set a school record with 5 sacks vs Stanford and had 10 after 6 gms but only recorded one more as he was slowed by a knee injury. The Cougars dropped the rushing ypg to 114 (3.4) and recorded 36 sacks. This year the only loss is a big one as it's 1st Tm P10 DE Bruce (UFA MIA). Also DT Ahmu and Johnson are questionable for the season due to injuries and Mullennix and Broadus missed the spring. Provided everyone returns, six players are back with starting experience. Not listed below are Asly Jean-Jacques (6'1" 232 rFr), Preston Brooks (6'2" 256 rFr) and Ivory Clark who is a member of the basketball team and could end up as a pass rushing DE.

DT Ropati Pitoitua

LINEBACKERS - The Cougars had a veteran LB corps last year. While they had to replace their outstanding MLB Will Derting (only started 5 in '05 due to inj), they had 5 of their top 6 back. This year the losses are heavier. Doba called WLB Scott Davis the "glue of the defense" and surprisingly he was just tied for #5 in tackles (12 st, HM P10, 66 tkl). Also gone are SLB Steve Dildine (12 st, 70 tkl, 5.5 tfl) and Brian Hall (14 tkl). Three of the top 6 are back including Trent who was the top LB tackler. They add in two top-notch JUCO's who will contend for starting spots. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Andrew Kreutz (5'11" 194 So), Samual Heck (5'11" 205 rFr), late JC signee Ken Dunn (5'11" 245 Jr, PS#350JC) and Darrin Friberg (6'1" 193 rFr) who is an Iraq veteran. This is a less experienced LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003, with 7 of their top 8 returning, WSU finished #2 in my pass D rankings. They had just one starter back in 2004 but only dropped to #40. With one starter back in '05 they slipped to #78. Last year they had to replace two starters then FS Patterson (2 st '05) was ruled ineligible. After four games the DE's had 3 int's and the DB's had just 1. FS Eric Frampton turned that around and finished as the #1 tackler on the team (100) and had 5 int's helping them move up to #31. This year they lose 3 starters in CB Don Turner (10 st, 37 tkl), CB Tyron Brackenridge (12 st, 50 tkl, 3 int, HM P10) and S Frampton (#5DC OAK, 1st Tm P10). Five of the top 8 are back and Doba's gone the JUCO route to fill in the gaps bringing in PS#3JC Terry Mixon who I plug in at SS. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Tali Talakai (5'11" 185 Jr), late signee Alfonso Jackson (5'10" 188 Jr, PS#351JC) and Chase Bosley (6'0" 203 rFr, PS#473). They get Patterson back and he was a standout on the scout team last season. This is a less experienced group but will not drop much in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Doba's ST units have been up-and-down as in his first season they were #17 in my ST rankings, dropped to #87 in '04 and were back up to #35 in '05. Last year they had to replace Ray Guy finalist P Kyle Basler but had most everyone else back. The team was hit very hard by injuries and the lack of depth hurt this unit. The Cougars dropped all the way down to #112. K Loren Langley, who had hit 14 of 22 with a long of 48 in '05, was neck-and-neck with Romeen Abdollmohammadi, even though Romeen's only experience was 1 year in HS. Langley had a couple of early misses and Doba went for it on 4th down a couple of times passing up FG att's. Langley hit the game winning 17 yarder vs Baylor and was named Pac 10 Special Teams POW. He connected on just 7 of 13 FG's (long 39). Abdollmohammadi was a perfect 3-3 on FG's (long 37). Darryl Blunt avg'd 41.4 on punts but fell ill prior to UCLA as Langley had 1 punt and WR Michael Bumpus had 2. The team's net was down (34.5). After six games, WSU did not have a KR longer than 20 yards and the team avg'd 17.5 on KR and 5.5 on PR. All of the top guys are back and considering Doba's ST pattern, this figures to be an "up" year.

COACHES - Bill Doba did a great job in his first year guiding the team to a 10-3 finish and #9 in the polls sharing the Pac 10 Coach of the Year honors with USC's Pete Carroll. He has been on the Cougars' staff since 1989. His OC is Mike Levenseller who is now in his 7th year. He spent 7 years coaching receivers in the CFL. When Doba was named HC he promoted Robb Akey to DC but he is now the HC at Idaho. Doba, who was the DC here from 1994-'02, takes over the DC duties as well.

PHIL'S FORECAST

WSU had the second best record among Pac 10 schools from 2001-2004 at 35-14. The Cougars have scored in 261 straight games, 2nd nationally to Michigan. In the Mike Price era the team has had at least 13 returning starters four times and in each of those years, made it to a bowl (including Rose Bowls in 1997 and 2002). In Bill Doba's first season they had the magical 13 starters returning and despite a tough schedule, finished 10-3 including their upset win in the Holiday Bowl over #5 Texas. It was WSU's amazing 3rd straight Top 10 finish, the first Pac 10 team to do so since 1974 and they accomplished that despite being picked to finish 7th in the Pac 10. They only had 6 starters back in 2004 and as expected, went 5-6 and were +2 in net close wins. In 2005 the Cougars had 15 starters back with a soft non-conf schedule but were one of the most snake bitten teams in the country. It was a team that could have easily finished with 10 or 11 wins (see Hardcore). Despite their 1-7 record in Pac 10 play, they were -14.5 ypg vs the league (#5). Last year the Cougars had to replace RB Jerome Harrison who rushed for 1,900 yards but did have 14 returning starters including 6 on offense. Their motto was "finish" after blowing three 4Q leads the year before. At one point WSU was 6-3 with their only losses being to #4 Auburn, #3 USC and #10 California and Doba looked like he might be the Pac 10 Coach of the Year. They were ranked for the first time since 2003 but a banged up Cougar team ended up losing their last 3 including the Apple Cup. UCLA was picked for a bowl over WSU (both had 6-6 records) and they were home for the holidays again. The Cougars return 7 starters on offense including QB Brink and after last year's surprising drop to 24.6 ppg, should be more potent. The defense has just 5 starters back but was hit hard by injuries last season and Doba has gone the JUCO route to shore it up. The Cougars take on the NCAA's 3rd toughest schedule however and it will be tough to top last year's 6 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 10 ALEX BRINK SR. 6-3 215 PS#51. **2nd Tm P10 LY.** 28 st 3Y, 7095 (57.3%) 50-28 ratio, 574 rush. **17** Gary Rogers **(6-7 234 Jr) PS#28. 12** Kevin Lopina (6-3 229 So) **PS#38.** K-St trans.

RB 31 DWIGHT TARDY SO. 5-11 212 PS#119. 10 st rFr, 667 (4.6). **1** Derrell Hutsona (5-9 181 Sr) PS#31JC. 379 (6.4). **39** Skylar Jessen (5-10 202 rFr) PS#70. Marcus Richmond (6-1 200 rFr) **PS#83.**

SB 5 MICHAEL BUMPUS SR. 6-0 195 **PS#8**, 7 st true, 35 (9.1) 7 st '05, 30 (11.9). 10 st LY, 60 (9.3). Keith Rosenberg (5-10 194 rFr) PS#50RB. Michael Willis (6-2 213 Jr) PS#113. 16 tkl DB 2Y.

WR 4 BRANDON GIBSON JR. 6-1 204 PS#119. 9 rec true. 9 st LY, 49 rec (14.9). **15** Benny Ward (6-3 186 Jr) PS#223. **88** Anthony Houston (6-3 190 rFr) PS#75DB. Scott Selby (6-5 231 Jr).

WR 86 Charles Dillon Sr. 6-0 190 **PS#14JC.** 15 rec (7.9), 220 ret yards here LY. **3** Finas Rabb III (6-6 190 Sr) PS#134JC. 4 gm LY. **81** Greg Walker (6-4 180 rFr) PS#361.

TE 41 Jed Collins Sr. 6-2 251 PS#56LB. 6 rec '04-'05. 4 st LY, 22 (13.9). **80** Devin Frischknecht PS#221JC. **48** Ben Woodard (6-5 249 Jr) PS#109LB. **89** Trevor Mooney (6-6 234 rFr) PS#77.

C 69 KENNY ALFRED SO. 6-2 293 **PS#61**. L/9 st rFr (8C, 1LG). Doba "4 year starter". **71** Grady Maxwell (6-2 325 rFr) PS#128. **72** Chris Prummer (6-1 236 rFr). **59** Peter Hill (6-1 233 Jr).

RG 74 Andy Roof Jr. 6-5 299 **PS#55**. 2nd string, letter rFr. 5 st RG LY (inj, miss 6). **54** Jacob McKinney (6-3 278 Jr) PS#174LB. Inj'd '05. 2nd string in '06. 9 game.

LG 70 BOBBY BYRD SR. 6-7 316 PS#134. 9 st LG rFr. 11 st LT '05. 10 st LT last year. **72** Derek Hunter (6-3 280 Jr) PS#260JC. 2nd string here LY, 10 gm. **64** Jimmy Magee (6-3 285 So).

RT 60 DAN ROWLANDS JR. 6-5 290 PS#112. 2nd string, letter rFr. 9 st LY (7RG, 2 LG). **76** Micah Hannam (6-4 292 rFr) PS#211. 2nd string '06 but RS. **79** Brian Danaher (6-2 257 rFr).

LT 55 Vaughn Lesuma Jr. 6-5 340 **PS#38JC**. Wrist inj in spg. **67** Joe Eppele (6-7 277 rFr) PS#497. **75** Scott Friberg (6-4 290 So) Inj rFr. **52** Nick Cantlon (6-5 274 Jr).

K 19 ROMEEN ABDOLLMOHAMMADI SR. 6-0 228 Hit 3 of 3 FG LY, long 37. **27 Loren Langley** (5-8 151 Sr) 19 of 33 FG '04-'05. 7 of 13 FG LY, long of 39. **36** Carlin Birrell (6-3 177 rFr).

DE 96 Mike Graise Jr. 6-3 214 PS#484. 5 tkl, 1.5 tfl as rFr. 16 tkl '06. 2 sk, 2 tfl. **93** Kevin Kooyman (6-5 236 So) PS#81TE. 6 tkl, 1 sk true. Toby Turpin (6-5 259 rFr) PS#117.

DT 92 A'I AHMU JR. 6-1 289 PS#31. 11 st '05, Inj ? **40 Aaron Johnson (6-7 317 Sr)** PS#52TE. 18 st, 36 tkl, 8 tfl '04-'05. 8 st '06, 10 tkl, 2 sk. **99** Bryan Tarkington (6-4 320 Sr) PS#295JC. 3 tkl.

DT 75 ROPATI PITOITUA SR. 6-8 291 PS#383. 4 st, 24 tkl, 5 sk true. 13 tkl, 1 sk '05. 9 st LY. 37 tkl, 2.5 sk, 5 tfl. Matt Eichelberger (6-4 312 Jr) PS#87. Adam Hineline (6-2 305 Jr).

DE 9 LANCE BROADUS SR. 6-2 219 PS#27LB '03. JC. 4 tkl '05. 12 st LY, 32 tkl, 7.5 sk. **58** Matt Mullennix (6-7 257 Sr) PS#372LB. 19 tkl, 3 sk 2Y. Inj LY. Oga Faumui (6-2 285 Jr) PS#458JC.

SLB 38 Cory Evans Jr. 6-1 227 19 tkl as true, 2 tfl. 44 tkl, 2 sk, 4 tfl '06. **44** Alex Hamill (6-0 222 Jr) PS#117. 4 tkl. **56** Chris Baltzer (6-0 235 Sr). **54** Sam Tennant (6-0 195 So).

MLB 52 GREG TRENT JR. 5-11 219 PS#248. 6 st true, 69 tkl, 3 tfl. 12 st '06, 77 tkl, 2 tfl. Wyman Alexander (6-2 245 Jr) PS#296JC. **50** Brady Emmons (5-10 211 So) PS#476, 3 tkl.

WLB 45 Andy Mattingly So. 6-4 229 PS#99. 10 tkl true. Tyson Kirksey is PS#97JC. **51** Jason Stripling (5-11 220 So) 7 tkl '05. **62** William Gross (6-0 233 Jr). Marshal Pirtz PS#181.

CB NA Devin Giles So. 5-11 170 PS#410JC. 10.66 in 100M. **32** Markus Dawes (6-0 196 Sr) JC '05. **10** Ryan Kensok (5-8 164 Sr) 10 tkl 3Y. **47** Jason Walters (5-9 181 So) JC.

CB 28 BJ Williams Sr. 6-1 167 PS#428JC. 2 st here LY, 15 tkl, 3 pbu. BT Walker (5-10 175 Sr) JC. 2 tkl LY. **6** Courtney Williams (6-1 196 Jr) PS#331. 16 tkl 2Y. 47.4 in 400M.

SS NA Terry Mixon Jr. 6-1 190 **PS#3JC!! 24** Christian Bass (6-2 213 Sr) PS#91WR. 10 tkl 3Y. **21** DeWayne Patterson (6-0 208 Sr) PS#143JC. 2 st FS '05, 24 tkl. RS LY.

FS 23 HUSAIN ABDULLAH SR. 6-1 178 PS#347. L/9 st '05. 54 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 12 st LY, 66 tkl, 3 int, 1 pbu. **26** Xavier Hicks (6-0 196 So) PS#69QB. 7 tkl. Cornorris Atkins (6-2 189 Fr) PS#373WR '06.

P 8 DARRYL BLUNT JR. 6-0 184 Portland St trans '05. 53 punts here LY, 41.4 avg, tm net 34.5. **32** Reid Forrest (6-2 175 rFr) Big leg. **27** Loren Langley 1 punt LY, 37 yards.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Terry Mixon 6-1 190 PS#3JC
OL	Vaughn Lesuma 6-5 340 PS#38JC
LB	Tyson Kirksey 5-11 235 PS#97JC
DL	BJ Guerra 6-3 284 PS#106OL
DB	Eric Block 6-1 175 PS#102
OL	Kevin Freitag 6-3 275 PS#112
OL	Steven Ayers 6-4 275 PS#118
TE	Devin Frischknecht 6-3 250 PS#221JC
DL	Jesse Feagin 6-3 255 PS#256JC
LB	Wyman Alexander 6-2 245 PS#296JC
LB	Ken Dunn 5-11 245 PS#350JC
DB	Alfonso Jackson 5-10 188 PS#351JC
RB	Logwone Mitz 6-1 218 PS#136
WR	Daniel Blackledge 6-0 170 PS#149
DB	Deon Ford 6-0 195 PS#151WR
OL	Andrew Roxas 6-2 300 PS#189
WR	Jeshua Anderson 6-2 190 PS#164
DB	Devin Giles 5-11 170 PS#410JC
DB	Romeo Pellum 5-9 160 PS#190
LB	Marshal Pirtz 6-0 215 PS#181
QB	Marshall Lobbestael 6-2 195 PS#124
DL	Oga Faumui 6-2 285 PS#458JC
QB	JT Levenseller 6-1 185 PS#195
DB	Chima Nwachukwu 5-10 192 PS#378
DB	Cornorris Atkins 6-2 189 PS#373WR'06
TE	Tyson Pencer 6-6 230 PS#138
DB	Tyrone Justin 5-11 160 PS#443
LB	Hallston Higgins 5-11 210 PS#409
OL	Reed Lesuma 6-4 305 PS#520JC

WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

Pullman, Washington
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#3

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at Wisconsin	A					
Sep. 8	† San Diego St (Seattle)	A					
Sep. 15	Idaho	A					
Sep. 22	at USC	G					
Sep. 29	at Arizona	G					
Oct. 6	Arizona St (HC)	A					
Oct. 13	at Oregon	A					
Oct. 20							
Oct. 27	UCLA	A					
Nov. 3	at California	A					
Nov. 10	Stanford	A					
Nov. 17	Oregon St	A					
Nov. 24	at Washington	A					
Dec. 1							

Wash St is 2-5 when opening the season with a "true" road game. WSU is 14-29-1 vs currrent B10 tms. The only prior meeting was in '76 at Camp Randall (L 35-26).

Washington St is 3-1 in their Seattle "home game" with this being the 5th straight yr. This is the 1st meeting vs SDSt & WSU is 12-5 vs current MWC teams since 1980.

Akey left his DC position at WSU to become the new Idaho HC. These 2 schools are 8 miles aparts & WSU is 69-18-3 in the series including 6 straight & 20 of 22.

Alex Brink led a late 4Q charge to nearly pull off the victory over #3 USC last year. USC has won 4 straight & is 54-8-4. WSU is 2-17 at USC but has won 2 of 4.

LY UA came into Pullman & handed WSU their 1st of 3 consec losses to end the season. WSU is 0-5 in back-to-back Pac 10 road games. Washington St is 4-1 vs Arizona.

Brink struggled completing just 14 of his 30 attempts as he was without his top 2 WR's (Hill & Bumpus) falling in Tempe. Wash St is 3-7 in this series since 1997.

QB Alex Brink completed a school-record 87% of his passes & RB Tardy had a season-high 145 rush yds in LY's upset over Oregon. WSU led 27-3. Visitor has won 3 of L/4.

QB Brink threw for a ssn-high 405 yds while their D held UCLA scoreless in the 2H, ending the Bruins 10 game home winning streak. WSU is 5-1 vs UCLA.

Last year Cal won in Pullman for the first time since 1979. LY's game had a scoreless 2H as WSU was held without a TD for the 1st time in Pac 10 play since '00.

WSU D scored twice & had a season-high 8 sks as they held SU to just 195 yds off. Cougars led 22-0 before SU had their 1st play in WSU territory. HT has dropped 7 straight.

WSU has gone 0-3 prior to UW. LY WSU won their 1st gm in Corvallis S/'96. It was the 1st time since the '03 season (25-0 victory over Idaho) the Cougars didn't allow a TD.

Despite a yd, FD & TO edge, WSU lost LY. WSU has led or been tied at the half in each of the past 5 "Apple Cup" gms winning just twice. WSU has dropped 7 of L/9.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jason Gesser 8,830 '99-'02
2. Jack Thompson 7,818 '75-'78
3. Ryan Leaf 7,433 '94-'97

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Rueben Mayes 3,519 '82-'85
2. Steve Broussard 3,054 '86-'89
3. Shaumbe Wright-Fair 2,938 '89-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jason Hill 2,704 '03-'06
2. Hugh Campbell 2,452 '60-'62
3. Nian Taylor 2,447 '96-'99

BILL DOBA (Career 25-22)
5th Year at Wash St
Doba's Bowl Record: 1-0

Doba's records AT WASHINGTON ST

25-22	Straight Up	2-6	Vs Top 10
10-11	Home	4-11	Vs Top 25
11-10	Away	3-3	Vs BCS Teams
4-1	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
14-19	Vs Conference	9-11	Off A Loss

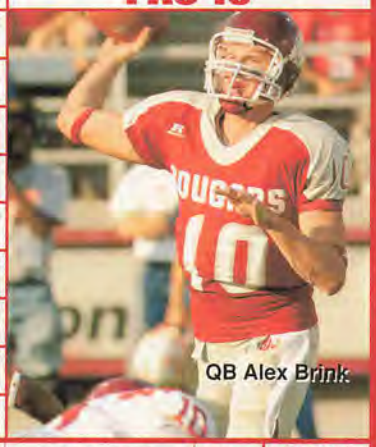
2006 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (24,28,3)
Lost: 15 (8,7,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,671 (#67)

PAC 10


QB Alex Brink

STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (37,600) (#81)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	9-2	10-2	9-3	5-6	4-7	6-6	47-33
Home	1-5	5-1	6-1	5-0	2-3	1-4	2-4	22-18
Away	3-2	4-1	4-1	3-3	3-2	2-3	3-2	22-14
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	3-1
vs Conf	2-6	6-2	7-1	6-2	3-5	1-7	4-5	29-28
ATS	6-5	7-3	7-4	5-7	3-8	5-5	6-6	39-38
Home Fav (Mike Price)	0-1	1-2	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-2	1-2	8-15
Home Dog (Bill Doba)	2-3	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	8-6
Away Fav	0-0	4-1	3-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-1	12-6
Away Dog	4-1	1-0	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	11-8
Favorite	0-1	5-3	6-3	2-6	2-5	2-2	3-4	20-24
Dog	6-4	2-0	1-1	3-1	1-3	3-3	3-2	19-14
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	6-2	3-5	1-7	4-4	5-4	28-29
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-0	1-2	2-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	11-9
Off SU Win	2-2	5-3	6-3	3-6	0-4	1-1	3-3	20-22
Off SU Loss	4-2	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-4	4-3	3-2	17-11

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dwight Tardy	145	713	46	667	4	4.6
Derrell Hutsona	59	416	37	379	0	6.4
DeMaundray Woolridge	78	339	9	330	2	4.2
Christopher Ivory	3	87	2	85	1	28.3
Kevin McCall	7	72	0	72	1	10.3
Darryl Blunt	3	47	6	41	0	13.7
Alex Brink	78	220	212	8	2	0.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Alex Brink	396	241	60.9	2899	19	10
Gary Rogers	31	18	58.1	214	3	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brandon Gibson	49	731	14.9	4	91	
Jason Hill	41	600	14.6	7	71	
Michael Bumpus	60	558	9.3	1	37	
Cody Boyd	32	481	15.0	2	51	
Jed Collins	22	306	13.9	3	58	
Chris Jordan	10	122	12.2	3	30	
Charles Dillon	15	119	7.9	1	16	
Dwight Tardy	17	107	6.3	1	23	
DeMaundray Woolridge	6	59	9.8	0	15	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Darryl Blunt	53	2192	41.4	7	34.5(t)	1	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Loren Langley	23-25	4-5	3-7	0-1	0-0	7-13	39
R Abdollmohammadi	10-10	0-0	3-3	0-0	0-0	3-3	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eric Frampton	100	1	3	8	5
Greg Trent	77	1	1	0	0
Steve Dildine	70	1	4.5	3	1
Mkristo Bruce	67	11	5	3	1
Scott Davis	66	4	4	3	0
Husain Abdullah	66	0	2.5	1	3
Tyron Brackenridge	50	0	5	7	3
Cory Evans	44	2	4	3	1
Ropati Pitoitua	37	2.5	5	0	0
Don Turner	37	0	0.5	2	0
Lance Broadus	32	7.5	3.5	3	1
Mike Graise	16	2	2	0	1
BJ (Brian) Williams	15	0	1	3	0
Brian Hall	14	0	0	1	0
Jed Collins	13	0	0	0	0
Aaron Johnson	10	2	1.5	0	0
Andy Mattingly	10	0	0	0	0
Xavier Hicks	7	0	0	1	0
Kevin Kooyman	6	1	0.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Bumpus	13	72	5.5	0
Charles Dillon	3	11	3.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Dillon	10	209	20.9	0
Derrell Hutsona	10	193	19.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
94	Alamo - #24	-5'	Baylor	10-3
97	Rose - #8	+7	Michigan - #1	16-21
01	Sun - #13	-6'	Purdue	33-27
02	Rose - #7	-6'	Oklahoma - #8	14-34
03	Holiday - #15	+9'	Texas - #5	28-20

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WASHINGTON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	24.6	20	128	3.9	260	60.5	15.8	+6	2006	8	23.1	18	114	3.4	243	55.9	15.5
9*	33.5	23	212	5.3	277	56.7	14.6	-5	2005	6	31.5	24	154	3.8	289	59.3	14.1
4	25.0	18	128	3.4	241	48.6	14.7	-1	2004	2	27.9	19	133	3.2	233	55.8	13.1
6	30.3	19	115	3.1	271	54.4	12.7	+8	2003	7	19.8	18	91	2.7	228	48.1	16.1
7*	33.2	20	129	3.9	293	59.6	12.7	-4	2002	6	22.8	21	87	2.5	255	57.0	15.0
8*	35.0	22	133	3.4	299	52.8	12.4	+12	2001	7	22.4	19	121	3.6	252	49.5	16.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

WSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Auburn	17	28-124	4.4	17-33	150	5	21	44-293	6.7	11-19	191	4	-1
–	Idaho	25	43-344	8.0	18-24	293	0	17	32-83	2.6	14-36	220	1	+1
–	† Baylor	20	34-51	1.5	25-38	285	1	15	14-(-10)	-0.7	31-49	256	5	0
–	at Stanford	28	49-240	4.9	21-33	228	1	11	31-28	0.9	15-25	167	8	-1
–	USC	26	28-131	4.7	26-47	287	0	20	32-135	4.2	23-32	269	3	+1
–	at Oregon St	19	37-85	2.3	19-34	270	5	15	28-64	2.3	18-34	223	6	+2
–	California	14	19-88	4.6	21-41	262	2	19	40-177	4.4	17-31	176	1	+1
–	Oregon	20	41-193	4.7	20-23	179	1	25	31-104	3.4	28-47	367	1	+1
–	at UCLA	25	36-110	3.1	28-38	405	3	16	24-74	3.1	17-37	252	0	+1
#25	Arizona	11	27-45	1.7	18-33	265	4	11	44-116	2.6	10-17	159	1	0
–	at Arizona St	12	19-27	1.4	15-32	165	2	27	49-196	4.0	16-29	366	4	0
–	Washington	26	31-102	3.3	32-54	328	5	14	31-109	3.5	14-27	271	2	+1
TOTALS		243	392-1540	3.9	260-430	3117	29	211	400-1369	3.4	214-383	2917	36	+6
AVERAGES		20.3	33-128	3.9	22-36	260	2.4	17.6	33-114	3.4	18-32	243	3.0	0.5

2002 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre #11 Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
#12	Nevada	-27	31-7
#11	Idaho	-27	49-14
#10	at Ohio St - #6	+7	7-25
#16	Montana St	NL	45-28
#16	at California	-2'	48-38
#17	USC - #18	+3	30-27 OT
#12	at Stanford	-8'	36-11
#9	at Arizona	-12	21-13
#8	Arizona St - #16	-7	44-22
#5	Oregon - #15	-3'	32-21
#3	Washington	-8	26-29 3OT
#7	at UCLA	-1'	48-27

2003 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Idaho	-28	25-0
–	at Notre Dame - #19	+6	26-29 OT
–	at Colorado - #17	+4'	47-26
#24	New Mexico	-15	23-13
#21	at Oregon - #10	+4	55-16
#14	Arizona	-28'	30-7
#6	at Stanford	-10'	24-14
#6	Oregon St	-7'	36-30
#6	at USC - #3	+11'	16-43
#12	UCLA	-10	31-13
#8	Arizona St	-13	34-19
#8	at Washington	-7	19-27

2004 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at New Mexico	-3'	21-17
–	† Colorado	-3	12-20
–	Idaho	-25	49-8
–	at Arizona	-3'	20-19
–	Oregon	-3'	38-41
–	Stanford	-1'	17-23
–	at Oregon St	+8	19-38
–	USC - #1	+24'	12-42
–	at UCLA	+14	31-29
–	at Arizona St - #20	+13	28-45
–	Washington	-12	28-25

2005 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Idaho	-29	38-26
–	at Nevada	-9	55-21
–	† Grambling St	NL	48-7
–	at Oregon St	+1'	33-44
–	Stanford	-14	21-24
–	UCLA - #12	+5	41-44 OT
–	at California - #25	+12	38-42
–	at USC - #1	+29'	13-55
–	Arizona St	+2'	24-27
–	Oregon - #11	+4'	31-34
–	at Washington	-3	26-22

2006 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Auburn - #4	+14	14-40
–	Idaho	-17	56-10
–	† Baylor	-13	17-15
–	at Stanford	-10	36-10
–	USC - #3	+16'	22-28
–	at Oregon St	-3	13-6
–	California - #10	+8'	3-21
–	Oregon	+3'	34-23
–	at UCLA	+1'	37-15
#25	Arizona	-16	17-27
–	at Arizona St	-1	14-47
–	Washington	-8'	32-35

STANFORD CARDINAL

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Trent Edwards (PS#5) started the first 9 in 2004 but was injured and TC Ostrander (PS#21) started the last 2 throwing for 914 yards (44%) with a 4-2 ratio. Edwards started all 11 in '05 throwing for 1,934 (62.7%) with a 17-7 ratio (356 rush). Ostrander got in six games throwing for 529 (58.2%) with a 1-1 ratio as Edwards was banged up in the final 4. Unfortunately, Edwards lost all of his key WR's to injury in '06 and got little protection from the O-line. He started the first 7 throwing for 1,027 (60.3%) with a 6-6 ratio with 189 rush yds but was lost in the 1Q vs Ariz. Ostrander, who is nicknamed "The Beast" for his weightroom prowess, threw for 918 (45.6%) with a 3-5 ratio but is not as mobile as Edwards (45 yd rush). Tavita Pritchard (6'4" 195 So, PS#78) was moved to WR early but became the backup (1 pass). This year Edwards moves on (#3DC BUF). Adding depth to the unit is Nicholas Ruhl (6'3" 215 rFr). Keep in mind that new coaches like their own recruits so this year's newcomers may have a chance to play. Stanford's QB's combined to hit 52.8% with a 10-11 ratio and I would expect improved numbers despite the loss of Edwards.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 Stanford brought back their leading rusher, JR Lemon (PS#20) who had just 440 yards (4.7) in 7 starts while missing 2 due to an injury in '04. Jason Evans (PS#18), who played in just two games in '04, led with 248 (3.4). Anthony Kimble started six and rushed for 244 (3.7) while Lemon had 222 (2.9). Evans' total was the lowest to lead a team in the NCAA. Last year the top two were back but Evans had just 11 attempts (32, 2.9). Kimble led with 470 (4.1) and true frosh Toby Gerhart (PS#17) got one start and rushed for 375 (3.5). Gerhart was the team's leading rusher in the first three but Kimble led in 8 of the final 9 (DNP 1 gm). FB Nick Frank, a vital part of the team, was one of many key players that was injured and played just 2 games (career ending neck inj). Emeka Nnoli (PS#13) was the top FB (10 st, 111 ttl yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Xxavier Carter (5'11" 195 So), Tyrone McGraw (5'9" 173 rFr), FB Josh Catron (6'0" 230 So) and this year's true frosh. This year the only losses are Frank and Ray Jones (1 carry). After two years of extremely low production, there are too many VHT's on hand not to have a capable rush attack.

WR Evan Moore

RECEIVERS - Both Mark Bradford (PS#13) and Evan Moore (PS#31TE) played as true frosh in 2003. Bradford became the first ever true frosh to lead Stanford in receiving yards (587, 15.9). In '05, Moore figured to be the feature WR but suffered the same hip injury in the opener that ended Bo Jackson's career. In 1.5Q's he had 3 rec and a TD. Bradford took over and had 37 (16.5). Last year they had to replace their #2 and #3 receivers but appeared in good shape with Bradford, Moore and starting TE Matt Traverso (PS#25), who had 9 starts (19, 11.7) in '05, all back. Unfortunately, all 3 were wiped out with injuries. Bradford had 10 rec but was lost in the 1Q of the 2nd game. Moore's highlight was a one-handed 51 yard TD catch vs Cal after missing 4 with a foot injury. Traverso was also lost in Wk 2 vs SJSt. At one point the top 4 WR's were a pair of true frosh and two walk-ons which obviously hurt the offense. True frosh Richard Sherman led with 34 and an impressive 17.1 ypc in 5 starts. Walk-on soph Kelton Lynn had 5 starts (19, 13.4) and TE Jim Dray (PS#10) started 11 (19, 9.4). This year the only losses are WR Marcus McCutcheon (2 rec) and TE Patrick Danahy (2 rec). Also, WR Austin Yancy (6 st, 16 rec) moves to FS. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Mark Mueller (6'3" 195 rFr), Michael Miller (6'1" 195 Sr, 1 st, 4 rec as true), Nate Wilcox-Fogel (6'1" 190 Jr) and TE's Austin Gunder (6'5" 245 Jr, PS#65), Patrick Bowe (6'6" 250 Jr, PS#154) and this year's true frosh. They have basically everyone back and as long as Bradford and Moore stay healthy, this should be one of the most improved receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With inexperienced units in 2003 and 2004 the team only averaged 96 and 81 ypg rushing with just 2.5 ypc (41 sk allowed '04). They had six players returning with 83 career starts in 2005 but only improved to 2.6 ypc rush (92 ypg) while allowing 42 sacks (12.5%). Last year it looked like the line would return intact but injuries decimated this unit as nine different players started with only two starting more than 10. Projected starter C Tim Mattran (6 st '05) was lost prior to the year with injury. The Cardinal averaged just 65 ypg (2.1), their worst since 1993 (65 ypg) and they yielded an NCAA worst 50 sacks (15.8%!). This year they lose four players who combined for 30 starts. Gone are RG Jon Cochran (10 st, 3Y st'r), LG Josiah Vinson (8 st, 3Y st'r), RT Jeff Edwards (7 st, 4Y st'r) and RG Ismail Simpson (5 st LY, 31 career). I show them with 3 returning starters as Alex Fletcher and Allen Smith were full-time starters and Chris Marinelli started the last 5 at RT. They also get Mattran (6 st '05) and Mikal Brewer (6 career st) back and add in DL Gustav Rydstedt who had 8 starts at DE in '05. While not quite as experienced as last year's group, they have 8 VHT's in the 3 deep that I list below. Provided they stay healthy, the Cardinal should have much improved stats.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Cardinal had to replace two starters (#5 and #6 NFL DC's) from their 3 man front which allowed 4.0 ypc rush in 2005. This was one unit of the team that was not affected by injuries as three players started all 12. The continuity did not help however, as Stanford allowed 211 ypg rush, their worst total since 1993 (229 ypg) and 4.9 ypc, their worst in at least 2 decades. The D also had just 14 sacks. They switch to a 4-man front this year and starting OLB Udeme Udofia takes over at the DE spot so they have 4 starters returning. The only loss is DT Sione Fua (16 tkl, 1 tfl) who will go on a mission. They have 3 VHT's which I list as backups below, so there is talent available which means this should be a vastly improved defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - The Cardinal had to replace two starters from their four man unit last year including a #3DC. Their star MLB, Michael Okwo, earned 1st Tm Pac 10 honors despite missing two games with a broken thumb and led the team in tackles with 95. This year they must replace Okwo (#3DC CHI) and Mike Silva (3 st, 14 tkl). Four of the top six are back and six have starting experience. This should be an improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - From 2002 to 2004, the Cardinal has finished #37, #36 and #20 in my pass D rankings. In 2005, they had to replace three starters (2 #3DC's) and dropped to #68. Last year they only had to replace one starter (#7DC). They lost starting FS David Lofton after 6 starts but the more veteran unit moved up to #45 despite the team's 1-win season. This year they lose Lofton (6 st, 47 tkl), S/CB Brandon Harrison (11 st, HM P10, 68 tkl, #5DC HOU) and S Trevor Hooper (12 st, 91 tkl, HM P10, UFA BUF). They have two starters returning including their star Wopamo Osaisai who set the school's frosh track record in the 100M (10.45). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kenny Long (6'0" 193 So) and Robert Polk (6'3" 200 rFr). Also added in this season is Austin Yancy who had 6 starts at WR (16 rec) as a true. This unit is less experienced but with an improved front the Cardinal could actually move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Former HC Buddy Teevens recruited a lot of VHT's and had great success on ST's as SU finished #22 and #9 in my ST rankings in his final two years ('03-'04). In Walt Harris' first season as HC almost everyone returned and they finished #17. Last year they had to replace their K and top returnmen. P Jay Ottovegio (PS#3) has punted for three years with nets of 35.9, 36.6 and 35.4. Aaron Zagory hit 8 of 13 FG's but with just 1 attempt from 40+ and 2 were blocked. Derek Belch had 12 TB on 30 KO and Jason Evans was the top KR (21.8). They wanted to work speedy CB Wopamo Osaisai into the return game but he fumbled on his third attempt. He still earned 1st Tm Pac 10 ST honors for his coverage abilities. Last year Harbaugh's Div IAA (San Diego) unit would have finished #37 if they were included in our rankings allowing just 16.7 on KR and 4.2 on PR. Stanford had a high amount of injuries causing the coverage units to suffer (21.1 KR, 6.7 PR) as they dropped to #111. Harbaugh adds in true frosh K David Green (PS#9) and with better overall team health, this could be one of the most improved ST units in the NCAA.

COACHES - Jim Harbaugh did a great job at San Diego and was actively lobbying for a game vs SDSt figuring his IAA team had a good shot at winning. He, of course, was a QB at Michigan and in the NFL ('87-'01). Harbaugh was 29-6 at SD (non-scholarship Div IAA school) and won the last 2 Mid Major National Titles. After starting 2-4 in his first 6, he went 27-2. His OC is former Cardinal WR David Shaw who was Harbaugh's OC in '06 and an NFL assistant with the Ravens, Raiders and Eagles from '97-'05. His DC is Scott Shafer who was the DC at W Mich the last 2 years. Last year WM was #11 in the NCAA in total defense. He was with Illinois in '04 and spent 8 years at N Illinois ('96-'03).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Buddy Teevens was a solid recruiter but had three losing seasons after taking over for Ty Willingham. In both '03 and '04 they were outgained by 185 and 119 ypg, dead last in Pac 10 play. The 2004 team opened up 2-0 and actually received votes in the AP poll but finished just 4-7. Harris inherited a team with just 11 lettermen lost and 15 starters back. They received a lot of national publicity by losing to UC Davis on a TD pass with :08 left but improved as the season went on and nearly made it to a bowl. They got consecutive road wins for the first time since 2001 and started 3-1 in the Pac 10. They also led UCLA 24-3 with 8:26 left but lost that game in OT. They nearly knocked off #6 ND in a game that would have given them a bowl berth. They finished 4-4 in the Pac 10 but for the 3rd straight year were in the basement in ypg, being outgained by 105.6 ypg. Last year they opened up their newly remodeled stadium which trimmed the capacity to 50,000 and should have made it a much louder venue. Unfortunately, they took on the toughest schedule in the country and the team was hit very hard by injuries (NCAA high for starts lost), especially in the receiving corps. Their 11 straight losses tied a school record (1959-'60) but they avoided a winless season by knocking off Washington. At the half they had a 172-103 yard edge vs Cal but came up short 26-17. Harris was let go after the season. SU was outgained by 168.5 ypg in league play, more than double the total of the #9 team. The Cardinal were -11 in turnovers (see page 312) and also had some poor ypp (see pg 299). That bodes well for improvement this year but there figures to be some unexpected roster turnover with their 3rd HC in four years. They have 8 starters back on offense and can only improve upon last year's 10.6 ppg which was their worst total since 1961. The D has 8 starters back as well, but does lose 3 of their top 4 tacklers. The Cardinal should improve their win total and their ypg differential in the Pac 10 but vs the nation's sixth toughest schedule, this figures to be another rebuilding year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 13 TC Ostrander Sr. 6-3 215 **PS#21**. 7 st 3Y, 2361 pass (47.6%) 8-8 ratio, 199 rush. **15** Alex Loukas (6-4 205 rFr) PS#39. **3** Garrett Moore (6-2 205 Jr). LD Crow is PS#50.
RB 7 TOBY GERHART SO. 6-1 229 **PS#17**. 1 st true, 375 (3.5), 15 rec. **26 Anthony Kimble** (6-1 200 Jr) 17 st 2Y, 714 (4.0) 33 rec. **33** Jason Evans (6-1 190 Sr) PS#18. 768 all-purp yds 3Y.
WR 9 RICHARD SHERMAN SO. 6-3 185 PS#102. 10.81 in 100M. 5 st true, 34 rec (17.1).
FB 32 Emeka Nnoli (6-1 235 Sr) **PS#13**. 10 st LY, 111 ttl yds. **45** Sam Weinberger (6-2 230 rFr).
WR 4 MARK BRADFORD SR. 6-2 210 **PS#13**. 8 st true, 37 (15.9). 11 st '04, 34 (14.2). 9 st '05, 37 (16.5). 10 rec, 2 st LY (inj RS). Sean Wiser PS#82. **25** Stephen Carr (6-3 215 rFr) PS#104.
WR 8 EVAN MOORE SR. 6-7 235 PS#31TE. 11 st '04, 39 (15.8). 1 st (inj) '05. 5 st (inj) LY, 14 (17.3). **86** Kelton Lynn (6-2 190 Jr). 5 st, 19 rec. **10** Marcus Rance (6-2 195 rFr) PS#110.
TE 83 JIM DRAY SO. 6-5 240 **PS#10**. 11 st rFr, 19 (9.4). **39** Ben Ladner (6-3 250 So) PS#26. **87 Matt Traverso** (6-4 250 Sr) **PS#25**. 9 st '05, 19 rec (11.7) 1 st, inj'd '06.
C 62 Tim Mattran Sr. 6-5 300 2nd string '03-'04. 6 st C '05. Proj'd st'r LY but inj'd & RS. **70** Bert McBride (6-3 290 rFr) PS#252. **LS 52 Brent Newhouse** (6-4 235 Sr) 3Y LS.
RG 60 ALEX FLETCHER JR. 6-3 300 **PS#16**. 11 st rFr (3C, 8RG). 9 st C LY (miss 3 inj). **68** Bobby Dockter (6-5 290 Jr) **PS#60**. 1L. **71** Andrew Phillips (6-5 290 rFr) **PS#46**.
LG 72 Mikal Brewer Sr. 6-3 300 **PS#40**. 3 st rFr. 8 gm '05. 3 st C LY. **69** Preston Clover (6-4 290 Sr) PS#160. 1 st, 19 gm 2Y. **65** Gustav Rydstedt (6-3 300 Jr) 8 st DL, 17 tkl 2Y.
RT 63 CHRIS MARINELLI SO. 6-7 305 PS#41TE. Last 5 st as rFr. **73** John Kyed (6-6 285 rFr). **PS#57**. **64** Joe Dembesky (6-5 285 rFr) PS#123. George Halamandaris is PS#166.
LT 67 ALLEN SMITH JR. 6-4 300 **PS#34**. 8 st rFr (7LT, 1RT). 12 starts LT in '06. **76** Ben Muth (6-6 295 Jr) **PS#78**. 4 gm rFr. 10 gm LY. Brad Hallick **PS#95**. Tyler Mabry PS#210.
K 11 AARON ZAGORY JR. 6-0 170 Hit 8-13 FG in '06, long 37. Only 1 att'd from 40+. **12** Derek Belch (5-11 195 Sr). 12 TB on 30 KO LY. 47 yd FG in HS. David Green PS#9. 8-10 FG HS LY.

DE 91 PANNEL EGBOH JR. 6-6 280 PS#214TE. 1 st, 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. 12 st LY, 45 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **99** Levirt Griffin (6-4 255 So) PS#100. 5 tkl, 12 gms true. Tom Keiser is PS#365.
DT 54 EKOM UDOFIA SO. 6-2 310 **PS#3**. 12 st rFr at NT, 43 tkl, 1 sk. **96** Derek Hall (6-5 252 rFr) PS#121. **74** James McGillicuddy (6-3 300 So) **PS#24**. Inj rFr. Matthew Masifilo PS#145.
NT 95 CHRIS HORN SR. 6-5 270 PS#58TE. 2 st at DE in '05, 15 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl. 12 st at DE LY, 27 tkl, 4 tfl, 1 int. **93** Matt Kopa (6-6 275 So) **PS#33.** 12 gms, 3 tkl, 1 pbu as rFr.
DE 90 UDEME UDOFIA SR. 6-4 240 PS#216. 11 st OLB '05, 36 tkl, 5 tfl. 9 st LY, 39 tkl, 1 tfl. **80** Erik Lorig (6-4 250 So) **PS#11TE**. 3 rec rFr. **97** Emmanuel Awofadeju (6-4 240 Sr) 10 tkl 3Y.
WLB 42 Will Powers So. 6-4 235 **PS#53DL**. 4 st rFr, 17 tkl, 2 tfl. Fred Campbell (6-1 225 So) PS#205DL. 1 st rFr, 5 tkl. **53** Landon Johnson (6-1 230 Sr) PS#432. 3 tkl. Jonathan Frink PS#69.
MLB 44 PAT MAYNOR JR. 6-2 215 PS#168DL. 3 tkl rFr. 9 st LY, 44 tkl, 3 tfl. Brian Bulcke (6-4 260 So) Canadian. 1 st true (**14 tkl vs Navy!**). Tom McAndrew (6-5 270 So) PS#23TE. 14 tkl DE LY.
SLB 20 CLINTON SNYDER SO. 6-4 230 PS#130DL. 11 st rFr, 83 tkl, 2 sk, 1.5 tfl. **Pac 10 Fr Tm. 50** Nick Macaluso (6-3 225 rFr) PS#33. **28** Peter Griffin (6-1 215 Sr) 1 st, 11 tkl 2Y.
CB 14 TIM SIMS SR. 5-11 190 PS#271. 7 st '06, 54 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 4 pbu. **2** Nick Sanchez (6-0 190 Sr) 11 st, 71 tkl, 2 int '05. 5 st LY (inj) 27 tkl, 4 pbu. **36** Chris Hobbs (5-9 170 So).
CB 31 WOPAMO OSAISAI JR. 5-11 200 PS#136. 10.45 in 100M, Fr school rec. 7 tkl rFr. 6 st LY, 52 tkl, 6 pbu, **1 st Tm P10 ST. 40** Kris Evans (6-0 175 So) PS#198. 4 tkl rFr. **12** CJ Easter (6-0 185 So).
SS 22 Bo McNally So. 6-0 205 PS#122. 1 st rFr, 21 tkl, 2 int. **49** Tyler Porras (6-2 175 rFr) PS#151. **35** Blaise Johnson (5-11 185 So) PS#426. **47** Jerome Jackson (6-0 185 rFr).
FS 38 Austin Yancy So. 6-4 195 PS#305WR. 6 starts at WR true, 16 rec (10.5). **17** Carlos McFall (5-11 200 Jr) PS#164. 8 tkl 2Y. **21** Thaddeus Chase (6-0 200 Jr) 2 tkl LY.
P 27 JAY OTTOVEGIO SR. 6-0 195 **PS#3**. 3Y punter. Avg of 41.3, 40.6, 39.6 and nets of 35.9, 36.6, 35.4. 59 inside 20 3Y, 7868 yd. **46** Leon Peralto (5-10 180 rFr) 40.0 as HS senior.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

LB	Jonathan Frink 6-2 230 PS#69
OL	Brad Hallick 6-6 293 PS#95
QB	LD Crow 6-3 215 PS#50
WR	Sean Wiser 6-2 190 PS#82
OL	Matt Bentler 6-5 280 PS#120
WR	Corey Gatewood 5-11 185 PS#93
K	David Green 6-1 205 PS#9
OL	George Halamandaris 6-7 305 PS#166
DL	Matthew Masifilo 6-3 270 PS#145
QB	Kellen Kiilsgaard 6-2 220 PS#94
TE	Coby Fleener 6-6 220 PS#158WR
OL	Tyler Mabry 6-7 305 PS#210
DB	Taylor Skaufel 6-0 195 PS#221
WR	Doug Baldwin 5-11 178 PS#227
RB	Chike Amajoyi 6-0 233 PS#235
LB	Owen Marecic 6-1 235 PS#281RB
RB	Jeremy Stewart 6-0 207 PS#318
DL	Tom Keiser 6-5 245 PS#365
LB	Max Bergen 6-2 220 PS#500

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Harbaugh's records AT STANFORD

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (25,25,4)
Lost: 18 (11,7,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,742 (#52)

PAC 10

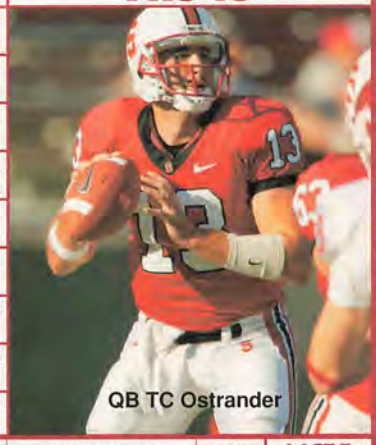
Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#6

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	UCLA	G					UCLA held SU to just 166 total yds in last year's 31-0 shutout at the Rose Bowl. Last meeting here ('05) Stanford blew a big 4Q lead & lost in OT to #8 UCLA.
Sep. 8							Bonus: In '01, SU beat a #4 Bruins squad marking their 2nd straight upset of a Top 5 team (#5 Oregon).
Sep. 15	San Jose St	G					Spartans were able to rally from a 3 TD deficit to beat Stanford 35-34 last year in San Jose. Stanford leads the series 46-14-1 but LY's loss snapped a 4 game win streak.
Sep. 22	Oregon	G					The Cardinal opened their 2006 season losing to Oregon & allowing 298 yds rushing. Stanford has dropped 5 straight to the Ducks including 4 by 24+ pts.
Sep. 29	Arizona St (HC)	G					SU QB Ostrander started his 1st game of the season replacing the injured Edwards in LY's 38-3 loss to ASU in Tempe. Ostrander was just 7 of 25 for 66 yds & 1 int.
Oct. 6	at USC	G					USC handed Stanford their 2nd shutout of the ssn LY (1st time SU shutout twice in 1 yr S/'62). Stanford was the last tm to beat USC in Los Angeles (2001), but has dropped 5 straight since.
Oct. 13	TCU	G					TCU & Stanford have never met. Stanford has won 3 straight after facing USC. Stanford holds a 12-6 overall record vs current Mountain West Conference schools.
Oct. 20	at Arizona	G					Senior QB Edwards was lost for the season on the 1st drive vs the Wildcats last year. The visitor has won 6 of 7 in this series. Stanford has won 4 of the last 6.
Oct. 27	at Oregon St	A					RB Kimble's 36 yd TD run vs OSU marked the 1st & only time SU scored 1st in a gm all season long. Stanford has lost 5 of the L/6 vs the Beavers but did win their last visit to Corvallis.
Nov. 3	Washington	G					SU pulled out their only win of the season LY in Seattle holding UW to just 161 total yds. UW's Ty Willingham was the HC at Stanford from '95-'01 posting a 44-36-1 record w/4 bowls.
Nov. 10	at Washington St	A					Cardinal QB's were sacked 8 times in WSU's 36-10 mauling of SU in their 1st P10 HG in their new stadium. The visitor has won 7 straight games in this series.
Nov. 17							Bonus: Last visit by ND with a BCS bowl on the line, the #6 Irish needed a late TD to win by 7.
Nov. 24	Notre Dame	G					This will mark the 11th straight season these 2 schools have met (ND has won 5 straight). First year HC Jim Harbaugh beat the Irish twice ('85-'86) as QB for Michigan.
Dec. 1	California	G					This will mark the 101st edition of the "Big Game". SU leads the series all-time 49-41-10. Stanford has now lost 5 straight to Cal for the first time since the 1919-1923 seasons.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Steve Stenstrom 10,531 '91-'94
2. John Elway 9,349 '79-'82
3. John Paye 7,669 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darrin Nelson 4,033 '77-'78, '80-'81
2. Brad Muster 2,940 '84-'87
3. Anthony Bookman 2,523 '94-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Troy Walters 3,986 '96-'99
2. DeRonnie Pitts 2,942 '97-'00
3. Justin Armour 2,482 '91-'94


QB TC Ostrander

STADIUM: STANFORD STADIUM (50,000) (#62)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	9-2	2-9	4-7	4-7	5-6	1-11	30-48
Home	3-3	5-1	2-3	3-3	3-3	1-5	0-5	17-23
Away	2-3	4-1	0-6	1-4	1-4	4-1	1-6	13-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	1-7	2-6	2-6	4-4	1-8	20-37
ATS	8-3	7-4	4-6-1	6-5	6-5	7-2-1	3-9	41-34-2
Home Fav (Ty Willingham)	1-2	2-3	2-0	1-0	3-1	0-0	0-1	9-7
Home Dog (Buddy Teevens)	3-0	1-0	1-2	3-2	1-1	3-2	0-4	12-11
Away Fav (Walt Harris)	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-1	3-2-1
Away Dog	3-1	2-0	1-4-1	2-3	2-3	4-0	3-3	17-14-1
Favorite	2-2	4-4	2-0	1-0	3-1	0-0-1	0-2	12-9-1
Dog	6-1	3-0	2-6-1	5-5	3-4	7-2	3-7	29-25-1
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	6-2	2-7	29-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	12-7-1
Off SU Win	2-2	4-4	0-1-1	3-1	2-2	3-1	0-1	14-12-1
Off SU Loss	5-1	2-0	3-5	2-4	3-3	4-1	3-7	22-21

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	Blockbuster - #13	-1	Penn St - #21	24-3
95	Liberty	-3'	East Carolina	13-19
96	Sun	+7'	Michigan St	38-0
99	Rose - #22	+14	Wisconsin - #4	9-17
01	Seattle - #11	-6	Georgia Tech	14-24

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STANFORD'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	10.6	14	65	2.1	167	52.8	21.9	-11	2006	6	31.4	22	211	4.9	177	60.3	12.3
10*	24.5	18	92	2.6	224	61.4	12.9	+4	2005	5	30.6	22	156	4.0	286	60.8	14.4
5	22.0	17	81	2.5	246	50.9	14.9	+8	2004	9	21.2	20	143	3.6	249	59.7	18.5
3*	16.9	17	96	2.5	187	47.6	16.7	+1	2003	8	29.5	21	138	4.0	296	54.5	14.7
7	20.5	18	133	3.4	178	51.5	15.2	-5	2002	2	34.3	19	133	3.7	252	56.0	11.2
9*	35.2	22	195	4.3	248	52.7	12.6	+3	2001	7	28.3	18	112	3.6	274	47.8	13.7

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Kimble	114	501	31	470	2	4.1
Toby Gerhart	106	403	28	375	0	3.5
Emeka Nnoli	19	50	1	49	0	2.6
Trent Edwards	59	189	152	37	0	0.6
Jason Evans	11	35	3	32	0	2.9
TC Ostrander	39	45	198	-153	0	-3.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Trent Edwards	156	94	60.3	1027	6	6
TC Ostrander	158	72	45.6	918	3	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Richard Sherman	34	581	17.1	3	74	
Kelton Lynn	19	254	13.4	2	57	
Evan Moore	14	242	17.3	3	51	
Jim Dray	19	178	9.4	1	19	
Austin Yancy	16	168	10.5	0	25	
Anthony Kimble	19	156	8.2	0	26	
Toby Gerhart	15	124	8.3	0	16	
Mark Bradford	10	111	11.1	1	39	
Emeka Nnoli	8	62	7.8	0	23	
Michael Miller	4	39	9.8	0	15	
Marcus McCutcheon	2	34	17.0	0	22	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jay Ottovegio	61	2417	39.6	12	35.4(t)	2	17
TC Ostrander	2	89	44.5	0	–	0	0
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Aaron Zagory	13-15	4-5	4-7	0-1	0-0	8-13	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Okwo	95	2	3	5	0
Trevor Hooper	91	2.5	1	0	1
Clinton Snyder	83	2	1.5	2	1
Brandon Harrison	68	0	2.5	5	1
Tim Sims	54	1	4.5	4	0
Wopamo Osaisai	52	0	2	6	1
David Lofton	47	1	0	1	0
Pannel Egboh	45	1.5	4	1	0
Pat Maynor	44	0	3	1	0
Ekom Udofia	43	1	0.5	0	0
Udeme Udofia	39	0	1	0	0
Nick Sanchez	27	0	0.5	4	0
Chris Horn	27	1.5	2.5	0	1
Bo McNally	21	0.5	0	1	2
Brian Bulcke	19	0	0	0	0
Will Powers	17	1	1	0	0
Sione Fua	16	0	1	0	0
Mike Silva	14	0	0	0	0
Tom McAndrew	14	0	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chris Hobbs	13	73	5.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jason Evans	16	349	21.8	0	
Ray Jones	14	224	16.0	0	
Anthony Kimble	8	108	13.5	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

SU RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Oregon	20	35 - 100	2.9	20 - 34	224	3	28	41 - 298	7.3	21 - 30	236	0	0
–	at San Jose St	23	43 - 185	4.3	18 - 28	233	0	25	49 - 342	7.0	15 - 17	115	0	-1
–	Navy	23	25 - 74	3.0	26 - 41	270	3	30	69 - 368	5.3	9 - 12	78	1	-2
–	Washington St	11	31 - 28	0.9	15 - 25	167	8	28	49 - 240	4.9	21 - 33	228	1	+1
–	at UCLA	11	34 - 49	1.4	12 - 25	117	7	18	34 - 166	4.9	21 - 38	223	1	-2
–	at Notre Dame	14	31 - 72	2.3	10 - 18	154	5	29	39 - 204	5.2	27 - 38	232	1	-1
–	Arizona	4	19 - (-6)	-0.3	8 - 13	58	6	16	51 - 220	4.3	10 - 13	74	1	0
–	at Arizona St	11	30 - 79	2.6	7 - 25	66	3	23	47 - 206	4.4	17 - 19	175	2	-3
–	USC	12	30 - 30	1.0	16 - 30	178	2	18	32 - 108	3.4	14 - 25	247	2	-3
–	at Washington	7	35 - 20	0.6	11 - 20	206	4	12	28 - 39	1.4	11 - 44	122	2	+3
–	Oregon St	12	21 - 85	4.0	9 - 26	125	5	24	47 - 208	4.4	16 - 25	177	1	-2
–	at California	15	33 - 65	2.0	15 - 31	204	4	18	33 - 127	3.8	14 - 31	217	2	-1
TOTALS		163	367 - 781	2.1	167 - 316	2002	50	269	519 - 2526	4.9	196 - 325	2124	14	-11
AVERAGES		13.6	31 - 65	2.1	14 - 26	167	4.2	22.4	43 - 211	4.9	16 - 27	177	1.2	-0.9

2002 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Boston College	+8'	27-34
–	San Jose St	-18	63-26
–	at Arizona St	+1	24-65
–	at Notre Dame - #9	+8'	7-31
–	Washington St - #12	+8'	11-36
–	Arizona	-1'	16-6
–	at UCLA	+10	18-28
–	at Oregon - #19	+14	14-41
–	USC - #10	+18'	17-49
–	Oregon St	+12'	21-31
–	at California	+10'	7-30

2003 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	San Jose St	-12	31-10
–	at BYU	+7	18-14
–	at Washington - #18	+12'	17-28
–	at USC - #9	+21	21-44
–	Washington St - #6	+10'	14-24
–	at Oregon	+10	0-35
–	UCLA	+6	21-14
–	Arizona St	+2'	38-27
–	at Oregon St	+14'	3-43
–	California	+10	16-28
–	Notre Dame	+4'	7-57

2004 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	San Jose St	-17'	43-3
–	BYU	-4	37-10
–	USC - #1	+22	28-31
–	Washington	-13'	27-13
–	at Notre Dame	+5	15-23
–	at Washington St	+1'	23-17
–	Oregon	-3'	13-16
–	at UCLA	+4'	0-21
–	at Arizona St - #23	+10'	31-34
–	Oregon St	+2	19-24
–	at California - #4	+24'	6-41

2005 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Navy	-3	41-38
–	UC Davis	NL	17-20
–	Oregon	+7	20-44
–	at Washington St	+14	24-21
–	at Arizona	+4'	20-16
–	Arizona St	+10'	45-35
–	UCLA - #8	+7	27-30 OT
–	at USC - #1	+34	21-51
–	at Oregon St	+6	20-17
–	California	+5'	3-27
–	Notre Dame - #6	+15	31-38

2006 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Oregon - #21	+12	10-48
–	at San Jose St	-9'	34-35
–	Navy	-1	9-37
–	Washington St	+10	10-36
–	at UCLA	+23'	0-31
–	at Notre Dame - #12	+29	10-31
–	Arizona	+3'	7-20
–	at Arizona St	+23	3-38
–	USC - #9	+28	0-42
–	at Washington	+19	20-3
–	Oregon St	+14'	7-30
–	at California - #21	+29'	17-26

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 BIG EAST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Brian Brohm, Louisville	Pat White, W Virginia	Matt Grothe, USF	Tyler Lorenzen, Connecticut
RB	Ray Rice, Rutgers	Donald Brown, Connecticut	Curtis Brinkley, Syracuse	Mike Ford, USF
RB	Steve Slaton, W Virginia	Anthony Allen, Louisville	Owen Schmitt, W Virginia	LeSean McCoy, Pittsburgh
WR	Derek Kinder, Pittsburgh	Derrick Stewart, Cincinnati	Kenny Britt, Rutgers	Dominick Goodman, Cincinnati
WR	Mario Urrutia, Louisville	Darius Reynaud, W Virginia	Taj Smith, Syracuse	Taurus Johnson, USF
WR	Harry Douglas, Louisville	Oderick Turner, Pittsburgh	Amarri Jackson, USF	Mike Williams, Syracuse
TE	Gary Barnidge, Louisville	Tom Ferron, Syracuse	Steve Brouse, Connecticut	Darrell Strong, Pittsburgh
C	Eric Wood, Louisville	Nick Capogna, USF	Ryan Blaszczyk, Rutgers	Keith Gray, Connecticut
G	Greg Isdaner, W Virginia	Joe Thomas, Pittsburgh	Anthony Davis, Rutgers	Ryan Schmidt, USF
G	Mike Fladell, Rutgers	Ryan Durand, Syracuse	Trevor Canfield, Cincinnati	CJ Davis, Pittsburgh
T	George Bussey, Louisville	Pedro Sosa, Rutgers	Jeff Otah, Pittsburgh	Digger Bujnoch, Cincinnati
T	Jeremy Zuttah, Rutgers	Mike McGlynn, Pittsburgh	Ryan Stanchek, W Virginia	Jeffrey Linkenbach, Cincinnati
DE	Jameel McClain, Syracuse	Peanut Whitehead, Louisville	Joe Clermond, Pittsburgh	Chris McKillop, Pittsburgh
DT	Keilen Dykes, W Virginia	Terrill Byrd, Cincinnati	Woody George, USF	Adrian Grady, Louisville
DT	Tony Jenkins, Syracuse	Eric Foster, Rutgers	Earl Heyman, Louisville	Rashaad Duncan, Pittsburgh
DE	Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers	George Selvie, USF	Trevor Anderson, Cincinnati	George Johnson, Rutgers
LB	Tyrone McKenzie, USF	Willie Williams, Louisville	Ryan Henegan, Connecticut	Reed Williams, W Virginia
LB	Ben Moffitt, USF	Danny Lansanah, Connecticut	Scott McKillop, Pittsburgh	LaBrandon Glover, Pittsburgh
LB	Malik Jackson, Louisville	Corey Smith, Cincinnati	Marc Magro, W Virginia	Reed Williams, W Virginia
CB	Rod Council, Louisville	Mike Mickens, Cincinnati	Antonio Lewis, W Virginia	Kennard Cox, Pittsburgh
CB	Mike Jenkins, USF	Trae Williams, USF	Woodny Turenne, Louisville	Darius Butler, Connecticut
SS	Eric Wicks, W Virginia	Courtney Greene, Rutgers	Dowayne Davis, Syracuse	Carlton Williams, USF
FS	Haruki Nakamura, Cincinnati	Quinton Andrews, W Virginia	Ron Girault, Rutgers	Latarrius Thomas, Louisville
K	Art Carmody, Louisville	Jeremy Ito, Rutgers	Pat Shadle, Syracuse	Pat McAfee, W Virginia
P	Dave Byrtus, Pittsburgh	Scott Kozlowski, W Virginia	Justin Teachey, USF	Dave Teggert, Connecticut
KR	Lowell Robinson, Pittsburgh	Darius Reynaud, W Virginia	JaJuan Spillman, Louisville	Dominick Goodman, Cincinnati
PR	Larry Taylor, Connecticut	Vaughn Rivers, W Virginia	Ryan Howard, Syracuse	Amarri Jackson, USF

Cincinnati DT Terrill Byrd

West Virginia SS Eric Wicks

USF QB Trae Williams

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 BIG EAST FORECAST

1. WEST VIRGINIA - I did not make a lot of fans in Morgantown last year when I called for the preseason #5 team in the country to finish in a TIE for 2nd place in the Big East. That is precisely where the Mountaineers finished despite being the preseason pick to win the title. Last year both QB Pat White and RB Steve Slaton were banged up but should they remain healthy, the Mountaineers will be favored in all 12 of their games this year including tough road trips vs USF and Rutgers. The key to this pick is that they host Louisville, and even if they slip up at one of those tough road spots, they would hold a tie-breaker over the Cards if they beat them at home.

1. LOUISVILLE - The Cards won the Big East and very nearly played in the National Title game last year despite losing star RB Michael Bush to injury, and also having star QB Brian Brohm go down for a few games. They still outgained league foes by 91.4 ypg. They have my #1 rated offense and #2 rated D in the league and of my 8 sets of power ratings, 6 call them the most talented team in the league. The key for me to picking them to tie for 1st in the Big East is they must face a loaded WV in Morgantown, and also have to play a dangerous USF on the road. Four of my 8 sets of power ratings call for Louisville to have an unbeaten season at 12-0 and they are a legitimate National Title contender.

3. USF - USF only has 3 seniors starters and is the least experienced team in the Big East (see page 311). They did play a lot of underclassmen last year however, and actually have a Big East high 16 returning starters and only lose 15 lettermen (2nd fewest). USF has my #1 rated Big East D and last year outgained Big East foes by 51.6 ypg which was a better mark than Rutgers. QB Grothe was banged up in the 2H of the season and if he remains healthy, they will be much improved on offense. They get both West Virginia and Louisville at home and knocked off WV in Morgantown last year while also beating Louisville the last time they hosted them in '05. It would not surprise me at all to see the Bulls run the table and go 7-0 in Big East play!! This preseason everyone is talking Louisville, West Virginia and Rutgers but USF could top them all.

4. RUTGERS - It's tough to pick the Knights at this spot as they could walk away with a Big East Title and a BCS bowl berth. They get 4 Big East home games including USF and West Virginia and if they win those, they could actually be 11-0 for a showdown at L'ville on Nov 29th. Rutgers did overachieve a bit last year. This year they have just 13 returning starters (2nd fewest in league) and LY benefited from +11 turnovers and 2 net close wins. Keep in mind the 3 teams I pick ahead of them are among the best in the country.

5. PITTSBURGH - Check out my snapshot article on page 300 as at midseason last year, Pitt was 6-1 and thinking BCS bowl berth but blew a 14 point 4Q lead over Connecticut and dropped their final 5 to finish just 2-5 in league play. Pitt was outgained by 77 ypg in Big East play and benefited from +8 in turnovers. Those two factors are negated by the fact they have 4 Big East home games vs winnable foes. A key to an upper half finish in the Big East could be their Nov 24th home game vs USF as the Bulls are just 1-5 when temps are below 40°. Pitt should have a winning season this year and have a shot at the upper half of the Big East standings in Wannstedt's 3rd year.

6. CINCINNATI - Cincinnati was 4-3 in league play last year and this year they return 16 starters, a league high, while losing a league low 14 lettermen. Unfortunately HC Dantonio left for Mich St so they must learn new schemes and have a tough league schedule with just 3 Big East home games, playing most of the teams in their class on the road. This team could have more talent than '06 but still finish with a poorer record.

7. CONNECTICUT - The Huskies do have 4 Big East home games this year and are a much stronger squad than the 2006 version with 14 returning starters. UC does have a lot of ground to make up in conf play after being outgained by 106 ypg (2nd worst) and 3 of their 4 home games are versus league powers Louisville, USF and Rutgers. While they will escape the basement (where they finished last year) it will be tough to move much higher in a tough league.

8. SYRACUSE - Things don't look good for the Orange this year. Syracuse is 1-13 the last 2 years in Big East play and have been outgained by a league worst 141.7 and 157.6 ypg. They have the fewest amount of returning starters (12) and actually benefitted from +11 in turnovers last year (see pg 312). This looks like a rebuilding year in an ever improving conference.

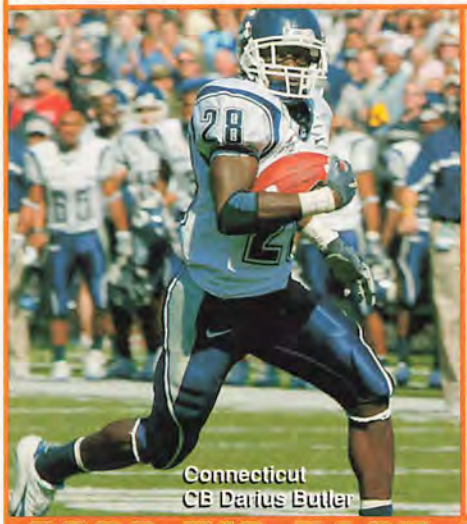
Big East Notes: I will admit I am amazed at what the Big East has accomplished. When Virg Tech, Miami, Fl and Boston College bolted from the league I openly questioned if the Big East was deserving of an automatic BCS bid. This past year they proved to not only deserve a bid but had three National Title contenders late in the year and LANDED TWO of the BCS berths!! Not only did the Big East land FIVE bowl bids, but they had the BEST record of any conference going a perfect 5-0 in their bowl games!! The Big East also had the best record of any league in non-conf BCS games going 12-6 (67%) with the #2 league at just 60%. Those are some pretty impressive credentials from the just completed season. They did have just 15 players selected in the NFL draft which was only 7th best, but part of that is due to the fact that so much talent returns. Showing that the Big East still does not get the credit they deserve, I look at a couple of big games from this past year and public reaction. When Louisville beat West Virginia 44-34 on a Thursday night many in the media said it was a good game but was much like the Old WAC with no defense. When Ohio St beat Michigan 42-39 it was called a titanic struggle befitting of the #1 and #2 teams. West Virginia and Louisville are both primetime National Title contenders but you also have to include Rutgers and USF in that mix and this league has come a long way in a few short years.

2006 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
2	Louisville	35.3	2	442.1	2	155.9	3	4.47	3	286.3	1	63.6	3	12.5	1	13	5	11	3
3	W Virginia	37.0	1	474.6	1	302.1	1	6.91	1	172.4	5	59.9	4	12.8	2	13	5	9	2
31	Pittsburgh	24.6	4	338.9	5	99.6	7	3.43	5	239.3	2	66.7	1	13.8	4	12	2	19	6
42	Rutgers	26.0	3	334.0	6	170.3	2	4.69	2	163.7	7	54.2	6	12.8	3	8	1	3	1
65	Cincinnati	21.7	5	350.9	4	131.1	5	3.19	7	219.7	4	58.2	5	16.2	6	14	7	17	4
68	USF	20.7	6	352.0	3	123.1	6	3.42	6	228.9	3	65.2	2	17.0	7	16	8	17	4
86	Connecticut	20.0	7	286.3	7	142.9	4	3.76	4	143.4	8	53.1	7	14.3	5	12	2	20	7
100	Syracuse	11.6	8	256.1	8	87.7	8	2.60	8	168.4	6	52.4	8	22.1	8	12	2	32	8

2006 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
11	Rutgers	20.9	4	305.1	2	127.4	3	3.46	2	177.7	2	55.6	4	14.6	5	14	2	21	3
29	Louisville	20.1	2	350.7	5	136.9	5	3.91	4	213.9	7	51.2	1	17.4	1	14	2	25	1
31	Cincinnati	20.1	2	311.3	3	119.1	2	3.95	5	192.1	3	52.0	2	15.5	4	13	4	14	5
34	USF	19.0	1	300.4	1	130.3	4	3.62	3	170.1	1	53.7	3	15.8	2	13	4	17	4
51	W Virginia	26.6	5	345.4	4	85.0	1	2.70	1	260.4	8	59.7	5	13.0	7	10	7	23	2
64	Pittsburgh	29.6	7	415.9	8	214.4	8	5.02	7	201.4	5	67.9	7	14.1	6	12	6	11	6
66	Syracuse	26.6	5	413.7	7	214.3	7	5.34	8	199.4	4	70.2	8	15.6	3	15	1	9	7
87	Connecticut	34.0	8	392.3	6	185.3	6	4.68	6	207.0	6	64.0	6	11.5	8	9	8	8	8


Connecticut
CB Darius Butler

2006 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2006	2005	2004
Louisville	6	1	247	141	12	1	491	212	+91.4	+174.6	+250.9
West Virginia	5	2	259	186	11	2	505	282	+129.2	+93.1	+74.7
Rutgers	5	2	182	146	11	2	387	186	+28.9	+70.4	-22.5
USF	4	3	145	133	9	4	299	220	+51.6	+12.7	-21.0
Cincinnati	4	3	152	141	8	5	274	255	+39.6	-104.7	+80.5
Pittsburgh	2	5	172	207	6	6	381	274	-77.0	-45.5	-57.5
Connecticut	1	6	140	238	4	8	257	324	-106.0	-59.0	+23.7
Syracuse	1	6	81	186	4	8	209	295	-157.6	-141.7	-16.0

Coach of the Year: Greg Schiano, Rutgers

2005 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
West Virginia	7	0	244	104	11	1	385	214
Louisville	5	2	273	175	9	3	521	285
Rutgers	4	3	188	199	7	5	344	307
USF	4	3	188	135	6	6	276	216
Pittsburgh	4	3	189	178	5	6	267	243
Connecticut	2	5	115	170	5	6	272	211
Cincinnati	2	5	117	230	4	7	192	345
Syracuse	0	7	73	196	1	10	152	295

Coach of the Year: Rich Rodriquez, W Virg

2004 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Boston College	4	2	152	114	9	3	296	203
Pittsburgh	4	2	152	136	8	4	325	288
West Virginia	4	2	165	128	8	4	361	246
Syracuse	4	2	194	170	6	6	287	344
Connecticut	3	3	171	183	8	4	363	260
Rutgers	1	5	139	185	4	7	269	343
Temple	1	5	131	188	2	9	238	399

Coach of the Year: Walt Harris, Pittsburgh

Rutgers
DT Eric Foster

Pittsburgh
OT Mike McGlynn

2006 BIG EAST CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh	322	220	68.3	9	2871	8.9	25	163.2
Patrick White, W Virginia	**179**	**118**	**65.9**	**7**	**1655**	**9.2**	**13**	**159.7**
Brian Brohm, L'ville	**313**	**199**	**63.6**	**5**	**3049**	**9.7**	**16**	**159.1**
Matt Grothe, USF	**317**	**202**	**63.7**	**14**	**2576**	**8.1**	**15**	**138.8**
Dustin Grutza, Cincy	**225**	**137**	**60.9**	**13**	**1632**	**7.3**	**9**	**123.5**
Mike Teel, Rutgers	**296**	**164**	**55.4**	**13**	**2135**	**7.2**	**12**	**120.6**
Perry Patterson, Syracuse	300	158	52.7	4	1865	6.2	12	115.4
Matt Bonislawski, Conn	163	75	46.0	3	843	5.2	5	95.9

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Harry Douglas, L'ville	13	70	1265	6	97.3	5.4	18.1
Mario Urrutia, L'ville	13	58	973	6	74.8	4.5	16.8
Derek Kinder, Pittsburgh	12	57	847	6	70.6	4.8	14.9
Oderick Turner, Pittsburgh	12	44	660	8	55.0	3.7	15.0
Derrick Stewart, Cincy	13	33	675	5	51.9	2.5	20.5
Mike Williams, Syracuse	10	24	461	4	46.1	2.4	19.2
Brandon Myles, W Virginia	13	36	522	8	40.2	2.8	14.5
Darius Reynaud, W Virginia	13	39	520	2	40.0	3.0	13.3
Gary Barnidge, L'ville	13	31	511	4	39.3	2.4	16.5
Ean Randolph, USF	13	49	506	4	38.9	3.8	10.3
Marcel Pestano, Pittsburgh	11	28	424	2	38.5	2.5	15.1
Taurus Johnson, USF	13	37	494	2	38.0	2.8	13.4
Clark Harris, Rutgers	13	34	493	2	37.9	2.6	14.5

RUSHING

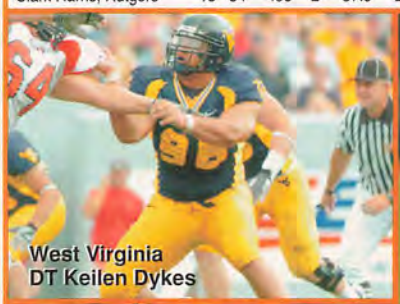
	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Ray Rice, Rutgers	13	335	1794	5.4	20	138.0
Steve Slaton, W Virginia	13	248	1744	7.0	16	134.2
Patrick White, W Virginia	12	165	1219	7.4	18	101.6
LaRod Stephens-Howling, Pitt	11	178	893	5.0	9	81.2
Donald Brown II, Conn	12	161	896	5.6	7	74.7
Terry Caulley, Conn	10	120	674	5.6	3	67.4
Kolby Smith, L'ville	13	154	862	5.6	7	66.3
Delone Carter, Syracuse	12	156	713	4.6	4	59.4
Greg Moore, Cincy	13	162	709	4.4	4	54.5
Matt Grothe, USF	13	178	622	3.5	9	47.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL YDS	OFFENSE YDS/PG
Brian Brohm, L'ville	11	47	45	313	3049	3094	281.3
Matt Grothe, USF	13	178	622	317	2576	3198	246.0
Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh	12	66	238	322	2871	3109	259.1
Patrick White, W Virginia	12	165	1219	179	1655	2874	239.5
Mike Teel, Rutgers	13	13	-50	296	2135	2085	160.4
Dustin Grutza, Cincy	12	85	405	225	1632	2037	169.8
Perry Patterson, Syracuse	12	82	-174	300	1865	1691	140.9
Ray Rice, Rutgers	13	335	1794	1	0	1794	138.0
Steve Slaton, W Virginia	13	248	1744	0	0	1744	134.2
LaRod Stephens-Howling, Pitt	11	178	893	0	0	893	81.2

Rutgers
DE Jamaal Westerman

Pittsburgh
WR Derek Kinder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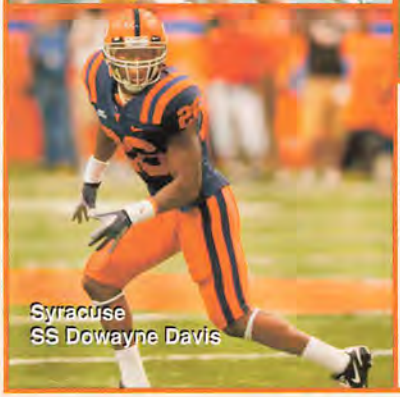
Louisville
WR Mario Urrutia


Syracuse
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PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Joe Radigan, Rutgers	13	56	2467	44.1
Adam Graessle, Pittsburgh	12	49	2059	42.0
Brendan Carney, Syracuse	12	72	3021	42.0
Chris Pavasaris, Conn	12	71	2845	40.1
Brian Steel, Cincy	13	70	2715	38.8
Justin Teachey, USF	13	45	1718	38.2

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ean Randolph, USF	25	370	1	14.8
Larry Taylor, Conn	20	255	1	12.8
Vaughn Rivers, W Virginia	18	195	1	10.8
Derrick Stewart, Cincy	25	231	0	9.2
Darrelle Revis, Pittsburgh	22	190	1	8.6

*Numbers come from Big East final statistics.

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Patrick Shadle, Syracuse	12	16	18	88.9	46
Conor Lee, Pittsburgh	12	12	14	85.7	47
Art Carmody, L'ville	13	21	25	84.0	51
Kevin Lovell, Cincy	13	18	23	78.3	47
Pat McAfee, W Virginia	13	17	22	77.3	51
Jeremy Ito, Rutgers	13	22	29	75.9	53
Matt Nuzie, Conn	12	4	10	40.0	47

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Lowell Robinson, Pittsburgh	26	725	1	27.9
Darius Reynaud, W Virginia	30	813	1	27.1
JaJuan Spillman, L'ville	17	450	1	26.5
Dominick Goodman, Cincy	21	541	0	25.8
Curtis Brinkley, Syracuse	21	448	0	21.3
Willie Foster, Rutgers	18	370	0	20.6

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
H.B. Blades, Pittsburgh	12	86	61	147	12.2
Kelvin Smith, Syracuse	12	58	57	115	9.6
Ryan Henegan, Conn	10	50	42	92	9.2
Clint Session, Pittsburgh	12	67	34	101	8.4
Danny Lansanah, Conn	12	45	54	99	8.2
Stephen Nicholas, USF	13	77	25	102	7.8
Tyvon Branch, Conn	12	47	32	79	6.6
Ben Moffitt, USF	13	75	37	112	6.5
Jerry Mackey, Syracuse	10	25	39	64	6.4
Devraun Thompson, Rutgers	13	45	38	83	6.4
Joe Fields, Syracuse	12	40	36	76	6.3

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Joe Clermond, Pittsburgh	16.5	40
Malik Jackson, L'ville	16	72
George Selvie, USF	16	56
Stephen Nicholas, USF	15	76
Jameel McClain, Syracuse	14.5	61
Kevin McCullough, Cincy	14.5	36
Eric Foster, Rutgers	14	66
Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers	14	66
Ramel Meekins, Rutgers	13	60
Trevor Anderson, Cincy	13	50

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Jameel McClain, Syracuse	9.5	51
Malik Jackson, L'ville	9	59
Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers	8	56
Ramel Meekins, Rutgers	8	46
Amobi Okoye, L'ville	8	32
Stephen Nicholas, USF	7.5	57
Eric Wicks, W Virginia	7	42
Chris Robinson, USF	7	56
Eric Foster, Rutgers	6	44
Trevor Anderson, Cincy	6	32

PHIL'S BIG EAST UNIT RANKING

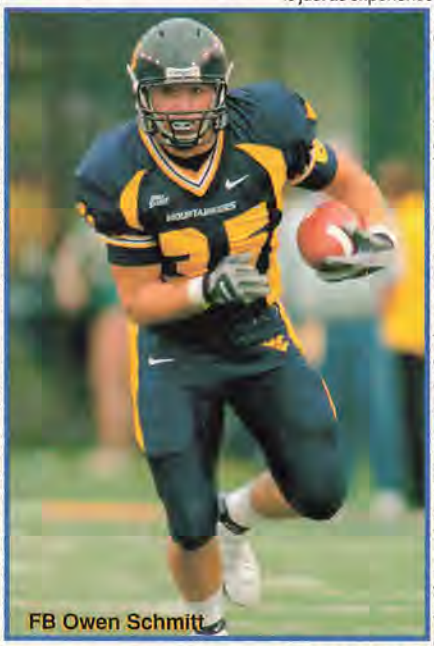
	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
West Virginia	1	1	5	2	4	3	2	1	1
Louisville	1	3	1	2	3	2	3	3	6
USF	3	7	3	4	4	1	1	7	3
Rutgers	4	2	7	1	1	6	4	4	2
Pittsburgh	7	3	2	4	4	7	6	2	4
Cincinnati	4	6	8	7	1	3	5	8	7
Connecticut	6	5	4	6	8	3	7	5	5
Syracuse	8	7	5	8	7	8	8	6	8

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Rich Rodriguez likes to use a QB that is not only an effective passer, but also a dangerous runner like Shaun King at Tulane or Woodrow Dantzler at Clemson. Pat White (PS#75) turned down a MLB contract with the Angels and is the fastest QB (4.4 spd) that Rodriguez has ever recruited, who can also throw. White was sharing the starting job as a rFr with Adam Bednarik (PS#72). With Bednarik injured, White sparked a 4Q comeback and 3OT win vs Louisville and has never relinquished the job. Despite starting just 5 in '05, he was the 3rd leading QB rusher in the country (952 net, 7.3). White threw for just 828 (57%) with an 8-5 ratio. Bednarik threw for 532 (73.3%) with a 4-2 ratio (170 rush). Last year Bednarik was injured in August so the backup duties were fought over by Jarrett Brown (PS#30) and Nate Sowers (PS#22). White was an effective passer throwing for 1,655 (66%) with a 13-7 ratio and also the most dangerous running QB in the nation with 1,219 net (7.4). He did this despite, being banged up in the second half of the year missing the Rutgers game and not being 100% in the bowl. Brown played in 6 including a start vs Rutgers and threw for 384 (59.6%) with a 2-1 ratio (176 rush). Sowers moved to WR in the spring and adding depth are Bednarik (6'2" 220 Sr), Markell Harrison (5'8" 175 Sr, 3 pass att LY) and two HT true frosh. A healthy White accompanied by capable backups makes this one of the top QB units in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - WV had a 1,000 yard rusher for eight straight years but that streak was broken in 2004 as Kay-Jay Harris had an injury-plagued season (6 st) and "only" rushed for 959 (5.8). Jason Colson (4.5 spd) had 706 (5.0). In 2005 I projected a true frosh would lead the team in rushing and while I was right, I was also wrong. I projected Jason Gwaltney (PS#5), a rare VHT signee here, to be that player. Gwaltney struggled with a knee injury and off the field problems, playing in just 6 (186, 4.1) a and RS in '06. True frosh Steve Slaton (PS#33) became the Big East Rookie of the Year and 1st Tm Frosh AA. He played in just 10 games but rushed for 1,128 (5.5) including a Sugar Bowl record 204 yards. FB Owen Schmitt rushed for 380 (7.9) and is an outstanding blocker. Last year Slaton (4.37 spd), broke WV's single season rushing record (Avon Cobourne, 1,710 in '02) with 1,744 (7.0) despite being banged up in the 2H of the season. In the bowl he had just 3 carries for 11 yards. A wrist injury also caused him to lose fumbles on consecutive plays vs L'ville. This year the only loss is Colson (40 yd) and they may also get Gwaltney back. They also add PS#2 Noel Devine. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ed Collington (6'0" 200 Jr, PS#103), Jetavious Best (5'11" 185 So, PS#195), Eddie Davis (6'1" 170 rFr) and Tommy Spurlock (5'9" 185 rFr, PS#187). It will be tough for Slaton to top 2006's stats but if he remains healthy, he could.


FB Owen Schmitt

RECEIVERS - The 2005 receiving corps was very young and Brandon Myles led with 34 (15.8). Darius Reynaud (PS#76) emerged late and was #2 with 30 (9.9). Last year all of the top receivers were back and Reynaud proved to be a dangerous playmaker with 39 rec (13.3) and 221 rush (15.8). He was also the team's top KR (27.1). Myles had the most yards (by 2) with 522 (14.5) and Rayshawn Bolden avg 18.9 on his 8 grabs. The TE's were used mostly for blocking. This year they must replace Myles (13 st, UFA NYG), Bolden (9 st), TE's Brad Palmer (2 st), Adam Serena (0 rec), WR's Dwayne Thompson (0 rec) and Travis McClintic (2 yd rush). They hope to add Brandon Barrett (PS#12) who due to some off-field difficulties has not played but could have a major impact. Not listed in the 3 deep below are John Maddox (6'3" 165 rFr, PS#54), Kendall Washington (6'4" 195 Fr), and TE Brandon Tate (6'3" 240 Sr). With the loss of Myles, this group needs a WR to emerge opposite Reynaud to be as good as last year's edition.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Having a mobile QB always helps the OL stats. In 2005 they had to replace 3 players who combined for 29 starts then starting C Hines quit after being demoted. They opened up holes for 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 18 sacks. Dan Mozes moved to C and earned 2nd Tm AA honors. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 26 starts. Their longtime OL coach Trickett, who left to go to FSU after 6 years, preferred mobility over size up front. The OL benefitted from good health last season as they used the same lineup in 12 of 13 games. The starters played the majority of the minutes leaving little time for the backups. This year they must replace 1st Tm AA C Dan Mozes (4 yr st'r, UFA MIN) who took home the Rimington Trophy, RG Jeremy Sheffey (13 st, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm BE) and LT Damien Crissey (1 st, 8 gm). This year's group is just as experienced as 2006 but with the loss of two 1st Tm Big East OL, they may not match last year's outstanding stats (6.7 ypc, 15 sk all'd).

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the DL had to replace two starters and a backup but still allowed just 2.9 ypc rush with 29 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 5 of their top 6 back. They allowed a Rodriguez-era low 93 ypg rush (3.0) while the defense had 31 sacks. Six players split the action on the D-line last year and three of them now depart. Gone are DT Warren Young (7 st, 28 tkl, 1 sk), NT Craig Wilson (3 st, 18 tkl, 1 sk) and NT Pat Liebig (5 st, 11 tkl). The three players returning combined for 24 starts and 65 tackles (2 were starters). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Matt Dobson (6'2" 245 So) and true frosh Junius Lewis PS#72. This unit is almost as experienced as 2006.

LINEBACKERS - WV plays a 3-3 stack D but I limit the secondary outlook to four positions and include the Bandit Safety in the LB writeup. Last year they had to replace two starters including their #1 tackler. This year they must replace Boo McLee (13 st, #2 tkl'r, UFA STL) and Jay Henry (13 st, 42 tkl). While just two starters return, Reed Williams was #4 tackler despite not starting and Marc Magro was #9 and has 112 tackles in 3 years. This group is slightly more experienced than 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With PacMan Jones and his 4.27 speed in the lineup, WV was #33 in my pass D rankings in '04. In '05 they had to replace him (#1DC TEN) and another starter and dropped to #67. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a backup and the inexperienced unit finished #64. This year they only lose FS Abraham Jones (1 st, 8 tkl), Akeem Jackson (5 tkl), Aaron Meckstroth (12 tkl) and CB Marcus Law (7 tkl). Not only do 7 players return with starting experience, I expect a bigger impact from former Illinois signee Guesly Dervil (1 st, 8 tkl), who wasn't cleared by the NCAA until late August, and a couple of JC signees including PS#1JC Ellis Lankster who could take one of the starting CB spots. They also get the huge addition of Ryan Mundy (PS#5) who had 18 starts (2 yrs) at Michigan and will be eligible immediately. This is a much more experienced and talented secondary and should move up in my rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Mountaineers finished #38 in my ST rankings in 2003, #35 in '04 and #32 in '05. Last year they had to replace their P but had everyone else back and had their best finish yet under Rodriguez at #8. The punting duties were shared by Pat McAfee (43.2) and Scott Kozlowski (PS#29) as the team's net was 36.8. McAfee hit 17 of 22 FG's with a long of 51 and had 25 TB on kickoffs. Darius Reynaud was the top KR (27.1) and Vaughn Rivers (2nd Tm BE) was the top PR (10.8). This year the unit returns basically intact making them one of the best ST units in the country.

COACHES - Rich Rodriguez was the OC at both Tulane and Clemson under Tommy Bowden and came here in 2001. After a 3-8 inaugural season, the team finished 9-4 in 2002. Despite just 8 returning starters in '03, they shared the Big East Title (with Miami) and Rodriguez was Big East Coach of the Year. In 2004 fans expected WV's veteran squad to earn their 1st BCS bowl berth, but the team fell short finishing at 8-4. Even though they lost their last two reg season games in '04 they were co-Champs of the Big East. Rodriguez took home Big East Coach of the Year honors again in 2005. Calvin Magee enters his 4th year as OC here but Rodriguez is still heavily involved in the play calling. In 2002, the Mountaineers had co-DC's in Jeff Casteel and Todd Graham. Graham left for Tulsa prior to '03 so Casteel has been the lone DC the last four years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rich Rodriguez got off to a slow start going 3-8 in his first season but has rebounded to win 9, 8, 8, 11 and 11 games and has won at least a share of the Big East Title in 3 of the last 4 years (only other BE Title 1993). In 2004 they had 15 starters back and the best talent in the league. WV had their highest preseason ranking ever (#10) and rose to #6 but lost their star RB to injury and actually lost 4 games. They outgained BE foes by a 74.7 ypg margin but finished just 4-2. In 2005 they had to replace 26 lettermen and had just 8 starters back and their top QB and RB were both frosh. WV caught the breaks in '05. They were +14 in turnovers and had +3 net close wins. WV was outFD'd in 4 of their victories and got a miracle win at home vs Louisville. They did outgain league foes by 93.1 ypg but that was just over half of Louisville's margin (174.6). Last year WV fans were thinking National Title as 14 starters returned. They came into the season #5 in the preseason poll, a new all-time high. They got as high as #3 the week before playing Louisville. They dropped two of their last six and could have easily lost to both Rutgers and Georgia Tech but finished #10 in the final polls. They had 25 seniors on last year's squad but this year return 15 starters including two Heisman candidates in QB White and RB Slaton. Neither was 100% in the latter part of '06. The 38.8 ppg they achieved in '06 was their best since the 1988 undefeated team which played for the National Title. The defense has had just 5 starters back the last two years and has their most veteran unit since 2001 with 8 starters back. This year they face 7 teams that made it to bowls last year. The Mountaineers do have to play 4 of those teams on the road including USF and Rutgers but will be favored in all 12 games. Two of my 8 sets of power ratings call for an undefeated year so they are a legitimate National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 5 **PAT WHITE JR.** 6-2 185 L/5 st '05, 828 pass, 952 net rush. 12 st LY, 1655 (66%) 13-7, 1219 net (7.4). 15 Jarrett Brown (6-4 220 So) **PS#30.** 1 st, 384 pass, 202 rush.
RB 10 **STEVE SLATON JR.** 5-10 195 **PS#33.** L/7 st true, 1128 (5.5). 13 st LY. 1744 (7.0), 27 rec (13.3). **Noel Devine is PS#2.** 14 Jason Gwaltney (6-1 240 So) **PS#5.** 186 (4.1) '05.
FB 35 **OWEN SCHMITT SR.** 6-3 250 5 st '05, 380 rush. 6 st LY, 351 (5.4), 12 rec (7.6). 86 Sam Morrone (6-2 245 Jr) PS#104TE. **TE** 89 **Michael Villagrana** (6-4 250 Sr) PS#54. 4 st TE 2Y.
WR 83 **Tito Gonzalez Jr.** 6-2 205 5 st LY, 6 rec (25.3). 28 Jeremy Bruce (5-10 190 Jr). 2 st, 8 rec, 2Y. 26 Carmen Connolly (6-1 185 So) PS#131. 1 rec LY. Maxwell Anderson (6-1 230 So).
WR 2 **DARIUS REYNAUD SR.** 5-10 205 PS#76. 7 st '05, 30 (9.9). 13 st LY, **2nd Tm BE.** 1554 all-purp. 21 Dorrell Jalloh (6-0 190 Jr) 9 st, 10 rec 2Y. 80 Darren Brownlee (6-2 195 So) PS#125.
WR 12 **Nate Sowers So.** 6-2 205 **PS#22QB.** 1 rec rFr. 4 Wes Lyons (**6-8** 215 So) PS#44. 4 rec as true. Alric Arnett (6-2 195 Jr). 81 **Brandon Barrett** (6-1 195 Jr) **PS#12.**
C 68 **Mike Dent Jr.** 6-4 285 PS#75TE. 2nd string C, 1L rFr. 2nd string LY. Gino Gradkowski is **PS#76.** 60 Tim Reed (6-3 285 So). **LS** Adam Hughes (6-1 225 Jr) PS#51TE.
RG 72 **John Bradshaw Jr.** 6-6 290 **PS#75.** 2 st LG rFr. 70 Eric Rodemoyer (6-3 280 rFr) PS#174. 78 Frank Carduff (6-4 290 So) PS#154. Adam Brandt (6-3 300 rFr) PS#484.
LG 78 **GREG ISDANER SO.** 6-4 315 PS#284. Scout MVP '05. 12 st LG rFr, 21 KD, 87.7% avg grade. 91 Eric Jobe (6-3 290 rFr) PS#180. Scout MVP LY. 74 Derek Hayes (6-3 280 rFr).
RT 73 **JAKE FIGNER JR.** 6-5 300 2nd string RT rFr. 13 st RT LY, 20 KD, avg grade 88.4%. 67 Jon Walko (6-7 275 So) **PS#74.** 2nd string '06. 69 Donny Smith (6-2 290 So).
LT 62 **RYAN STANCHEK JR.** 6-4 295 PS#168. Last 8 st rFr. 13 st (12LT, 1LG) '06, **2nd Tm BE**, 46 KD. 64 Selvish Capers (6-6 275 Jr) PS#29TE. 77 Jake Miller (6-7 330 rFr) PS#320.
K 40 **PAT McAFEE JR.** 6-1 210 PS#32. 11-18 FG true, long 45. 17-22 FG LY, L/51, 25 TB on KO. Chris Glenn (5-8 190 Sr). 38 David Brewer (5-11 205 rFr). Greg Pugnetti (6-1 205 rFr).

DE 92 **JOHNNY DINGLE SR.** 6-3 260 PS#149. Orig at Fla. 13 tkl, 3 sk '05. 6 st LY, 18 tkl, 3 sk. 95 James Ingram (6-4 265 So) PS#366. 5 st rFr, 15 tkl, 1 tfl. 89 Mike Bilokonsky (6-5 245 So).
NT 59 **Thor Merrow So.** 6-3 230 PS#176. 58 Chris Neild (6-3 300 rFr) PS#48TE. 93 Scooter Berry (6-2 265 rFr) PS#68LB. Asa Chapman PS#365. 93 Jason Karns (6-5 265 Jr).
DT 96 **KEILEN DYKES SR.** 6-5 295 PS#70. 6 st rFr, 37 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st, 29 tkl, 8 tfl '05. 13 st, 32 tkl, **1st Tm BE** LY. 91 Doug Slavonic (6-8 260 Jr) PS#203. 6 tkl 2Y. 97 Marcus Broxie (6-4 235 rFr) PS#344.
SLB 53 **MARC MAGRO SR.** 6-2 245 PS#270. 32 tkl rFr. 1 st, 41 tkl, 3 sk '05. 39 tkl LY. 1 John Holmes (6-3 230 Jr) PS#130. 5 st LY, 48 tkl, 3 sk, 4 pbu. 44 Mortty Ivy (6-3 240 Jr) PS#117DB. 70 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y.
MLB 47 **REED WILLIAMS JR.** 6-2 235 PS#52. 5 tkl true. #4 tkl'r (57) 5 sk LY. 55 **Bobby Hathaway** (6-1 230 Sr) 48 tkl, 2 sk '04-'05. 13 st LY, 45 tkl, 6.5 tfl. Anthony Leonard (6-2 235 rFr) PS#64.
WLB 30 **JT Thomas rFr.** 6-2 215 PS#110. 48 Ovid Goulbourne (6-1 220 So) PS#73RB. 5 tkl rFr. 57 Zac Cooper (6-3 225 So) PS#86. 1 tkl rFr. Pat Lazear is **PS#44.**
BAN 20 **Franchot "Boogie" Allen So.** 6-1 195 PS#428. 15 Charles Pugh (6-0 195 Jr) PS#211LB. 2 st, 41 tkl, 2 sk 2Y. 56 Andy Emery (6-3 220 Sr) 12 tkl LY, 12 gms. **Archie Sims** is **PS#87JC.**
CB 6 **ANTONIO LEWIS SR.** 5-10 185 PS#232QB. 1 st, 23 tkl, 4 pbu '05. 10 st LY, 55 tkl, 8 pbu, 2 int. 3 Larry Williams (6-1 190 Sr) PS#100. 8 st, 2 int, 5 pbu 3Y. 17 Kent Richardson (6-1 195 So).
CB 18 **VAUGHN RIVERS SR.** 5-9 170 PS#91. 12 tkl rFr. 2 st WR '05, 6 rec. 8 st CB LY, 38 tkl. **Ellis Lankster PS#1JC.** 23 Guesly Dervil (6-0 180 So) PS#110. Orig signed Ill. 1 st, 8 tkl LY.
SS 41 **ERIC WICKS SR.** 6-1 200 PS#164. 12 st, 61 tkl, 6.5 tfl '05. 13 st '06, **1st Tm BE**, 73 tkl, 7 sk, 7 pbu. 22 Ridwan Malik (6-1 200 Sr) 7 st, 57 tkl, 3Y. 14 Greg Davis (6-3 200 rFr) PS#82.
FS 5 **QUINTON ANDREWS SO.** 6-0 205 PS#129. 12 st rFr, #1 tkl'r (80), 5 int, 2 pbu. Ryan Mundy (6-1 208 Sr) **PS#5.** 12 st in '04, 51 tkl, 2 int. 6 st LY, 86 tkl, 3 int, **3 years at Mich.**
P 37 **SCOTT KOZLOWSKI SO.** 6-1 185 PS#29. 46.3 avg in HS. 17 punts rFr. 39.5. 40 **Pat McAfee 18 (43.2).** Alex Campbell (5-11 175 rFr) PS#88 LY. Keith Coffindaffer (5-8 170 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Ellis Lankster 5-10 200 PS#1JC
RB	Noel Devine 5-8 170 PS#2
DB	Evan Rodriguez 6-3 210 PS#42
RB	Terence Kerns 6-1 230 PS#34
LB	Pat Lazear 6-1 230 PS#44
LB	Archie Sims 6-0 215 PS#87JC
QB	Charlie Russell 6-3 210 PS#35
DL	Junius Lewis 6-2 250 PS#72
OL	Gino Gradkowski 6-2 280 PS#76
QB	Bradley Starks 6-4 190 PS#41
OL	Chad Snodgrass 6-3 290 PS#89
DB	Derek Knight 6-0 195 PS#86
LB	Vince Harris 6-2 210 PS#73
DB	Sidney Glover 5-11 215 PS#105
DB	Eain Smith 6-0 190 PS#118
DL	Julian Miller 6-5 220 PS#128
DB	Brandon Hogan 6-0 175 PS#135
OL	Don Barclay 6-4 285 PS#156
WR	Alric Arnett 6-2 195 Jr PS#314JC
RB	Jock Sanders 5-8 185 PS#114
DB	Tony Wood 6-0 180 PS#334JC
DB	Kendall Washington 6-4 195 PS#141WR
DB	Keith Tandy 5-11 185 PS#195
WR	Andrew Harris 6-2 185 PS#175
RB	Will Johnson 6-2 200 PS#189
WR	Charles Matthews 5-10 170 PS#376
DL	Asa Chapman 6-5 360 PS#365
DB	PJ Shirdan 6-1 190 PS#406WR

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Morgantown, West Virginia
Weather (412) 262-2170

RICH RODRIGUEZ (Career 50-24) (Div I 43-28-2) (NAIA 2-8)
7th Year at W Virginia Rodriguez's Bowl Record: 2-3

Rodriguez's records AT WEST VIRGINIA

50-24	Straight Up	2-6	Vs Top 10
28-10	Home	8-11	Vs Top 25
20-11	Away	6-11	Vs BCS Teams
2-3	Neutral	7-4	Off A Bye
29-12	Vs Conference	11-8	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (11–2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,21,2)
Lost: 27 (11,14,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 58,773 (#27)

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#45

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WV	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Western Michigan	A					
Sep. 8	at Marshall	A					
Sep. 13	at Maryland (Thur)	G					
Sep. 22	East Carolina	A					
Sep. 28	at USF (Fri)	G					
Oct. 6	at Syracuse	A					
Oct. 13							
Oct. 20	Miss St (HC)	A					
Oct. 27	at Rutgers	A					
Nov. 3							
Nov. 8	Louisville (Thur)	A					
Nov. 17	at Cincinnati	A					
Nov. 24	Connecticut	A					
Dec. 1	Pittsburgh	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Marc Bulger 8,153 '96-'98
2. Chad Johnston 5,954 '93-'96
3. Oliver Luck 5,765 '78-'81

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Avon Cobourne 5,164 '99-'02
2. Amos Zereoue 4,086 '96-'98
3. Steve Slaton 2,872 '05-Present

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. David Saunders 2,608 '95-'98
2. Khori Ivy 2,402 '97-'00
3. Shawn Foreman 2,347 '95-'98

WV is 5-1 in home openers under Rodriguez. WV is 26-4-1 vs current MAC tms (less Temple). These two have met just once. A WV 34-9 win here in 1996.

WV is 6-0 all-time in LY's newly formed instate rivalry played for the Friends of the Coal Bowl Trophy. West Virginia returns to Huntington for 1st time S/'15, 92 yrs ago ironically they won 92-6.

Maryland HC Friedgen pulled a scholarship from WV RB Slaton, he responded for 195 yds & 2 TD's last year. WV has won the last 3 meetings with avg score 32-20.

West Virginia is 16-2 all-time vs East Carolina with an average score of 32-15. The Mountaineers are on a 6 game win streak since their 30-23 loss in 1999.

WV has hired former USF OC Smith, who engineered the upset of last yr's #7 team. West Virginia looks to avenge LY's loss that took them out of the BE Champ & BCS race.

LY QB White ran for a Big East best by a QB, 247 yds & 4 TD's. White (105) & Slaton (101) became the 1st backs to rush for 100 in 1H vs SU S/'01 (Miami's Gore & Portis).

The Mountaineers are 20-17-2 vs current SEC teams. A misleading final last year in their 1st meeting, WV scored 2 TD's in the final 3:02 to inflate the score to 42-14.

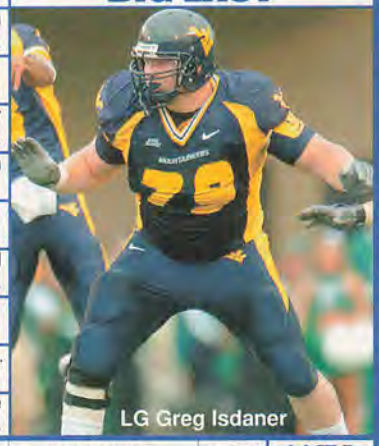
WV spoiled Rutgers' BCS hopes LY in their thrilling 3OT win behind rFr QB Brown who replaced inj'd White. WV is 28-4-2 vs Rutgers including 12 in a row.

LY #3 WV vs #5 UL combined for 1,008 yds total offense, the loss snapped a school record 14 game winning streak. WV is 6-2 vs Louisville in their 8 game history S/'84.

In UC's only win vs WV in '03, there was a combined 14 fmbl (8 lost) & 2 int's for 10 total TO's. WV compiled 313 yds rushing last year & now leads the series 13-1-1.

Mountaineers are 3-0 vs UC, outscoring the Huskies by an avg margin of 23 pts (1st gm in '04). West Virginia's defense held Connecticut to just 210 total offensive yds last year.

WV has defeated Pitt 4 out of the last 5 years in "The Backyard Brawl". In 2 seasons White has 440 yds, 4 TD's rushing w/245 yd & 3 TD's passing & Slaton has 540 ttl yds, 7 TD's.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STADIUM: MOUNTAINEER FIELD (60,000) (#45)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-8	9-3	8-4	8-3	10-1	10-2	54-26
Home	4-3	3-3	4-2	5-2	5-1	5-1	6-1	32-13
Away	2-2	0-5	5-1	3-2	3-2	5-0	4-1	22-13
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	1-6	6-1	6-1	4-2	7-0	5-2	32-16
ATS	3-8	4-7	9-2	6-6	4-7	8-2	5-5-1	39-37-1
Home Fav	2-1	2-2	3-1	0-4	2-4	2-1	2-3-1	13-16-1
Home Dog	1-3	0-2	1-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	5-7
Away Fav	0-2	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-2	3-0	3-1	12-5
Away Dog	0-2	2-3	3-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	9-9
Favorite	2-3	2-2	5-1	2-4	4-6	5-1	5-4-1	25-21-1
Dog	1-5	2-5	4-1	4-2	0-1	3-1	0-1	14-16
vs Conf	1-6	2-5	7-0	5-2	2-4	7-0	2-4-1	26-21-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-4	2-3	1-2	3-1	13-16
Off SU Win	2-4	1-2	6-2	4-3	2-6	6-2	4-4	25-23
Off SU Loss	0-4	3-4	3-0	2-2	1-1	1-0	0-1-1	10-12-1

Don Nehlen / Rich Rodriguez

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Steve Slaton	248	1863	119	1744	16	7.0
Patrick White	165	1298	79	1219	18	7.4
Owen Schmitt	65	353	2	351	7	5.4
Darius Reynaud	14	221	0	221	0	15.8
Jarrett Brown	32	202	26	176	3	5.5
Eddie Davis	15	72	7	65	0	4.3
Jason Colson	19	54	14	40	0	2.1
Markell Harrison	5	33	0	33	1	6.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Patrick White	179	118	65.9	1655	13	7
Jarrett Brown	47	28	59.6	384	2	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Myles	36	522	14.5	8	44
Darius Reynaud	39	520	13.3	2	60
Steve Slaton	27	360	13.3	2	67
Tito Gonzales	6	152	25.3	1	57
Rayshawn Bolden	8	151	18.9	1	52
Dorrell Jalloh	7	124	17.7	0	48
Owen Schmitt	12	91	7.6	1	19
Jeremy Bruce	5	72	14.4	0	31

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Pat McAfee	18	778	43.2	6	36.8(t)	0	4
Scott Kozlowski	17	671	39.5	0	–	0	4

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Pat McAfee	62-62	6-6	8-8	2-7	1-1	17-22	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Quinton Andrews	80	0	0.5	2	5
Kevin McLee	79	3	2.5	4	1
Eric Wicks	73	7	4.0	7	3
Reed Williams	57	5	0.5	2	0
Antonio Lewis	55	1	1	8	2
John Holmes	48	3	2.5	4	0
Bobby Hathaway	45	0	6.5	0	1
Jay Henry	42	1	2	1	1
Marc Magro	39	0	2	5	0
Vaughn Rivers	38	0	1	2	2
Keilen Dykes	32	3	2.5	0	0
Charles Pugh	28	2	0.5	1	0
Warren Young	28	1	0.5	1	0
Mortty Ivy	26	0	0	1	0
Johnny Dingle	18	3	2.5	0	0
Craig Wilson	18	1	0	1	0
Larry Williams	16	0	0	4	0
James Ingram	15	0	1	5	0
Franchot Allen	14	0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vaughn Rivers	18	195	10.8	1
Antonio Lewis	8	39	4.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darius Reynaud	30	813	27.1	1
Vaughn Rivers	13	293	22.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Continental Tire - #15	-6	Virginia	22-48
03	Gator - #20	+3'	Maryland - #23	7-41
04	Gator	+10	Florida St - #17	18-30
05	Sugar - #11	+6	Georgia - #8	38-35
06	Gator - #13	-10	Georgia Tech	38-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

W Virginia's All-Time Bowl Record 11–15

WEST VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	38.8	21	303	6.7	158	63.9	11.9	+7	2006	5	21.7	19	93	3.0	243	57.4	15.5
3	32.1	19	272	5.2	117	63.2	12.1	+14	2005	5	17.8	18	110	2.9	201	59.7	17.4
9*	30.1	20	252	5.1	166	57.5	13.9	+3	2004	6	20.5	20	141	3.6	198	54.9	16.6
4*	28.9	17	212	4.6	156	51.2	12.8	+16	2003	4	22.8	22	131	3.5	260	59.1	17.1
7	30.5	22	284	5.2	135	53.0	13.7	+19	2002	6	23.2	17	122	3.5	214	55.3	14.4
4*	21.4	20	181	4.2	165	53.8	16.2	-8	2001	9	24.4	19	213	4.2	137	48.6	14.4

2006 STATS BY GAME

WV 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#5	Marshall	29	52-312	6.0	11-15	173	0	16	34-154	4.5	12-22	168	0	+1
#6	E Washington	32	58-394	6.8	18-23	197	1	12	21-76	3.6	15-31	109	0	+1
#5	Maryland	17	43-340	7.9	6-9	43	1	24	33-122	3.7	24-45	211	0	+4
#4	at East Carolina	22	42-153	3.6	17-24	216	1	20	24-41	1.7	22-47	276	0	0
#4	at Mississippi St	20	44-314	7.1	6-10	92	2	25	37-56	1.5	17-35	250	6	+2
#5	Syracuse	23	45-457	10.2	13-20	105	0	14	35-81	2.3	9-22	146	5	-2
#4	at Connecticut	17	42-263	6.3	9-14	156	0	17	33-95	2.9	15-34	115	3	0
#3	at Louisville	24	50-318	6.4	13-21	222	2	22	32-114	3.6	19-26	354	2	-2
#10	Cincinnati	13	38-313	8.2	8-14	98	1	20	31-57	1.8	23-41	310	3	+4
#8	at Pittsburgh	24	47-437	9.3	11-16	204	0	16	19-(-1)	-0.1	28-37	341	8	0
#7	USF	13	37-132	3.6	14-22	178	4	21	39-84	2.2	22-30	279	2	-2
#15	Rutgers	19	47-195	4.1	14-30	244	2	20	37-174	4.7	19-26	278	0	-1
#13	† Georgia Tech	20	45-311	6.9	9-15	131	1	20	32-160	5.0	19-29	326	2	+2
TOTALS		273	590-3939	6.7	149-233	2059	15	247	407-1213	3.0	244-425	3163	31	+7
AVERAGES		21.0	45-303	6.7	11-18	158	1.2	19.0	31-93	3.0	19-33	243	2.4	0.5

2002 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Chattanooga	NL	56-7
–	at Wisconsin - #25	+10'	17-34
–	at Cincinnati	+4'	35-32
–	East Carolina	-7'	37-17
–	Maryland	-4	17-48
–	at Rutgers	-13	40-0
–	Syracuse	-7'	34-7
–	Miami, FI - #1	+20	23-40
–	at Temple	2-7	46-20
–	Boston College	-3'	24-14
–	at Virginia Tech - #13	+7'	21-18
#24	at Pittsburgh - #17	+2'	24-17

2003 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Wisconsin - #21	+3	17-24
–	at East Carolina	-9'	48-7
–	Cincinnati	-7	13-15
–	at Maryland	+9'	7-34
–	at Miami, FI - #2	+25'	20-22
–	Rutgers	-17	34-19
–	Virginia Tech - #3	+14	28-7
–	UCF	-20'	36-18
–	at Boston College	+3'	35-28
–	Pittsburgh - #16	+1	52-31
#25	at Syracuse	-2	34-23
#24	Temple	-21'	45-28

2004 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre #10 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#10	East Carolina	-28'	56-23
#10	at UCF	-21	45-20
#7	Maryland - #21	-6	19-16 OT
#6	James Madison	-44	45-10
#6	at Virginia Tech	+3	13-19
#17	at Connecticut	-6'	31-19
#15	Syracuse	-15	27-6
#15	at Rutgers	-14'	35-30
#15	Temple	-28	42-21
#13	Boston College	-7	17-36
#21	at Pittsburgh	-3	13-16

2005 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
–	at Syracuse	+2'	15-7
–	Wofford	NL	35-7
–	at Maryland	+3	31-19
–	East Carolina	-22'	20-15
–	Virginia Tech - #3	+10	17-34
–	at Rutgers	-3'	27-14
–	Louisville - #19	+7	46-44 3OT
#18	Connecticut	-14'	45-13
#16	at Cincinnati	-14	38-0
#12	Pittsburgh	-14	45-13
#12	at USF	-8'	28-13

2006 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
#5	Marshall	-22	42-10
#6	E Washington	NL	52-3
#5	Maryland	-17'	45-24
#4	at East Carolina	-21	27-10
#4	at Mississippi St	-21	42-14
#5	Syracuse	-25'	41-17
#4	at Connecticut	-23	37-11
#3	at Louisville - #5	+1	34-44
#10	Cincinnati	-18	42-24
#8	at Pittsburgh	-10'	45-27
#7	USF	-21'	19-24
#15	Rutgers - #13	-10	41-39 3OT

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - The Cardinals have had some great QB's recently including Chris Redman and Dave Ragone who both earned CUSA Offensive POY honors in their tenures and were drafted high by the NFL. Stefan LeFors took over in 2003 and was named CUSA Co-Off POY in 2004 and in his two years threw for 5,741 (66.4%) with a 37-13 ratio and was a #4DC CAR. Brian Brohm (PS#8) played in 11 as a true frosh in '04 throwing for 819 (67.3%) with a 6-2 ratio. Brohm took almost all of the meaningful snaps in '05 and was the Big East Off POY. Unfortunately he was injured vs Syr and missed the finale and the bowl but still threw for 2,883 (68.8%) with a 19-5 ratio. Hunter Cantwell has good size, arm strength and speed and started the last two throwing for 640 (53.4%) with a 5-4 ratio in 8 games. Last year Brohm was injured vs Miami, Fl and Cantwell threw for a career high 340 vs Mid Tenn. Brohm returned the next week and Cantwell had just one pass in the final 8. Louisville QB's have finished 1st Tm All Conf for seven straight years but that streak was snapped last year partially due to Brohm's injury. Brohm (2nd Tm BE) still threw for 3,049 (63.6%) with a 16-5 ratio. Brohm would have been one of the top 3 QB's taken and possibly the top overall pick in the NFL draft but opted to return for his senior season. Cantwell provides quality depth and behind them are Bill Ashburn (6'2" 215 Jr), Tyler Wolfe (6'5" 220 rFr) and this year's true frosh including Matt Simms (PS#20, Phil's son). Brohm is a legitimate Heisman Trophy contender.

RUNNING BACKS - Michael Bush (PS#3QB) reluctantly moved from QB to RB in 2004 and was #2 with 734 yards rushing (5.6). In 2005 he led with 1,143 (5.6) and an amazing 23 TD's while also hauling in 21 rec (12.0) despite starting just 8 due to injuries. George Stripling, the fastest of the RB's, rushed for 621 (7.9) and Kolby Smith (PS#104) had 523 (4.9). Bush turned down an early shot at the NFL so all 3 returned last year and the Bush/Brohm tandem was called "The Derby City Duo" as both were Heisman contenders. Unfortunately in the 3Q of the opener vs Kentucky, after Bush had already rushed for 128, he broke his leg. It turned into a RB by committee. True frosh Anthony Allen (PS#73) was nicknamed "Baby Bush". They still did not have any RB with Bush's size (6'3" 247) or experience. Kolby Smith led with 862 (5.6) and Stripling added 459 (5.7). Allen had 406 (4.2) and Illinois transfer Brock Bolen (6'0" 237 Jr, PS#28) rushed for 296 (6.2). Sergio Spencer (5'10" 192 Jr, PS#248) had 78 (4.9). This year they lose Bush (#4DC OAK) as well as Smith (#5DC KC, 9 st). HC Kragthorpe brings in several excellent true frosh RB's in Dale Martin (PS#22) and Victor Anderson (PS#30). Bolen is the top FB and his backup is Joe Tronzo (5'11" 243 So). This year's RB corps is much better prepared for Bush's absence.

WR Harry Douglas

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace two of their top 3 WR's but did return #2 Mario Urrutia (PS#43) who had 37 (21.5). They added 3 top-notch transfers in Patrick Carter (PS#32QB GTech), Chris Vaughn (PS#84 ND) and Corey Thompson (PS#81 Duke) making it Petrino's deepest receiving corps. Harry Douglas, who is fearless over the middle, led with 70 (18.1) while Urrutia added 58 (16.8). TE Gary Barnidge had 31 (16.5). Surprisingly the three transfers combined for just 12 rec. This year they lose Jimmy Riley (1 st, 10 rec) but have everyone else back. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Trent Guy (5'9" 170 So, PS#214) and TE Pete Nochta (6'5" 255 rFr, PS#127). Barnidge put up some big stats and TE's were a big part of Kragthorpe's offense at Tulsa. UL has had some fine receiving corps and this unit ranks near the top.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cards had experienced O-lines that paved the way for 5.7, 5.6 and 4.8 ypc rushing from 2003-2005. Last year they had to replace three starters and while Petrino recruited two VHT JUCO's, neither started. Even with the loss of Michael Bush at RB, the least experienced O-line in four years opened holes for 5.0 ypc rushing allowing just 20 sacks (5.2%). This year they must replace the huge right side of their O-line in RG Kurt Quarterman (328 lbs, 13 st, 3Y st'r), RT Renardo Foster (325 lbs, 13 st, UFA ATL) and backup C Michael Sturgeon. Seven of the top 10 are back and those two JUCO's could start as could VHT soph Brian Roche (PS#36). Eric Wood is one of the top C's in the country despite never playing the position on any level prior to the '05 season. The Cards also return 1st Tm BE LT George Bussey. There are talented players in the 3 deep I list below and this unit is even stronger than 2006.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Cards had to replace three starters including Big East Def POY Elvis Dumervil (#4DC) and 2nd Tm Big East DT Montavious Stanley (#6DC). True frosh Peanut Whitehead stepped into Dumervil's spot and started 10 with 4 sacks. While the Cards allowed 105 ypg rush, their best since 2000, they yielded 3.4 ypc, their highest since 2003. The 44 sacks was the same as the Dumervil-led group. This year they lose 1st Tm AA DT Amobi Okoye (13 st, 8 sk, #1DC HOU) and DE Zach Anderson (10 st, 39 tkl, 8 tfl). While 2 of the top DL depart, this unit is actually more experienced than 2006.

LINEBACKERS - The Cards had six players returning with starting experience last year with the only loss being #1 tackler Brandon Johnson (#5DC). Petrino said the LB's would anchor the defense as they rotated the top six a lot. Miami, Fl transfer Nate Harris (PS#22) led in tackles (65). This year they lose Harris (9 st) and Abe Brown (7 st, 39 tkl, 8 tfl). Four players return with starting experience including 2nd Tm Big East Malik Jackson who was the spy on USF's Grothe holding him to -18 yards rushing. Added to the mix is another UM transfer in Willie Williams (**PS#1**) and as long as he stays out of trouble (reason he's at UL) he could have a major impact. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Rashad Roberts (6'0" 244 So) and Josh McDonald (6'1" 220 So). Even with the loss of their top tackler, this group looks just as strong as 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cards had four Top 29 finishes in my pass D rankings in the first five years of the decade including a #21 finish in 2004. In 2005 they had to replace three starters and dropped to #83 with the DB's combining for just 5 int's. Last year 7 of the top 8 returned and they had the DB's track down pop flies over the summer to try to increase the int's, which did climb to 12. SS Jon Russell (L/ 5 st '05) was hampered by back spasms and true frosh Latarrius Thomas (PS#84WR) started 9. CB Rod Council (11 st '05), who is their best cover corner, injured his ankle after two starts so only two starters from '05 remained but they still moved up to #38. This year they lose 1st Tm Big East CB William Gay (6 int, 13 pbu, 13 st, #5DC PIT), CB Gavin Smart (11 st, 3 int, 8 pbu) and 2nd Tm BE FS Brandon Sharp (13 st, 50 tkl). On the surface, this appears to be the least experienced unit on the team but both Council and Russell were starters in '05 and FS Thomas is now a soph. They also add VHT Woodny Turenne (6'1", 4.28 spd, PS#16JC) and VHT rFr Brandon Heath (PS#31RB), Johnny Patrick (6'0" 186 rFr, PS#134, 10.6 100m) and true frosh CJ Peake (PS#47). The Council/Turenne CB combo could be one of the best in the Big East and I look for UL to actually climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Petrino's first three years the Cards finished #70, #41 and #63 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace their top KR/PR and while the unit was troublesome at times they still finished #39. Todd Flannery had 7 TB in 2005 but under new ST Coach Tom McMahon he had 21 in 2006. Patrick Carter (PS#32) had 2 muffed PR's and lost his job to Trent Guy (7.4). JaJuan Spillman had a 100 yd KR TD and was the top KR (26.5). Flannery lost his punting job to Corey Goettsche for the 2H of the year and the team's net was just 33.5. The star of the unit was K Art Carmody who took home the Groza Award and hit 21 of 25 FG's with a long of 51 while becoming the school's all-time leading scorer passing up Lenny Lyles (1954-'57). Mark Nelson takes over the ST's this year and has had great units at Kentucky ('01 & '02) and Baylor ('03-'04). I look for the Cards to improve with everyone back.

COACHES - When Petrino took over in 2002 he had no HC experience and his OC & DC did not have coordinating experience but the group fared extremely well. Steve Kragthorpe was the Buffalo Bills' QB coach for two years and the OC at Texas A&M for another three. In his first year at Tulsa, he guided the team to the biggest turnaround in Div IA going from 1-11 to 8-5. It was also the most wins at the school since 1991. He led Tulsa to three bowls in four years. His co-OC's this year are Jeff Brohm and Charlie Stubbs. Brohm was the QB coach here last year and Stubbs was Tulsa's OC the past 4. He was also Alabama's passing game coor and QB coach from '98-'00. Brohm turned down a shot at Alabama's OC job. Mike Cassity took over as DC in 2004 and will stay on. He has 30+ years of coaching experience and was the Illinois DC from '01-'03.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When former Cardinals HC Howard Schnellenberger got the program turned around, he said the Cardinals were on a collision course for the National Championship. Last year may just have been that season for UL, but unfortunately they missed by inches. Bobby Petrino did a fine job here as his 2004 team finished 11-1 and #6 in the country. Last year, after their defeat of #3 W Virginia at home, the Cardinals needed to win out to get to the National Title game. As we saw in last year's Title Game, Ohio St (with a 51 day layoff) was a beatable opponent and the Cards would have had a shot at winning that game and the National Title. It was a great situation for Rutgers as they were off a bye week, had their biggest ever home game on a Thurs night and caught Louisville off their big win. Still, the Cards had a 25-7 lead, but blew it, and suffered their lone loss of the season in a momentous upset. That tough loss was not the only bad break they had as in the first game of the season they lost super star RB Michael Bush to injury. They also lost QB Brohm to injury for two games. Opportunities to play for and win a National Championship do not come around often, especially for a program like Louisville and Petrino left for the Atlanta Falcons HC job. The Cardinals have 8 starters back on offense and Brian Brohm turned down a shot at the NFL, so they once again should have one of the most potent offenses in the country. Last year they "only" averaged 37.8 ppg after achieving 43.4 and 49.8 the previous two years. They should top that total in '07. The defense yielded just 16.3 ppg, their best mark since 1995. They have six starters back but must replace 4 of their top 5 tacklers and six of the top nine. Even though the Cards must play WV and USF on the road, 4 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to have an unbeaten season making them a legitimate National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 12 BRIAN BROHM SR. 6-4 226 **PS#8**. Big East Off POY '05. 21 st, 3Y, 6751 (66%) 41-12 ratio, 400 rush. **14 Hunter Cantwell** (6-5 230 Jr) 4 st 2Y, 1340 (59%) 10-6 ratio.

RB 42 Anthony Allen So. 6-1 232 PS#73. 2 st true, 406 (4.2). 14 TD's. **24** George Stripling (6-0 192 Jr) 3 st, 1080 (6.7!) 2Y. Dale Martin is **PS#22**. Victor Anderson is **PS#30**.

WR 4 PATRICK CARTER SR. 6-3 200 **PS#32QB**. GTech trans. 3 st LY (inj). **89** Josh Chichester (**6-8** 225 Fr) **PS#31** LY. Doug Beaumont **PS#24RB**. **84** Scott Long (6-2 215 So) PS#102.

WR 85 HARRY DOUGLAS SR. 5-11 170 PS#130. 6 st, 27 (16.9) '05. 13 st, **1st Tm Big East**, 70 (18.1) LY. **9 Chris Vaughn** (6-3 223 Jr) ND trans. 2 st. **86** Troy Pascley (6-2 185 rFr) PS#77.

WR 7 MARIO URRUTIA JR. 6-6 228 PS#43. **2nd Tm BE '05-'06**. 18 st, 95 rec (18.6!) 2Y. **87** Corey Thompson (6-0 185 Jr) PS#81. **6 st, 19 rec Duke '04**. JaJuan Spillman (5-10 161 So).

TE 82 GARY BARNIDGE SR. 6-6 234 PS#96. 7 st, 24 rec '04-'05. 12 st LY, 31 (16.5). Scott Kuhn (6-6 255 Sr) 3 st, 9 rec 2Y. **80** Samuel Gardner PS#31 LY. **86** Zach Meagher PS#41 LY.

C 77 ERIC WOOD JR. 6-4 301 12 start at C rFr. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm Big East**. **62** Nick Borgelt (6-4 290 Jr). **75** Zac Taylor (6-2 280 rFr). **LS 40** Dane Mattingly (6-0 200 Jr).

RG 69 Marcel Benson Sr. 6-6 310 PS#95JC. RS '05. 12 games LY. **71** Marcus Gordon (6-6 312 Sr) PS#66JC. 3 games LY. **67** Jeremy Baker (6-5 340 rFr) PS#264.

LG 63 DANIEL BARLOWE SR. 6-5 290 14 gm '04- '05. 11 st LG LY. **66** Mike Donoghue (6-2 300 So) PS#118. **51** Ryan Kessling (6-5 295 Fr). **65** Josh Byrom (6-5 295 rFr) PS#216DL.

RT 72 Brian Roche So. 6-4 296 **PS#36**. 1 gm as bkup, +15 lb LY. **78** Breno Giacomini (6-7 300 Sr) 2 st TE '05. 2 st LT LY. **70** Conrad Thomas (6-6 320 rFr) PS#181.

LT 68 GEORGE BUSSEY JR. 6-4 298 12 gm rFr. 13 st LY (11LT, 2LG), **1st Tm Big East**. **74** Jeff Adams (6-8 300 rFr) PS#102. **76** Hector Hernandez (6-5 285 Fr) PS#361.

K 18 ART CARMODY SR. 5-9 165 **1st Tm Big East '05-'06. Lou Groza Winner LY**. Has hit 47 of 56 FG in 3Y, long 51 (only 1 attempt 50+). **45** Marc Zucconi (5-11 204 Jr).

DE 8 PEANUT WHITEHEAD SO. 6-6 250 **PS#49**. 10 st true, 16 tkl, 4 sk. Michael Adams (6-3 261 So) PS#128. 5 tkl rFr. **90** Johnnie Burns (6-3 242 Jr) PS#130LB. Rodney Gnat (6-3 245 rFr) PS#101.

DT 94 Adrian Grady Jr. 6-2 292 PS#302. 3 st, 30 tkl, 5.5 tfl rFr. 16 tkl LY. **59** LT Walker (6-4 305 So) **PS#46**. 3 tkl true. Aundre Henderson (6-4 286 rFr) PS#77. Zack Kiernan PS#204OL.

DT 57 EARL HEYMAN JR. 6-3 290 **PS#28**. 17 tkl, 3.5 tfl true. 13 st LY, 22 tkl, 2 tfl. **92** Willie Williams (6-3 325 Sr) PS#169JC. 1 st, 10 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **93** LD Scott (6-2 280 So) PS#141.

DE 88 Brandon Cox Sr. 6-4 260 11 tkl, 3 tfl '04-'05. 3 st LY, 10 tkl, 2 tfl. **98** Jonathan Holston (6-6 250 So) PS#187. **99** Josh Williams (6-3 247 Sr) PS#218. Patrick Grant is PS#177.

SLB 11 MALIK JACKSON SR. 6-2 231 4 starts '05, 30 tkl. **2nd Tm BE** LY, 57 tkl, 9 sk, 7 tfl. **46** Terrance Butler (6-3 225 Sr) PS#221DB. 1 st, 45 tkl, 3Y. **39** Eugene Sowell (6-0 220 rFr) PS#99RB.

MLB 22 Lamar Myles Jr. 6-0 220 PS#62. 1 st, 23 tkl rFr. 4 st LY, 45 tkl, 4 tfl. **52** Mozell Axson (6-1 226 Jr) PS#126. 14 tkl 2Y. Tyler Wimsatt (6-1 230 rFr). **55** Chase Floyd (6-1 230 Jr).

WLB NA WILLIE WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 225 **PS#1** '04. Miami, Fl trans. **9 sk, 4 gm JC LY! Preston Smith** (6-1 220 Sr) PS#185QB. **9 st**, 96 tkl 3Y. Stephen Garr (6-1 200 So) PS#129WR. 13 tkl in '06.

CB 14 ROD COUNCIL JR. 5-11 190 **PS#37**. 11 st rFr, 48 tkl, 4.5 tfl, top cover CB. 2 st LY until inj. **1** Travis Norton (6-1 191 Jr) 15 tkl 2Y. **29** Johnny Patrick (6-0 186 rFr) PS#134WR.

CB NA Woodny Turenne Jr. 6-1 190 **PS#16JC, 6'1"! 4.28 speed.** 8 int, 25 pbu JC LY. **34 Bobby Buchanan** (5-11 190 Jr) PS#62. 2 st, 35 tkl 2Y. **20** Lamar Alston (6-0 190 Jr) PS#125WR.

SS 13 Jon Russell Sr. 6-2 203 PS#232WR. Last 5 st '05. 4 st LY (inj). 72 tkl, 6 int 3Y. **5 Brandon Heath** (6-1 215 rFr) **PS#31RB. 38** Deon Palmer (6-0 206 Sr) PS#228QB. 10 tkl 2Y.

FS 30 LATARRIUS THOMAS SO. 6-2 213 PS#84WR. Moved from WR. 9 st SS true, 20 tkl, 3 pbu. **2** Richard Raglin (6-2 195 Jr) 1 st, 17 tkl, 2Y. Chaz Thompson (6-1 195 Jr) PS#70JC.

P 29 COREY GOETTSCHE SO. 6-1 196 29 punts, 37.9 avg true. **36** Todd Flannery (6-1 205 Sr) 34 (40.9) '05. 17 (39.7) LY. 21 TB on 89 KO. **73** Eddie Webb (5-10 190 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

LB	Willie Williams 6-3 225 PS#1 '04
DB	Woodny Turenne 6-1 190 PS#16JC
RB	Dale Martin 6-0 190 PS#22
QB	Matt Simms 6-3 195 PS#20
WR	Doug Beaumont 5-9 180 PS#24RB
DB	CJ Peake 6-2 210 PS#47
WR	Josh Chichester 6-8 225 PS#31 '06
RB	Victor Anderson 5-9 175 PS#30
DB	Chaz Thompson 6-1 195 PS#70JC
OL	Mark Wetterer 6-5 300 PS#64
TE	Samuel Gardner 6-5 270 PS#31 '06
TE	Zach Meagher 6-4 245 PS#41 '06
DL	Zack Kiernan 6-6 240 PS#204OL
DL	Patrick Grant 6-4 218 PS#177
WR	Josh Miller 6-2 185 PS#118QB
DB	Bilal Powell 6-0 200 PS#230RB
TE	Michael Fennerty 6-4 220 PS#121
OL	Greg Tomczyk 6-6 290 PS#485

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#53

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UL	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	Murray State (Thur)	A				
Sep. 6	Middle Tenn (Thur)	A				
Sep. 15	at Kentucky	G				
Sep. 22	Syracuse	A				
Sep. 29	at NC State	G				
Oct. 5	Utah (Fri)	A				
Oct. 13	at Cincinnati	A				
Oct. 19	at Connecticut (Fri)	G				
Oct. 27	Pittsburgh (HC)	A				
Nov. 3						
Nov. 8	at West Virginia (Thur)	A				
Nov. 17	at USF	G				
Nov. 24						
Nov. 29	Rutgers (Thur)	A				

The Racers finished 1-10 overall last year under 1st year HC Matt Griffin. Louisville is 10-6 vs Murray St with their last meeting a 68-0 win in 1990.

In the 4 games vs current SBC teams S/'95, UL is 4-0 outscoring them 201-41. UL rolled up 44 pts & 526 yds of offense w/o Heisman hopeful RB Bush & '05 off POY QB Brohm.

The Cards amassed 631 yds while scoring the most pts ever in this series last year. UL is 7-1 (including 4 straight) vs UK. Since 2001 UL has won by an avg 17 ppg.

With the offense struggling, UL's defense held Syracuse to 6 pts in 3 trips to the RZ. In their six all-time meetings, the two teams have combined to average 43 ppg.

Louisville is 2-0 vs the Wolfpack with their 1st meeting in '51 & their last in '94, a 35-14 win. Cards are 17-35-1 vs current ACC tms defeating WF LY 24-13 in the Orange Bowl.

Utah is one of seven teams Louisville will face that earned bowl bids in 2007. HC Kragthorpe led Tulsa to the Armed Forces Bowl where his team lost to Utah 45-13.

QB Brian Brohm returned less than 100% but still threw for 324 yds. The Keg of Nailbiters; UL held off a Cincy comeback breaking up a TD pass with :03 left.

Last year the Cards rolled up 570 yds only punting once vs the Huskies. Louisville leads this series 3-0, winning by an average 20 ppg.

Cardinals are on a 6 game win streak over the Panthers. Louisville has outscored Pittsburgh by an avg of 16 ppg since 1990. LY QB Brohm threw for 337 yds & 4 TD's.

UL won it's biggest game in school history as fans swarmed the field chanting BCS. The two teams combined for a Big East record 1,008 offensive yards.

In 2005 #9 Louisville was upset by USF, 45-14. LY UL avenged the 31 pt loss to the Bulls behind a defense that allowed only 286 yds & recorded 6 sacks.

Rutgers shutout Louisville in the 2H & erased an 18 pt deficit in last year's win.
Game fact: RU's K Ito, actually missed the gm winning FG, but def offsides let him rekick for the win.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chris Redman 12,541 '96-'99
2. Dave Ragone 8,596 '99-'02
3. Jay Gruden 7,024 '85-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Walter Peacock 3,204 '72-'75
2. Nathan Poole 2,903 '75-'78
3. Lenny Lyles 2,786 '54-'57

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Arnold Jackson 3,670 '97-'00
2. Ibn Green 2,830 '96-'99
3. JR Russell 2,619 '01-'04

STEVE KRAGTHORPE (Career 29-22)
1st Year at Louisville Kragthorpe's Bowl Record: 1-2

Kragthorpe's records AT LOUISVILLE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (12-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 57 (26,27,4)
Lost: 15 (7,7,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,430 (#54)

BIG EAST

LB Malik Jackson

STADIUM: PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (42,000) (#73)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	10-2	7-5	9-3	10-1	9-2	11-1	65-16
Home	6-1	6-0	3-3	5-1	5-0	6-0	6-0	37-5
Away	3-1	4-2	4-2	4-2	5-1	3-2	4-1	27-11
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
vs Conf	6-1	6-1	5-3	5-3	8-0	5-2	6-1	41-11
ATS	7-3	7-4	6-6	6-6	10-1	6-5	8-4	50-29
Home Fav (John L. Smith)	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-4	5-0	5-1	5-1	24-14
Home Dog (John L. Smith)	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav (Bobby Petrino)	1-0	3-1	3-2	2-1	4-1	1-4	3-2	17-11
Away Dog (Bobby Petrino)	3-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	7-3
Favorite	3-3	6-3	5-5	4-5	9-1	6-5	8-4	41-26
Dog	4-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	9-3
vs Conf	5-2	5-2	4-4	4-4	7-1	3-4	4-3	32-20
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	2-2	2-2	3-0	3-1	4-1	18-9
Off SU Win	6-1	5-4	2-5	4-4	8-1	4-4	6-4	35-23
Off SU Loss	0-2	1-0	4-0	1-2	1-0	2-0	1-0	10-4

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kolby Smith	154	891	29	862	7	5.6
George Stripling	81	475	16	459	5	5.7
Anthony Allen	96	423	17	406	13	4.2
Brock Bolen	48	300	4	296	2	6.2
Michael Bush	17	129	1	128	3	7.5
Sergio Spencer	16	84	6	78	2	4.9
Nate Harris	2	55	0	55	0	27.5
Brian Brohm	47	163	118	45	0	1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Brohm	313	199	63.6	3049	16	5
Hunter Cantwell	70	45	64.3	700	5	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Harry Douglas	70	1265	18.1	6	75
Mario Urrutia	58	973	16.8	6	68
Gary Barnidge	31	511	16.5	4	59
George Stripling	13	252	19.4	1	45
Kolby Smith	24	217	9.0	0	27
Jimmy Riley	10	145	14.5	1	40
Patrick Carter	5	68	13.6	0	28
Scott Kuhn	7	65	9.3	1	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Corey Goettsche	29	1100	37.9	5	33.5(t)	0	7
Todd Flannery	17	675	39.7	5	–	0	4

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Art Carmody	60-60	8-8	8-12	4-4	1-1	21-25	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nate Harris	65	2	7	3	0
William Gay	60	2	4	13	6
Malik Jackson	57	9	7	3	0
Amobi Okoye	55	8	7	1	0
Brandon Sharp	50	2.5	2.5	7	0
Lamar Myles	45	2	2	0	0
Preston Smith	44	1	4	1	0
Abe Brown	39	1	7	2	0
Zach Anderson	39	4	4	3	0
Jon Russell	34	2.5	3.5	3	3
Gavin Smart	28	0	0	8	3
Earl Heyman	22	0.5	1.5	1	0
Latarrius Thomas	20	2	0	3	0
Bobby Buchanan	18	0	0	0	0
Terrance Butler	17	0	2	0	0
Peanut Whitehead	16	4	1	0	0
Adrian Grady	16	0	1	1	0
Stephen Garr	13	0	0	0	0
Rod Council	12	0	1	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Patrick Carter	18	107	5.9	0
Trent Guy	10	74	7.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
JaJuan Spillman	17	450	26.5	1
Trent Guy	5	71	14.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	GMAC	+2'	Marshall	15-38
03	GMAC	+14	Miami, Oh	28-49
04	Liberty - #7	-10'	Boise St - #11	44-40
05	Gator - #15	+9	Virginia Tech - #12	24-35
06	Orange - #5	-10	Wake Forest - #15	24-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Louisville's All-Time Bowl Record 6-7-1

LOUISVILLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	37.8	23	185	5.0	290	63.8	12.6	+2	2006	7	16.3	16	105	3.4	216	50.2	19.7
6	43.4	24	189	4.8	294	65.4	11.1	+6	2005	5	23.8	19	114	3.0	210	54.2	13.6
8*	49.8	27	250	5.6	289	71.3	10.8	+11	2004	7	19.7	17	109	3.1	197	50.6	15.6
7	34.6	23	228	5.7	261	60.0	14.1	+3	2003	4	27.8	24	170	4.3	258	55.7	15.4
5*	28.8	18	107	3.1	226	54.0	11.6	-15	2002	10	24.5	18	113	2.9	207	48.0	13.0
8*	30.3	19	117	3.2	257	60.1	12.4	+10	2001	6	17.2	18	135	3.5	199	49.3	19.5

2006 STATS BY GAME

UL 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#13	Kentucky	31	55-363	6.6	20-32	268	1	8	19-22	1.2	10-26	238	3	0
#13	at Temple	31	43-312	7.3	21-35	359	1	12	27-16	0.6	14-29	214	5	+1
#12	Miami, Fl	14	31-95	3.1	13-18	294	2	20	29-64	2.2	20-34	278	4	+1
#8	at Kansas St	22	42-228	5.4	18-26	173	2	13	19-108	5.7	17-45	139	2	-1
#8	† Middle Tenn	26	31-186	6.0	17-32	340	1	15	35-83	2.4	17-34	167	1	-1
#7	Cincinnati	22	26-105	4.0	20-36	324	1	19	52-212	4.1	10-28	129	6	-2
#6	at Syracuse	24	36-223	6.2	18-26	203	2	18	28-19	0.7	24-41	303	7	-1
#5	West Virginia	22	32-114	3.6	19-26	354	2	24	50-318	6.4	13-21	222	2	+2
#3	at Rutgers	13	39-103	2.6	13-27	163	5	13	30-143	4.8	8-21	189	1	0
#10	USF	20	36-172	4.8	19-33	274	0	14	30-49	1.6	15-32	237	6	0
#8	at Pittsburgh	20	31-162	5.2	21-29	337	0	22	24-70	2.9	32-51	328	2	+3
#6	Connecticut	28	44-221	5.0	21-29	349	1	8	31-147	4.7	7-19	89	1	-1
#5	† Wake Forest	23	37-125	3.4	25-35	332	2	18	29-111	3.8	21-33	271	4	+1
TOTALS		296	483-2409	5.0	245-384	3770	20	204	403-1362	3.4	208-414	2804	44	+2
AVERAGES		22.8	37-185	5.0	19-30	290	1.5	15.7	31-105	3.4	16-32	216	3.4	0.2

2002 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre #17 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#17	Kentucky	-13	17-22
–	at Duke	-17'	40-3
–	at Colorado St - #24	+2'	33-36
–	at Army	-26'	45-14
–	Florida St - #4	+14'	26-20 OT
–	at Memphis	-10'	38-32
–	TCU	-12'	31-45
–	East Carolina	-14'	44-20
–	Cincinnati	-9	14-24
–	at S Mississippi	-2	20-17 2OT
–	UAB	-18	41-21
–	at Houston	-15'	10-27

2003 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	at Kentucky	+6	40-24
–	at Syracuse	+3'	30-20
–	UTEP	-37	42-14
–	Temple	-14'	21-12
–	at USF	-2'	28-31 2OT
–	Army	-31	34-10
–	Tulane	-15	47-28
–	at East Carolina	-15'	36-20
–	at TCU - #13	+2	28-31
–	Memphis	-6'	7-37
–	Houston	-11'	66-45
–	at Cincinnati	-2'	43-40

2004 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
–	Kentucky	-9'	28-0
–	at Army	-22'	52-21
#24	at North Carolina	-7'	34-0
#20	East Carolina	-30	59-7
#18	at Miami, Fl - #3	+9	38-41
#15	USF	-30	41-9
#14	at Memphis	-13'	56-49
#12	TCU	-24	55-28
#8	at Houston	-22	65-27
#7	Cincinnati	-21	70-7
#7	at Tulane	-30'	55-7

2005 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
#12	at Kentucky	-23	31-24
#11	Oregon St	-13'	63-27
#9	at USF	-20'	14-45
#24	Florida Atlantic	-39	61-10
#23	North Carolina	-13'	69-14
#19	at West Virginia	-7	44-46 3OT
–	at Cincinnati	-21'	46-22
#24	Pittsburgh	-20'	42-20
#23	Rutgers	-21	56-5
#17	Syracuse	-36	41-17
#16	at Connecticut	-14'	30-20

2006 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
#13	Kentucky	-22'	59-28
#13	at Temple	-40'	62-0
#12	Miami, Fl - #17	-4	31-7
#8	at Kansas St	-14	24-6
#8	† Middle Tenn	-29'	44-17
#7	Cincinnati	-25	23-17
#6	at Syracuse	-17'	28-13
#5	West Virginia - #3	-1	44-34
#3	at Rutgers - #15	-6	25-28
#10	USF	-17	31-8
#8	at Pittsburgh	-10	48-24
#6	Connecticut	-28	48-17

USF BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Pat Julmiste started 11 games but Carlton Hill (6'3" 215 Jr, PS#15) played most of the regular season finale vs WV. Julmiste had just two 200 yd passing games in '05. He threw for 1,489 (49.2%) with a 6-11 ratio (483 rush) while Hill threw for 135 (45.8%). Last year Hill was asked to move to WR and transferred to JC but could return. Julmiste started the 2006 opener but Matt Grothe (PS#55) sparked the offense in the 2H and comparisons were made to Marguel Blackwell. He replaced then starter Glen Gauntt in the opener in '99 and 2 games later won the starting job and started the last 42 games of his career. Grothe had 8 game winning drives on the final poss in HS and continued his late game heroics here. He was basically the entire offense in the 1H of the season with the top RB's out and led the team in rushing in 7 games. He led a couple of game winning drives late in the 4Q vs FIU and UCF but came up just short vs Kansas and Rutgers (dropped 2 pt conv). He was #17 in the NCAA in total offense but then was injured vs Conn. He was not 100% the rest of the year and would break his fibula in the 1H of the bowl. Grothe rushed for 70.3 ypg in his first six and just 28.6 over the last 7. He threw for 2,576 (63.7%) with a 15-14 ratio. Julmiste threw for 181 (63.6%) with a 1-1 ratio. Adding depth are Anthony Severino (6'2" 185 Sr), Indiana transfer Grant Gregory whose father Greg just became the new OC here, and true frosh Alton Voss (PS#51). This year they must replace Julmiste, but Grothe is the clear cut starter.

QB Matt Grothe

RUNNING BACKS - The leading rusher in 2003 had just 490 yards (4.3). VHT Andre Hall (PS#16JC) burst onto the scene and rushed for 1,357 (6.5) in 2004. In 2005 he rushed for 1,374 (5.1) and also led in rec with 26 (12.3). Ricky Ponton was #2 with 373 (4.1). In just 2 years Hall became the school's career leading rusher. I expected them to sign another VHT JUCO last year but they did not. The gameplan was to go with Ponton (PS#293) and Moise Plancher (5'9" 190 So). Ponton was susp'd for the first six and Plancher was lost for the season on his 4th carry. Walk-on soph Ben Williams (5'7" 190 Jr) became the feature back. Walt Smith had 70 vs McNeese St then QB Grothe led the team in rushing the next four weeks with the top RB output being 31, 14, 10 and 18. Williams rushed for 108 vs Conn and Ponton, in his 1st game back, had 101 vs UNC and those were the only 100 yard efforts by the RB's in '06. Williams led the RB's with 436 (3.6) and Ponton added 306 (4.2). Adding depth are Colby Erskin (5'9" 185 So, 5 rec), Aston Samuels (5'10" 190 rFr), FB Mike Padilla (6'0" 230 Jr), Shawn Cannon (5'11" 200 Jr) and this year's true frosh. Leavitt did not bring in a JUCO this spring but may have done even better by adding true frosh Mike Ford (PS#46) who DNQ at Alabama ('05) and was eligible this spring. They did however suffer a tragic loss in Keeley Dorsey (66 yd) who died during a January workout. The only other RB loss is Walt Smith (81 yd). This is one of the most improved RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 the top three receivers returned and they added 6'5" JUCO Amarri Jackson. Jackson had a huge game with 2 TD runs, threw for a TD, and had 75 rec yards vs #9 Louisville. Jackie Chambers was the top WR with 21 (13.8), Jackson had 22 (11.0) and SJ Green had 16 (14.3) with TE Cedric Hill catching 10 (13.9). Everyone returned last year, but Ean Randolph who was also a return specialist became the go-to man with 49 (10.3). Chambers was susp'd and played in just 3 (3 rec) while Green was #5 (20, 16.4). Taurus Johnson (PS#90) was #2 with 37 (13.4) and Marcus Edwards (PS#69) added 27 (12.1). This year they must replace Green (13 st), TE Will Bleakley (9 st, 9 rec), Randolph (12 st), Chambers and TE Devin Gordon (1 st, 6 rec). Not listed below are Jason Sherman (6'4" 200 rFr, PS#215) and TE Quincy Okolie (6'5" 220 rFr). Despite losing their top guy, I look for improved numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - An experienced O-line in 2004 opened holes for 4.6 ypc rush while allowing 23 sacks. They had to replace 3 starters including a pair of 3rd Tm CUSA players in 2005. They increased the ypg rush by 15 (203) but the ypc dropped to 4.2 (25 sk). Last year they had to replace 3 starters including two 2nd Tm Big East players. LT Thed Watson (2nd Tm BE) had a broken hand and Leavitt nearly redshirted him. He started 7 but was dismissed in November. Due to injuries and ineffectiveness, they used six different starting O-lines but the one that was together for the final 3 returns intact. The RB injuries and unstable O-line caused the ypg rushing to drop to 144 (3.9) despite the fact that they had a mobile QB. This year USF has its most experienced line since that solid 2004 unit. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Joe Herzhauser (6'4" 250 rFr), Darryl Dudding (6'2" 250 Jr), Jason Fox (6'0" 255 So) and LS Eric Setser (6'1" 240 Jr).

DEFENSIVE LINE - USF is almost always tough vs the run allowing 2.9 ypc rushing in 2001, 2.3 in 2002 and 3.0 in 2003. In 2004 they had an injury plagued unit and allowed 3.7 ypc. In 2005 they lost 2 starters and allowed 3.9 ypc rush but the D recorded 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups. The depth of the unit suffered major losses during the offseason with seven backups failing to make it to August, including Tavarious Robinson who had 5 career starts (redshirted). Projected starter James Jackson DNQ. Eight players off the 16 man spring 4 deep were not on the squad in the fall. Also, top DL Josh Julmiste was suspended at the beginning of the season (6 st). The lone returning starter, Richard Clebert (2 st), lost his job. Thanks in part to an excellent LB corps, the team allowed just 3.3 ypc rush and still recorded 37 sacks. This year the only loss is Julmiste (23 tkl, 3.5 sk) and seven players are back with starting experience. They also add Florida transfer Julian Riley (PS#122). Dan McCarney has been hired as the new DL coach and inherits a much more experienced group.

LINEBACKERS - Ben Moffitt, Pat St Louis and Stephen Nicholas were #1, #2 and #3 in tackles for USF in 2005 and all 3 returned last year. They didn't get much publicity, but it was clearly one of the best LB corps in the country. Moffitt led in tackles again and should have been an all-Big East selection. This year they lose 1st Tm BE Nicholas (13 st, 102 tkl, 15 tfl, #4DC ATL) and St Louis (13 st, 82 tkl, 3 tfl). My initial reaction in December was to downgrade this unit 4 or 5 notches due to the losses but I like the 3 deep with 4 top-notch newcomers. Tyrone McKenzie is the biggest addition as he was the #2 tackler at Iowa St last year (129) and is able to play immediately. LeBrandon Glover (PS#32) redshirted last year and Donte Spires (PS#76JC) led his team to a JUCO title. Marvin Peoples is a Maryland transfer. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Alonzo McQueen (6'1" 230 rFr, PS#221). While this group is still a notch or two below last year's outstanding unit, it will once again be one of the top units in the Big East.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With two returning starters, USF finished #43 in my pass D rankings in 2005. Last year they had six of the top 8 back and added Oregon transfer Ryan Gilliam. In spring '06, Leavitt said that all positions were up for grabs with the exception of LB and CB noting that CB's Jenkins and Williams played man-to-man 95% of the time, allowing the D to blitz freely. USF finished #21 in my pass D rankings. Mike Jenkins turned down the possibility of being a #3 DC in the NFL this year to return and is the team's fastest player. Trae Williams earned 1st Tm Big East honors with 7 int and 9 pbu. This year the only loss is SS Jeremy Burnett (12 st, 71 tkl). Taking over at safety is Danny Verpaele who had 7 starts at SS in 2004 before missing 2005 with a broken foot and playing some FS last year. This clearly looks like one of the Big East's top secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jim Leavitt's ST units are always top-notch. In '01 they were #17 in my ST rankings and moved up to #14 in 2002 and #9 in '03. The last three years have been surprising. They were #58, #55 and last year plummeted to #97. FG kicking has been a problem the last two years and at times, Leavitt opted to pooch punt, passing up 40 to 45 yard FG attempts. The team hit just 3 of its first 8 FG's last year, but Delbert Alvarado hit a school and Big East record 56 yard FG vs Syr finishing 5 of 9, missing 1 from 51. P Justin Teachey avg'd 38.2 (30.0 team net). The team was below avg on KR (17.6) but PR Ean Randolph was the Big East ST POY and was #1 in the conf (14.8). This year they lose Randolph and top-notch LS Ryan Bordeau but should make a solid move up in my rankings with Alvarado having the potential to be one of the most improved K's in the country.

COACHES - Head Coach Jim Leavitt has a 70-43 record in 10 years at USF and a 43-26 record in the last 6 years since joining IA ball. His name usually pops up for available HC jobs and did so again this year for openings at Alabama and Miami, Fl. USF signed him to a 7 year, $7 million contract prior to 2006. Rod Smith (2Y OC) left for WV. The new OC is Greg Gregory who has 13 years as an OC (Ohio 2001-'03; Richmond '00; Army 9 years) and also spent 2 years as HC at Missouri Southern St ('98-'99). Wally Burnham (previously at FSU & SC) is in his 7th year as the DC. Former Duke HC Carl Franks was added as the RB coach in 2004 becoming the first USF assistant with Div IA HC experience. This year they had a great hire in DL Coach Dan McCarney. McCarney led Iowa St to 5 bowls in a six year span and was the Big 12 Coach of the Year in 2004.

PHIL'S FORECAST

On Sept 6, 1996, 75 players assembled for the 1st practice ever as the Bulls established their football program and in 1997 they played their first game. Jim Leavitt has done a tremendous job as they went 8-3 in their first year of IA ball in 2001 and the next year actually got four votes in the AP poll after they beat BG. In 2002 they were an outstanding 9-2 with their only losses to Arkansas and Oklahoma on the road. In 2003 they joined CUSA and achieved a winning conf record in their first season at 5-3, but were outgained by 44.6 ypg in league play as they won three double OT games and could easily have finished 4-7 instead of 7-4. In 2004 I called for them to have their first losing record since 1997. They did have RB Andre Hall on the offense but the defense yielded a school worst 31.9 ppg as 24 different defensive players earned starts due to injuries. In 2005 they had 4 road games vs the Big East (only 3 home) and also had to face Penn St and Miami, FL on the road and lost a Big East high 28 lettermen. They were picked 7th in the preseason Big East poll but after being -10 in turnovers in '04 improved to +5 and earned a bowl bid at 6-5. They tied for 3rd in the BE. USF had just a 13-17 record vs IA teams from '03-'05. Last year they had the youngest team since Leavitt's first year and he said every spot was up for grabs except for the LB's and CB's. They got a TD with 2:33 left to beat Florida Int'l by 1 and opened 3-1. A failed 2 point conv with :15 left had them come up 2 points short vs a Rutgers' team that would finish #12 in the polls. USF did lose a Sunday game at Cincy and a road game vs #10 L'ville. Leavitt's biggest win was an upset of #7 ranked WV **IN** Morgantown, 24-19, and they beat E Car 24-7 in the bowl. EC Coach Skip Holtz said that USF had the fastest D they've played all year. QB Grothe was injury plagued in the 2H of the year. This year they have 9 starters back on offense and should easily top the 23.0 ppg they achieved the last two seasons. The defense does lose 3 of their top 5 tacklers including outstanding LB's Nicholas and St. Louis but has plenty of size and speed returning. USF should have one of the BE's best D's this year led by their excellent pair of CB's and LB Moffitt. USF lost 49 starts to injury last year (see pg 314). USF gets both WV and L'ville at home and are on my list of Surprise Teams making them a Darkhorse National Title contender. One of my 8 sets of power ratings calls for them to have an undefeated year.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 8 MATT GROTHE SO. 6-0 200 PS#55. 12 st rFr, 2576 (64%). 15-14 ratio, 802 rush. **15** Grant Gregory (6-1 205 Jr) PS#137. Indiana transfer. 2 gm LY. Alton Voss PS#51.

RB 26 Mike Ford Fr. 6-2 210 **PS#46 '05.** Orig signed w/Bama. **5 Ricky Ponton** (5-10 205 Jr) PS#293. 679 (4.1) 2Y (susp 6 gm LY). **30** Ben Williams (5-7 190 Jr) 12 st, 436 yd (3.6) LY.

WR 18 AMARRI JACKSON SR. 6-5 195 PS#290JC. 11 st '05, 22 (11.0). 1 st LY, 26 (15.1). Courtney Denson (5-11 190 Sr) PS#47QB. Aub trans. **16** Edner Alcin (6-2 180 rFr) PS#287.

WR 89 TAURUS JOHNSON JR. 6-1 190 PS#90. 2 st last year, **HM BE**, #2 w/37 rec (13.4). **87** Jessie Hester (6-0 170 So) **PS#29**. 1 st, 3 rec true. **2** Carlton Mitchell (6-4 200 rFr) PS#147.

WR 11 MARCUS EDWARDS JR. 5-11 175 PS#69. 5 rec rFr. 12 starts in '06, 27 rec (12.1). **6 Amp Hill** (6-3 205 Jr) **PS#12. LSU trans.** 1 st, 19 (12.3). **19** Antwon Hanks (6-3 210 So).

TE 9 Cedric Hill Jr. 6-3 240 PS#117. 4 st rFr, 10 rec. 1 st LY 11 (16.1). **82** Ben Busbee (6-3 240 So) PS#191. **85** Andrew Ketchel (6-4 225 rFr) PS#116. Kevenski McGee PS#79.

C 69 NICK CAPOGNA SR. 6-3 275 PS#285DL. 10 gm rFr. 2nd string '05, 12 gm. 13 st C LY. **77** Jake Griffin (6-4 305 Jr) PS#143. 3 st LG LY til inj. Kevin McCaskill (6-2 305 Fr) PS#69 '06.

RG 65 RYAN SCHMIDT JR. 6-4 305 PS#186. Broke ankle rFr at K-St. Trans & 8 st at RG here LY. **73** Danny Tolley (6-6 310 So) PS#128. 1 st rFr. **61** Zach Hermann (6-3 310 rFr).

LG 71 MATT HUNERS JR. 6-3 290 PS#608. 1 start at LG rFr. 11 st in '06 (10LG, 1 LT). **55** Jeremiah Warren PS#239DL in '06. In for spring. **79** Morgan Mathis (6-4 295 rFr).

RT 75 WALTER WALKER SR. 6-5 320 PS#417DL. 4 gm rFr. 8 st RT '05. 13 st LY (1st 5RG, L/8 RT). **68** Jeffrey Ide (6-6 280 rFr) PS#475. +20 lbs. **64** Jacob Sims (6-4 280 rFr).

LT 78 MARC DILE JR. 6-4 305 2nd string as true but RS. 5 st in '05 (3RT, 2LT). 7 st LY (4RT, 3 LT) 13 games. **70** Jared Carnes (6-7 315 Sr) 2 st LT LY, 12 games.

K 25 DELBERT ALVARADO SO. 6-0 175 PS#102. 5 of 9 FG true, **Big East record 56 yard FG.** 10 punts, 34.3. **28** Mike Benzer (5-8 185 Jr) **PS#13**. 2 of 9 FG 2Y, long 30. 23-25 xp.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 90 Jarriett Buie Sr. 6-4 255 PS#103. Broke ankle '05. 4 st LY, 17 tkl, 1 sk. **Tavarious Robinson** (6-4 290 Sr) PS#346. 5 st, 50 tkl, 5.5 tfl 3Y. RS LY. Shane McElwain (6-4 240 So) PS#165TE.

DT 96 WOODY GEORGE SR. 6-3 275 1 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 28 tkl. **76** Richard Clebert (6-1 305 Sr) PS#218OL. **7 st** '05. 2 st LY. 42 tkl, 7.5 tfl 3Y. **45** Frank D'Amico (6-2 255 rFr).

NT 94 ALLEN CRAY SR. 6-0 295 PS#259. 10 st '04-'05, 24 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 8 st LY, 31 tkl, 5.5 sk. **91 Julian Riley** (6-3 290 Sr) PS#122. **Florida transfer**. Corian Garrison is PS#155.

DE 95 GEORGE SELVIE SO. 6-4 245 13 st rFr, 84 tkl, 5.5 sk, 9 tfl. **98** Aaron Harris (6-4 255 So) PS#449. L/5 st true, 10 tkl. **47** Brandon Peguese (6-1 240 rFr). Joshua Smiley (6-3 230 rFr).

SLB 35 LeBrandon Glover rFr. 6-1 230 **PS#32. 49** Chris Robinson (6-3 240 So) 13 gm rFr, 28 tkl, **7 sk**, 2 tfl. **40** Houston Hess (6-3 220 So) 15 tkl. **43** Sabbath Joseph (6-0 215 rFr).

MLB 59 BEN MOFFITT SR. 6-2 240 PS#120. 5 st rFr. 12 st '05, 96 tkl, 15 tfl. 13 st LY, 112 tkl, 11 tfl. Donte Spires is **PS#76JC. 42** Marvin Peoples (6-2 230 So) PS#181DL. MD trans.

WLB 27 Tyrone McKenzie Jr. 6-2 230 3 tkl Mich St. Scout MVP at Iowa St '05. **12 st, 129 tkl, 9.5 tfl at ISU LY. 53** Brouce Mompremier (6-1 225 Jr) **PS#46**. 10 tkl 2Y. Sam Miller (5-11 210 Sr).

CB 21 TRAE WILLIAMS SR. 5-10 185 19 st '04-'05, 61 tkl. **1st Tm BE** LY, 13 st, 7 int, 9 pbu. **6** Tyller Roberts (6-1 190 Jr) PS#207. 34 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 8 pbu 2Y. **2** Dylan Douglas (5-10 175 rFr).

CB 4 MIKE JENKINS SR. 6-0 200 **PS#92**. Tm's fastest. Proj 3rd RD NFL! 3 int, 29 pbu 3Y. **22 Ryan Gilliam** (5-10 175 Sr) **PS#38. Oreg trans**. 1 st, 4 pbu. Jerome Murphy (6-1 190 So) 20 tkl rFr.

SS 32 CARLTON WILLIAMS JR. 6-4 205 12 st rFr. 66 tkl, 2 int. 9 st LY, 43 tkl, 4 pbu. **7** Louis Gachette (6-3 205 Jr) PS#153QB. 30 tkl, 3 int, 2Y. **23** Jamaal Jenkins (5-11 190 Jr) 6 tkl 2Y.

FS 17 Danny Verpaele Jr. 5-11 200 PS#151QB. 7 st SS true, 57 tkl, 6 tfl. RS '05. 5 st FS LY, 39 tkl, 6 pbu. **5** Nate Allen (6-2 190 So) PS#96QB. Former QB. 2 tkls, 9 gms LY.

P 27 JUSTIN TEACHEY JR. 5-11 170 11 TB on 50 KO rFr. 45 punts LY, 38.2 avg. 15 TB on 57 KO. **25** Delbert Alvarado 10 (34.3). Ilia Petrov (5-11 190 So). **31** William Criswell (5-9 160 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

LB	Donte Spires 6-3 240 PS#76JC
RB	Mike Ford 6-2 210 PS#46 '05
OL	Kevin McCaskill 6-2 305 PS#69 '06
QB	Alton Voss 6-2 210 PS#51
OL	Thomas Edenfield 6-6 310 PS#137
DL	Terrell McClain 6-3 295 PS#127
DB	Charlton Sinclair 5-11 190 PS#136
DL	Kyle Dampier 6-4 265 PS#174OL
LB	Calvin Sutton 6-0 210 PS#134
DL	Corian Garrison 6-4 295 PS#155
RB	Tyson Butler 5-11 170 PS#178
DL	Claude Davis 6-4 240 PS#190LB
DB	Quenton Washington 5-10 170 PS#220
OL	Jeremiah Warren 6-4 320 PS#239DL '06
RB	Richard Kelly 6-0 245 PS#217
TE	Kevenski McGee 6-2 250 PS#79
DL	Patrick Hampton 6-3 220 PS#252
WR	Patrick Richardson 6-0 170 PS#275
OL	Sampson Genus 6-1 310 PS#369
DL	David Fonua 6-2 255 PS#317 '06
LB	Keith McCaskill 6-1 245 PS#108TE
DL	Darren Powe 6-3 235 PS#363
RB	Joshua Bellamy 6-0 180 PS#406WR
TE	Mike McGowan 6-5 255 PS#156
WR	Dontavia Bogan 6-1 185 PS#456
OL	Lawrence McCoy 6-6 265 PS#606

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Leavitt's records AT USF

43-26	Straight Up	2-3	Vs Top 10
28-8	Home	2-8	Vs Top 25
14-17	Away	2-9	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	3-4	Off A Bye
16-14	Vs Conference	15-8	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (23,24,6)
Lost: 15 (8,6,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,222 (#76)

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#70

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score USF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Elon	G					
Sep. 8	at Auburn	G					
Sep. 15							
Sep. 22	North Carolina	G					
Sep. 28	West Virginia (Fri)	G					
Oct. 6	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Oct. 13	UCF	G					
Oct. 18	at Rutgers (Thur)	A					
Oct. 27	at Connecticut	G					
Nov. 3	Cincinnati (HC)	G					
Nov. 10	at Syracuse	A					
Nov. 17	Louisville	G					
Nov. 24	at Pittsburgh	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marquel Blackwell 9,108 '99-'02	1. Andre Hall 2,731 '04-'05	1. Hugh Smith 1,523 '99-'02
2. Chad Barnhardt 4,138 '97-'98	2. Rafael Williams 2,253 '97-'00	2. Huey Whittaker 1,447 '01-'03
3. Pat Julmiste 3,642 '03-'06	3. Clenton Crossley 1,644 '01-'04	3. Charlie Jackson 1,373 '97-'00

Elon Phoenix were 5-6 LY & led the Southern Conf & ranked 13th in IAA in passing off with 246 ypg. USF is 10-0 in home openers outscoring teams by an avg of 38-8.

The USF Bulls are 1-7 in the first road game of the season but did win last year. USF is 0-4 vs SEC teams. Their last was a 34-3 loss to South Carolina in 2004.

Bulls earned their 1st win ever vs ACC in 3 tries LY. LY RB Ponton returned to action w/ 101 yds & 2 TD's in the win. Prior to TY, the Bulls are 44-10 at Raymond James Stadium.

USF outplayed WV in '05 but lost & upset #7 WV LY, it was the highest ranked tm USF has ever defeated. USF held the #3 RB (Slaton) in the NCAA to 43 yds & QB White to just 17 yds.

This is only the 2nd meeting between these 2 schools that are 220 miles apart. The 1st was in 2002, a 51-10 blowout win by USF. USF is 5-2 vs current SBC teams.

USF was a CUSA member from 2003-'04 & has a 12-6 record vs current members. Bulls have won both meetings. Bulls & the Knights are only 98 miles apart off I-4.

Last year QB Grothe led a comeback but their 2 pt conversion in the EZ was dropped & they recovered the onside kick only to be ruled touched a 1/2 yd early.

LY QB Grothe accounted for 4 of USF's 5 TD's rushing for 3 & passing for another. Here in 2005, USF played in 33° weather (their coldest ever) in a 15-10 loss.

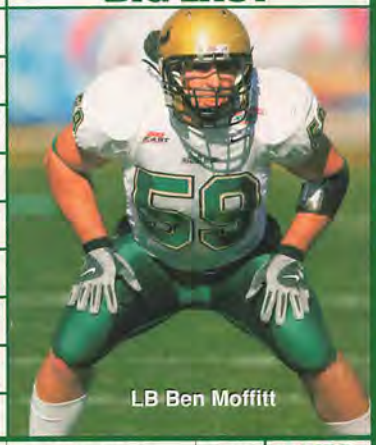
Bulls came into this game avg'g 379 ypg, but were held to 219 their fewest in 15 gms. USF's defense allowed only 105 passing yds in last year's Friday night battle.

The Bulls outgained the Orange 514-250 & won last year despite 3 TO's. In 2005 USF registered their 8th shutout in school history at SU on the day they retired #44.

These 2 new Big East rivals have split their 1st 4 games with the home team winning each. Last time here USF waxed #9 Louisville 45-14!

Last year USF became bowl eligible for the 2nd time with their win over Pittsburgh. Bulls outgained Pitt 377-214 & held their offense out of the EZ until 6:22 left in 4Q.

Bonus: The Bulls are 15-5 in games in November since 2002.



STADIUM: RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (65,000)(#37)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Jim Leavitt	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	9-2	7-4	4-7	6-5	8-4	49-29
Home	6-0	7-0	6-0	4-2	2-4	4-1	5-1	34-8
Away	1-4	1-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-4	3-3	15-21
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–	–	–	5-3	3-5	4-3	4-3	16-14
ATS	–	6-2	7-2	4-5	3-7	6-4	7-4	33-24
Home Fav	–	4-0	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	11-6
Home Dog	–	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-3	1-1	2-0	5-4
Away Fav	–	0-0	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	7-3
Away Dog	–	2-2	1-1	1-2	2-3	3-1	1-2	10-11
Favorite	–	4-0	5-1	2-3	1-1	2-2	4-2	18-9
Dog	–	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-6	4-2	3-2	15-15
vs Conf	–	0-0	0-0	4-4	3-5	3-4	5-2	15-15
vs Non-Conf	–	6-2	7-2	0-1	0-2	3-0	2-2	18-9
Off SU Win	–	2-2	5-2	2-4	1-3	4-2	3-4	17-17
Off SU Loss	–	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-4	1-2	4-0	14-6

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Grothe	178	802	180	622	9	3.5
Benjamin Williams	122	481	45	436	4	3.6
Ricky Ponton	73	317	11	306	2	4.2
Pat Julmiste	37	182	15	167	1	4.5
Walt Smith	22	97	16	81	2	3.7
Keeley Dorsey	10	68	2	66	1	6.6
Taurus Johnson	5	55	4	51	3	10.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Grothe	317	202	63.7	2576	15	14
Pat Julmiste	33	21	63.6	181	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Ean Randolph	49	506	10.3	4	51	
Taurus Johnson	37	494	13.4	2	79	
Amarri Jackson	26	393	15.1	3	46	
SJ Green	20	328	16.4	2	34	
Marcus Edwards	27	328	12.1	2	47	
Amp Hill	19	233	12.3	2	44	
Cedric Hill	11	177	16.1	0	64	
Will Bleakley	9	100	11.1	0	15	
Colby Erskin	5	73	14.6	0	29	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Justin Teachey	45	1718	38.2	4	30.0(t)	1(t)	8
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mike Benzer	21-22	1-1	1-2	0-3	0-0	2-6	30
Delbert Alvarado	13-14	2-2	1-4	1-1	1-2	5-9	56

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ben Moffitt	112	4	7	2	0
Stephen Nicholas	102	7.5	7.5	7	2
George Selvie	84	5.5	9	1	0
Pat St. Louis	82	1	2	3	0
Jeremy Burnett	71	0	3.5	6	2
Trae Williams	49	0	0.5	9	7
Carlton Williams	43	0	0	4	0
Danny Verpaele	39	0	1	6	1
Allen Cray	31	5.5	3	1	0
Chris Robinson	28	7	2	2	0
Woody George	28	0	0.5	0	0
Mike Jenkins	27	0	1	15	1
Tyller Roberts	25	1	1.5	4	1
Josh Julmiste	23	3.5	2	4	0
Richard Clebert	22	1	1	0	0
Jerome Murphy	20	0	1	0	0
Jarriett Buie	17	1	0	1	0
Houston Hess	15	0	0	0	0
Louis Gachette	14	1	0	1	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Ean Randolph	25	370	14.8	1
Amarri Jackson	6	44	7.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Taurus Johnson	14	316	22.6	0
Ean Randolph	4	75	18.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	Car Care	+3'	NC State	0-14
06	Papajohns.com	-5	East Carolina	24-7

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USF's All-Time Bowl Record 1–1

USF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	23.0	18	144	3.9	217	63.5	15.7	-4	2006	7	16.9	18	115	3.3	183	51.2	17.6
6*	23.0	19	203	4.2	145	47.2	15.1	+5	2005	8	18.0	16	146	3.9	165	51.9	17.3
7*	24.6	18	188	4.6	165	47.7	14.3	-10	2004	5	31.9	22	150	3.7	248	58.5	12.5
8	25.1	16	130	3.4	178	48.6	12.3	-1	2003	6	20.4	19	136	3.0	180	49.1	15.5
8*	30.8	19	135	3.7	252	56.4	12.5	+21	2002	8	18.5	19	87	2.3	222	52.5	16.7
4*	35.2	21	129	4.1	273	56.5	11.4	+2	2001	4	21.0	20	115	2.9	233	54.8	16.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

USF 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	McNeese St	25	42 - 286	6.8	14 - 21	209	0	12	37 - 82	2.2	7 - 19	81	1	-1
–	Florida Int'l	16	34 - 123	3.6	15 - 28	174	0	15	31 - 24	0.8	20 - 33	238	3	-1
–	at UCF	20	38 - 100	2.6	22 - 32	333	5	20	34 - 140	4.1	19 - 44	219	3	+1
–	at Kansas	17	29 - 113	3.9	17 - 34	196	3	23	35 - 118	3.4	25 - 35	273	2	-1
–	Rutgers	19	25 - 92	3.7	17 - 26	255	2	19	45 - 226	5.0	11 - 20	100	1	-2
–	Connecticut	18	41 - 205	5.0	13 - 16	153	1	19	26 - 60	2.3	20 - 40	201	1	+1
–	at North Carolina	23	47 - 234	5.0	15 - 22	183	1	18	39 - 168	4.3	9 - 26	117	5	0
–	at Cincinnati	13	29 - 92	3.2	19 - 36	127	4	17	46 - 191	4.2	11 - 18	105	2	-3
–	Pittsburgh	18	48 - 190	4.0	20 - 26	187	2	12	23 - 55	2.4	11 - 23	159	2	-1
–	Syracuse	23	40 - 150	3.8	25 - 35	364	0	18	39 - 76	1.9	15 - 32	174	7	0
–	at Louisville	14	30 - 49	1.6	15 - 32	237	6	20	36 - 172	4.8	19 - 33	274	0	0
–	at West Virginia	21	39 - 84	2.2	22 - 30	279	2	13	37 - 132	3.6	14 - 22	178	4	+2
–	† East Carolina	12	43 - 156	3.6	12 - 18	130	1	22	32 - 54	1.7	18 - 44	263	6	+1
TOTALS		239	485 - 1874	3.9	226 - 356	2827	27	228	460 - 1498	3.3	199 - 389	2382	37	-4
AVERAGES		18.4	37 - 144	3.9	17 - 27	217	2.1	17.5	35 - 115	3.3	15 - 30	183	2.8	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

USF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Florida Atlantic	NL	51-10
–	N Illinois	-7	37-6
–	at Arkansas	+13'	3-42
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+28'	14-31
–	at North Texas	-2	24-17
–	S Mississippi	+3	16-13
–	at East Carolina	E	46-30
–	Charleston So	NL	56-6
–	Memphis	-16'	31-28
–	Bowling Green	-3	29-7
–	at Houston	-13	32-14

2003 RESULTS

USF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Alabama	+15	17-40
–	Nicholls St	NL	27-17
–	at Army	-19	28-0
–	Louisville	+2'	31-28 2OT
–	TCU - #19	-2	10-13
–	Charleston So	NL	55-7
–	at S Mississippi	+2'	6-27
–	Cincinnati	-3	24-17 2OT
–	at East Carolina	-11	38-37 2OT
–	UAB	-6'	19-22
–	at Memphis	+10	21-16

2004 RESULTS

USF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Tenn Tech	NL	21-7
–	at South Carolina	+12'	3-34
–	at TCU	+10	45-44 2OT
–	S Mississippi	+6	20-27
–	Army	-15	35-42
–	at Louisville - #16	+30	9-41
–	at UAB	+19	45-20
–	East Carolina	-13	41-17
–	at Cincinnati	+12'	23-45
–	Memphis	+3'	15-31
–	Pittsburgh - #19	+6'	14-43

2005 RESULTS

USF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Penn St	+21	13-23
–	Florida A&M	NL	37-3
–	UCF	-7'	31-14
–	Louisville - #9	+20'	45-14
–	at Miami, Fl - #9	+21	7-27
–	at Pittsburgh	+1	17-31
–	at Rutgers	+2'	45-31
–	at Syracuse	-7'	27-0
–	Cincinnati	-21	31-16
–	at Connecticut	-7	10-15
–	West Virginia - #12	+8'	13-28

2006 RESULTS

USF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	McNeese St	NL	41-10
–	Florida Int'l	-20	21-20
–	at UCF	-1'	24-17
–	at Kansas	+3'	7-13
–	Rutgers - #24	+4	20-22
–	Connecticut	-6'	38-16
–	at North Carolina	-3	37-20
–	at Cincinnati	-1'	6-23
–	Pittsburgh	+4'	22-12
–	Syracuse	-10	27-10
–	at Louisville - #10	+17	8-31
–	at West Virginia - #7	+21'	24-19

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Ryan Hart started 32 straight games and departed as the Knights' all-time career leading passer. In his final year ('05) he threw for 2,135 (60.8%) with an 18-8 ratio. Mike Teel has a stronger arm than Hart and threw for 683 (50.5%) with a poor 2-10 ratio in 3 starts. Teel was the clear-cut starter in 2006. His best stat is a record of 23-0 as a high school starter and now 13-3 in college. Teel was much maligned throwing for 2,135 (55.4%) with a 12-13 ratio. Against Cincinnati he hit 21 of 42 for 238 yards and 4 int's with one returned for a TD. Teel was at his best in the final two games. In his first 14 college starts he had just three 200+ yard games but vs WV he hit 19 of 26 for 278 including a dropped TD pass then hit 16 of 28 for 268 in the bowl. Backup Jabu Lovelace (PS#63) only played in 3 (1 pass). Mich St transfer Domenic Natale (6'2" 210 So, PS#29) played in 2 games with the Spartans in '05 but still redshirted. He has 3 years of eligibility left but will have to sit out the '07 season recovering from elbow surgery. Adding depth are Tom Lang (6'3" 220 rFr, PS#134) and Andrew DePaola (6'2" 200 So). Teel finished #68 in pass efficiency last year and should improve this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 RU had their lowest rushing total since 1946 (620 yds). In 2003 new OC Ver Steeg, who is known for shaping top-notch rushing attacks, increased the unit's productivity from 52 ypg (1.5) to 139 (3.3) led by Brian Leonard (880, 4.1). Leonard suffered through an injury-plagued 2004 and led with just 732 (3.7) but also had 61 rec and was 1st Tm Big East. In 2005 Leonard rushed for 740 (4.3) and was #1 in rec with 55 (10.3). They added true frosh Ray Rice (PS#45), who became the 2nd 1,000 yard rusher here in the last 30 years (Terrell Willis, '93 & '94) with 1,120 (5.7). Rice, who never had more than 113 rush attempts in a season in HS, had 195 in 2005. He became the workhorse with 335 carries last year. Rice was the key to the offense rushing for 170+ in five games and set RU and Big East records with 1,794 (5.4) topping JJ Jennings' 1,353 (1973). Leonard broke the Big East record for consecutive games with a rec (41, Khori Ivy, WV) finishing with 47 and became Rutgers' career all-time leader in rec's (207) and scoring with 277 pts. He rushed for 423 (4.5) LY. True frosh Kordell Young (PS#78) added 138 (4.8) and true Frosh FB Jack Corcoran had 30 (7.5). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Chazz Lynn (5'10" 170 Jr, PS#113DB), Aaron Scott (6'0" 185 rFr), FB's Alan Ajamian (5'8" 210 rFr), John Nicola (5'10" 200 Jr) and Rami Nubani (5'10" 200 rFr). This year they must replace Leonard (#2DC STL) but as long as Rice stays healthy, they could improve upon the 180 ypg rushing (4.7) in 2006.

RB Ray Rice

RECEIVERS - The Knights had to replace their all-time career leading receiver in Tres Moses last year but returned outstanding TE Clark Harris (38, 15.4) and WR Shawn Tucker (32, 15.1). The backup WR's were young with 5 frosh, 2 soph, 1 junior and the only seniors were Tucker and Willie Foster (8 rec '05). True frosh Kenny Britt (PS#73) was not cleared until mid-August and did not catch a pass until the 8th game. He still managed to lead the WR's in rec's with 29 (15.2). Tiquan Underwood (PS#122) had 23 (12.6) and true frosh Tim Brown, who may be the fastest player ever at Rutgers, avg 25.2 on 8 rec. TE Clark Harris had 34 (14.5). Tucker, the leading returning WR, broke his ankle in Wk 4 (6 rec). This year they must replace Harris (13 st, 1st Tm BE, #7DC GB), Foster, (1 st, 1 rec), Tucker (4 st), TE Sam Johnson (PS#16, 1 rec) and TE Anthony Cali (PS#37QB). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Shamar Graves (6'3" 215 rFr, PS#74), Keith Taylor (6'4" 190 Jr, PS#116), Julian Hayes (6'1" 210 rFr) along with TE's Kevin Brock (6'5" 245 Jr) and Jesse Cisco (6'5" 250 rFr, PS#50). The TE position is weaker but they have a couple of Big 10 transfers to step in and the WR's should be much improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Knights only avg'd 83 ypg (2.5) rushing but allowed just 20 sacks (4.2%). In 2005 the unit was banged up early. Against Buffalo they started one veteran, a rFr, a JC, a soph and a first year starting LT. They still managed to improve to 162 ypg rushing (4.3) with 19 sacks (5.3%) allowed. Last year they had to replace two starters but had 8 of their top 10 returning. They opened holes for 180 ypg rush (4.7) and allowed just 8 sacks (#1 NCAA 2.7%). This year they once again lose two starters in 2nd Tm Big East RG Cameron Stephenson (13 st, #5DC PIT), Darnell Stapleton (13 st, 2Y st'r, Rimington finalist) and backup C Mitar Rudanovic. They get the big-time addition of true frosh Anthony Davis (PS#7) who is arguably the top player ever signed by the Knights. This group is just as experienced as last year's fine unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Knights allowed 5.4 ypc rush, their worst total in over a decade but they've shown improvement in the last 5 years allowing 4.7, 4.2, 4.3, 3.3 and just 2.9 ypc in 2006. They had two starters back in 2005 but only one last year. They moved LB William Beckford (15 st LB 3Y) to DE and he finished 2nd Tm Big East. This year they must replace Beckford (13 st, 41 tkl, 4 sk), 2nd Tm Big East DT Ramel Meekins (13 st, 68 tkl, 8 sk) and DT Joe Giacobbe (10 tkl). George Johnson should have a solid impact at the open DE spot and some true frosh could play immediately (see Top Newcomers). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ray Wegrzynek (6'2" 250 rFr), Kevin Small (6'2" 270 So) and Jonathan Pierre-Etienne (6'3" 265 So, PS#233LB), a Canadian who originally signed at Syracuse. It will be tough to improve upon 2006's ypc but this group is close to 2006 in terms of experience and returns 1st Tm Big East DT Eric Foster and 2nd Tm Big East DE Jamaal Westerman.

LINEBACKERS - In the two years the LB corps has basically returned intact. The 2006 unit did suffer the unexpected loss of projected starting OLB Terry Bynes (4 st '05). Taking his place was Brandon Renkart who walked on as a QB, moved to WR, SS then OLB. Devraun Thompson was the #1 tackler and 2nd Tm Big East. This year they must replace Thompson (13 st, 83 tkl, 11.5 tfl) and Quintero Frierson (13 st, 78 tkl, 9.5 tfl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Edmond Laryea (6'2" 220 So), Gaudhi DeSedas (6'2" 220 Sr), Jim Dumont (6'1" 210 rFr), Jonathan Castro (5'11" 220 rFr), Brian Tracey (5'10" 215 Jr) and Nate Harris (6'2" 225 Jr). They do have some solid additions including VHT Manny Abreu who should start as a true frosh, but with the loss of their top two, this is a less experienced group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Rutgers' starting CB's in 2003 both landed in the NFL and in 2004 the Knights dropped to #104 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters and four backups in 2005 and were just #111 allowing a 20-6 ratio. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back. CB Derrick Roberson did miss 4 starts due to injury. SS Courtney Greene, who led all freshmen in the NCAA in tackles in 2005 (116), earned 2nd Tm Big East honors LY along with FS Ron Girault. The Knights moved to #42 allowing just 51.9% with an 8-15 ratio. This year they must replace CB's Roberson (9 st, 20 tkl), Manny Collins (7 st, 29 tkl, 2 int) and Joe Porter (10 tkl). Dimitri Linton (5'9" 190 Jr, PS#142RB) moved from RB to CB this spring. The Knights should continue to improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Darren Rizzi, who was the HC at New Haven from 1999-2001, took over as ST coach in 2002 and guided RU to its best finish in my ST rankings at #56. After a surprising slip to #82 in '04, they moved back up to #21 in 2005 and last year they had all of the key players returning. Rizzi puts emphasis on punt blocks and the team has had 13 since his arrival (4 LY). P Joe Radigan (PS#19) led the Big East with a 44.1 average (36.0 net). Willie Foster was the top KR (20.6) and PR (9.1) and even had a 99 yard KR TD called back vs Syr. Jeremy Ito connected on 22 of 29 FG's including 2 of 3 from 50+. He did get a break when his miss vs L'ville was nullified by an offsides penalty and then nailed the game winner on the next play. Ito's 57 FG's are already a school record (Kennan Startzell, 46, '76-'79). The Knights finished #21 in my ST rankings but lose Foster, Radigan and Manny Collins (5 career punt blocks) and figure to drop a few notches this season.

COACHES - Greg Schiano enters his 7th year with the program after being the Miami (FL) DC in 2000. Schiano is a New Jersey native who also coached in the NFL (Chicago). Following the 2002 season he received a contract extension through 2007 despite a 3-20 record including 0-14 in Big East play. RU earned their first ever Top 10 ranking last year and Schiano was named the FWAA's Coach of the Year after their tremendous 11-2 season. If Schiano was going to leave RU, it would have been last year with the Miami (FL) offer ($2.2 mill/yr), but he opted to stay, signing a contract extension through 2016. His OC is John McNulty who was co-OC here LY and has been the WR coach at Rutgers since '04. McNulty turned down the OC job at Miami, FL. LY's other Co-OC Craig Ver Steeg is now the RB coach. Schiano took over the DC duties in 2005 after his DC left for the Carolina Panthers.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into last season, Rutgers had just 5 winning seasons the previous 24 years despite the fact that they are the only Div IA college team located in a highly populated NY/New Jersey area. Schiano endured a 25 game Big East losing streak. They came close to a bowl in 2003 (5-7) but lost to Connecticut despite a 455-321 yd edge. In 2004 they opened 4-2 including a loss to IAA New Hampshire but lost their final 5, all to bowl squads. They were only outgained by 22.5 ypg in conf play, which was a better mark than two '04 BE bowl squads. In 2005 I called for Rutgers to achieve their 2nd bowl game in school history and end a 27 year bowl drought as they had 17 returning starters and were -7 in turnovers in 2004. They led Illinois 27-10 and suffered a tough loss but still had a solid 7-4 regular season. They blew a 24-10 lead in the bowl vs Ariz St, but outgained BE foes by 70.4 ypg. Last year RU was picked #4 in the Big East preseason media poll, its first ever upper half prediction. They entered the rankings for the first time in 30 years after their 4-0 start and after beating L'ville, rose to #7 with talk of a possible BCS Championship Game as they were one of just four unbeatens left in college football. They suffered a letdown the next week vs Cincinnati. They still could have won the Big East Title with a win at W Virginia but lost in 3OT's going from a possible BCS bowl down to the Texas Bowl. Schiano did a great job getting his team prepared to win and they bagged their first bowl win in their 137 year history. Their 11 wins ties the 1976 team's mark for most in a season. Last year they had to replace their QB but still improved their ppg to 29.8, their best mark since 1993. This year seven starters return on the offense although they do lose outstanding FB Brian Leonard and TE Clark Harris. The D keeps getting better athletes and has 6 starters back from a unit that allowed just 14.3 ppg, their best total since 1980. RU did benefit from +11 in turnovers and 3 net close wins. RU has doubled their season ticket sales this year. The Knights will record their 3rd consecutive winning season and since they get both USF and WV at home, could actually be favored in their first 11 games giving them a shot at a BCS bowl.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 14 MIKE TEEL JR. 6-4 215 PS#41. 3 st rFr, 683 (50.5%), 2-10 ratio. 13 st LY, 2135 (55%), 12-13 ratio. Jabu Lovelace (6-2 200 So) PS#63. Chris Paul-Etienne (6-2 180 rFr) PS#95.

RB 27 RAY RICE JR. 5-9 200 PS#45. 6 st true, 1120 (5.7). **2nd TM AA LY**, 1794 (5.4), 20 TD. **8** Kordell Young (5-9 185 So) PS#78. 138 (4.8) LY. **42** Davon Smart (5-10 190 So) PS#74.

FB 19 Jack Corcoran So. 6-1 225 PS#270LB. 40 all-pur yd true. **32** Jean Beljour (6-0 225 Sr) PS#52. 1 st true, 29 rec yd. 11 tkl ST L/2Y. Jourdan Brooks PS#91. Kyle Kummer (5-11 215 So).

WR 7 TIQUAN UNDERWOOD JR. 6-2 180 PS#122. 110 ttl yds, 11 KR (27.1) true. 9 st LY, 23 (12.6). **2** Tim Brown (5-8 150 So) PS#127. **4.29 spd. Marcus Daniels** (6-2 205 Sr) 4 st, 43 rec (11.3) 3Y.

WR 88 KENNY BRITT SO. 6-4 205 PS#73. Late clear NCAA. 6 st, 9 gm, 1st rec Gm 8, 29 rec (15.2). James Townsend (6-1 195 Sr) **PS#43**. Dennis Campbell (5-9 175 So) 11 (11.0).

TE 85 Chris Rudanovic Sr. 6-5 255 PS#60DL. 11 st 3Y at Indiana, 17 rec (11.2). Solid blk'r. **86 Craig McGovern** (6-3 250 So) PS#26. 2 rec Mich St '05. Jeff Minemyer (6-7 255 rFr) PS#34.

C 61 Ryan Blaszczyk So. 6-4 290 PS#129. **75** Dave McClain (6-4 285 So) **PS#27**. 1 gm as rFr. **62** Marlon Romulus (6-3 285 rFr) PS#419. **LS** Jeremy Branch (6-0 230 Jr). 2 gm '05

RG NA Anthony Davis Fr. 6-6 350 **PS#7**. 615 squat. **70** Mike Gilmartin (6-6 290 Jr) PS#191. 1 st rFr, 2nd string, 12 gm LY. Keith Newell is PS#65. Caleb Ruch is PS#182.

LG 72 MIKE FLADELL SR. 6-8 325 PS#137. 3 st LG '05. 13 st LG LY. Lost 43 lbs. **64 Dan Mazan** (6-4 290 Sr) **PS#25**. Penn St trans. 3 gm LY, 2nd string. Desmond Stapleton is PS#96.

RT 71 JEREMY ZUTTAH SR. 6-4 290 **PS#35**. 5 st true. 9 st RG '05. **1st Tm BE LY**, 13 st RT. **76** Mo Lange (6-7 320 rFr) PS#240. 2nd string LY, but RS. **74** Howard Barbieri (6-5 290 rFr).

LT 77 PEDRO SOSA SR. 6-5 290 PS#76. 12 st LT '05. 13 st LT LY, **2nd Tm Big East. 78** Kevin Haslam (6-7 280 So) 4 gms backup LY. **67** Corey Hyman (6-4 290 Jr) PS#221.

K 1 JEREMY ITO SR. 5-11 190 15 of 24 FG true, long 48, 20 of 27 FG '05, long 52. **2nd Tm Big East**, 22 of 29 FG LY, long 53. 4-5 from 50+ L2Y. San San Te is PS#66.

DE 31 George Johnson So. 6-4 250 **PS#15TE. Orig signed w/Virginia.** 19 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. Gary Watts (6-3 240 Jr) PS#267. 10 tkl 2Y. Remo Fioranelli (6-3 245 rFr). Alex Silvestro PS#77LB.

DT 97 Pete Tverdov Jr. 6-4 260 PS#243LB. 13 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. Wayne Thomas is **PS#59. 96** Charlie Noonan (6-2 260 rFr) PS#271OL. **93** Chris Dirksz (6-1 270 So) PS#316.

DT 56 ERIC FOSTER SR. 6-2 265 PS#280. 22 tkl rFr. 2 st until inj '05. 13 st LY, 51 tkl, 6 sk, 8 tfl. **1st Tm FWAA. 49** Mike Ziarnowski (6-2 255 Jr) **PS#90LB. 98** Vantrise Studivant (6-3 265 Jr) 10 tkl 2Y.

DE 90 JAMAAL WESTERMAN JR. 6-3 250 28 tkl, 4 sk '05. **2nd Tm BE**, 13 st LY, 30 tkl, 8 sk, 6 tfl. **52** Chenry Lewis (6-3 235 Jr) PS#122LB. 7 st LB '05, 32 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 10 tkl DE LY.

OLB 47 BRANDON RENKART SR. 6-3 230 QB/WR/SS then OLB. 13 st LY, 54 tkl, 3.5 sk, 8.5 tfl. **17** Damaso Munoz (6-0 205 So) PS#217. 7 tkl. Antonio Lowery (6-2 220 Fr) PS#95 '06.

MLB 48 Blair Bines So. 6-2 245 5 tkl, 11 gm true. Added 20 lbs. **44** Ryan D'Imperio (6-2 230 So) PS#74. 2 tkl true. Andres Morales (6-2 260 rFr) PS#98. Patrick Nemorin (6-3 205 rFr).

OLB NA Manny Abreu Fr. 6-3 220 **PS#15. 34** Kevin Malast (6-2 225 Jr) PS#161. 14 tkl 2Y. Chris Quaye (6-0 225 Jr) PS#205. 5 tkl, 9 gm 2Y. Sorie Bayoh (6-3 225 rFr) PS#248.

CB 25 JASON McCOURTY JR. 5-11 185 PS#616. 9 tkl true. 10 start in '06, 45 tkl, 2 pbu. **28** Leslie Jackman (5-11 180 So) PS#137. 3 tkl true. MedRS (knee) LY. Al-Majid Hutchins is PS#120.

CB 13 Anthony Miller Jr. 6-0 170 PS#63WR. 6 tkl true. RS '05. Susp LY. **21** Devin McCourty (5-11 185 So) PS#385. 38 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu, 1.5 tfl as rFr. Joe Martinek is PS#49RB.

SS 36 COURTNEY GREENE JR. 6-1 205 **2nd Tm BE LY**. 12 st true, 116 tkl, Fr AA. 13 st LY, 82 tkl, 4 int. **6** Glen Lee (6-2 190 Jr) PS#306. 29 tkl 2Y. **30** Billy Anderson (6-0 185 So).

FS 43 RON GIRAULT SR. 5-11 200 **2nd Tm BE LY**. 31 st 3Y, 216 tkl, 9 int, 7 pbu. **38** Zaire Kitchen (6-1 210 So) PS#352. 10 tkl true. **42** Marc Orosz (5-10 180 Jr). **81** Ryan Glueckert (5-10 175 rFr).

P 13 Matt Voliva So. 5-11 190 PS#98. 13-15 xp at Maine '05. Transfer. **13** Kyle Cinzio (6-3 200 rFr) PS#79. 39.5 avg in HS. Teddy Dellaganna is PS#520JC. 37.2 avg at JC LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Anthony Davis 6-6 350 PS#7
LB	Manny Abreu 6-3 220 PS#15
DL	Wayne Thomas 6-5 280 PS#59
DB	Joe Martinek 6-0 205 PS#49RB
OL	Keith Newell 6-6 290 PS#65
RB	Mason Robinson 5-10 180 PS#57
OL	Richard Muldrow 6-6 300 PS#84
OL	Desmond Stapleton 6-5 320 PS#96
DL	Alex Silvestro 6-4 220 PS#77LB
DB	Joe Lefeged 6-0 190 PS#90LB
LB	Al-Ghaffaar Lane 6-3 200 PS#91
RB	Jourdan Brooks 6-1 255 PS#91
LB	Antonio Lowery 6-2 220 PS#95 '06
DB	Al-Majid Hutchins 5-11 180 PS#120
DL	Matthew Hardison 6-4 285 PS#132LB '06
OL	Caleb Ruch 6-4 290 PS#182
DL	Desmond Wynn 6-6 250 PS#157
DL	Jamiel Farrington 6-2 235 PS#164
DL	Justin Francis 6-4 255 PS#212
TE	Fabian Ruiz 6-4 230 PS#83
WR	Robinson Alexis 6-0 160 PS#406
K	San San Te 5-9 165 PS#66
DL	Jonathan Freeny 6-3 220 PS#381
K	Teddy Dellaganna 6-2 190 PS#520JC

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

New Brunswick, NJ
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#85

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score RU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	Buffalo (Thur)	A					Rutgers is 13-4 in home openers. RU is 8-2-1 all-time vs current MAC teams. (excluding 19-15 vs Temple). Knights are 4-1 vs Buffalo, their last loss was at home in 2002.
Sep. 7	Navy (Fri)	A					Knights limited the #1 rushing attack of Navy to 113 yds. Navy hadn't been shutout S/'02. Rutgers task was easier after Navy star QB Hampton was injured in the 1Q.
Sep. 15	Norfolk St (HC)	A					RU has fell victim to two IAA programs in the L5Y (New Hampshire in '04 & Villanova in '02). Spartans coming off a 4-7 record LY will play it's 1st ever game vs a Div IA school.
Sep. 22							
Sep. 29	Maryland	A					Maryland leads this series 4-3 with their last meeting in 1942, a MD 27-13 win. The Knights are 19-53-1 vs current ACC teams.
Oct. 6	Cincinnati	A					RU came into LY's gm as 1 of 4 unbeatens & a top 10 tm for the 1st time in 137 yr history. As WV fell to UL & UL fell to RU & RU followed the chain with a loss to Cincinnati.
Oct. 13	at Syracuse	A					In LY's 38-7 rout, Sr RB Leonard scored 2 TD's & became the school's all time scoring leader. Rutgers is 4-16 vs Syracuse S/'87 but has won 3 out of last 4.
Oct. 18	USF (Thur)	A					The Scarlet Knights were 10-2 the last 2 yrs at home. RU is just 2-4 after facing SU. Recruiting: Last year 24 players on the Knights roster were from Florida.
Oct. 27	West Virginia	A					WV shattered Rutgers BE Title hopes last year with the thrilling 3OT win. They combined for 80 pts & 891 yds. RU has allowed a WV 100 yd rusher 11 straight yrs.
Nov. 3	at Connecticut	G					Rutgers leads this series 18-8. LY Rutgers' offense sputtered needing defense & special teams to avoid the upset. These 2 teams combined to avg 58 ppg the L4.
Nov. 9	at Army (Fri)	A					Rutgers has won 7 of the L/9 meetings. This series ran uninterrupted from 1979-'94. The Scarlet Knights defeated Army in their last meeting in 2003 at West Point 36-21.
Nov. 17	Pittsburgh	A					Pitt held a 19-4 edge all-time & had won 8 of last 10 prior to last year's Rutgers win. Rutgers clinched a bowl berth with their win LY as RB Rice rushed for 225 yds.
Nov. 24							
Nov. 29	at Louisville (Thur)	A					LY's game was labeled as the Game of the Century as RU erased an 18 pt deficit to win & launch them into the BCS Title chase as fans stormed the field.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ryan Hart 8,482 '02-'05
2. Scott Erney 7,188 '86-'89
3. Mike McMahon 6,608 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Terrell Willis 3,114 '93-'95
2. "JJ" Jennings 2,935 '71-'73
3. Ray Rice 2,914 '05-Present

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Tres Moses 2,522 '01-'05
2. Andrew Baker 2,268 '81-'84
3. Marco Battaglia 2,221 '92-'95

GREG SCHIANO (Career 30-41)

7th Year at Rutgers
Schiano's Bowl Record: 1-1

Schiano's records AT RUTGERS

30-41	Straight Up	1-6	Vs Top 10
18-19	Home	1-12	Vs Top 25
11-21	Away	5-6	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	5-6	Off A Bye
12-29	Vs Conference	11-25	Off A Loss

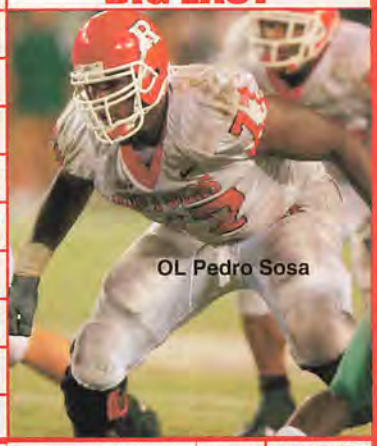
2006 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (15,20,1)
Lost: 21 (10,10,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,112 (#55)

BIG EAST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STADIUM: RUTGERS STADIUM (42,000) (#74)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	1-11	5-7	4-7	7-4	10-2	32-48
Home	2-4	1-6	1-5	3-3	3-3	4-2	6-0	20-23
Away	1-4	1-3	0-6	2-4	1-4	3-2	4-2	12-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-7	0-7	0-7	2-5	1-5	4-3	5-2	12-36
ATS	4-6	4-7	6-5	10-1-1	4-6	4-6	8-3	40-34-1
Home Fav (Terry Shea)	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-2	2-1	3-1	8-6
Home Dog (Greg Schiano)	1-3	2-3	3-1	4-1	2-1	1-1	1-0	14-10
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-3	0-2	2-5
Away Dog	2-3	0-3	3-3	4-0-1	2-3	1-1	4-0	16-13-1
Favorite	1-0	2-1	0-1	2-0	0-2	2-4	3-3	10-11
Dog	3-6	2-6	6-4	8-1-1	4-4	2-2	5-0	30-23-1
vs Conf	2-5	1-6	4-3	6-1	2-4	3-4	4-3	22-26
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	2-2	4-0-1	2-2	1-2	4-0	18-8-1
Off SU Win	1-2	0-2	1-0	3-0-1	0-3	2-4	6-3	13-14-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-5	5-5	6-1	3-3	2-1	1-0	23-19

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
78	Garden St	+11	Arizona St	18-34
05	Insight	+9	Arizona St	40-45
06	Texas - #16	-8'	Kansas St	37-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Rutgers' All-Time Bowl Record 1-2

RUTGERS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	29.8	17	180	4.7	165	55.4	11.6	+11	2006	6	14.3	13	101	2.9	151	51.9	17.6
9*	28.7	20	162	4.3	235	57.7	13.9	-3	2005	8	25.6	22	133	3.3	239	61.2	14.6
9*	24.5	21	83	2.5	311	64.1	16.1	-7	2004	7	31.2	21	178	4.3	251	60.6	13.7
7*	27.4	20	139	3.3	230	59.1	13.4	-6	2003	7	29.5	18	163	4.2	216	51.6	12.9
8*	13.9	14	52	1.5	162	45.5	15.4	-13	2002	8	33.1	20	207	4.7	198	51.4	12.2
5	10.8	13	105	2.5	137	45.4	22.3	-22	2001	8	36.1	20	230	5.4	190	54.6	11.6

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ray Rice	335	1831	37	1794	20	5.4
Brian Leonard	93	431	8	423	5	4.5
Kordell Young	29	152	14	138	3	4.8
Jack Corcoran	4	30	0	30	0	7.5
Jabu Lovelace	9	28	13	15	0	1.7
Dennis Campbell	2	10	2	8	0	4.0
Dimitri Linton	2	6	3	3	0	1.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Mike Teel	296	164	55.4	2135	12	13
Jabu Lovelace	1	1	100.0	9	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Clark Harris	34	493	14.5	2	66	
Kenny Britt	29	440	15.2	2	67	
Brian Leonard	38	294	7.7	0	45	
Tiquan Underwood	23	290	12.6	4	30	
Tim Brown	8	202	25.2	3	72	
Dennis Campbell	11	121	11.0	0	25	
James Townsend	7	117	16.7	1	30	
Shawn Tucker	6	88	14.7	0	21	
Kordell Young	3	39	13.0	0	39	
Ray Rice	4	30	7.5	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Joe Radigan	56	2467	44.1	11	36.0	0	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jeremy Ito	41-42	7-8	11-15	2-3	2-3	22-29	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Devraun Thompson	83	4	7.5	1	2
Courtney Greene	82	1	1.5	1	4
Quintero Frierson	78	2.5	7	2	1
Ron Girault	69	1	1	3	3
Ramel Meekins	68	8	5	0	0
Brandon Renkart	54	3.5	8.5	0	0
Eric Foster	51	6	8	4	0
Jason McCourty	45	0	4	2	0
William Beckford	41	4	3.5	0	0
Devin McCourty	38	0.5	1	3	2
Jamaal Westerman	30	8	6	2	0
Manny Collins	29	0	1	4	2
Derrick Roberson	20	0	2.5	2	1
George Johnson	19	0.5	1	0	0
Glen Lee	11	0.5	0	1	0
Chenry Lewis	10	1	0	0	0
Kevin Malast	10	0	1.5	0	0
Joe Porter	10	0	0	0	0
Joe Giacobbe	10	0	0	0	0
Zaire Kitchen	10	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Willie Foster	14	127	9.1	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Willie Foster	18	370	20.6	0	
James Townsend	8	128	16.0	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

RU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at North Carolina	22	41-217	5.3	14-20	145	2	25	32-169	5.3	24-36	234	1	+2
–	Illinois	18	40-166	4.2	14-25	145	0	7	29-66	2.3	7-21	60	5	0
–	Ohio	13	38-217	5.7	6-16	83	0	8	26-(-6)	-0.2	14-29	125	3	+1
–	Howard	19	53-215	4.1	10-17	142	2	10	31-48	1.5	12-26	124	1	+1
#23	at USF	19	45-226	5.0	11-20	100	1	19	25-92	3.7	17-26	255	2	+2
#24	at Navy	14	33-124	3.8	15-26	215	1	9	50-113	2.3	4-16	48	7	-2
#19	at Pittsburgh	17	48-268	5.6	10-18	72	0	12	26-67	2.6	16-26	169	5	+1
#16	Connecticut	11	29-114	3.9	11-24	123	0	12	44-188	4.3	8-17	67	6	+1
#15	Louisville	13	30-143	4.8	8-21	189	1	13	39-103	2.6	13-27	163	5	0
#7	at Cincinnati	14	21-50	2.4	21-42	238	1	15	46-125	2.7	11-15	277	0	-1
#15	Syracuse	18	44-217	4.9	10-15	146	0	11	31-122	3.9	10-19	69	1	+2
#13	at West Virginia	20	37-174	4.7	19-26	278	0	19	47-195	4.1	14-30	244	2	+1
#16	† Kansas St	21	37-211	5.7	16-28	268	0	6	21-31	1.5	12-24	131	3	+3
TOTALS		219	496-2342	4.7	165-298	2144	8	166	447-1313	2.9	162-312	1966	41	+11
AVERAGES		16.8	38-180	4.7	13-23	165	0.6	12.8	34-101	2.9	12-24	151	3.2	0.8

2002 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Villanova	NL	19-37
–	Buffalo	-7	11-34
–	Army	+4	44-0
–	at Pittsburgh	+26'	3-23
–	at Tennessee - #11	+41	14-35
–	West Virginia	+13	0-40
–	at Virginia Tech - #3	+40'	14-35
–	at Syracuse	+16	14-45
–	Miami, Fl - #1	+39	17-42
–	Temple	+7'	17-20
–	at Notre Dame - #8	+28	0-42
–	at Boston College	+28	14-44

2003 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Buffalo	-12	24-10
–	at Michigan St	+19	28-44
–	at Army	-6'	36-21
–	Navy	+1'	48-27
–	Virginia Tech - #4	+27'	22-48
–	at West Virginia	+17	19-34
–	Pittsburgh	+16	32-42
–	at Temple	+3'	30-14
–	at Connecticut	+7	31-38
–	Boston College	+7'	25-35
–	at Miami, Fl - #14	+27	10-34
–	Syracuse	+5'	24-7

2004 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Michigan St	+4'	19-14
–	New Hampshire	NL	24-35
–	Kent St	-12'	29-21
–	at Syracuse	+6	31-41
–	at Vanderbilt	+6	37-34
–	Temple	-13	16-6
–	at Pittsburgh	+5'	17-41
–	West Virginia - #15	+14'	30-35
–	at Boston College - #24	+14'	10-21
–	at Navy	+3'	21-54
–	Connecticut	+3	35-41

2005 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Illinois	-2'	30-33 OT
–	Villanova	NL	38-6
–	at Buffalo	-21	17-3
–	Pittsburgh	+1'	37-29
–	West Virginia	+3'	14-27
–	at Syracuse	+2	31-9
–	at Connecticut	-3'	26-24
–	Navy	-6'	31-21
–	USF	-2'	31-45
–	at Louisville - #23	+21	5-56
–	Cincinnati	-13'	44-9

2006 RESULTS

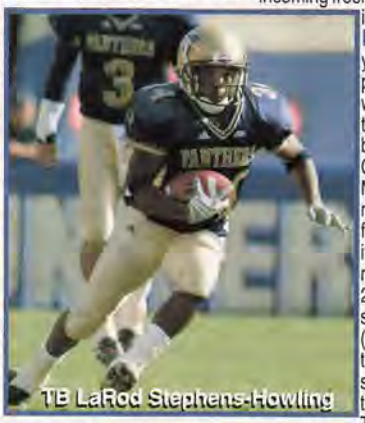
RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
–	at North Carolina	+4	21-16
–	Illinois	-11'	33-0
–	Ohio	-16'	24-7
–	Howard	NL	56-7
#23	at USF	-4	22-20
#24	at Navy	+2'	34-0
#19	at Pittsburgh	+6	20-10
#16	Connecticut	-19'	24-13
#15	Louisville - #3	+6	28-25
#7	at Cincinnati	-6'	11-30
#15	Syracuse	-15'	38-7
#13	at West Virginia - #15	+10	39-41 3OT

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Tyler Palko (PS#10) was 2nd string as a true frosh but saw little action (3 passes). He redshirted in 2003. In 2004 Palko beat out Luke Getsy (transferred to Akron) for the starting job. Palko became the first QB to throw 5 TD passes vs ND and directed the team to a BCS bowl berth throwing for 3,067 (56.2%) with a 24-7 ratio (469 rush). In 2005 Palko struggled with the switch to Wannstedt's offense but still threw for 2,392 (56.6%) with a 17-9 ratio. His backup was true frosh Bill Stull (PS#25) who played in just two games burning his redshirt. Last season Palko was near the top in the NCAA in pass efficiency most of the year (finished #4). He had just 3 int's in his first 8 games but then threw 3 vs USF. He still was able to pass Dan Marinio for 2nd place in career total offense at Pitt. Palko (UFA NO) threw for 2,871 completing an outstanding 68.3% with a 25-9 ratio. Stull hit 6 of 8 for 69 yards in 4 games. Kevan Smith (6'3" 215 rFr, PS#58) saw plenty of action last August as Stull missed most of camp with a broken finger. Also in the mix are Dexter Davidson (6'4" 220 rFr, PS#31), true frosh Pat Bostick (PS#8) and rFr Steve Malinchak (6'0" 185, PS#285). Naturally going from a veteran senior QB to a unit whose experience consists of ten career passes, I look for a big drop off in the Panthers' passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Pitt was a pass-oriented team under Harris and Wannstedt wanted to bring in more power running. In 2004 Pitt avg just 98 ypg rushing (2.6). Wannstedt turned to two true frosh in '05 in diminutive LaRod Stephens-Howling (PS#51) who led with 434 (4.5) and Rashad Jennings (411, 4.8). He also took the redshirt off of good-sized true frosh Conredge Collins (PS#20) but he had just 8 rush attempts as a backup FB. Jennings opted to transfer and Stephens-Howling was the clear-cut starter in '06 rushing for 893 (5.0). He had his biggest game vs Syracuse rushing for 221 (8.2), the first Pitt back to top 220 in a game since Kevan Barlow. He also had 135 vs UCF and 154 vs Connecticut but missed a game and failed to top 60 in 7 others. Shane Brooks (PS#34) started vs Cincy and rushed for 67 finishing with 218 (4.4). Collins had 115 (4.0) and true frosh Kevin Collier (PS#49) took off his redshirt and played in 8 (115, 3.5). Wannstedt said he wants a bigger back and has brought in LeSean McCoy (PS#8, 205 lbs) who averaged 7.1 ypc at Milford Academy to contend. The only losses are FB's Mark Yezovich (26 ttl yd) and John Pettiford (16 yd). Pitt has plenty of talent and should put up its best rushing numbers in over 10 years.


TB LaRod Stephens-Howling

RECEIVERS - Under Harris, Pitt was gaining the reputation of "WR U" as they had a WR lead the Big East in receiving 7 times in an 8 year stretch (1997-2004). Larry Fitzgerald (#1DC ARZ) was one of 4 Heisman finalists and set numerous NCAA records in 2003. In 2004 they had to replace him and TE Kris Wilson (#2DC KC). Greg Lee led the Big East with 1,297 yards (19.1). Walk-on Joe DelSardo had 49 (11.7) and became a fan favorite. TE Erik Gill (PS#3) had 25 (17.3). Everyone returned in '05 and Wannstedt made Derek Kinder (PS#98) the starter over DelSardo. Lee led with 49 (19.6) and Kinder had 37 (10.1). Last year they had to replace Lee and Gill. Oderick Turner (PS#97) was impressive in August and was labeled the team's deep threat. Turner made an incredible catch for a 72 yd TD vs Virginia on a slightly overthrown ball and finished with 44 (15.0). Kinder led with 57 (14.9) and was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award. TE Darrell Strong had 15 (11.4) but was suspended for the final two games. This year they must replace DelSardo (0 rec) and TE Steve Buches (12 st, 26 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Francis Johns (6'1" 210 rFr), Samson Horne (5'10" 185 rFr), Austin Ransom (5'11" 195 Jr) and Justin Lovett (6'2" 200 rFr). This unit is more experienced and has more talent than the 2006 version and should be a great help for a young QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Pitt had to replace 3 OL starters in 2004 and averaged just 2.6 ypc rushing, their worst in the previous 16 years (40 sk). In 2005 they had to replace two starters, two backups and learn a new system. They improved slightly to 3.2 ypc rush (30 sk). Last year they had to only replace one starter, LT Charles Spencer (#3DC). Projected starting LT John Bachman missed the year with injury and then RG John Simonitis (11 st '05) broke his ankle after 5 starts. They moved VHT DT Jason Pinkston (PS#24) from DT to OT in September and he burned his redshirt playing in 7. Syracuse was #1 in the NCAA in sacks heading into the Pitt game, but Pitt yielded just one to them. In fact, in the first 7, Pitt allowed 5 sacks but then gave up 5 to Rutgers and 8 to WV yielding 23 (6.9%) for the year. They did improve the ypc to 3.9. This year they must replace C Joe Villani (12 st, 2Y st'r) and RG John Simonitis (5 st, 4Y st'r) but have eight of the top 10 back. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Frank Kochin (6'4" 280 Jr) and with the incoming frosh this unit has great depth and I look for continued improvement from a veteran Panther front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Wannstedt's first year the D-line was hit hard by injuries with just one player starting all 11 and they allowed 4.3 ypc rush while recording just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but had six of their top eight back. Doug Fulmer beat out returning starting DE Chris McKillop but broke his ankle after 3 starts. McKillop started six but injured his knee. They rotated 9 DL's most of the year and backup true frosh DT Malecki and DE Matthews saw the majority of the action vs Connecticut. Pitt yielded 4.6 ypc rush. The front four did account for 16 of the team's 21 sacks. This year they lose DE Vernon Botts (2 st, 10 tkl), DE Charles Sallet (1 tkl), DT Corey Davis (3 st, 23 tkl, 2 sk) and DE McKenzie Matthews (10 tkl). Davis (6'1" 290 Jr, PS#60) was susp in the spring and is listed as a lettermen lost. Not listed in the 3 deep below is DT Jared Martin (6'2" 290 rFr). They also add four HT's including VHT PS#51JC Tommie Duhart and VHT true Tony Tucker (PS#40). Wannstedt has been known to play true frosh on the DL. All 4 starters are back on a deep and improved D-line.

LINEBACKERS - Pitt had to replace one starter from the LB unit last year, but had 4 players back who had 10 or more career starts. They also moved in DB Tommie Campbell (4.4 spd) and he started six. That gave them exceptional speed in this unit led by 1st Tm Big East MLB HB Blades who had 147 tackles and 10.5 tfl. Returning starter Derron Thomas (9 st '05) lost his job and quit the team. This year the losses are heavy. Not only do they have to replace Blades (#6DC WAS), but also SLB Clint Session (12 st, 101 tkl, 12 tfl, #4DC IND), WLB Brian Bennett (6 st, 30 tkl) and Thomas (2 tkl). Campbell (6'3" 210 Jr, PS#210) was suspended in the spring and is listed as a lettermen lost. They move in VHT WR Dorin Dickerson (PS#8) and have 11 HT's in the mix. There is a lot of athletic talent here and Wannstedt should field a decent unit, but it's clearly much less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 Pitt only had to replace one starter and had a pair of NFL-caliber CB's in Darrelle Revis and Josh Lay. They moved up to #24 in my pass D rankings allowing 49.8% with a 10-14 ratio. Last year they lost 2 starters including Lay (#6DC NO) but Revis returned. They lost starting FS Eric Thatcher to injury and Mike Phillips started the rest of the year. Surprisingly, even with Revis, Pitt dropped to #91 allowing 63% and a 17-11 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm Big East CB Revis (2 int, 4 pbu, #1DC NYJ), SS Sam Bryant (12 st, 58 tkl, 2 sk) and CB Reggie Carter (7 tkl). While this unit has plenty of HT's, it is not as talented as last year with the loss of Revis. However this should clearly be an area of emphasis and Pitt is likely to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Pitt was #94 in my ST rankings in 2004 and in Wannstedt's first season moved up to #51. Last year they had to replace their K then David Abdul, the projected starter was lost prior to the season. Untested Conor Lee hit 12 of 14 with a long of 47. Adam Graessle had 23 TB on 67 KO. Their top PR, Darrelle Revis, saw his average drop from 11.6 to 8.6 but top KR Lowell Robinson (AA JC returnman) avg 27.9. This year they must replace Revis as well as 2nd Tm Big East P Graessle (37.5 net). The big addition is P Dave Brytus (PS#3) who had nets of 35.9 and 37.4 in two years at Purdue. This is still one of the top ST units in the country (#13 '06).

COACHES - Dave Wannstedt was Jimmy Johnson's asst at Okla St and Miami, FL and the DC and asst HC during the Dallas Super Bowl years. He was the CHI Bears HC from '93-'98 then HC of the Dolphins from 2000-'04. His 41-23 regular season record from '00 to '03 as Miami's HC is tied for the fifth best record among NFL HC in that span. Wannstedt attended Pitt and was captain of the '73 Fiesta Bowl team. His OC is Matt Cavanaugh, who was the OC for the Bears from '97-'98 and the Ravens from '99-'04, and enters his 3rd year here. Paul Rhoads has been the DC here since 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Walt Harris' final five years, they went to five consecutive bowls including the Fiesta Bowl as the Big East champs in 2004. Nine of the team's 13 losses from 2002-2004 were by 8 points or less. In their Fiesta Bowl year, Pitt was the least experienced team in the Big East with just 9 starters back and Harris was the Big East Coach of the Year. In 2004 Pitt was actually outgained by a Big East worst 57.5 ypg in conf play but benefitted from +13 in turnovers. Harris took the Stanford job and Pitt excited the alumni by bringing in Dave Wannstedt. Unfortunately, Wannstedt was not only the first Pitt coach to lose his debut since 1986, but Pitt opened 0-3 for the first time since 1984. Wannstedt inherited 16 returning starters and 48 lettermen. Pitt was fortunate to finish with a 4-3 record in the Big East as they were outgained by 45.5 ypg. They had two close defeats (Ohio and Nebraska) and had their first losing season S/'99. Last year they had 11 starters returning and Pitt looked like they would contend for the Big East Title and a BCS bowl berth. Pitt opened the season 6-1, their best start since 1982 when Dan Marino was the QB. Their first 7 opp had combined for a record of 16-31 at that point while their upcoming 5 foes had a combined record of 26-5. In their showdown vs #19 Rutgers, Pitt lost at home then blew a 14 point 4Q lead vs Conn which basically cost them a bowl berth. Pitt actually led WVirg 27-24 at the half and Louisville 14-7 in the 1Q but finished with 5 straight losses. Despite their 6-6 record, Pitt did outgain foes by 9 ypg. With a veteran senior QB, Pitt's offense averaged 31.8 ppg, their best mark since 1981. Even with 8 starters back on offense this year, that number will probably drop behind a young QB. Pitt does lose their top 3 tacklers but has 6 defensive starters back. New HC's generally have solid success in their 3rd season. Just like last year, Pitt will be looking good at midseason but this time will have a stronger 2H of the season. I'll call for the Panthers to have their first winning year under Wannstedt and get to their first bowl since 2004.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB NA **Pat Bostick Fr.** 6-3 220 **PS#8**. 11 **Bill Stull** (6-3 185 Jr) **PS#25**. 7-10-86-1-0 in six gm 2Y. 12 **Kevan Smith** (6-3 215 rFr) PS#58. Dexter Davidson (6-4 220 rFr) PS#31.

TB 34 **LaROD STEPHENS-HOWLING JR.** 5-7 175 PS#51. 14 st, 2Y. 1327 (4.8) 28 rec. **LeSean McCoy PS#8 LY**. 26 Shane Brooks (5-11 220 So) PS#34. 1 st, 218 (4.4) LY. 22 Kevin Collier (5-11 180 So) PS#49.

FB 30 **CONREDGE COLLINS JR.** 6-0 235 **PS#20**. 7 st LY. 341 ttl yds 2Y. 6 Chris Bova (5-11 240 So). Henry Hynoski (6-2 245 Fr) **PS#31**. 45 Dustin Walters (6-2 230 So). Walk-on.

WR 81 **DEREK KINDER SR.** 6-1 205 8 st '05. 37 (10.1). **1st Tm BE**, 12 st LY, 57 (14.9). 9 TJ Porter (6-1 185 So) PS#101. 269 all-purp true. Aundre Wright PS#209. Milford LY.

WR 88 **ODERICK TURNER SO.** 6-3 200 PS#97. 12 st rFr, 44 rec (15.0). 87 Marcel Pestano (6-1 190 Jr) PS#172. 28 rec (15.1) LY. 1 Cedric McGee (6-1 190 So) PS#101. 6 rec.

TE 80 **Nate Byham So.** 6-3 225 **PS#2**. 1 st true, 2 rec. 14 Darrell Strong (6-5 260 Sr) PS#36. 2 st '05. 16 (14.1). 4 st LY, 15 (11.4). 83 John Pelusi (6-3 250 So) PS#55WR.

C 64 **Chris Vangas Sr.** 6-2 295 **PS#91**. 2nd string C for 3Y, 3L. 62 John Bachman (6-4 280 So) PS#115. Inj LY. 67 Alex Karabin (6-1 305 rFr) LS Mark Estermyer (6-2 240 Jr).

RG 56 **JOE THOMAS SO.** 6-5 285 **PS#67**. Last 7 st RG true, 12 gm. 70 Dominic Williams (6-4 300 Jr) 2 st LG rFr. 5 gms as backup LY. Dan Matha (6-6 310 Fr) **PS#43**.

LG 55 **CJ DAVIS JR.** 6-2 300 PS#221. Last 6 starts at LG as true. 12 st LG in '06. 78 John Brown (6-4 285 So) **PS#61**. Chris Jacobson is **PS#14**. John Fieger is PS#202.

RT 75 **MIKE McGLYNN SR.** 6-5 315 PS#128. 8 st rFr. 11 st RT '05. 12 st RT LY. 77 **Jason Pinkston** (6-4 280 So) **PS#24DL**. Moved to OL Sept. 7 gm true. 57 Kevin Cimador (6-5 320 Sr) NMSt trans.

LT 76 **JEFF OTAH SR.** 6-6 340 PS#148JC. 12 st LT '06. 72 Chase Clowser (6-7 330 Jr) **PS#73**. 12 games LY. 66 Scott Corson (6-5 280 rFr) PS#103. Kevin Hughes (6-4 300 rFr) PS#163 '05.

K 37 **CONOR LEE JR.** 5-11 195 PS#84. 9 of 11 FG at Fork Union, long 49 '03. 12 of 14 FG here LY, long 47. 4-4 from 40+. Cody Sawhill (6-0 180 Jr). Dan Hutchins (5-11 190 rFr) PS#102.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 41 **CHRIS McKILLOP SR.** 6-3 250 **PS#56LB**. 11 st '05. 44 tkl, 3.5 sk. 6 st LY (inj) 23 tkl, 5.5 sk. 74 John Malecki (6-3 270 So) PS#110. 11 tkl true. Doug Fulmer (6-4 240 So) PS#171DB. 3 st, 2 ttl tkl inj rFr.

DT 93 **GUS MUSTAKAS JR.** 6-3 265 PS#285. 7 tkl, 3 sk as true. 12 st in '06, 24 tkl. 95 Ernest "Mick" Williams (6-1 290 So) PS#47LB. 2 tkl rFr. **Tommie Duhart** is **PS#51JC.**

DT 50 **RASHAAD DUNCAN JR.** 6-2 290 PS#212. 2 st, 15 tkl true. 35 tkl, 2 sk, 9 st in '06. 57 Craig Bokor (6-3 290 So) PS#46 '04. 4 gm backup LG LY. 53 Derrell Jones (6-2 320 So) PS#71.

DE 58 **JOE CLERMOND SR.** 6-3 260 PS#249LB. 1 st '04-'05, 41 tkl, 7 tfl. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm BE**, 48 tkl, 16.5 sk. Tyler Tkach (6-3 230 rFr) PS#149. Greg Romeus (6-5 230 rFr). David Pels (6-4 230 rFr).

SLB 8 **Adam Gunn Jr.** 6-2 225 **PS#55DB**. 21 tkl 2Y. 2 **Dorin Dickerson** (6-2 200 So) **PS#8WR**. 400 lb bench. 54 yd true. Jemeel Brady (6-0 205 Sr) PS#249DB. 2 st FS LY, 58 tkl 3Y.

MLB 40 **Scott McKillop Jr.** 6-2 245 **PS#58**. 27 tkl rFr. 29 tkl, 2 tfl LY. 52 **Dan Loheyde (6-0 200 rFr) PS#39**. Justin Hargrove (6-3 245 Fr) PS#52DL LY. Steve Dell (6-1 230 So) PS#164. 9 tkl rFr.

WLB 45 **Nate Nix rFr.** 6-3 210 **PS#55**. 15 Shane Murray (6-1 210 So) PS#157QB. 5 tkl, 11 gm LY. 36 Greg Webster (6-1 235 rFr) **PS#30**. 12 Brian Kaiser (6-0 200 So).

CB 5 **KENNARD COX SR.** 6-1 195 PS#174WR. 15 tkl '04-'05. 12 st LY, 51 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu. 7 Jovani Chappel (5-9 185 So) **PS#40.** 7 tkl, 10 gm as true. Dom DeCicco is PS#71WR.

CB 38 **Aaron Berry So.** 5-11 175 **PS#45**. 2 pbu true. 9 Aaron Smith (6-0 180 Fr) PS#26RB LY, GS. 35 Ricky Gary (5-9 175 rFr) PS#54. 16 Julius Eggleston (6-2 190 Jr).

SS 10 **MIKE PHILLIPS SR.** 5-11 200 PS#51. 7 st CB '04. 3 st SS '05. 5 st FS LY. 76 tkl, 2 int, 14 pbu 3Y. 23 Elijah Fields (6-2 210 So) PS#55. 11 Shawn Besong (5-11 200 Jr).

FS 28 **Eric Thatcher Jr.** 5-9 190 **PS#60**. 17 tkl rFr. First 5 st LY until inj. 21 tkl 2 pbu. 85 **Lowell Robinson** (6-0 195 Sr) **PS#16JC**. 26 KR (27.9). 20 Irvan Brown (6-0 190 So) PS#96RB. 2 tkl.

P 18 **Dave Brytus Jr.** 6-4 225 **PS#3**. 53 punts true, Purdue, 40.0 avg, 35.9 net. 62 punts in '05, 39.5 avg, **37.4 net**, Ray Guy finalist. 23 Lucas Stone (6-1 190 So) PS#29. 3 (34.7) rFr.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	LeSean McCoy 5-11 205 PS#8 '06
QB	Pat Bostick 6-3 220 PS#8
OL	Chris Jacobson 6-3 285 PS#14
DL	Tommie Duhart 6-2 275 PS#51JC
DL	Tony Tucker 6-2 225 PS#40
RB	Henry Hynoski 6-2 245 PS#31
OL	Dan Matha 6-6 310 PS#43
LB	Justin Hargrove 6-3 245 PS#52DL '06
WR	Maurice Williams 6-1 190 PS#48
WR	Kyle Hubbard 6-4 225 PS#50
LB	Brandon Lindsey 6-2 225 PS#56
DL	Myles Caragein 6-2 270 PS#70
RB	Shariff Harris 6-1 190 PS#59
DB	Dom DeCicco 6-3 200 PS#71WR
DL	Jabaal Sheard 6-4 240 PS#95
RB	Greg Williams 6-3 215 PS#92
DB	Sherod Murdock 6-0 170 PS#114
OL	Greg Gaskins 6-4 280 PS#165
OL	John Fieger 6-5 265 PS#202
LB	Tristan Roberts 6-0 215 PS#169
WR	Aundre Wright 5-11 185 PS#209
TE	Jordan Gibbs 6-7 270 PS#402OL
LB	Max Gruder 6-2 230 PS#404
DL	Wayne Jones 6-2 315 PS#451
DB	Buddy Jackson 6-0 160 PS#540

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Wannstedt's records AT PITTSBURGH

11-12	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
8-5	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
3-7	Away	1-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
6-8	Vs Conference	4-6	Off A Loss

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#59

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score PITT	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	Eastern Michigan	G						Pitt is 23-2 vs current MAC members (excluding new MAC member Temple). The Panthers have won 9 of their last 10 home openers & are 25-7 since 1975.
Sep. 8	Grambling St	G						Pitt is 6-0 vs IAA including LY's 51-6 win over The Citadel. The Tigers had an off year going just 3-8 including a loss to Div IA Houston 42-22 last year.
Sep. 15	at Michigan St	G						Last year Pitt came out with a 10-0 1Q lead before MSU scored 38 unanswered pts. Michigan St is 5-0-1 vs the Panthers winning by a combined score of 151-71.
Sep. 22	Connecticut	G						Home tm is 3-0 in this new Big East series that started in '04. Pitt shutout the Huskies in '05. Pitt lost to Connecticut LY in double OT blowing a 31-17 mid-4Q lead.
Sep. 29	at Virginia	G						This game features a pair of former NFL coaches coaching at their respective alma maters. Last yr Pitt returned 2 int's for TD's vs UVA, the 1st time they've done so since 1986.
Oct. 6								
Oct. 10	Navy (Wed)	G						The Panthers' schedule this year has 6 teams that advanced to a bowl in 2006. Pitt will play Navy for the 1st time S/'89. Panthers hold a 20-12-3 edge in this series that began in 1912.
Oct. 20	Cincinnati (HC)	G						The winner in this series earns the "River City Rivalry" Trophy. Pittsburgh is 6-0 vs Cincinnati outscoring them by an average score of 34-9.
Oct. 27	at Louisville	A						Pitt tried to shake things up by wearing all gold uniforms LY. Pitt outFD'd Louisville LY but had 4 TO's. Panthers have dropped the L/6 gms with the last win vs UL in '83.
Nov. 3	Syracuse	G						Pitt & Syracuse have met every year since 1955, the Orange lead series 30-29-3. Panthers have won 4 of L/5. Each of the L/9 games have been decided by 7+pts.
Nov. 10								
Nov. 17	at Rutgers	A						These 2 have met every year since 1985 Pitt holds a 19-5 series edge but have lost the last 2. As HC for the NFL Bears, Wannstedt hired Rutgers' Schiano as his DC.
Nov. 24	USF	G						The Bulls are 1-5 when temperatures are below 40°. LY these 2 combined for 8 TO's & 21 penalties. USF held Pitt's high scoring offense scoreless until 6:22 left.
Dec. 1	at West Virginia	A						This will be the 100th edition of the "Backyard Brawl" w/Pitt leading the series 59-37-3. Pitt is 4-11 vs WV the last 15 years. The Panthers are just 1-4 in season finales.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Alex Van Pelt 11,267 '89-'92
2. Dan Marino 8,597 '79-'82
3. Tyler Palko 8,343 '02-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Tony Dorsett 6,526 '73-'76
2. Curvin Richards 3,192 '88-'90
3. Craig Heyward 3,086 '84, '86-'87

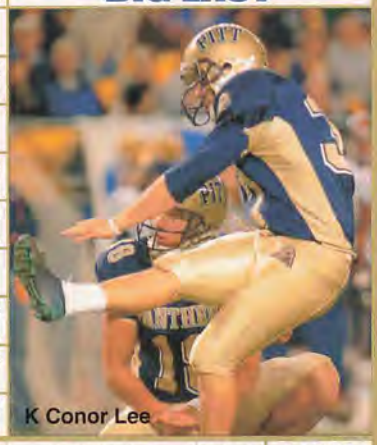
CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Antonio Bryant 3,061 '99-'01
2. Dietrich Jells 3,003 '91-'95
3. Latef Grim 2,680 '98-'00

RETURNING STARTERS:
2006 RECORD: (6–6)
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (26,20,2)
Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,305 (#48)

BIG EAST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STADIUM: HEINZ FIELD (65,050) (#36)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	8-4	8-4	8-3	5-6	6-6	48-32
Home	5-1	3-3	5-2	4-2	5-1	5-1	3-4	30-14
Away	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	0-5	3-2	18-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	5-2	5-2	4-2	4-3	2-5	27-21
ATS	5-6	6-4	5-7	5-7	6-4	5-5	5-6	37-39
Home Fav (Walt Harris)	2-3	1-1	1-5	2-2	2-0	4-1	2-2	14-14
Home Dog	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-2	7-5
Away Fav	1-1	2-0	0-1	2-4	1-1	0-2	3-2	9-11
Away Dog	1-2	1-2	3-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	0-0	7-9
Favorite (Dave Wannstedt)	3-4	3-1	1-6	4-6	3-1	4-3	5-4	23-25
Dog	2-2	3-3	4-1	1-1	3-3	1-2	0-2	14-14
vs Conf	3-4	5-2	3-4	3-4	3-3	4-3	2-5	23-25
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	1-2	3-1	14-14
Off SU Win	4-2	4-1	5-3	3-5	4-3	2-3	4-2	26-19
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-3	0-3	1-2	1-1	3-1	0-4	8-17

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LaRod Stephens-Howling	178	921	28	893	9	5.0
Shane Brooks	50	239	21	218	0	4.4
Conredge Collins	29	122	7	115	1	4.0
Kevin Collier	33	118	3	115	2	3.5
Tyler Palko	66	238	161	77	2	1.2
Dorin Dickerson	3	25	0	25	1	8.3
John Pettiford	5	16	0	16	0	3.2
Bill Stull	4	14	6	8	0	2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tyler Palko	322	220	68.3	2871	25	9
Bill Stull	8	6	75.0	69	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Derek Kinder	57	847	14.9	6	80
Oderick Turner	44	660	15.0	8	72
Marcel Pestano	28	424	15.1	2	42
Steve Buches	26	302	11.6	4	30
LaRod Stephens-Howling	19	231	12.2	1	30
Conredge Collins	20	198	9.9	3	36
Darrell Strong	15	171	11.4	3	26
Cedric McGee	6	56	9.3	0	21
Nate Byham	2	34	17.0	1	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Graessle	49	2059	42.0	11	37.5(t)	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Conor Lee	47-47	2-4	6-6	4-4	0-0	12-14	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
HB Blades	147	1	9.5	7	2
Clint Session	101	1	11	1	1
Sam Bryant	58	2	0	5	1
Kennard Cox	51	0	1	7	1
Tommie Campbell	49	0	4	3	1
Joe Clermond	48	5.5	11	0	0
Darrelle Revis	39	0	4	4	2
Rashaad Duncan	35	2	1.5	0	0
Brian Bennett	30	0	0	1	0
Scott McKillop	29	1	1	1	0
Mike Phillips	27	0	0	3	0
Gus Mustakas	24	0	1.5	0	1
Corey Davis	23	2	1	0	0
Chris McKillop	23	5.5	2	0	0
Eric Thatcher	21	0	0	2	1
Jemeel Brady	13	0	1	0	0
Adam Gunn	13	0	0	0	0
John Malecki	11	0	1	1	0
McKenzie Mathews	10	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darrelle Revis	22	190	8.6	1
Derek Kinder	2	14	7.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lowell Robinson	26	725	27.9	1
TJ Porter	11	244	22.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Insight.com		-2	Iowa St	29-37
01	Tangerine		E	NC State	34-19
02	Insight - #24		+2'	Oregon St	38-13
03	Continental Tire		+3	Virginia	16-23
04	Fiesta - #19		+15	Utah - #5	7-35

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PITTSBURGH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	31.8	18	123	3.9	249	68.7	11.7	+8	2006	5	22.8	19	181	4.6	182	63.0	15.9
9*	24.3	18	117	3.2	219	55.9	13.8	-4	2005	7	22.1	19	185	4.3	153	49.8	15.3
2	27.1	19	98	2.6	260	56.0	13.2	+13	2004	7	24.0	20	140	3.8	255	56.4	16.5
8*	29.9	20	118	3.2	288	58.8	13.6	+5	2003	6	23.9	20	185	4.5	218	57.2	16.8
8	25.5	20	143	3.4	215	52.3	14.1	+10	2002	5	17.8	17	117	3.2	179	52.5	16.6
5	24.7	19	124	3.5	225	54.2	14.2	-5	2001	10	20.4	17	118	3.0	168	54.2	14.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

PITT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Virginia	13	33 - 107	3.2	17 - 22	283	1	13	21 - 52	2.5	19 - 38	159	1	+1
–	at Cincinnati	13	35 - 90	2.6	11 - 21	267	0	16	30 - 35	1.2	25 - 40	221	3	0
–	Michigan St	22	20 - 81	4.1	28 - 47	277	1	24	48 - 335	7.0	16 - 25	198	1	-1
–	The Citadel	22	36 - 145	4.0	18 - 22	361	1	9	32 - 53	1.7	17 - 26	99	3	+1
–	Toledo	19	43 - 185	4.3	14 - 17	189	1	15	35 - 124	3.5	18 - 36	106	1	+3
–	at Syracuse	16	35 - 236	6.7	20 - 24	177	1	18	33 - 92	2.8	20 - 29	225	5	+2
–	at UCF	26	45 - 261	5.8	13 - 17	206	0	19	42 - 110	2.6	18 - 29	210	4	+4
–	Rutgers	12	26 - 67	2.6	16 - 26	169	5	17	48 - 268	5.6	10 - 18	72	0	-1
–	at USF	12	23 - 55	2.4	11 - 23	159	2	18	48 - 190	4.0	20 - 26	187	2	+1
–	at Connecticut	22	41 - 180	4.4	20 - 25	234	1	30	62 - 317	5.1	20 - 29	164	1	+1
–	West Virginia	16	19 - (-1)	-0.1	28 - 37	341	8	24	47 - 437	9.3	11 - 16	204	0	0
–	Louisville	22	24 - 70	2.9	32 - 51	328	2	20	31 - 162	5.2	21 - 29	337	0	-3
TOTALS		215	380 - 1476	3.9	228 - 332	2991	23	223	477 - 2175	4.6	215 - 341	2182	21	+8
AVERAGES		17.9	32 - 123	3.9	19 - 28	249	1.9	18.6	40 - 181	4.6	18 - 28	182	1.8	0.7

PITT Pre-Rank – 2002 RESULTS – Post-#19

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Ohio	-21	27-14
–	Texas A&M - #20	+3'	12-14
–	at UAB	-6'	26-20
–	Rutgers	-26'	23-3
–	Toledo	-5	37-19
–	at Syracuse	+2	48-24
–	at Notre Dame - #8	+7	6-14
–	Boston College	-4'	19-16 OT
–	at Virginia Tech - #3	+12'	28-21
#22	Temple	-16	29-22
#17	at Miami, Fl - #1	+19	21-28
#17	West Virginia - #24	-2'	17-24

PITT Pre-#10 – 2003 RESULTS – Post-

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#10	Kent St	-28'	43-3
#11	Ball St	-30'	42-21
#9	at Toledo	-10	31-35
#17	at Texas A&M	-1	37-26
#15	Notre Dame	-9	14-20
–	at Rutgers	-16	42-32
–	Syracuse	-6'	34-14
#25	at Boston College	-1'	24-13
#25	Virginia Tech - #5	+4'	31-28
#16	at West Virginia	-1	31-52
#21	at Temple	-15	30-16
#20	Miami, Fl - #10	+3	14-28

PITT Pre-Rank – 2004 RESULTS – Post-#25

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Ohio	-17'	24-3
–	Nebraska	+4'	17-24
–	Furman	NL	41-38 OT
–	at Connecticut	+6'	17-29
–	at Temple	-12	27-22
–	Boston College	+8	20-17 OT
–	Rutgers	-5'	41-17
–	at Syracuse	+4	31-38 2OT
–	at Notre Dame - #24	+11	41-38
–	West Virginia - #21	+3	16-13
#19	at USF	-6'	43-14

PITT Pre-#23 – 2005 RESULTS – Post-

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#23	Notre Dame	-3	21-42
–	at Ohio	-14	10-16 OT
–	at Nebraska	+9	6-7
–	Youngstown St	NL	41-0
–	at Rutgers	-1'	29-37
–	Cincinnati	-12'	38-20
–	USF	-1	31-17
–	Syracuse	-12'	34-17
–	at Louisville - #24	+20'	20-42
–	Connecticut	-12	24-0
–	at West Virginia - #12	+14	13-45

PITT Pre-Rank – 2006 RESULTS – Post-

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Virginia	-3'	38-13
–	at Cincinnati	-7'	33-15
–	Michigan St	-3	23-38
–	The Citadel	NL	51-6
–	Toledo	-16'	45-3
–	at Syracuse	-7	21-11
–	at UCF	-10'	52-7
–	Rutgers - #19	-6	10-20
–	at USF	-4'	12-22
–	at Connecticut	-7'	45-46 2OT
–	West Virginia - #8	+10'	27-45
–	Louisville - #8	+10	24-48

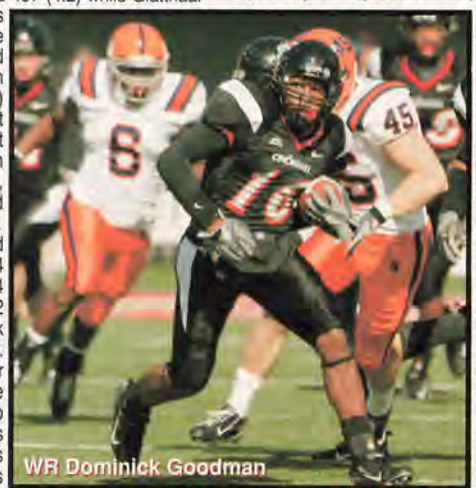
CINCINNATI BEARCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 the Bearcats had to replace their all-time career leader in total offense in Deontey Kenner. They got a huge signee in Gino Guidugli (PS#47) who had also been recruited by Notre Dame. Guidugli departed as the school's all-time leading passer and in 2004, broke Greg Cook's 1968 school record for TD passes in a season with 26. In 2004 Dantonio signed Dustin Grutza who he called "The QB of the future". He compared Grutza to Stefan LeFors of Louisville (mobile). In 2005 rFr Grutza became the first frosh QB to ever start the opener here throwing for 1,799 (56%) with an 11-11 ratio (300 rush). Nick Davila (PS#53JC) battled Grutza all year and threw for 344 (57.8%) with a 4-2 ratio. Last season they added a pair of rFr in Craig Carey (6'4" 225 PS#212) and Tony Pike (6'6" 210, PS#294). In mid August it was a 5-way race for the QB job but it was narrowed down to Grutza and Davila and the two split snaps in the first 2. The team did not move on three 2H possessions vs Pitt with Davila at QB and Grutza won the job throwing all but 2 of the team's passes over the next 7. Grutza was inj'd vs WV and Davila hit 10 of 17 for 167 then was the surprise starter vs Rutgers hitting 11 of 15 for 277. Davila also saw significant playing time vs Conn and got his second start of the season in the bowl. Davila threw for 1,057 (59.3%) with an 8-3 ratio while Grutza threw for 1,632 (60.9%) with a 9-13 ratio (405 rush). Ben Mauk, a transfer from Wake Forest who enrolled in May, is immediately eligible and will compete for the starting job. This figures to be a wide open race with a new coach and the Bearcats should have improved stats from the QB position even with the loss of Davila.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Ohio St transfer Richard Hall rushed for 1,012 (4.8). Dantonio worked in two true frosh in Butler Benton (453, 4.5) and Bradley Glatthaar (315, 4.4). Mike Daniels was a sprinter in HS and moved from WR and rushed for 119 (4.0). In 2005 Dantonio used a RB by committee approach and good-sized Greg Moore (6'2" 225) had 7 straight carries in one drive vs L'ville for 48 yards but finished with just 297 (4.8). Glatthaar led with 620 (4.5) while Benton added 287 (4.0) and Daniels had just 83 (4.6). Last year Daniels suffered a knee injury and true frosh Jacob Ramsey (PS#106) was impressive in August. The Bearcats averaged just 53.3 ypg rushing in the first 3 with Glatthaar leading the team with 83. Moore broke through vs Miami, Oh with 119 but it was Grutza that led vs Akron. Moore became the feature back leading in rushing in 5 of the final 7 finishing with 709 (4.4). Benton had 497 (4.2) while Glatthaar added 285 (3.0) and FB Doug Jones had 33 (3.0). This year the entire group returns but Daniels was moved to WR in spring. A possible addition in the fall is Mister Simpson (PS#55) who transferred from Michigan but needs to qualify academically. Not listed in the 3 deep below are John Goebel (6'1" 210 So, PS#150DL), Robby Armstrong (6'2" 210 rFr) and Brad Bury (6'1" 240 Jr, PS#210LB).

RECEIVERS - Dantonio started a youth movement at receiver in 2004 as true frosh Earnest Jackson had 24 (13.1) and soph TE Brent Celek had 22 (11.5). Jackson (27, 13.5) and Celek (32, 11.3) were the top 2 again in '05. Last year they did have to replace their other starting WR but big things were expected of Bill Poland (PS#121) who had 10 of his 17 rec in the last 2 games in '05. Dominick Goodman, who was an option QB in HS, has great hands and did not drop a pass all camp and still kept his speed after adding 20 lbs. Derrick Stewart, who DNQ in '05, became the team's deep threat avg 20.5 ypc (33 rec). Goodman led in rec (40, 11.3) and was the Bowl MVP while Celek added 35 (13.7) and Jackson 17 (13.1). Poland broke his fibula vs Rutgers and had 18 (10.0). Backup TE Connor Barwin had 13 (11.4) and also plays on UC's basketball team. This year they lose Celek (13 st, #5DC PHI) and Poland (11 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE Ben Guidugli (6'2" 220 rFr, PS#241LB), WR's Mike Daniels (23 career rec & 206 rush, inj LY), WR Charley Howard (6'4" 200 So) and this year's true frosh. With a new coach many of the newcomers could contribute immediately. Added to the mix at WR is RB/QB/S David Wess who moved to WR in the spring. They are switching to a 3-WR offense so FB Jones will also play TE. Despite technically losing 2 starters, they have 3 of their top 4 back and could be more productive.


WR Dominick Goodman

OFFENSIVE LINE - A veteran offensive front in 2004 opened holes for 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 14 sacks. They had to replace 4 starters in 2005 and the numbers dropped to 3.2 ypc rush with 40 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but had 6 back with starting experience. The more experienced group improved the numbers slightly (3.4 ypc, 33 sk all'd). This year they lose C Jeff Reinstatler (11 st) and LG Frank Straub (12 st). They return 2nd Tm BE RG Trevor Canfield and 8 of the top 10 return making it the most experienced unit since 2004. The Bearcats should have improved production again.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Bearcats had to replace 3 starters including a #5DC. Four true frosh played with 3 combining for 22 starts. I mentioned in 2005's magazine to keep an eye on Terrill Byrd who was just PS#170 but that is because he is only 6'1". He was highly productive as a senior in HS with 21 sacks and 178 tackles. Byrd was named the team's Def Newcomer of Year, starting all 11 as a true frosh. That inexperienced 2005 DL allowed 4.4 ypc rush and the defense only had 24 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup and those 4 true frosh now had the benefit of participating in spring practice. Jon Newton and Thomas Claggett who combined for 11 st in '05 both were relegated to backup roles. As expected, the numbers improved to 3.6 ypc rush allowed and 31 sacks. An Ohio St OL said that UC's DL was the best they had faced and they had played Texas the week prior! The unit did lose DT Tony Carvitti who Dantonio called "the heart and soul of the defense" after 5 starts. Carvitti returned for the bowl and played almost every snap. This year they lose Carvitti (6 st) and Claggett who moved to the OL but have 7 of the top 8 back and Byrd earned 1st Tm BE honors while DE Anderson was voted Team DL of the Year.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 the Bearcats had to replace all 3 starters and all 3 backups. Their most experienced returning LB was Anthony Williams (2 tkl '04). True frosh Corey Smith was #1 in tackles after 9 when he was injured. JC Kevin McCullough started 9 at MLB, but also missed time with a knee inj. Williams started 8 and was the #2 tackler (66). Last year the entire 2 deep returned including 7 players with starting experience. This year they lose 1st Tm BE McCullough (13 st, 72 tkl, 14.5 tfl) but have 5 of the top 6 back including six with starting experience and VHT Delbert Ferguson (PS#22RB) should finally make an impact. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Nick DeFilippo (6'2" 240 Jr, 4 tkl), Collin McCafferty (6'2" 210 rFr) and Jason Kelce (6'3" 240 rFr). Even with the loss of their top guy, this looks like one of the Big East's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bearcats usually finish high in my pass D rankings with finishes at #29, #28 and #43 from 2002-'04. In 2005 they had to replace 5 players who combined for 31 starts. True frosh Mike Mickens was 2nd Tm BE with 14 pbu. FS Haruki Nakamura is one of the hardest workers in the conf and led with 76 tackles. The lightly experienced group slipped to #99. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back. Mickens (top cover CB) held Ted Ginn Jr to 5 rec for 33 yards helping UC climb back up to #28 allowing 52.3% with a 14-14 ratio. This year they lose CB John Bowie (12 st, 38 tkl, #4DC OAK) who won the '06 BE track title in the 100m, 1st Tm BE SS Dominic Ross (13 st, 68 tkl) and backups JaJuan Hall (3 tkl), Antoine Horton (16 st, 67 tkl, 4Y). Mickens and Nakamura will both contend for All-Big East honors but UC may drop a notch or two in my pass D ratings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Brian Kelly's CM ST's were #102, #92 and moved up to #58 last year in my ST rankings. UC has had some good ST's units including a #12 finish in '97 and #29 in '98. In Dantonio's 3 years they were just #106, #113 and #82. Last year they had to bring in a new punter in Brian Steel (33.6 tm net) and he had an excellent game vs USF pinning the Bulls at the 2, 2, 6 and 12. K Kevin Lovell hit just 4 of 9 FG's with a long of 45 in '05. He hit 7 of his first 8 in 2006 but then missed his next 4. He finished strong at 18 of 23 with a long of 47 including 5 of 7 from 40+. One of his misses was the result of a bobbled snap. Dominick Goodman improved his KR avg from 18.7 in '05 to 25.8 in '06. Derrick Stewart was the top PR (9.2). This year they must replace K Lovell, P Steel and LS Patrick Farfsing (11 gm).

COACHES - Brian Kelly was the HC at Div II Grand Valley St for 13 years compiling a record of 118-35-2. Kelly never had a losing season with the Lakers and won Div II National Titles in 2002 and 2003 after finishing 2nd in 2001. He led C Mich to a pair of winning seasons in his 3 years there, including last year's MAC Championship rout of Ohio. His OC Jeff Quinn is coming off a 31-14 win as interim HC for CM in the Motor City Bowl. A veteran coach of 23 years, he has spent the last 16 alongside Kelly. The DC is Joe Tresey who was the DC at CM in '06, Georgia Southern ('04-'05) and at Akron ('02-'03).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mark Dantonio stepped into a great situation at Cincinnati. In 2003 in Rick Minter's final season, they outgained league foes by 86 ypg but in a jinxed season finished just 2-6. Dantonio inherited 17 starters including veteran QB Gino Guidugli and guided the team to a 7-5 season in 2004. In 2005 I called for them to have a losing season and as expected with just 6 starters back, they dropped to 4-7 and were outgained by 104.7 ypg in league play. Last year they had 17 returning starters but were still pegged 7th by the Big East media. Dantonio said they chose to embrace a tough schedule and did just that. UC had an AMAZING FOUR ROAD games vs Top 11 teams in Ohio St (#1), Virginia Tech (#11), Louisville (#7) and W Virginia (#10). They also faced #7 Rutgers at home and actually played all five tough trailing OSU just 13-7 at the half and giving up 17 late 4Q points. They led VT 13-12 after 3Q's and only lost by 6 to UL. They had a 20-13 FD edge vs W Virginia but lost by 18, they then upset unbeaten #7 Rutgers at home. They had just 10 seniors in the 2 deep and despite the grueling schedule, the Bearcats managed an 8-5 season including a bowl victory. Dantonio departs for Mich St but they bring in Brian Kelly who did an excellent job at C Mich. The Bearcats return 8 and starters on offense and should easily top last year's 21.1 ppg, especially with a softer non-conf slate. Last year's D had 10 returning starters and was the strength of the team allowing just 19.6 ppg and 308 ypg, their best since '96. They have 8 starters back this year but must replace their top two tacklers. UC benefitted from 2 net close wins last year and despite being the most experienced team in the BE, must learn new schemes on both sides of the ball and will not match 2006's 8 wins.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 4 DUSTIN GRUTZA JR. 6-2 212 PS#178. 22 st 2Y, 3431 (58%) 20-24 ratio, 705 rush. Ben Mauk (6-1 200 Sr) 10 st, 1522 pass, 54%, 601 rush 3Y at WF. **7** Craig Carey (6-4 225 So) PS#212.

RB 48 GREG MOORE SR. 6-2 225 PS#172. 9 st LY, 1013 rush (4.4), 16 rec 3 years. **23 Butler Benton** (6-1 210 Sr) 4 st 3Y, 1237 (4.3). **11 Bradley Glatthaar** (6-0 225 Sr) 11 st 3Y, 1220 (4.0).

WR 14 EARNEST JACKSON SR. 6-3 215 17 st WR 3Y. 68 rec (13.3). **FB 86 Doug Jones** (6-4 273 Sr) **21 st FB** 3Y, 564 all-purp yds. **35** Marcus Waugh (5-10 240 So) 1 st FB LY.

WR 16 DOMINICK GOODMAN JR. 6-1 200 PS#255QB. 610 all-purp yds true. 10 st LY, 40 (11.3). 21 KR (25.8). **81** Antwuan Giddens (6-3 190 Sr) PS#90. 1 st, 20 rec (7.7) '05. Adrien Robinson PS#74.

WR 10 DERRICK STEWART JR. 5-11 175 2 st LY, 33 (20.5), 25 PR (9.2). Jared Martin (6-1 180 So) 6 rec rFr. **2** David Wess (6-2 215 Jr) PS#230QB. **15** Marcus Barnett (6-1 170 rFr).

TE 89 Connor Barwin Jr. 6-4 240 PS#168. 3 st 2Y, 21 rec (13.9). Kazeem Alli (6-2 245 So) PS#48. 2 st rFr. Reggie Fugett (6-6 250 rFr) PS#96. Donnell McKenzie (6-2 235 So) PS#179LB.

C 64 Chris Flores Sr. 6-2 280 PS#232DL. 1 st 3 st C LY until inj. Ken Rodriguez (6-3 305 Sr) PS#424JC. 3 gm here LY. Chris Jurek (6-2 260 So) 1 gm. Alex Hoffman PS#439.

RG 76 TREVOR CANFIELD JR. 6-5 300 3 st RG rFr, 8 gm. 12 st RG LY, **2nd Tm Big East**. **70** CJ Cobb (6-4 310 rFr) PS#496. **63** Jon Tobin (6-2 280 Sr) PS#384. 1st RG '05.

LG 73 Mario Duenas Sr. 6-3 280 PS#155JC. 1 st LG LY, 12 gm. **77** Jeremy Bolton (6-5 310 Sr) PS#398. 3 st RT '05, 8 gm. 10 gm LY. **75** Thomas Claggett (6-2 280 Jr) 3 st DT '05.

RT 72 DIGGER BUJNOCH SR. 6-5 290 PS#401. 1 st TE rFr. 8 st RT '05. 13 st RT LY. **79** Khalil El-Amin (6-5 305 Jr) PS#245. 5 gm 2Y. **66** JP Simon (6-6 310 Sr) PS#359.

LT 71 JEFFREY LINKENBACH SO. 6-6 290 PS#332. 13 st LY, Tm Off Newcomer Yr. **68** Toby Boeckman (6-7 250 rFr) PS#462. **61** Steve Gawronski (6-3 285 So) PS#302. TJ Franklin PS#90TE.

K 9 Brandon Yingling Jr. 6-1 175 PS#62. 1 game in '06. Backup 2Y, #1 in spring. **87** Jacob Rogers (6-3 200 rFr) PS#88. #2K in spring. **39** Joe Carithers (5-11 200 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 56 TREVOR ANDERSON JR. 6-2 258 PS#144. 8 st true, 31 tkl, 4 sk. 13 st LY, 44 tkl, 6 sk, 7 tfl, Tm DL Yr. **10** Lamonte Nelms (6-3 235 Jr) PS#298DB. 8 tkl 2Y. **91** Tyler Clifford (6-4 235 So) PS#149.

DT 67 ADAM HOPPEL JR. 6-2 270 PS#376. 4 games FB rFr. 4 st DT in '06, 12 tkl. **94** Curtis Young (6-2 235 Jr) 3 st LY, 15 tkl, 3.5 sk. **90** Ricardo Mathews (6-3 265 So) PS#216.

DT 95 TERRILL BYRD JR. 6-1 285 PS#170. 11 st true, 22 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 31 tkl, 8.5 tfl, **1st Tm BE**. **54** Jon Newton (6-3 290 Sr) PS#193. **8 st '05**. Charles Harbin (6-0 275 Jr).

DE 12 ANTHONY HOKE SR. 6-1 245 4 st DL/LB '04-'05. 33 tkl, 3.5 sk. 13 st LY, 35 tkl, 5.5 sk. **82** Angelo Craig (6-5 235 Sr) 2 st, 36 tkl, 9 tfl 3Y. **99** Chris Harrison (6-4 270 rFr).

OLB 55 LEO MORGAN SR. 6-1 230 PS#220JC. 12 st LY, 62 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **37** Anthony Williams (6-1 220 Sr) 9 st L2Y. 101 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **45** Ryan Manalac (6-0 230 Jr) 4 st 2Y, 37 tkl.

MLB 3 Delbert Ferguson Jr. 6-1 235 **PS#22RB**. Moved to LB '06, 2 tkl. **50** Andre Revels (6-0 235 So) PS#138. 5 tkl rFr. **39** Tyjuan Jones (6-2 220 Sr) PS#108DB. 1 st, 11 tkl '05. 60 tkl, 9 tfl. **31** Jon Carpenter (6-0 230 Sr) 2 st, 39 tkl 3Y. **58** Torry Cornett (6-2 230 Jr) 5 tkl.

CB 6 DeAngelo Smith Jr. 6-0 180 PS#209. 1 st LY, 23 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **25 Brad Jones** (6-2 190 So) **PS#82**. 1 tkl rFr. **19** Marshwan Gilyard (6-1 180 Jr) 7 tkl '05, 7 KR (25.1).

CB 21 MIKE MICKENS JR. 6-0 165 **2nd Tm BE '05-'06**. #2 NCAA pd's '05, 11 st true, 13 st LY, 3 int, 15 pbu. **36** Jason Whitehead (6-1 185 rFr) PS#303. **4** Martez Williams (5-8 180 rFr).

SS 18 Cedric Tolbert Jr. 6-0 195 PS#122RB. 1 st true. 15 tkl. 10 tkl LY. **17** Aaron Webster (6-3 205 So) PS#184WR. 13 tkl true, Tm Def Newc of Yr. **2** Alex Hamo (6-1 190 rFr).

FS 13 HARUKI NAKAMURA SR. 5-10 185 11 st FS '05, #1 w/76 tkl, 2 int, 11 PR (8.0). 13 st LY, 66 tkl, 6 pbu. **44** Evan Sparks (6-0 200 Sr) 8 tkl 2Y. Tahree McQueen is PS#156QB.

P 47 Kevin Huber Jr. 6-1 205 6 punts as rFr, 35.7 avg. 1 gm in '06, 2 punts, 50.5 avg. 6 punts, 40.5 avg '07 spg gm. **9** Brandon Yingling (6-1 175 Jr) PS#62. #2 punter in spring.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Adrien Robinson 6-5 225 PS#74
DL	Randy Martinez 6-2 245 PS#99
WR	OJ Woodard 6-3 200 PS#109
LB	Ricardo Thompson 6-2 225 PS#116
QB	Chazz Anderson 6-2 200 PS#95
DL	John Hughes 6-3 265 PS#54TE
OL	Craig Parmenter 6-6 280 PS#197
LB	Alex Delisi 6-2 220 PS#178
DL	Rob Trigg 6-3 260 PS#192
DB	Tahree McQueen 5-10 190 PS#156QB
DB	Scott Johnson 5-10 195 PS#255RB
OL	TJ Franklin 6-5 265 PS#90TE
WR	Armon Binns 6-4 190 PS#257
QB	Zach Collaros 6-1 190 PS#192
OL	Sam Griffin 6-5 240 PS#271DL
OL	Frank Becker 6-3 270 PS#287DL
DB	Drew Frey 6-3 200 PS#344WR
OL	Alex Hoffman 6-7 265 PS#439
OL	Blake McCroskey 6-5 300 PS#517
WR	Tomaz Hilton 6-3 200 PS#429
DB	Deon Reed 6-0 200 PS#540
RB	Montez Patterson 6-1 200 PS#506

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

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BRIAN KELLY (Career 20-16) (Div II 118-35-2)
1st Year at Cincinnati Kelly's Bowl Record: 1-0

Kelly's records AT CINCINNATI

1-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (25,28,0)
Lost: 14 (5,6,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,373 (#92)

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#63

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	SE Missouri St (Thur)	A						The Redhawks were 4-7 last year including their 63-7 loss to Arkansas. Cincy has won 5 straight home openers including their 1st shutout in 11 seasons LY.
Sep. 6	Oregon St (Thur)	A						This is the 1st meeting between these 2 teams. Cincy is 2-1 vs current Pac 10 teams. Cincinnati has won 8 straight non-conference home games.
Sep. 15	at Miami, Oh	A						The schools' bill this as the oldest rivalry west of the Allegheny Mountains known as the Battle of the Victory Bell. This is the 112th meeting & Miami holds a 59-45-7 series lead.
Sep. 22	Marshall	A						Bearcats are 6-3-1 vs the Thundering Herd & won their last meeting 32-14 in the 2004 Fort Worth Bowl. The Bearcats are just 1-4 after facing crosstown rival Miami.
Sep. 29	at San Diego St	G						This will be the 1st meeting between these schools with Cincy travelling 2,204 miles. Cincy is 2-2 vs tms in the Mt West. Their last game was in '04 a 21-10 win over TCU.
Oct. 6	at Rutgers	A						LY Cincy won the biggest game in program history with the 30-11 upset over #7 Rutgers knocking them from the BCS race.The Bearcats are 4-7-1 vs Rutgers.
Oct. 13	Louisville (HC)	A						These two schools have averaged 67 ppg over the last 4 years. This is the battle for the Keg of Nails. Cincy was at the UL 16 with :17 left in last year's 6 pt loss.
Oct. 20	at Pittsburgh	G						This is the 3rd year in the newly formed River City Rivalry. LY UC def shutout Pitt for 28:11 in 1H & had a shot at the comeback but were SOD in 4Q at Pitt 9.
Oct. 27								
Nov. 3	at USF	G						Last year's game was a defensive struggle with Cincy leading 2-0 at the half. The Bulls committed 3 TO's including a 39 yd fumble return for a TD last year.
Nov. 10	Connecticut	A						The Cats trailed all game LY but scored 10 points in the final 2:00. Cincy outgained UC 442-295. Cincy is on a three game win streak over the Huskies.
Nov. 17	West Virginia	A						Last year Cincy held WV scoreless in 1Q for the 1st time in 15 gms but Cincy allowed 21 pts in the 2Q which was the most in one quarter by UC's defense all season.
Nov. 24	at Syracuse	A						LY QB Grutza's 37 yd TD (wounded duck) pass in swirling winds helped pull them away in 2H for the win. SU had only 79 yds heading into the 4Q. UC is 1-3 in the Carrier Dome.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Gino Guidugli 11,453 '01-'04
2. Danny McCoin 6,801 '84-'87
3. Deontey Kenner 6,278 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Reggie Taylor 4,242 '83-'86
2. DeMarco McCleskey 3,487 '98-'02
3. Allen Harvin 2,998 '78-'82

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. LaDaris Vann 2,483 '99-'02
2. Jim O'Brien 2,285 '67-'69
3. Marlon Pearce 2,096 '90-'92

RT Digger Bujnoch

STADIUM: NIPPERT STADIUM (35,000) (#84)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	7-6	5-7	6-5	4-7	7-5	43-38
Home	6-0	3-3	3-3	4-2	4-1	3-2	6-1	29-12
Away	1-4	4-1	4-2	1-5	2-4	1-5	1-4	14-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	5-2	5-2	6-2	2-6	5-3	2-5	4-3	29-23
ATS	7-4	6-5	9-4	4-7	5-6	3-6-1	6-4-1	40-36-2
Home Fav (Rick Minter)	3-1	2-1	3-3	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-1	13-11
Home Dog (Rick Minter)	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	9-5
Away Fav	1-0	0-3	2-1	0-1	0-3	0-0	0-1	3-9
Away Dog (Mark Dantonio)	1-3	2-0	3-0	3-2	1-2	2-3-1	2-1-1	14-11-2
Favorite	4-1	2-4	5-4	1-4	2-4	0-1	2-2	16-20
Dog	3-3	4-1	4-0	3-3	3-2	3-5-1	4-2-1	24-16-2
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	6-2	2-6	4-4	3-4	4-2-1	27-24-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-2	0-2-1	2-2	13-12-1
Off SU Win	5-1	3-3	4-2	2-3	3-3	0-3-1	2-3-1	19-18-2
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	4-2	1-4	2-2	3-2	4-1	18-15

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Motor City	-2'	Marshall	14-25
01	Motor City	+4	Toledo - #25	16-23
02	New Orleans	-7'	North Texas	19-24
04	Fort Worth	-1	Marshall	32-14
06	International	-7	W Michigan	27-24

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CINCINNATI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	21.1	17	134	3.4	207	60.0	16.2	-6	2006	10	19.6	15	106	3.6	202	52.3	15.7
3	17.5	20	125	3.2	200	56.6	18.6	-7	2005	3	31.4	21	180	4.4	221	57.5	12.8
9*	28.7	21	183	4.2	222	58.0	14.1	-5	2004	8	26.7	16	147	4.4	194	49.7	12.8
5*	25.3	21	165	3.8	228	52.7	15.6	0	2003	4	26.6	17	144	3.7	189	50.4	12.5
8*	29.2	20	137	3.5	261	54.4	13.6	+1	2002	8	23.5	18	138	3.6	180	51.5	13.5
4	28.0	22	135	3.4	271	58.2	14.5	+4	2001	5	24.2	20	189	4.7	199	53.2	16.1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Greg Moore	162	727	18	709	4	4.4
Butler Benton	118	521	24	497	4	4.2
Bradley Glatthaar	94	306	21	285	2	3.0
Dustin Grutza	85	405	159	246	0	2.9
Doug Jones	11	37	4	33	0	3.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Dustin Grutza	225	137	60.9	1632	9	13
Nick Davila	118	70	59.3	1057	8	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Derrick Stewart	33	675	20.5	5	51	
Brent Celek	35	481	13.7	3	83	
Dominick Goodman	40	452	11.3	5	31	
Earnest Jackson	17	223	13.1	0	42	
Bill Poland	18	180	10.0	1	21	
Connor Barwin	13	148	11.4	2	28	
Doug Jones	11	123	11.2	0	32	
Butler Benton	7	109	15.6	0	62	
Greg Moore	12	86	7.2	0	20	
Kazeem Alli	6	81	13.5	0	29	
Jared Martin	6	73	12.2	1	22	
Bradley Glatthaar	8	36	4.5	0	9	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brian Steel	70	2715	38.8	18	33.6(t)	1	24
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Kevin Lovell	28-28	7-7	6-9	5-7	0-0	18-23	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin McCullough	72	2	12.5	3	1
Dominic Ross	68	0	1	4	4
Haruki Nakamura	66	0	1	6	1
Leo Morgan	62	1	4.5	1	0
Corey Smith	60	1	8	0	0
Mike Mickens	59	1	1.5	15	3
Trevor Anderson	44	6	7	2	0
John Bowie	38	0	2.5	4	2
Anthony Hoke	35	5.5	3	0	0
Anthony Williams	35	1	3	2	1
Terrill Byrd	31	3	5.5	0	0
DeAngelo Smith	23	0	1.5	3	2
Angelo Craig	16	4	3.5	2	0
Ryan Manalac	15	0.5	0.5	2	0
Curtis Young	15	3.5	0.5	0	0
Tony Carvitti	15	2	0	0	0
Jon Carpenter	13	0	0.5	0	0
Aaron Webster	13	0	0	0	0
Adam Hoppel	12	0.5	0	0	0
Cedric Tolbert	10	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Derrick Stewart	25	231	9.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Dominick Goodman	21	541	25.8	0	
Derrick Stewart	4	81	20.2	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

UC 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	E Kentucky	19	36 - 129	3.6	19 - 34	282	1	15	31 - 73	2.4	17 - 33	177	4	+3
–	Pittsburgh	16	30 - 35	1.2	25 - 40	221	3	13	35 - 90	2.6	11 - 21	267	0	0
–	at Ohio St	11	22 - (-4)	-0.2	20 - 25	216	8	22	32 - 166	5.2	25 - 35	278	2	-3
–	at Virginia Tech	12	38 - 121	3.2	14 - 20	159	2	15	33 - 145	4.4	11 - 23	188	3	-1
–	Miami, Oh	12	42 - 253	6.0	5 - 11	43	0	15	25 - 36	1.4	21 - 48	190	4	0
–	Akron	23	53 - 194	3.7	16 - 24	230	1	10	19 - 36	1.9	16 - 33	183	2	-3
–	at Louisville	19	52 - 212	4.1	10 - 28	129	6	22	26 - 90	3.5	20 - 36	324	1	+2
–	USF	17	46 - 191	4.2	11 - 18	105	2	13	29 - 92	3.2	19 - 36	127	4	+3
–	Syracuse	16	42 - 147	3.5	13 18	205	1	12	31 - 61	2.0	13 - 29	119	4	-2
–	at West Virginia	20	31 - 57	1.8	23 41	310	3	13	38 - 313	8.2	8 - 14	98	1	-4
–	Rutgers	15	46 - 125	2.7	11 15	277	0	14	21 - 50	2.4	21 - 42	238	1	+1
–	at Connecticut	22	41 - 151	3.7	20 - 34	291	2	15	31 - 123	4.0	13 - 24	172	3	-1
–	† W Michigan	21	34 - 126	3.7	20 - 37	221	4	19	29 - 108	3.7	24 - 45	260	2	-1
TOTALS		223	513 - 1737	3.4	207 - 345	2689	33	198	380 - 1383	3.6	219 - 419	2621	31	-6
AVERAGES		17.2	39 - 134	3.4	16 - 27	207	2.5	15.2	29 - 106	3.6	17 - 32	202	2.4	-0.5

2002 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	TCU	-3'	36-29 OT
–	West Virginia	-4'	32-35
–	† Ohio St - #6	+18'	19-23
–	at Temple	-4'	35-22
–	Miami, Oh	-5'	26-31
–	at Tulane	-4'	17-35
–	at S Mississippi	+10	14-23
–	Memphis	-6'	48-10
–	at Louisville	+9	24-14
–	Houston	-14'	47-14
–	at Hawaii	+3'	19-20
–	UAB	-17	31-23
–	at East Carolina	-7'	42-26

2003 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	East Carolina	-8	40-3
–	at West Virginia	+7	15-13
–	Temple	-13'	30-24 3OT
–	at Miami, Oh	+7	37-42
–	S Mississippi	-7'	20-22
–	at UAB	-5'	14-31
–	Army	-27'	33-29
–	at USF	+3	17-24 3OT
–	Rhode Island	NL	31-24
–	at TCU - #10	+7	10-43
–	at Memphis	+10	16-21
–	Louisville	+2'	40-43

2004 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Ohio St	+14	6-27
–	Miami, Oh	+3'	45-26
–	at Syracuse	-3	7-19
–	at East Carolina	-11'	24-19
–	UAB	-1	27-30
–	at Army	-14'	29-48
–	Memphis	+6	49-10
–	TCU	-6	21-10
–	at S Mississippi - #21	+6	52-24
–	USF	-12'	45-23
–	at Louisville - #7	+21	7-70

2005 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Michigan	-10	28-26
–	at Penn St	+18	24-42
–	W Carolina	NL	7-3
–	at Miami, Oh	+10	16-44
–	at Pittsburgh	+12'	20-38
–	Connecticut	+7'	28-17
–	Louisville	+21'	22-46
–	at Syracuse	+4	22-16
–	West Virginia - #16	+14	0-38
–	at USF	+21	16-31
–	at Rutgers	+13'	9-44

2006 RESULTS

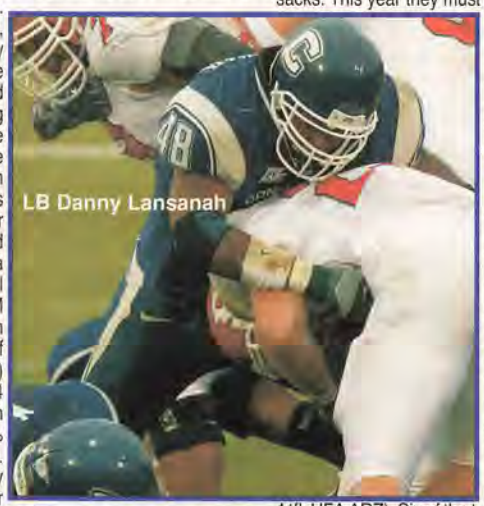
UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Kentucky	NL	31-0
–	Pittsburgh	+7'	15-33
–	at Ohio St - #1	+29	7-37
–	at Virginia Tech - #11	+27'	13-29
–	Miami, Oh	-11	24-10
–	Akron	-6'	20-14
–	at Louisville - #7	+25	17-23
–	USF	+1'	23-6
–	Syracuse	-6'	17-3
–	at West Virginia - #10	+18	24-42
–	Rutgers - #7	+6'	30-11
–	at Connecticut	-5'	26-23

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Conn had to replace Dan Orlovsky (#5DC DET). The QB's combined for 7 career pass attempts entering the season. Matt "Bones" Bonislawski, DJ Hernandez and true frosh Dennis Brown (PS#128) all took turns at QB due to injuries and ineffectiveness. Bonislawski led with 836 yards passing (50.6%, 6-7 ratio) while Hernandez contributed 515 (51.1%) with a 6-1 ratio and Brown had 293 (51.9%, 2-2). Hernandez (PS#66) was the best runner of the group and won the starting job in 2006. He was ineffective early and "Bones" came off the bench to start games 4-7. Hernandez started vs Rutgers and had a big game vs Pitt rushing for 130 (2nd best by a QB in school history 1968, Pete Petrillo) and threw 4 TD's. He also ran for the game winning 2 pt conv. At the end of the season, Hernandez injured his wrist and Edsall wanted to redshirt Brown so starting CB Darius Butler was the backup in the season finale. This year they must replace Bonislawski (6 st, 843, 46%, 5-3 ratio) and Hernandez (6 st), who moved to WR in the spring. Dennis Brown (6'3" 196 So) will battle PS#10JC Tyler Lorenzen who threw for 2,960 (69%) with a 26-3 ratio (836 rush) at JC last year. Adding depth are Matt Vollono (6'0" 198 rFr) and true frosh Cody Endres (PS#186). I look for much improved production from the QB's in 2007.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 true frosh Terry Caulley (PS#148), who was compared to Joe Morris at 5'7" 185 with 4.4 speed, made a huge impact. He rushed for 1,247 (5.7), which was the most by any true frosh in the NCAA since 1997. He scored 16 TD's and added 25 rec despite missing 2. Caulley trimmed his 40 time to 4.3 and was leading the NCAA in rushing in 2003 with 601 in the first 4 but tore his ACL. Chris Bellamy took over and had 212 vs Kent St and 101 vs Akron but suffered a neck injury. Cornell Brockington had 186 vs WM and 182 in the finale vs WF. In 2004 Brockington (nephew of former Packer great John) rushed for 1,218 (5.1) with 34 rec as Caulley redshirted. In 2005 Caulley was not 100% but still led with 659 (4.7). Brockington surprisingly only had 337 (4.0). Last year Caulley became the Huskies' all-time leading rusher and although still not 100%, rushed for 674 (5.6) but lost his starting job to rFr Donald Brown (PS#103DB). Brown rushed for 199 vs Rutgers then 205 vs Pitt and was the only frosh to earn All Big East honors last year (2nd Tm) with 896 (5.6). Lou Allen, who has nice size (6'1" 238) and good speed, rushed for 230 (4.1). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Robert McClain III (5'10" 195 So) who was the 3-time Off Scout Tm POW (13 KR), Joss Tillard (5'10" 212 rFr) and this year's true frosh including Anthony Sherman (PS#79LB). This year they must replace Caulley (UFA WAS) as well as solid blocking FB Deon Anderson (9 st, 179 ttl yd, #6DC DAL) but I give Brown a good shot at topping 1,000 yds.


LB Danny Lansanah

RECEIVERS - Brandon Young, who had 4.38 speed prior to a car accident in '04, returned from injury and led the team in 2005 with 28 rec (13.2). TE Dan Murray was #3 with 23 (12.9). They both returned last year but Murray was hampered by a high ankle sprain and did not play in the first three and finished with just 10 (11.3). WR's Nollis Dewar and Todd Dorcelus (PS#65) were dismissed in October. The two starters, Young and Brandon McLean, were replaced by frosh Brad Kanuch (PS#99DB) and Terence Jeffers vs USF. RB Larry Taylor, the most explosive offensive player, had moved to WR in the offseason and he led in rec with 29 (9.0). Taylor missed the final two and the unit was so depleted they used two walk-ons including Marcus Easley (6'2" 200 Jr) who answered an ad in the paper for tryouts. This year they lose Young (4 st, 19), Dewar (2 rec), Dorcelus, Seth Fogarty and Murray (1 st, UFA JAX). They do, however, have the big-time addition of former QB DJ Hernandez who moved to WR in spring. This unit should suffer less attrition in 2007 making it deeper and improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 UC's O-line averaged just 279 lbs per man but has gotten progressively larger, with this year's projected front 5 averaging 314 lbs. The team's rushing ypc has also improved dramatically averaging over 4 ypc in each of the last four seasons. The Huskies had to replace 3 OL starters in '05 and '06 including starting C Trey Tonsing (8 st '05) who was susp for the '06 season. The unit was then hit hard by injuries as C Keith Gray was lost for the season after 2 starts and LT William Beatty broke his leg after 5 and was replaced by Dan Ryan. Nine different players earned starts but they still opened holes for 4.5 ypc rushing (only 3.76 in BE play) while allowing 31 sacks. This year they must replace RG Immanuel Hutcherson (11 st, 2Y st'r), LG Matt Applebaum (12 st, 2Y st'r) and G Brian Kersmanc (2 st). This is the most experienced Husky O-line in a few years as seven players return with starting experience and hopefully will be healthier in '07.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Huskies had a veteran front in 2005 and allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup. DE Cody Brown broke his arm after 6 starts and backup Jason Ward (6 st '04) broke a bone in his foot in August. Another backup, Harold Stanback, was dismissed (4 gm) in October. The Huskies slipped allowing 4.5 ypc rush while recording just 22 sacks. The star of the unit departs in 2nd Tm Big East DT Rhema Fuller (37 tkl, 3.5 sk, 12 st) along with DT Ray Blagman (12 st, 36 tkl, 4 tfl, UFA ARZ). Six of the top 8 are back and even without their star, they should be improved.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 the Huskies had to replace the #1 and #3 tacklers in the Big East including a #3DC. The '05 LB unit was hit hard by injuries. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 20 starts but still had 3 LB's back with starting experience. Donta Moore broke his arm in the 4th game but still played and finished the #4 tackler with 72. Danny Lansanah in his 2nd year as a starter and Ryan Henegan in his first were the team's top two tacklers. This year they lose Moore (12 st), Johnathon Smith (2 st, 25 tkl) and Justin DeRubertis (5 tkl). Not only are Lansanah and Henegan back, but the Huskies get their first Parade AA signee in Jarrell Miller who is PS#10. He originally signed at UNC but played at Fork Union last year. This is the most experienced and talented Husky LB corps in years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 UC had to replace 2 starters then lost a projected starter prior to the season (inj) and another starter to injury after 6 st. The lightly experienced group somehow managed to rise to #33 in my pass D rankings allowing 46.6% with a 10-14 ratio. Last year they had 7 players return with starting experience but FS Marvin Taylor was dismissed after 2 starts and two backups quit in August. They still had 3 starters left including their speedy CB combo of Darius Butler and Tyvon Branch. Surprisingly they dropped to #89 allowing 56.6% with a 15-12 ratio. This year they lose SS Dahna Deleston (10 st, 64 tkl, 3 tfl), S MJ Estep (9 st, 48 tkl, 4 tfl), CB Ernest Cole (1 st, 15 tkl), S Allan Barnes (1 st, 3 tkl) and Taylor (2 st, 12 tkl). Their top-notch CB combo is back and Robert Vaughn (PS#60) should excel at FS after being forced to take off his RS after 5 games last year. Despite being less experienced than 2006, UC should climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Huskies finished #115 in my ST rankings in 2003 as Matt Nuzie struggled missing 10 FG's. In 2004 Nuzie responded hitting 20 of 28 and UC finished #70 in my rankings. In 2005 the Huskies finished #36 even though Nuzie hit just 10 of 19 (long of 50) and Graig Vicidomino (PS#103) hit 2 of 2 (long 40). Last year they used 3 different K's but only hit 7 of 16 FG's overall. They did have to replace P Shane Hussar who transferred but Chris Pavasaris had 26 punts (36.5) in '05. Pavasaris improved his avg last year to 40.1 (34.0 net). Larry Taylor, who avg 12.3 on PR in '05, improved to 12.8 despite missing 2. He also avg'd 25.4 on KR's. They lost LS Martin Bedard to a dislocated elbow and had some bad snaps in the 2H of the year. K's Nuzie and Vicidomino are gone as is P Pavasaris. This unit dropped to #96 and can only improve.

COACHES - Randy Edsall returns for his ninth year. He was the GTech DC in 1998 and was the Jacksonville Jags' DB Coach from 1994-1997. Last year they had to replace OC Norries Wilson who was a finalist for the Broyles Award in 2004. QB Coach Rob Ambrose was promoted to OC and is now in his 6th year with the program. The DC is Todd Orlando who is in his 9th year as LB coach and 3rd year as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In their final year of IAA ball, UC was just 4-7 then 3-8 in their inaugural IA season. In 2003 they reached the full allotment of 85 scholarship players for the first time and I called for their first winning season since 1998. They did not disappoint as they were 9-3 outgaining 11 of 12 foes. In 2004 they had a senior QB in Dan Orlovsky, two veteran TB's and an O-line with 4 starters back giving them an explosive offense that averaged 30.3 ppg and 429 ypg. UC not only made it to a bowl game, they destroyed Toledo 39-10. Connecticut had their most successful three year run in school history from 2002 to 2004 winning 23 games including a 21-7 record over the last 28 in that span. UC had just 11 returning starters in 2005 and had to replace 24 lettermen. They had a soft non-conf schedule and had four home games in Big East play but suffered their first losing record in four years. Their six senior starters were the 6th lowest in the NCAA. Last year they had 14 returning starters and did open 2-1 including a win at Indiana. Despite having the second most returning starters in the Big East, UC had a poor year going 1-6. They were outgained by 106 ypg in Big East play with their lone Big East win being a miracle comeback against Pitt in which they trailed by 14 mid-4Q and needed a TD with :03 left to force OT. This year's offense has 8 starters back and brings in a PS#10 JC QB. They should improve upon the 21.4 ppg which was 8.9 ppg less than they averaged in their first year in the Big East. The defense allowed an uncharacteristic 27.0 ppg, their worst since 2001. The team has the benefit of practicing inside their brand new training center which will also aide practices late in the year. UC lost 44 starts to injury last year (pg 314) so they should have no trouble topping 2006's 4-win total and flirt with bowl-eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 4 TYLER LORENZEN JR. 6-5 223 **PS#10JC**. 2960 (69%) 26-3 ratio, 836 rush at JC '06. **11** Dennis Brown PS#128. 293 (52%) 2-2 ratio true '05. RS LY. Cody Endres is PS#186.

RB 34 DONALD BROWN SO. 5-11 214 PS#103DB. L/5 st rFr, **2nd Tm BE**, 896 (5.6), 13 rec. **5** Lou Allen (6-1 238 Jr) 3 st, 611 (4.3) 2Y. **2** Andre Dixon (6-1 195 So) PS#130.

WR 24 Larry Taylor Sr. 5-6 173 4.37 spd. 2 st, 29 rec (9.0) LY. 1715 return yds 3Y. **85** Kevin Poles (6-1 205 rFr) PS#182. **FB 47** Anthony Davis (5-10 235 rFr) PS#186. Luke Cox (6-0 245 rFr).

WR 3 BRAD KANUCH SO. 6-0 188 PS#99DB. L/8 st true, 13 rec (22.2). **88** Brandon McLean (5-10 167 Sr) PS#141. 13 st 3Y, 32 rec (11.0). Inj LY. **39** Robert Theoudele (6-4 217 Jr).

WR 14 DJ HERNANDEZ JR. 6-1 209 PS#66QB. 8 st QB 2Y, 1364 pass (56%) 696 rush. Terence Jeffers (6-2 210 So) PS#322. 8 st true, 17 rec (11.8). **87** Ellis Gaulden (6-2 229 Jr). Inj L2Y.

TE 90 STEVE BROUSE JR. 6-4 250 PS#66. 10 st LY, 19 (11.4). **89** Derek Rich (6-4 257 rFr) PS#157. **91** Martin Bedard (6-3 229 Jr) 7 gm LS LY. AJ Johnson is PS#53.

C 68 Keith Gray Jr. 6-2 287 PS#336DL. Last 3 st C '05. First 2 st LY until inj. **69 Trey Tonsing** (6-2 285 Jr) PS#175. 8 st rFr in '05. Susp LY. **77** Bobby Fry (6-3 278 So) PS#395.

RG 74 ALEX LaMAGDELAINE SO. 6-3 304 PS#192. 10 st C rFr. **55** Donald Thomas (6-4 290 Sr) 11 gm '05. 1 st LG LY. **66** Mathieu Olivier (6-5 277 rFr). Muhammad Petrus PS#485.

LG 62 Lawrence Green So. 6-3 332 PS#207. 10 tkl, 1.5 tfl rFr. **58** Andrew Presnell (6-4 310 So) PS#225DL. Added 25 lbs. **63** Jared Pratt (6-2 327 So). Gary Bardzak PS#186.

RT 79 MIKE HICKS SO. 6-5 335 PS#226. 9 st RT rFr, 10 gm. Missed 2 with ankle inj. **78** Zach Hurd (6-6 288 rFr) PS#411. **60** Justin Lattimore (6-5 313 Jr).

LT 73 DAN RYAN SO. 6-9 313 PS#218. Last 7 st LT rFr. 12 gm. **64 William Beatty** (6-6 280 Jr) 4 st LT rFr. **First 5 st at LT LY until inj**. Mike Ryan is PS#414.

K NA Dave Teggart Fr. 6-0 205 PS#46. 18 of 24 FG HS, long 47, 50 of 51 xp. **97** Tony Ciaravino (6-2 228 Jr) PS#37, 2 gm true. Backup PK in '05. 2 of 2 FG's LY, 12-13 xp.

DE 9 Lindsey Witten So. 6-4 218 PS#341LB. Last 6 st true, 39 tkl, 3.5 sk. **96** Gary Mack (6-3 236 Sr) PS#381. 1 tkl 3Y. Kendall Reyes PS#201LB. **95** Joe Hartigan (6-1 227 Sr).

DT 52 Brandon Dillon So. 6-4 284 PS#396 '03, Fork Union. RS '05. 3 tkl LY. **65** Rob Lunn (6-3 280 Jr) 5 tkl, 1.5 tfl 2Y. Twyon Martin is PS#293. **51** Alex Folson (5-10 230 rFr).

DT 6 DAN DAVIS SR. 6-1 287 10 st DE '05, 29 tkl, 9 tfl. 12 st DE LY, 43 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **54** Alex Polito (6-5 266 rFr). Scott Schultz (6-3 267 Fr) PS#215. **94** Zak Penwell (6-4 265 Sr).

DE 50 CODY BROWN JR. 6-4 240 PS#377. 1 st true, 20 tkl 5 tfl. 6 st LY until inj, 24 tkl, 4.5 sk. **45** Julius Williams (6-2 262 Jr) 16 tkl 2Y. **56** Mike Cox (6-3 238 rFr). Marcus Campbell PS#231.

WLB 43 RYAN HENEGAN SR. 6-1 234 PS#211. 1 st MLB '05, 24 tkl. 10 st LY, 92 tkl, 9 tfl. Scott Lutrus (6-2 227 rFr) PS#331. Greg Robinson (6-1 216 rFr) PS#262. Donald Goudreau (6-1 229 rFr).

MLB 48 DANNY LANSANAH SR. 6-0 248 23 tkl rFr. 10 st '05, 80 tkl, 11 tfl. 12 st LY, #1 w/ 99 tkl, 9.5 tfl, 4 int. Greg Lloyd PS#129. **18** Aaron Bryant (6-3 220 So). CJ Marck is PS#156.

SLB 59 Jarrell Miller Fr. 6-2 259 **PS#10**. NC signee. Fork Union LY. In for spring. **8** Lawrence Wilson (6-1 227 rFr) PS#192. Added 17 lb. **23** Matt Ashmead (6-0 229 So) 1 tkl rFr.

CB 29 TYVON BRANCH SR. 6-0 199 PS#277. 6 st '04-'05, 62 tkl, 2 int. 12 st LY, 79 tkl, 4 pbu. 100m champ HS. **Jameson Davis** (5-11 195 Jr) PS#118. **Wisc trans**. Darren McKhan (5-10 179 rFr).

CB 1 DARIUS BUTLER JR. 5-11 186 11 st, 4 int, 8 pbu rFr. 11 st, 50 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu LY. **20** Terry Baltimore (5-10 170 So) 15 tkl rFr. James Nixon PS#93 LY. Khaliyl Lane (5-10 183 rFr).

SS 15 Donnell Ford Sr. 6-1 192 PS#387. ACL '04. 5 tkl '05. 5 tkl LY. **27** Aaron Bagsby PS#285. In for spring. 85 tkl prep school last year. Jonathan Jean-Louis PS#180.

FS 33 Robert Vaughn So. 6-0 192 **PS#60**. Took off RS last 7 gm LY, 2 st true, 17 tkl. **7** Glen Mourning (6-0 208 So) PS#265QB. **37** Corey Stringer PS#404LB. In for spring.

P NA Dave Teggert Fr. 6-0 205 PS#46K. 41.7 avg in HS LY. Hit .458 on baseball team. **13 Desi Cullen** (6-1 201 So) PS#102. 43.0 avg in HS. 18 KO as true, 2 TB.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Tyler Lorenzen 6-5 223 PS#10JC
LB	Jarrell Miller 6-2 259 PS#10 '06
RB	Anthony Sherman 5-11 225 PS#79LB
DB	James Nixon 6-0 185 PS#93 '06
LB	Greg Lloyd 6-1 220 PS#129
OL	Gary Bardzak 6-2 290 PS#186
TE	AJ Johnson 6-4 242 PS#53
WR	Kashif Moore 5-10 180 PS#157
DB	Jonathan Jean-Louis 5-11 190 PS#180
LB	CJ Marck 6-0 230 PS#156
RB	Robbie Frey 6-0 190 PS#150
DL	Kendall Reyes 6-4 235 PS#201LB
DL	Scott Schultz 6-3 267 PS#215
DL	Marcus Campbell 6-4 220 PS#231
DB	Kijuan Dabney 6-1 190 PS#244WR
DB	Aaron Bagsby 6-0 179 PS#285
TE	Yianni Apostolakos 6-5 235 PS#92
QB	Cody Endres 6-4 214 PS#186
K	Dave Teggart 6-0 205 PS#46
DL	Twyon Martin 6-2 265 PS#293
OL	Mike Ryan 6-5 305 PS#414
DB	Jasper Howard 5-10 168 PS#394
DL	Danny Russell 6-2 240 PS#365
OL	Muhammad Petrus 6-2 285 PS#485
LB	Corey Stringer 6-2 206 PS#404
RB	Kelmetrus Wylie 6-0 200 PS#434
DB	Harris Agbor 5-11 180 PS#540
DB	Gary Wilburn 5-11 185 PS#540
WR	Isiah Moore 6-0 190 PS#495

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

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RANDY EDSALL (Career 37-44) (Div IAA 4-7)
9th Year at Connecticut — Edsall's Bowl Record: 1-0

Edsall's records AT CONNECTICUT

37-44	Straight Up	0-5	Vs Top 10
23-19	Home	0-10	Vs Top 25
13-25	Away	7-14	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	4-6	Off A Bye
6-14	Vs Conference	16-24	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (4–8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (18,14,2)
Lost: 24 (11,10,3)

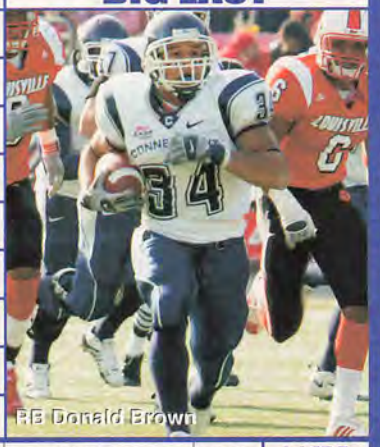
2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,939 (#58)

BIG EAST

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Dan Orlovsky 10,706 '01-'04	1. Terry Caulley 3,187 '02-'06	1. Mark Didio 3,535 '88-'91
2. Matt DeGennaro 9,288 '87-'90	2. Wilbur Gilliard 2,624 '92-'95	2. John Fitzsimmons 2,841 '96-'00
3. Shane Stafford 8,975 '95-'98	3. Ed Long 2,515 '91-'94	3. Carl Bond 2,770 '95-'98

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#66

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at Duke	G						In '04, only previous gm UC pulled out a 22-20 win after trailing 20-6 with 11:06 left. Duke missed a 36 yd field goal with 6 seconds remaining in that game.
Sep. 8	Maine	G						Huskies are 8-2 in home openers winning the last 4 by 36 ppg. This is the 73rd meeting with UC leading 38-31-3. UC is 5-0 vs in Div IAA teams since 2002.
Sep. 15	Temple	G						This will be the 10th meeting (UC 2-7). UC defeated Temple 45-31 in 2004. Temple joined the MAC this yr & Connecticut is 10-1 (includes bowl) vs the MAC S/'02.
Sep. 22	at Pittsburgh	G						LY UC rallied from a 31-17 4Q deficit to force OT, in 2OT UC went for 2 pts for the win. Huskies were shutout last game here 24-0 ('05) but lead the series 2-1.
Sep. 29	Akron	G						These two schools have met twice in 2000 & 2003. UC won both games by a combined 4 pts. In their last meeting, UC kicked a FG in the closing seconds.
Oct. 6								
Oct. 13	at Virginia	G						This is the 1st meeting between these 2 schools. Prior to this year Connecticut is 2-20-2 vs current ACC teams. Connecticut has gone 10-4 vs non-conf opponents.
Oct. 19	Louisville (Fri) (HC)	G						Connecticut looks to get its 1st win over the defending Big East Champs. UL's 48 pts last yr were the most allowed by UC since #1 Miami scored 48 in 2002.
Oct. 27	USF	G						These conference opponents are the farthest apart (1,310 miles) of any BE schools. In '05 UC's 15-10 win was played in 33° temperatures, the coldest USF has ever played in.
Nov. 3	Rutgers	G						Connecticut is 8-18 but has won 3 of 5 with 4 of these settled by a TD or less. LY Husky RB Donald Brown made his 1st start & finished with 199 yds & 2 TD's.
Nov. 10	at Cincinnati	A						Cincinnati rallied to score 10 pts in the final 2:10 including the game winning FG w/:10 left. These 2 teams have only met 3 times & Cincy has won all of them.
Nov. 17	Syracuse	G						Randy Edsall played & coached for the Orange from 1976-1990. Last year UC allowed Syracuse's offense (last in BE) 306 yds in the loss.
Nov. 24	at West Virginia	A						UC started 6 freshmen including 3 on the OL but only trailed 6-3 in the 2Q. Connecticut is 0-3 vs West Virginia & has lost by an average of 23 ppg.
Dec. 1								


RB Donald Brown

STADIUM: RENTSCHLER FIELD (40,000) (#77)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	6-6	9-3	7-4	5-6	4-8	36-44
Home	1-4	1-4	3-3	5-1	6-1	4-2	3-4	23-19
Away	2-4	1-5	3-3	4-2	1-3	1-4	1-4	13-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	3-3	2-5	1-6	6-14
ATS	3-4	7-3	9-2	6-4-1	4-6	6-4	5-6	40-29-1
Home Fav (Randy Edsall)	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-1-1	3-2	2-0	1-2	10-7-1
Home Dog	0-1	3-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-0	2-1	9-5
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	6-3
Away Dog	3-2	4-2	4-0	2-1	0-3	0-3	2-3	15-14
Favorite	0-1	0-1	4-1	4-2-1	4-2	3-1	1-2	16-10-1
Dog	3-3	7-2	5-1	2-2	0-4	3-3	4-4	24-19
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4	4-3	3-4	9-11
vs Non-Conf	3-4	7-3	9-2	6-4-1	2-2	2-1	2-2	31-18-1
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	4-1	4-3-1	2-4	2-2	0-4	13-16-1
Off SU Loss	2-3	5-2	4-1	1-1	2-2	3-2	5-2	22-13

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Motor City		+3'	Toledo	39-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Connecticut's All-Time Bowl Record 1-0

CONNECTICUT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	21.4	17	183	4.5	141	51.4	15.1	-1	2006	7	27.0	17	180	4.5	179	56.6	13.3
5	24.7	19	175	4.0	149	50.8	13.1	+4	2005	6	19.2	16	139	3.4	158	46.6	15.5
8*	30.3	22	148	4.2	281	62.9	14.2	-5	2004	7	21.7	17	136	3.7	191	50.7	15.1
8*	34.0	25	180	4.7	298	58.6	14.0	0	2003	6	25.0	19	139	3.7	201	53.2	13.6
7*	31.1	19	137	3.6	223	59.2	11.6	+12	2002	10	22.5	16	156	4.1	160	50.3	14.0
6	17.5	16	77	2.3	169	44.9	14.1	-5	2001	9	33.6	21	179	4.3	227	60.1	12.1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Donald Brown	**161**	**950**	**54**	**896**	**7**	**5.6**
Terry Caulley	120	705	31	674	3	5.6
Lou Allen	**56**	**242**	**12**	**230**	**5**	**4.1**
DJ Hernandez	**82**	**349**	**127**	**222**	**2**	**2.7**
Larry Taylor	**6**	**80**	**2**	**78**	**0**	**13.0**
Deon Anderson	23	78	0	78	0	3.4
Matt Bonislawski	27	102	86	16	1	0.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
DJ Hernandez	**86**	**147**	**58.5**	**849**	**9**	**9**
Matt Bonislawski	75	163	46.0	843	5	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brad Kanuch	**13**	**288**	**22.2**	**1**	**45**	
Brandon Young	19	263	13.8	3	61	
Larry Taylor	**29**	**261**	**9.0**	**1**	**29**	
Steve Brouse	**19**	**216**	**11.4**	**0**	**23**	
Terence Jeffers	**17**	**200**	**11.8**	**2**	**28**	
Terry Caulley	19	117	6.2	1	15	
Dan Murray	10	113	11.3	1	25	
Deon Anderson	14	101	7.2	2	16	
Donald Brown	**13**	**66**	**5.1**	**2**	**13**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Chris Pavasaris	71	2845	40.1	18	34.0	3	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Nuzie	13-15	0-2	1-2	3-5	0-1	4-10	47
Tony Ciaravino	**12-13**	**2-2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**2-2**	**29**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Danny Lansanah	**99**	**2**	**7.5**	**1**	**4**
Ryan Henegan	**92**	**1**	**8**	**4**	**0**
Tyvon Branch	**79**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Donta Moore	72	3	8.5	1	1
Dahna Deleston	64	0.5	2.5	1	0
Darius Butler	**50**	**0**	**2**	**7**	**4**
MJ Estep	48	0	4	0	1
Dan Davis	**43**	**2**	**5.5**	**1**	**0**
Lindsey Witten	**39**	**3.5**	**2.5**	**1**	**0**
Rhema Fuller	37	3.5	4	0	0
Ray Blagman	36	0.5	3.5	0	0
Johnathon Smith	25	0	1	0	0
Cody Brown	**24**	**4.5**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Robert Vaughn	**17**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Ernest Cole	15	0	2	5	0
Terry Baltimore	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Marvin Taylor	12	0	0.5	0	0
Lawrence Green	**10**	**0**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**
Julius Williams	**9**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Larry Taylor	**20**	**255**	**12.8**	**1**	
Robert McClain	**2**	**9**	**4.5**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Larry Taylor	**11**	**279**	**25.4**	**0**	
Robert McClain	**13**	**247**	**19.0**	**0**	

2006 STATS BY GAME

UC 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Rhode Island	22	52-418	8.0	8-13	149	1	16	49-198	4.0	7-18	95	4	+2
–	Wake Forest	22	47-127	2.7	19-32	197	5	11	38-99	2.6	7-16	110	4	-2
–	at Indiana	9	53-257	4.8	5-13	27	4	10	27-0	0.0	20-43	192	3	+1
–	Navy	16	28-167	6.0	15-37	176	0	21	56-464	8.3	5-11	141	2	-3
–	at USF	19	26-60	2.3	20-40	201	1	18	41-205	5.0	13-16	153	1	-1
–	Army	13	40-226	5.7	10-22	139	1	13	32-97	3.0	16-30	155	1	+4
–	West Virginia	17	33-95	2.9	15-34	115	3	17	42-263	6.3	9-14	156	0	0
–	at Rutgers	12	44-188	4.3	8-17	67	6	11	29-114	3.9	11-24	123	0	-1
–	Pittsburgh	30	62-317	5.1	20-29	164	1	22	41-180	4.4	20-25	234	1	-1
–	at Syracuse	17	39-70	1.8	21-33	196	5	14	39-163	4.2	9-19	143	3	-2
–	Cincinnati	15	31-123	4.0	13-24	172	3	22	41-151	3.7	20-34	291	2	+1
–	at Louisville	8	31-147	4.7	7-19	89	1	28	44-221	5.0	21-29	349	1	+1
TOTALS		200	486-2195	4.5	161-313	1692	31	203	479-2155	4.5	158-279	2142	22	-1
AVERAGES		16.7	41-183	4.5	13-26	141	2.6	16.9	40-180	4.5	13-23	179	1.8	-0.1

2002 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Boston College	+33	16-24
–	Georgia Tech	+23	14-31
–	at Buffalo	-2	24-3
–	Ohio	-4	37-19
–	Ball St	-6	21-24 OT
–	at Miami, Fl - #1	+43'	14-48
–	Temple	+1	24-38
–	at Vanderbilt	+8	24-28
–	Florida Atlantic	NL	61-14
–	Kent St	-6'	63-21
–	at Navy	-4'	38-0
–	at Iowa St	+17	37-20

2003 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Indiana	-6	34-10
–	at Army	-16'	48-21
–	Boston College	+4	14-24
–	at Buffalo	-23'	38-7
–	at Virginia Tech - #5	+21	13-47
–	Lehigh	NL	35-17
–	at NC State	+15'	24-31
–	at Kent St	-11'	34-31 OT
–	Akron	-8	38-37
–	W Michigan	-13	41-27
–	Rutgers	-7	38-31
–	at Wake Forest	+9'	51-17

2004 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Murray St	NL	52-14
–	Duke	-15	22-20
–	at Boston College	+7	7-27
–	Army	-22'	40-3
–	Pittsburgh	-6'	29-17
–	West Virginia - #17	+6'	19-31
–	Temple	-18'	45-31
–	at Syracuse	+2'	30-42
–	at Georgia Tech	+9	10-30
–	Buffalo	-25'	29-0
–	at Rutgers	-3	41-35

2005 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Buffalo	-18	38-0
–	Liberty	NL	59-0
–	at Georgia Tech - #16	+14'	13-28
–	at Army	-10'	47-13
–	Syracuse	-7	26-7
–	at Cincinnati	-7'	17-28
–	Rutgers	+3'	24-26
–	at West Virginia - #18	+14'	13-45
–	at Pittsburgh	+12	0-24
–	USF	+7	15-10
–	Louisville - #16	+14'	20-30

2006 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Rhode Island	NL	52-7
–	Wake Forest	-6'	13-24
–	at Indiana	+1	14-7
–	Navy	-1'	17-41
–	at USF	+6'	16-38
–	Army	-4'	21-7
–	West Virginia - #4	+23	11-37
–	at Rutgers - #16	+19'	13-24
–	Pittsburgh	+7'	46-45 2OT
–	at Syracuse	+1	14-20
–	Cincinnati	+5'	23-26
–	at Louisville - #6	+28	17-48

SYRACUSE ORANGE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Since Donovan McNabb left, this team has been plagued by erratic QB play. In the final year of the freeze option, true frosh Joe Fields (PS#40) started the first 3 (192 yds, 1-3 ratio). Perry Patterson (PS#30) started the last 9 games and threw for 1,851 (58.1%) with a 7-10 ratio. Patterson started the first seven in the new West Coast offense in 2005 but Fields took off his planned redshirt in game 5 and started Wk 8. Patterson threw for 1,504 (47.6%) with a 6-11 ratio while Fields threw for just 155 (32.1%). Last year Fields moved to safety and Patterson showed great improvement (shed 20 lbs). If not for dropped passes, his stats and the offense would have been much stronger. As a soph, he threw an int every 28.9 passes, as a junior every 24.8 and last year improved to every 75 pass att's! He threw for 1,865 (52.7%) with a 12-4 ratio (188 rush). Coach Robinson stated last year that true frosh Andrew Robinson (PS#55) was the QB of the future so I am surprised that he did not play more. In the finale vs Rutgers, he came in with 11:40 left and led the team on a 10 play, 80 yard drive for a TD. For the season Robinson played in 5 (8 passes) rushing for 45 yards. Former walk-on Cameron Dantley (6'1" 218 Jr) was the only other QB who participated in the spring this year. A pair of HT's, Cody Catalina (PS#54) and David Legree (PS#58), will join the team in the fall. Although I wish Robinson was a little more seasoned, I still expect him to have a fine year. Hopefully he remains healthy as the depth at QB is a big question mark.

RUNNING BACKS - Syracuse has had some outstanding runners including Larry Csonka, Jim Nance and Joe Morris. Three AA players wore the famed "#44" in Ernie Davis, Floyd Little and the great Jim Brown as Syracuse retired that number in 2005. Walter Reyes topped 1,000 yards in 2002 and 2003 but was injured in '04 rushing for only 803 (5.4). Damien Rhodes led the team with 870 (5.7) in '04 and 900 (4.1) in '05. Last year the leading returning rusher was supposed to be Kareem Jones (PS#81) who had just 108 (2.6) in '05 but he did not have a rush attempt last year (10 KR). Paul Chiara (5'11" 210 Jr, PS#188) had 94 (5.9) in '05 and Curtis Brinkley (PS#42) 26 (3.7). The most talked about addition was true frosh Delone Carter (PS#98) who is powerful and explosive. Brinkley started 12 and had 1,110 all-purp yards with 571 rush (4.1). He did have 2 fumbles vs Wyoming and Carter started to get more carries finishing with 713 (4.6). WR Taj Smith was #3 (68 yd) and Chiara added 59 (3.5). FB's McDonald and Fiammetta combined for 9 att (15 yds). Unfortunately, Carter suffered a dislocated hip in spring and will redshirt this year. They also must replace McDonald (4 st) and Jones (transfer). Added to the mix is true frosh Doug Hogue (PS#82), who Robinson thinks can be an Eddie George-type back. After Carter was injured, they moved Derrell Smith (6'1" 225 rFr) and Jeremy Sellers (6'0" 211 Sr, PS#139DB) back to RB from LB where they had spent most of the spring (RB's in '06). Carter's injury is a big blow to the Orange run game.

RECEIVERS - Syracuse has produced many famous receivers including TE John Mackey and their career leader Marvin Harrison. In '05 they moved Steve Gregory (38 rec '04) back to DB and the top returning receiver had just 14 rec's. The top receiver in '05 was Rice Moss (PS#118, Randy's 2nd cousin) who had 26 (13.8). Tim Lane had 27 (12.6) and TE Joe Kowalewski had 16 (12.4). Last year they only had to replace Kowalewski and added JUCO Taj Smith in January. Smith had 4 TD's in the first 4 which was more than any WR had accounted for in an entire season since 2003. He was leading the team with 12 rec (18.9) when he was lost for the year. True frosh Mike Williams (PS#97) DNP in the opener or finale (inj) but led in rec yards with 461 (19.2). The unit was plagued by dropped passes including 7 vs Cincy. Injuries piled up and vs USF they used 5'4" Max Meisel and backup K John Barker (5'8" 155 Jr) in the receiving corps. Robinson said that he would get the TE involved more and Tom Ferron led in rec with 30 (11.7). Moss added 23 (11.8) and Lane had 16 (10.4). This year they must replace Lane (12 st) and TE Brandon Darlington (5 st, 1 rec). Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Jeremy Horne (6'2" 190 So, PS#234), Daniel Bailey (5'7" 167 So, PS#164RB), Josh Arrington (6'0" 180 Sr) and TE's Kyle Bell (6'1" 249 Sr, PS#139DB) and Ryan Donnelly (6'3" 222 Jr). A key addition could be Andrey Baskin (PS#15) who played at Milford Academy last year. If Smith stays healthy, this is the best Orange receiving corps in years.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Pasqualoni's final season, the Orange OL had 7 of their top 10 back and all 5 starters started all 12 opening holes for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks. They had to replace two starters in 2005 and changed their schemes to the West Coast offense and as you would expect, struggled with just 3.0 ypc rush while allowing 37 sacks (12.2%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and shuffled the unit early using 4 different starting O-lines in the first 9 and were manhandled by Pitt and Cincy's D-lines. The group that closed the season included a C and G playing T. LT Corey Chavers started 8 then was injured and played as a backup the rest of the year. They allowed 45 sacks, the 4th most in the NCAA (3.1 ypc). This year they lose C Justin Outten (11 st, 2Y st'r) and LG Mike Sklarosky (6 st). Eugene Newsome who started the first 6 at RT last year was suspended in the spring but should return, and if he does they have 5 players back who started 5 or more last year. This is by far the best O-line in Robinson's 3 year tenure.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 they only had to replace one starter and allowed 4.3 ypc rush. Last year they had to replace their pass rushing DE's James Wyche and Ryan LaCasse who were both #7DC's as well as a starting DT and two backups. While Tony Jenkins was not counted as a returning starter at DT, he did have 11 starts in '04 and 35 tackles in '05. He was not 100% in the first 3 but started 11. This year they lose DT Chris Thorner (12 st, 15 tkl, 1 sk) and backup DE Jamar Atkinson (10 tkl, 2 sk). The Orange allowed 4.8 ypc with the inexperienced front but the D recorded 34 sacks led by Jameel McClain (9.5 sk) who moved from LB and was 2nd Tm Big East. DE Lee Williams (12 st '06) and backup DT Cornelius Campbell (1st, 9 tkl LY) are questionable as of this writing (susp), but if they return, the Orange DL is a lot more experienced than last year.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 they returned the entire 2 deep of LB's and Robinson said they were comparable to the LB's he had at Texas. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and moved LB McClain to DL. The one returning starter was Kelvin Smith who was the team's #1 tackler in both 2005 and 2006. The backups were 3 soph's but they saw little action combining for 20 tackles. This year they lose all 3 starters in 2nd Tm Big East Smith (12 st, #7DC MIA), Jerry Mackey (10 st, 64 tkl, 3 tfl) and Luke Cain (11 st, 48 tkl, 4.5 tfl). Robinson says the group has speed, intensity, toughness and a love of the game but this is one of the least experienced LB corps in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a #93 finish in my pass D rankings in 2004, they moved WR Steve Gregory back to CB and only had to replace one starter. They moved all the way up to #36 in 2005 allowing a 12-14 ratio. Last year they had to replace FS Anthony Smith (#3DC), CB Gregory and two backups. They did move QB Joe Fields to FS and he struggled early but improved as the season went on. With that move, projected starting FS Reggie McCoy quit. The unit featured excellent shutdown CB Tanard Jackson who was only 2nd Tm Big East because teams threw away from him (2 int, 4 pbu). Even with Jackson, the Orange slipped to #90. This year they lose Jackson (12 st, 62 tkl, #4DC TB) as well as CB Terrell Lemon (12 st, 55 tkl, 1 sk). Even with the loss of their top 2 CB's, this group is just as experienced as last year and could improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under Paul Pasqualoni Syracuse had some fine finishes in my ST rankings including #2, #11, #8 (1995-'97) and #15 in 2002. In his last year they were just #64. In Robinson's first year they were #80. With Syracuse's woeful offense in '05, P Brendan Carney set a school record for most punts and yards in a season and was 1st Tm BE. John Barker hit 8 of 12 FG's with a long of 45 and both returned last year. Patrick Shadle (PS#14) beat out Barker at K and hit 16 of 18 FG's with a long of 46 including 13 in a row, the longest streak since Nate Trout ('98-'99). Shadle's 16 FG's were 2 shy of Gary Anderson's (leading scorer NFL history) school record. JUCO LS Ian Hammond struggled with snaps early. Bruce Williams was expected to be the main PR but suffered a broken thumb so they used 5'4" Max Meisel (7.9). Bruce Williams has avg'd 9.7 and 7.2 on PR's in 2 years. The top KR was Curtis Brinkley (21.3). This year Carney departs as the school's all-time leading P but everyone else is back including Jason Tanner who does a fine job as the gunner with some big hits. They showed some improvement last year moving up to #45, but it may be tough to move any higher without Carney (37.3 net).

K Patrick Shadle

COACHES - In 2005 Syracuse brought in just their 5th HC since 1949 and Greg Robinson was the first HC hired from outside the program since 1981. Robinson was the DC of the Denver Broncos and KC Chiefs then moved on to Texas in '04 in that same role. The OC is Brian White, who took over that role here last year. Robinson was his own DC in '05 and '06 but gives that title to LB coach Steve Russ this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Paul Pasqualoni only had one losing season in his 14 years. In his final season in 2004 they faced the toughest schedule of any Big East team (#47). They also had their lowest attendance in the Carrier Dome in 18 years but still made it to a bowl winning a share of the Big East Title at 4-2 (4-way tie). Orange fans were enthusiastic when Greg Robinson was brought in as the new HC. Any time you switch from an option based attack to the West Coast, you can expect a 3 to 4 year learning process (ask ND and Nebraska). The Orange saw their total offense go from 349 ypg to 258 (3rd worst in the NCAA). That was with a veteran 2005 squad with 17 of 22 starters being upperclassmen at midseason but they finished just 1-10 which was SU's worst mark since 1948 and the first 10 loss season in school history. They were a league worst -141.7 ypg in conf play and finished 0-7. Last year, despite just 10 returning starters, I said they would improve their record but would finish with their 2nd straight losing year. The Orange actually had a better than expected start as they won 3 of their first 5 and could have easily been 4-1 if not for a double OT loss to #14 Iowa. In that game, they had 7 snaps inside the 2 result in zero points. The next week they ended the school record 11 game losing streak vs Illinois. They trailed W Virginia 17-14 at the half and L'ville just 21-13 with less than 2:00 left. Their only Big East win was vs Connecticut as they were outgained by 157.6 ypg in league play (last again). They barely improved to 264 ypg and failed to top 300 ypg for the 2nd straight season. This year 7 starters return on offense. Despite having to replace their QB, they can only improve in the 3rd year of the offensive switch. The D allowed a respectable 24.6 ppg, their best in 5 years and after returning just 4 starters last year now have 5 back. Amazingly the Orange was +11 in turnovers last year so they were only outscored by 7.2 ppg despite having the #110 offense and #107 defense in the NCAA rankings. Their 12 returning starters are the fewest in the BE and I will call for a 3rd consecutive losing season.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

QB 9 Andrew Robinson So. 6-3 222 **PS#55.** 8 pass att true, 45 yd rush. 13 Cameron Dantley (6-1 218 Jr) PS#267. 7400 yd, 72 TD's in HS. Cody Catalina PS#54. David Legree PS#58.

RB 22 CURTIS BRINKLEY JR. 5-9 203 PS#42. 12 st LY, 571 (4.1), 21 KR (21.3), 10 rec (9.1). Doug Hogue is PS#82. 34 Paul Chiara (5-11 210 Jr) PS#188. 153 rush (4.6), 14 rec (7.1) L2Y.

WR 1 MIKE WILLIAMS SO. 6-2 204 PS#97. 3 st true, 24 rec (19.2). **FB 38 Breyone Evans** (6-0 242 Sr) PS#89. 4 st, 104 ttl yds 3Y. 43 Tony Fiammetta (6-1 235 Jr) PS#155.

WR 12 RICE MOSS SR. 6-2 207 PS#118. 11 st '05, 26 (13.8). 8 st LY, 23 (11.8). **Andrey Baskin PS#15 LY.** Milford Academy. 88 Dan Sheeran (6-3 217 rFr) PS#96.

WR 2 Taj Smith Jr. 6-1 188 PS#145JC. 1 st, #1 rec before inj, 12 (18.9), 4 gm MedRS LY. 11 Lavar Lobdell (6-3 200 So) PS#38. 5 rec rFr. 32 Donte Davis (6-0 169 So) 2 st, 9 rec.

TE 89 TOM FERRON JR. 6-3 244 PS#124DL. 3 rec rFr. 6 st LY, #1 rec 30 (11.7). 80 Jawad Nesheiwat (6-4 251 Sr) PS#274JC. 5 st, 11 rec. 98 Arthur Kapalanga (6-1 258 Sr) 1 st, 1 rec.

C 67 Marvin McCall Sr. 6-2 292 PS#377. 3 gm rFr. #3 C '05. 5 st LY (4RT, 1C). 62 Jim McKenzie (6-4 280 rFr) PS#253. **LS 72** Ian Hammond (6-3 272 Sr) PS#43JC. 12 gm LY.

RG 75 RYAN DURAND JR. 6-5 310 PS#151. 7 gm rFr. 12 st RG LY. 70 Ryan Bartholomew (6-3 290 rFr) PS#162. 68 David Bouchard (6-5 305 Jr). 79 Dalton Phillips (6-3 275 Jr).

LG 59 CARROLL MADISON SR. 6-2 310 PS#280. 4 gm rFr. 9 st '05. 12 st LY (6LG, 4LT, 2RT). 74 Ryan Ehrie (6-6 287 Jr) PS#123. 2nd string rFr. 2 gm LY. 63 Matthew Galka (6-0 305 Jr).

RT 78 Eugene Newsome Sr. 6-7 322 PS#236. 2nd string '05. 6 st LY. 69 Larry Norton (6-3 320 Sr) PS#423JC. 2nd string LY, 5 gm. 71 Adam Rosner (6-6 308 rFr) PS#122DL.

LT 54 COREY CHAVERS JR. 6-5 295 PS#136. 8 st LT LY (inj). 73 Jonathan Meldrum (6-5 327 Fr) PS#416 LY. GS. In for spg. Tucker Baumbach (6-5 322 rFr) PS#331. Chris Basile (6-4 278 Jr).

K 42 PATRICK SHADLE JR. 5-8 201 **PS#14.** 50 yd FG HS. 0-1 FG true. 16 of 18 FG LY, long 46. 6-8 from 40+. 21-21 xp's. 39 John Barker (5-8 155 Jr). 8 of 12 FG '05, long 45.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

DE 52 JAMEEL McCLAIN SR. 6-1 256 PS#164LB. 31 tkl LB 1st 2Y. 12 st DE LY, **2nd Tm BE.** 69 tkl, **9.5 sk.** 93 Andrew Lewis (6-3 282 rFr) PS#152LB. 90 Jared Kimmel (6-6 252 rFr) PS#154LB.

NT 97 Arthur Jones So. 6-4 289 PS#58. 15 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. 95 Nick Santiago (6-3 302 Jr) PS#122. 17 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y. Oliver Haney (6-3 275) PS#138. 96 Dan Pena (6-2 266 Jr).

DT 51 TONY JENKINS SR. 6-3 286 PS#120. 11 st rFr, 49 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 35 tkl, 1 sk '05. 11 st LY, 41 tkl, 8.5 tfl. 9 Cornelius Campbell (6-4 290 Sr) 28 tkl 2Y. 92 Anthony Perkins (6-4 268 rFr) PS#102DL.

DE 55 LEE WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 262 PS#135. 11 tkl '05. 12 st LY, 34 tkl, 2 sk. 91 Brandon Gilbeaux (6-3 271 So) PS#308. 21 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. 54 Mike Owen (6-4 255 So) PS#111LB. 7 tkl rFr.

SLB 33 Ben Maljovec Jr. 6-3 223 PS#82DB. 12 tkl, 2 int LY. 46 Parker Cantey (6-3 216 rFr) PS#108. 35 Elon Mitchell (6-2 232 So) PS#101. Chad Battles (6-3 220) PS#278.

MLB 45 Jake Flaherty Jr. 6-1 228 PS#124. 5 tkl '05. 4 tkl LY. 58 Mike Stenclik (6-0 225 So) PS#66. 3 gm rFr. Jermaine Pierce PS#296. Milford LY. 66 Jason Ross (5-10 202 So).

WLB 30 Vincenzo Giruzzi Jr. 6-3 232 PS#84. Broke leg '04. 7 tkl '05. 4 tkl LY. Mike Mele (6-0 218 Fr) PS#85. 38 Oliver Fernandez (6-1 220 Jr). Romale Tucker is PS#217.

CB 14 Quinton Brown Sr. 5-11 180 PS#72WR. WR '04-'05. DNP at CB LY. 29 Jason Tanner (5-11 200 Sr) PS#173JC. 4 tkl LY. Ryan Howard PS#204JC. Shaton Clark (5-9 171 Jr).

CB 27 Nicholas Chestnut Jr. 5-11 184 PS#190. 8 rec (16.9) true. 2 st at NB LY, 56 tkl, 2 int. 25 Nico Scott (5-10 180 rFr) PS#79QB. 18 Matt Reid (6-1 165 Fr) PS#254 LY, GS.

SS 26 DOWAYNE DAVIS SR. 6-0 200 PS#123RB. 11 st SS '05, 77 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 12 st LY, 70 tkl, 3 pbu. 15 Bruce Williams (6-0 200 Jr) PS#162. 4 rec true. 6 Donta Herrod (5-11 191 Jr) PS#107.

FS 5 JOE FIELDS SR. 6-1 210 PS#40QB. 6 st QB 2Y, 513 ttl off. 12 st FS LY, 76 tkl, 4 int, 4 pbu. AJ Brown (6-0 201 Jr) PS#69. 1 st, 22 tkl. Derek Hrinya (6-0 202 rFr) PS#161RB.

P NA Rob Long Fr. 6-4 175 PS#96. 40.0 avg HS. 5 Kyle Muir (6-3 196 So). PS#77, #1 punter in spring. 84 Niko Rechul (6-2 195 Jr). 38 John Barker (5-8 155 Jr) 8-12 FG '05.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Andrey Baskin 6-2 200 PS#15 '06
LB	Mike Mele 6-0 218 PS#85
RB	Jamere Knox 5-10 170 PS#71
QB	Cody Catalina 6-3 205 PS#54
DB	Ryan Howard 5-8 185 PS#204JC
QB	David Legree 6-3 190 PS#58
RB	Doug Hogue 6-2 215 PS#82
RB	Max Suter 5-11 190 PS#125DB
DL	Oliver Haney 6-3 275 PS#138
WR	Chaz Cervino 5-10 180 PS#89QB
DB	Ryan Gillum 5-11 205 PS#162
OL	Josh White 6-5 290 PS#188
TE	Nick Provo 6-5 225 PS#60
DL	Zary Stewart 6-4 220 PS#204
DB	Matt Reid 6-1 165 PS#254 '06
LB	Romale Tucker 6-4 218 PS#217
DB	Da'Mon Merkerson 6-1 185 PS#260
RB	Randy McKinnon 5-10 200 PS#264
LB	Chad Battles 6-3 220 PS#278
LB	Jermaine Pierce 6-3 240 PS#296
DL	Bud Tribbey 6-0 280 PS#366OL
OL	Lou Falzone 6-5 295 PS#366 '06
TE	Darnell Pratt 6-4 220 PS#313DL
OL	Jonathan Meldrum 6-5 327 PS#416 '06
DB	Mike Holmes 5-11 185 PS#400RB
DL	Lamar Middleton 6-2 230 PS#404LB
WR	Van Chew 6-1 160 PS#406
DB	Kevyn Scott 5-11 185 PS#540
K	Rob Long 6-4 175 PS#96

SYRACUSE ORANGE

Syracuse, New York
Carrier Dome

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#36

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 31	Washington (Fri)	A					
Sep. 8	at Iowa	G					
Sep. 15	Illinois	A					
Sep. 22	at Louisville	A					
Sep. 29	at Miami, Oh	A					
Oct. 6	West Virginia	A					
Oct. 13	Rutgers (HC)	A					
Oct. 20	Buffalo	A					
Oct. 27							
Nov. 3	at Pittsburgh	G					
Nov. 10	USF	A					
Nov. 17	at Connecticut	G					
Nov. 24	Cincinnati	A					
Dec. 1							

SU is 16-9 vs Pac 10 including 8-2 at home. The Orange met the Huskies last here in 1977, a 22-20 win. Syracuse is just 1-4 in home openers & 1-5 in season openers.

UI's starting QB Tate was a late scratch & RB Young was limited in their 20-13 (2OT) win over SU. Syracuse is 6-23 in their L/29 gms on grass & just 1-6 in 1st road gm.

Orange is 2-9 vs Illinois dating back to 1909. LY's win snapped an 11 gm losing streak by SU & also was its 1st vs a Big 10 team S/'98, Michigan in the Big House.

LY Syracuse limited Louisville to 7 pts in the 1H, their lowest output of the season & were only down 21-13 with 5:00 left in the 4Q. SU has dropped the L/3 in the series.

SU is 15-6-1 all-time vs current MAC members (excluding Temple) including 3-0 vs Miami. RB Brinkley rushed for 108 yds & the Orange D sk'd RedHawk QB's 8 times in LY's win.

This game is for the Schwartzwalder Trophy. SU allowed a school record 457 yds rushing LY. SU's 5th straight loss is the longest streak in the 54 game series.

SU dropped B2B gms to RU for the 1st time in school history being outscored on avg 35-8. Heismen hopeful RB Ray Rice made a commitment to SU's former HC Pasqualoni.

Orange have won their L/3 meetings vs Buffalo with a 36 pt avg margin of victory. These two are locked up 3-3-1 all-time, their 1st meeting a 6-6 tie in 1896.

Syacuse has lost 4 of the last 5 to the Panthers. Pitt RB Stephens-Howling rushed for 221 yds on 27 carries including a 70 yd TD run last year.

Bulls ruined SU's HC gm the last time here in '05 on the day the Orange retired #44. USF has outscored SU 54-10 the L2Y. Bulls' QB Grothe threw for a school record 364 yds LY.

LY's gm marked the 16th time S/'58 SU competed against a tm coached by a former asst. The win over UC snapped a 12 gm BE losing streak also giving HC Robinson his 1st conf win.

Last year was a QB nightmare with swirling 21 mph winds affecting both teams' pass-attacks. Syracuse has lost 3 of last 4 to Cincy. SU has won 3 of 4 home finales.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marvin Graves 8,466 '90-'93	1. Joe Morris 4,299 '78-'81	1. Marvin Harrison 2,728 '92-'95
2. Donovan McNabb 8,389 '95-'98	2. Walter Reyes 3,424 '01-'04	2. Shelby Hill 2,296 '90-'93
3. Don McPherson 5,812 '83-'87	3. Larry Csonka 2,934 '65-'67	3. Rob Moore 2,122 '87-'89

GREG ROBINSON (Career 5-18)
3rd Year at Syracuse Robinson's Bowl Record: 0-0

Robinson's records AT SYRACUSE

5-18	Straight Up	0-4	Vs Top 10
4-8	Home	0-8	Vs Top 25
1-10	Away	1-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
1-13	Vs Conference	3-13	Off A Loss

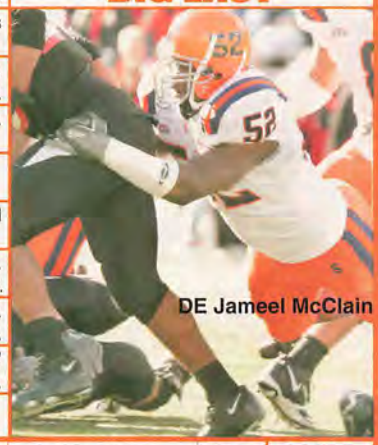
2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (20,20,2)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,263 (#62)

BIG EAST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STADIUM: CARRIER DOME (49,262) (#64)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	9-3	4-8	6-6	6-5	1-10	4-8	36-45
Home	4-2	6-0	3-3	5-2	4-1	1-5	3-3	26-16
Away	2-3	3-2	1-5	1-4	2-4	0-5	1-5	10-28
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-3	6-1	2-5	2-5	4-2	0-7	1-6	19-29
ATS	7-4	8-4	4-7	7-5	8-3	4-7	8-4	46-34
Home Fav (Paul Pasqualoni)	4-0	5-1	1-2	3-1	3-0	1-3	3-0	20-7
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	9-5
Away Fav	2-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	5-5
Away Dog (Greg Robinson)	0-2	1-2	2-3	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-3	11-17
Favorite	6-1	6-2	1-3	4-2	4-1	1-3	3-0	25-12
Dog	1-3	2-2	3-4	3-3	4-2	3-4	5-4	21-22
vs Conf	5-2	4-3	2-5	3-4	4-2	1-6	3-4	22-26
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-1	2-2	4-1	4-1	3-1	5-0	24-8
Off SU Win	2-3	5-3	3-1	2-3	4-1	1-0	2-2	19-13
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-1	1-5	4-2	4-1	3-6	5-2	23-18

SYRACUSE ATHLETICS

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
97	Fiesta - #14	+3	Kansas St - #10	18-35
98	Orange - #18	+6'	Florida - #7	10-31
99	Music City	+3	Kentucky	20-13
01	Insight - #18	+6	Kansas St	26-3
04	Champs Sports	+5'	Georgia Tech	14-51

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Syracuse's All-Time Bowl Record 12-9-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Delone Carter	156	767	54	713	4	4.6
Curtis Brinkley	139	588	17	571	2	4.1
Taj Smith	5	72	4	68	1	13.6
Paul Chiara	17	63	4	59	0	3.5
Andrew Robinson	9	45	17	28	0	3.1
Perry Patterson	82	188	362	-174	1	-2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Perry Patterson	300	158	52.7	1865	12	4
Andrew Robinson	8	3	37.5	20	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Mike Williams	24	461	19.2	4	47	
Tom Ferron	30	351	11.7	2	30	
Rice Moss	23	272	11.8	1	23	
Taj Smith	12	227	18.9	3	65	
Tim Lane	16	167	10.4	0	30	
Curtis Brinkley	10	91	9.1	1	20	
Donte Davis	9	84	9.3	0	26	
Lavar Lobdell	5	68	13.6	0	25	
Jawad Nesheiwat	11	56	5.1	2	14	
Paul Chiara	8	53	6.6	0	11	
Delone Carter	9	46	5.1	0	15	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brendan Carney	72	3021	42.0	14	37.3	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Patrick Shadle	21-21	4-4	6-6	6-8	0-0	16-18	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kelvin Smith	115	2.5	2	1	1
Joe Fields	76	1	1	4	4
Dowayne Davis	70	0	0.5	3	0
Jameel McClain	69	9.5	5	2	0
Jerry Mackey	64	1	2	1	1
Tanard Jackson	62	2.5	2	4	2
Nicolas Chestnut	56	0	0	0	2
Terrell Lemon	55	1	0	1	2
Luke Cain	48	2	2.5	2	0
Tony Jenkins	41	3.5	5	0	0
Lee Williams	34	2	3.5	0	0
AJ Brown	22	0	0	1	3
Brandon Gilbeaux	21	1.5	1	0	0
Cornelius Campbell	19	2	1	0	0
Arthur Jones	15	0.5	0.5	0	0
Chris Thorner	15	1	1	0	0
Nick Santiago	14	1	0.5	0	0
Ben Maljovec	12	0	0	1	2
Jamar Atkinson	10	2	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Max Meisel	13	103	7.9	0
Bruce Williams	8	58	7.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Curtis Brinkley	21	448	21.3	0
Kareem Jones	10	200	20.0	0

SYRACUSE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	17.4	15	107	3.1	157	51.8	15.2	+11	2006	4	24.6	20	185	4.8	214	64.9	16.2
6*	13.8	13	107	3.0	151	45.7	18.6	-4	2005	9	26.8	18	187	4.3	186	54.9	13.9
6	23.9	18	179	4.5	170	56.7	14.6	+2	2004	5	28.7	22	187	4.4	240	60.2	14.9
7	26.7	18	189	4.5	180	59.8	13.9	+7	2003	7	25.1	19	138	3.6	222	60.0	14.4
3*	28.9	20	189	4.3	188	52.3	13.0	+2	2002	6	33.8	21	172	4.2	304	58.1	14.1
8*	25.7	17	170	3.5	152	51.3	12.5	+18	2001	6	19.0	18	160	4.3	191	49.5	18.5

2006 STATS BY GAME

SU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Wake Forest	11	30 - 91	3.0	6 - 19	45	2	21	49 - 245	5.0	15 - 23	118	4	+1
–	Iowa	20	44 - 70	1.6	21 - 38	210	4	21	37 - 149	4.0	16 - 32	202	2	+4
–	at Illinois	17	44 - 202	4.6	9 - 18	167	2	18	31 - 110	3.5	17 - 33	288	5	+1
–	Miami, Oh	15	34 - 152	4.5	14 - 20	163	4	19	29 - 31	1.1	25 - 39	241	8	+1
–	Wyoming	15	32 - 154	4.8	11 - 25	121	1	29	40 - 186	4.7	33 - 50	326	6	+1
–	Pittsburgh	18	33 - 92	2.8	20 - 29	225	5	16	35 - 236	6.7	20 - 24	177	1	-2
–	at West Virginia	14	35 - 81	2.3	9 - 22	146	5	23	45 - 457	10.2	13 - 20	105	0	+2
–	Louisville	18	28 - 19	0.7	24 - 41	303	7	24	36 - 223	6.2	18 - 26	203	2	+1
–	at Cincinnati	12	31 - 61	2.0	13 - 29	119	4	16	42 - 147	3.5	13 - 18	205	1	+2
–	at USF	18	39 - 76	1.9	15 - 32	174	7	23	40 - 150	3.8	25 - 35	364	0	0
–	Connecticut	14	39 - 163	4.2	9 - 19	143	3	17	39 - 70	1.8	21 - 33	196	5	+2
–	at Rutgers	11	31 - 122	3.9	10 - 19	69	1	18	44 - 217	4.9	10 - 15	146	0	-2
TOTALS		183	420 - 1283	3.1	161 - 311	1885	45	245	467 - 2221	4.8	226 - 348	2571	34	+11
AVERAGES		15.3	35 - 107	3.1	13 - 26	157	3.8	20.4	39 - 185	4.8	19 - 29	214	2.8	0.9

2002 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at BYU	+3	21-42
–	North Carolina	-5'	22-30
–	Rhode Island	NL	63-17
–	at Auburn	+15	34-37 OT
–	Pittsburgh	-2	24-48
–	at Temple	-4	16-17
–	at West Virginia	+7'	7-34
–	Rutgers	-16	45-14
–	at UCF	+5	38-35
–	Virginia Tech - #8	+10	50-42 3OT
–	at Boston College	+7	20-41
–	Miami, Fl - #1	+20'	7-49

2003 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at North Carolina	-1'	49-47 3OT
–	Louisville	-3'	20-30
–	UCF	-4'	38-14
–	Toledo	-3'	34-7
–	at Virginia Tech - #4	+17'	7-51
–	Boston College	+3'	39-14
–	at Pittsburgh	+6'	14-34
–	Temple	-18	41-17
–	at Miami, Fl - #14	+19	10-17
–	West Virginia - #25	+2	23-34
–	at Rutgers	-5'	7-24
–	Notre Dame	+2'	38-12

2004 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Purdue - #24	+12'	0-51
–	at Buffalo	-15'	37-17
–	Cincinnati	+3	19-7
–	at Virginia - #13	+26'	10-31
–	Rutgers	-6	41-31
–	Florida St - #8	+19	13-17
–	at West Virginia - #15	+15	6-27
–	Connecticut	-2'	42-30
–	Pittsburgh	-4	38-31 2OT
–	at Temple	-8	24-34
–	at Boston College - #17	+12	43-17

2005 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	West Virginia	-2'	7-15
–	Buffalo	-24	31-0
–	Virginia - #25	+7	24-27
–	at Florida St - #6	+21	14-38
–	at Connecticut	+7	7-26
–	Rutgers	-2	9-31
–	at Pittsburgh	+12'	17-34
–	Cincinnati	-4	16-22
–	USF	+7'	0-27
–	at Notre Dame - #6	+34	10-34
–	at Louisville - #17	+36	17-41

2006 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Wake Forest	+14	10-20
–	Iowa - #14	+20'	13-20 2OT
–	at Illinois	+3	31-21
–	Miami, Oh	-6'	34-14
–	Wyoming	-4'	40-34 3OT
–	Pittsburgh	+7	11-21
–	at West Virginia - #5	+25'	17-41
–	Louisville - #6	+17'	13-28
–	at Cincinnati	+6'	3-17
–	at USF	+10	10-27
–	Connecticut	-1	20-14
–	at Rutgers - #15	+15'	7-38

MT WEST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 MT WEST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	Honorable Mention
QB	Brian Johnson, Utah	Karsten Sween, Wyoming	Rocky Hinds, UNLV	Shaun Carney, Air Force
RB	Matt Asiata, Utah	Wynel Seldon,Wyoming	Chad Hall, Air Force	Fai Vakapuna, BYU
RB	Rodney Ferguson, N Mexico	Aaron Brown, TCU	Kyle Bell, Colorado St	Atiyyah Henderson, SDSt
WR	Austin Collie, BYU	Michael Ford, Wyoming	Marquis Wilson, Utah	Casey Flair, UNLV
WR	Ryan Wolfe, UNLV	Brent Casteel, Utah	Johnny Walker, Colorado St	Damon Morton, Colorado St
WR	Travis Brown, N Mexico	Chazeray Schilens, SDSt	Marcus Smith, N Mexico	Matt Allen, BYU
TE	Kory Sperry, Colorado St	Shae Reagan, TCU	Wade Betschart, Wyoming	Vic So'oto, BYU
C	Blake Schlueter, TCU	Sete Aulia, BYU	Nick Allotta, Colorado St	Kyle Gunther, Utah
G	Matty Lindner, TCU	Travis Bright, BYU	Whitley Fehoko, SDSt	Mike McKiski, UNLV
G	Brandyn Dombrowski, SDSt	Ray Feinga, BYU	Tim Goins, UNLV	Robert Conley, Utah
T	Jason Boone, Utah	Will Robinson, SDSt	Wade Sisk, TCU	Nic Richmond, TCU
T	Dallas Reynolds, BYU	Anthony Kilby, N Mexico	Mike Kravetz, SDSt	Kyle Howard, Wyoming
DL	Tommy Blake, TCU	Jesse Nading, Colorado St	Tyler Donaldson, N Mexico	Michael Tuohy, N Mexico
DT	Gabe Long, Utah	James Vess, TCU	Erik Sandie, Colorado St	Ornan Nwansi, SDSt
DT	Blake Smith, Colorado St	Russell Tialavea, BYU	Wesley Beck, N Mexico	Jacob Hales, UNLV
DL	Chase Ortiz, TCU	Jeremy Geathers, UNLV	Martail Burnett, Utah	Jan Jorgensen, BYU
LB	Robert Henson, TCU	Jason Phillips, TCU	Ward Dobbs, Wyoming	David Nixon, BYU
LB	Drew Fowler, Air Force	Russell Allen, SDSt	Bryan Kehl, BYU	Cody Kase, N Mexico
LB	Beau Bell, UNLV	Joe Jiannoni, Utah	Jeff Horinek, Colorado St	Sean Claffey, Wyoming
CB	Mil'Von James, UNLV	Darryl Williams, Colorado St	Glover Quin, N Mexico	Nick Sanders, TCU
CB	DeAndre Wright, N Mexico	Julius Stinson, Wyoming	Ben Criddle, BYU	Kayle Buchanan, BYU
SS	Brian Bonner, TCU	Mike Pagnotta, Colorado St	Ray Bass, SDSt	OJ Swift, N Mexico
FS	Steve Tate, Utah	Bobby Giannini, Air Force	Quinn Gooch, BYU	Klint Kubiak, Colorado St
K	Sergio Aguayo, UNLV	Chris Manfredini, TCU	Louie Sakoda, Utah	Aric Goodman, Wyoming
P	Louis Sakoda, Utah	Jim Kaylor, Colorado St	Mike Hughes, SDSt	Jordan Scott, N Mexico
KR	Brice McCain, Utah	Ronnie Smith, UNLV	Donald Massey, TCU	Damon Morton, Colorado St
PR	Hoost Marsh, Wyoming	Brian Bonner, TCU	Damon Morton, Colorado St	Marquis Wilson, Utah

Air Force FS Bobby Giannini

TCU DE Tommy Blake

UNLV K Sergio Aguayo

Wyoming CB Julius Stinson

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 MT WEST FORECAST

1. TCU - Last year the Frogs outgained MWC foes by 181.3 ypg, which was 42 ypg better than league champ BYU! TCU has the best D in the MWC and one of the best in the country and defense wins championships. TCU has had 11 wins in 3 of the last 4 years. The offense will be better than expected and are led by my #3 O-line and #2 set of RB's in the league. They also have my #3 special teams. I'll call for the Frogs to bag their 4th conference title in the past 8 years.

2. BYU - Dominant. That's what BYU was in MWC play, outscoring league foes by an average of 39.6-14.1 (25.5 ppg!!). That means the rest of the league had a lot of ground to make up on them. BYU does have just 13 returning starters (2nd fewest) and loses 28 lettermen (league high). They still have my #2 rated offense and #2 rated defense and get both TCU and Utah at home so they are very capable of repeating as league champs.

3. UTAH - Utah is one of the Big 3 in the MWC this year as talent-wise they are on par with BYU and TCU and in fact have my #1 rated offense in the league. They only lose 16 lettermen (fewest in MWC) and have 16 returning starters. They showed last year they could play with the big boys as they beat TCU and led BYU 24-14 in the 4Q. Unfortunately they must face both of those teams on the road this year which is the main reason I peg them here.

4. NEW MEXICO - Rocky Long has one of his most experienced teams yet with 18 returning starters. They were outgained by 56.4 ypg in league play last year (4th worst) but that squad had just 10 returning starters. Long also knows how to win road games and after a 5th place finish last season, I'll call for the Lobos to return to the upper half of the MWC standings.

5. COLORADO ST - The Rams were outgained by 73 ypg in conf play last year which was the league's worst. They do, however, have a league high 18 returning starters making this Lubick's most experienced team yet. At one point last year the Rams were 4-1 and led AF 21-3 at the half before the bottom dropped out. That was after losing RB Bell at the start of the season with injury. CSU was 44-18 under Lubick with a senior incumbent QB (which they have this year) and they also get Bell back so it will be a much better season for the Rams.

6. UNLV - New coaches generally have solid success in their 3rd year which is where UNLV enters in the Sanford era. Last year QB Hinds was not 100% after the opener and if he remains healthy, the Rebels could easily finish in the upper half of the standings. UNLV is a team that was -11 in turnovers and hit hard by injuries and now has 14 returning starters. A healthy Hinds could make them one of the surprise teams in the MWC.

6. WYOMING - It is very difficult to peg a Joe Glenn team this low in the MWC standings as last year they finished in a tie for 3rd at 5-3. My biggest question mark is the line play as their inexperienced OL and DL each rank 9th in the league. They have great skill players including QB Sween, an outstanding back 7 and special teams. They also host 3 of the league's top four teams meaning most of their winnable games are on the road. Wyoming is the 2nd least experienced team in the conference (see page 311).

8. SAN DIEGO ST - The Aztecs could easily have had a much better record last year with their 3 close losses. They could also have had an even worse year as they were outgained by 89.2 ypg in conf play (league worst). The defense is a concern for me this year with just 4 starters back. The offense should be more potent after losing their top 2 QB's early in the year with injury in 2006. They also have a tough MWC schedule as they host 3 of the top 4 teams with most of their winnable games are on the road. The Aztecs are stronger, but might not match last year's three conf wins.

9. AIR FORCE - My big question mark with this year's Falcon team is how far they will stray from the Wishbone offense. We saw a few years back where Army tried to implement a more pass-oriented scheme under Todd Berry and the results were disastrous. The Falcons do host UNLV, Wyoming and San Diego St which are all winnable games in conference play and if they stay with the bone, could finish much higher in the MWC standings.

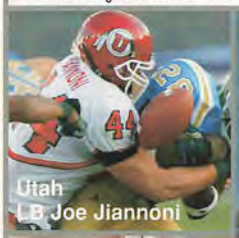
MWC Notes: The MWC was the first non BCS conference to land a BCS bid when Utah got to and won the Fiesta Bowl in their 13-0 season finishing #4 in the AP poll. In 2005 the MWC was 5-7 vs BCS schools the 6th best mark of any conference and their 12 players picked in the draft was also 6th best. Last year was another solid year for the MWC and could easily have been better. BYU had a 3 point loss to Arizona and an OT loss to Boston College in games they could easily have won. Had they got a play in each game they would have been 13-0 and since they outscored teams by a 36.8-14.7 margin they might have snagged a BCS berth. The MWC was 3-1 in bowls which was the 2nd best mark. TCU thrashed N Illinois 37-7, BYU destroyed Pac 10 member Oregon 38-8 and Utah whipped Tulsa 25-13. The only loss was New Mexico and they had a 20-8 FD edge but were -4 in TO's and lost. The MWC was 9-10 vs non BCS conferences but they were only 2-9 (18%) vs BCS schools. That win % tops only the Sun Belt and MAC. They did finish with two teams in the Top 25 tieing them for 6th best with BYU #16 and TCU #22. They only had 9 players drafted which was 8th best of the conferences and well behind the #7 WAC which had 17. A check of my all MWC teams shows Utah leading with six 1st team MWC choices and TCU #2 with 5. Colorado St has 12 players on the first 3 teams which is 3rd best. Can the MWC get back to a BCS bowl? They have a shot but will need TCU to upset Texas OR BYU to upset UCLA OR Utah to upset Louisville and those games are all on the road. The MWC did not get a favorable TV deal last year as many of their games were only available in the MWC territory and someone like me who watches every game possible did not get them even on Direct TV. In the 8 years of the MWC only one team has not landed a bowl bid and that is San Diego St. Last year BYU QB John Beck was Offensive Player of the week 8 times. BYU was the first team to run the table in league play a 2nd time when they went 8-0 last year (also in 2001).

2006 MWC vs MWC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
4	BYU	39.6	1	466.9	1	147.6	3	4.26	2	319.3	1	74.2	1	11.8	1	5	1	9	1
28	TCU	29.6	2	427.8	2	199.1	2	4.76	1	228.6	3	59.5	3	14.4	5	14	6	9	1
40	Utah	29.0	3	375.8	3	131.0	4	3.60	5	244.8	2	60.2	2	13.0	2	10	2	14	5
54	Air Force	21.5	5	316.5	4	226.5	1	4.12	3	90.0	9	55.3	7	14.7	6	12	3	11	3
82	New Mexico	23.6	4	311.0	6	114.5	7	3.36	6	196.5	6	51.9	9	13.2	3	13	5	24	8
83	Wyoming	20.5	6	275.0	8	117.5	6	3.32	7	157.5	7	58.9	4	13.4	4	14	6	25	9
91	UNLV	19.8	7	313.3	5	89.1	8	3.21	8	224.1	5	55.5	6	15.9	7	23	9	13	4
103	Colorado St	14.1	9	305.9	7	79.5	9	2.75	9	226.4	4	58.4	5	21.7	9	12	3	23	7
107	San Diego St	14.9	8	273.8	9	124.5	5	3.69	4	149.3	8	54.4	8	18.4	8	17	8	14	5

2006 MWC vs MWC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
9	TCU	14.1	1	246.5	1	76.8	1	2.50	1	169.8	1	54.3	2	17.5	2	15	5	22	1
35	Wyoming	23.4	4	287.4	2	113.5	3	3.21	3	173.9	2	52.1	1	12.3	8	16	2	21	2
37	BYU	14.1	1	327.5	3	125.6	5	3.94	7	201.9	5	54.8	3	23.2	1	17	1	15	4
45	Utah	21.4	3	351.0	4	110.6	2	3.14	2	240.4	9	59.6	7	16.4	3	16	2	14	5
67	New Mexico	25.9	7	367.4	7	139.6	6	3.77	5	227.8	7	57.8	5	14.2	6	16	2	17	3
72	Colorado St	24.5	5	378.9	8	183.3	8	4.62	9	195.6	4	57.4	4	15.5	4	8	9	14	5
77	Air Force	25.1	6	361.1	5	124.0	4	3.77	4	237.1	8	66.2	8	14.4	5	11	6	14	5
85	San Diego St	28.8	8	363.0	6	188.0	9	4.46	8	175.0	3	58.0	6	12.6	7	10	8	12	9
93	UNLV	35.4	9	383.0	9	168.0	7	3.92	6	215.0	6	68.7	9	10.8	9	11	6	13	8


Utah
LB Joe Jiannoni

UNLV
LB Beau Bell

New Mexico
WR Travis Brown

2006 MWC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2006	2005	2004
BYU	8	0	317	113	11	2	478	191	+139.4	+59.8	+54.5
TCU	6	2	237	113	11	2	380	160	+181.3	+81.0	+5.3
Utah	5	3	232	171	8	5	363	258	+24.8	+86.5	+132.0
Wyoming	5	3	164	187	6	6	258	264	-12.4	-38.7	-54.6
New Mexico	4	4	189	207	6	7	284	312	-56.4	+4.3	-44.0
Air Force	3	5	172	201	4	8	279	302	-44.6	-21.1	+23.7
San Diego St	3	5	119	230	3	9	170	325	-89.2	-53.3	-16.5
Colorado St	1	7	113	196	4	8	202	263	-73.0	-17.3	-45.1
UNLV	1	7	158	283	2	10	238	382	-69.7	-101.1	-49.9

Coach of the Year: Bronco Mendenhall, BYU

2005 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
TCU	8	0	306	151	11	1	398	223
BYU	5	3	297	237	6	6	396	351
Colorado St	5	3	197	210	6	6	321	369
Utah	4	4	247	217	7	5	360	289
New Mexico	4	4	230	250	6	5	326	327
San Diego St	4	4	206	184	5	7	323	325
Air Force	3	5	262	278	4	7	330	349
Wyoming	2	6	195	251	4	7	271	297
UNLV	1	7	135	297	2	9	207	381

Coach of the Year: Gary Patterson, TCU

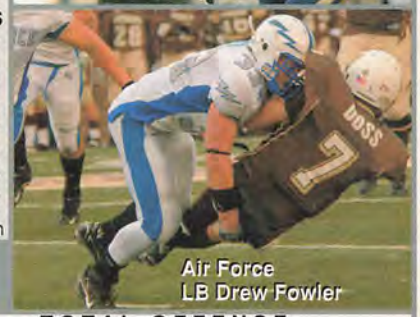
2004 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Utah	7	0	351	178	12	0	544	234
N Mexico	5	2	136	125	7	5	244	224
BYU	4	3	200	171	5	6	267	295
Wyoming	3	4	173	196	7	5	315	297
Air Force	3	4	218	220	5	6	326	342
Colorado St	3	4	182	201	4	7	261	325
San Diego St	2	5	138	194	4	7	234	282
UNLV	1	6	140	253	2	9	229	357

Coach of the Year: Urban Meyer, Utah

San Diego St
WR Chaz Schillens

BYU
WR Austin Collie


Air Force
LB Drew Fowler

2006 MWC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
John Beck, BYU	417	289	69.3	8	3885	9.3	32	169.1
Shaun Carney, AF	**137**	**82**	**59.9**	**3**	**1192**	**8.7**	**12**	**157.5**
Jeff Ballard, TCU	307	190	61.9	5	2394	7.8	13	138.1
Brett Ratliff, Utah	391	228	58.3	9	2796	7.2	23	133.2
Caleb Hanie, CSU	**342**	**209**	**61.1**	**12**	**2427**	**7.1**	**11**	**124.3**
Chris Nelson, N Mexico	216	112	51.9	6	1435	6.6	12	120.4
Karsten Sween, WY	**212**	**128**	**60.4**	**8**	**1304**	**6.2**	**9**	**118.5**
Kevin Craft, SDSt	**121**	**69**	**57.0**	**6**	**737**	**6.1**	**4**	**109.2**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Rodney Ferguson, N Mexico	**13**	**252**	**1234**	**4.9**	**7**	**94.9**
Curtis Brown, BYU	13	201	1010	5.0	7	77.7
Aaron Brown, TCU	**12**	**154**	**801**	**5.2**	**9**	**66.8**
Lonta Hobbs, TCU	10	145	665	4.6	7	66.5
Chad Hall, Air Force	**12**	**155**	**784**	**5.1**	**5**	**65.3**
Atiyyah Henderson, SDSt	**12**	**174**	**764**	**4.4**	**1**	**63.7**
Wynel Seldon, WY	**11**	**156**	**610**	**3.9**	**1**	**55.5**
Shaun Carney, Air Force	**12**	**188**	**618**	**3.3**	**8**	**51.5**
Devin Moore, WY	**12**	**80**	**574**	**7.2**	**3**	**47.8**
David Peeples, UNLV	**12**	**133**	**519**	**3.9**	**7**	**43.3**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
John Beck, BYU	12	50	-8	417	3885	3877	323.1
Brett Ratliff, Utah	13	98	260	391	2796	3056	235.1
Jeff Ballard, TCU	13	110	423	307	2394	2817	216.7
Caleb Hanie, CSU	**12**	**108**	**55**	**342**	**2427**	**2482**	**206.8**
Rocky Hinds, UNLV	**12**	**49**	**-49**	**359**	**2148**	**2099**	**174.9**
Shaun Carney, Air Force	**12**	**188**	**618**	**137**	**1192**	**1810**	**150.8**
Chris Nelson, N Mexico	10	40	-62	216	1435	1373	137.3
Karsten Sween, WY	**9**	**55**	**-88**	**212**	**1304**	**1216**	**135.1**
Rodney Ferguson, N Mexico	13	252	1234	1	0	1234	94.9
Kevin Craft, SDSt	**9**	**29**	**-15**	**121**	**737**	**722**	**80.2**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Ryan Wolfe, UNLV	**12**	**55**	**911**	**5**	**75.9**	**4.6**	**16.6**
Jonny Harline, BYU	13	58	935	12	71.9	4.5	16.1
Casey Flair, UNLV	**12**	**67**	**816**	**4**	**68.0**	**5.6**	**12.2**
Travis Brown, N Mexico	**13**	**64**	**867**	**4**	**66.7**	**4.9**	**13.5**
Marcus Smith, N Mexico	**13**	**53**	**859**	**9**	**66.1**	**4.1**	**16.2**
Quentily Harmon, TCU	13	52	791	3	60.8	4.0	15.2
Damon Morton, CSU	**12**	**48**	**722**	**4**	**60.2**	**4.0**	**15.0**
Michael Ford, WY	**12**	**60**	**674**	**4**	**56.2**	**5.0**	**11.2**
Derrek Richards, Utah	**13**	**60**	**717**	**6**	**55.2**	**4.6**	**11.9**
Johnny Walker, CSU	**12**	**58**	**586**	**0**	**48.8**	**4.8**	**10.1**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Drew Fowler, Air Force	**12**	**47**	**76**	**123**	**10.2**
Joe Martin, SDSt	12	58	51	109	9.1
Quincy Black, N Mexico	13	57	57	114	8.8
Steve Tate, Utah	**12**	**58**	**44**	**102**	**8.5**
Joe Jiannoni, Utah	**11**	**48**	**44**	**92**	**8.4**
Cameron Jensen, BYU	13	57	50	107	8.2
Mike Pagnotta, CSU	**9**	**46**	**25**	**71**	**7.9**
Klint Kubiak, CSU	**12**	**49**	**41**	**90**	**7.5**
Russell Allen, SDSt	**12**	**48**	**40**	**88**	**7.3**
Luke Adkins, CSU	12	40	47	87	7.3

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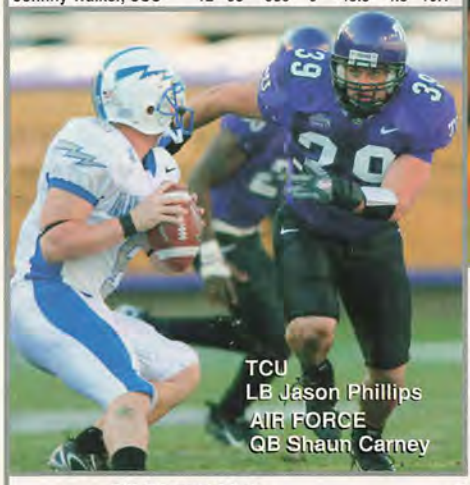
TCU
LB Jason Phillips
AIR FORCE
QB Shaun Carney

Wyoming
RB Wynel Seldon

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Antwan Applewhite, SDSt	7	52
Tommy Blake, TCU	**7**	**50**
Jeremy Geathers, UNLV	**5.5**	**43**
Martail Burnett, Utah	**5.5**	**41**
Hala Paongo, BYU	5	33
Tyler Donaldson, N Mexico	**5**	**25**
Brian Bonner, TCU	**4.5**	**35**
Michael Tuohy, N Mexico	**4.5**	**28**
Major Mosley, N Mexico	**4**	**47**
Cameron Jenson, BYU	4	32

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Brian Bonner, TCU	**24**	**305**	**0**	**12.7**
Marquis Wilson, Utah	**22**	**246**	**0**	**11.2**
Nathan Meikle, BYU	29	324	0	11.2
Damon Morton, CSU	**21**	**204**	**1**	**9.7**
Johnny Walker, CSU	**12**	**116**	**0**	**9.7**
Hoost Marsh, WY	**24**	**205**	**0**	**8.5**
Thomas Wilson, N Mexico	20	158	0	7.9
Marcus Brock, TCU	**14**	**107**	**0**	**7.6**

*Numbers come from MWC final statistics.

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Deandre Wright, N Mexico	**14**	**362**	**0**	**25.9**
Eric Wright, UNLV	18	430	0	23.9
Ronnie Smith, UNLV	**14**	**317**	**0**	**22.6**
Brice McCain, Utah	**18**	**404**	**0**	**22.4**
Curtis Brown, BYU	13	288	0	22.2
Donald Massey, TCU	**16**	**342**	**0**	**21.4**
Spencer Armstrong, A Force	**11**	**232**	**0**	**21.1**
Ray Bass, SDSt	**13**	**267**	**0**	**20.5**
Damon Morton, CSU	**18**	**368**	**0**	**20.4**
Marcus Smith, N Mexico	**18**	**335**	**0**	**18.6**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Chris Manfredini, TCU	**13**	**12**	**14**	**85.7**	**47**
Kenny Byrd, N Mexico	13	19	23	82.6	52
Louie Sakoda, Utah	**13**	**16**	**20**	**80.0**	**45**
Peter LoCoco, TCU	13	9	12	75.0	49
Jared McLaughlin, BYU	13	14	18	77.8	53
Zach Sasser, Air Force	12	9	14	64.3	48
Aric Goodman, WY	**12**	**10**	**16**	**62.5**	**52**
Garrett Palmer, SDSt	**12**	**8**	**13**	**61.5**	**48**
Jason Smith, CSU	**12**	**8**	**15**	**53.3**	**49**
Sergio Aguayo, UNLV	**10**	**8**	**16**	**50.0**	**52**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kip Facer, UNLV	12	46	2078	45.2
Louie Sakoda, Utah	**13**	**59**	**2598**	**44.0**
Jim Kaylor, CSU	**12**	**63**	**2754**	**43.7**
Billy Vinnedge, WY	**12**	**61**	**2634**	**43.2**
Michael Hughes, SDSt	**10**	**47**	**1932**	**41.1**
Derek McLaughlin, BYU	13	40	1636	40.9
Zach Sasser, Air Force	12	39	1591	40.8
Jordan Scott, N Mexico	**13**	**70**	**2815**	**40.2**
Brian Cortney, TCU	12	39	1506	38.6

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Tommy Blake, TCU	**16.5**	**83**
Chase Ortiz, TCU	**11**	**42**
Martail Burnett, Utah	**10.5**	**49**
David Nixon, BYU	**10.5**	**33**
Jeremy Geathers, UNLV	**9.5**	**54**
Brian Bonner, TCU	**9.5**	**46**
Cameron Jensen, BYU	9.5	44
Antwan Applewhite, SDSt	9	55
Michael Tuohy, N Mexico	**9**	**48**
Tyler Donaldson, N Mexico	**9**	**33**

TCU
RB Aaron Brown

PHIL'S MOUNTAIN WEST UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
TCU	8	2	8	3	1	1	1	3	2
BYU	6	5	4	1	4	7	1	9	4
Utah	1	1	2	2	4	4	5	1	6
New Mexico	8	2	4	4	2	4	3	8	3
Colorado St	6	5	3	7	3	9	6	5	1
UNLV	2	9	1	8	6	2	7	2	7
Wyoming	2	5	7	9	9	3	3	3	4
San Diego St	2	8	4	4	8	7	9	6	8
Air Force	2	4	9	6	7	4	8	7	9

TCU HORNED FROGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Tye Gunn was 13-3 as a starting QB during an injury plagued career. He began '05 as the starter but went down to injury vs BYU and did not return. Jeff Ballard, (PS#44) who had been the team's 4th string QB the previous two years, took over. In his 1st start (vs NM) he was the MWC Off POW and finished 8-0 as the starting QB throwing for 1,801 (59.9%) with a 13-7 ratio (440 rush). Ballard returned in 2006 but was banged up for the first half of the season and struggled at times. Against Utah, he hit just 4 of 10 and was replaced by backup Marcus Jackson (PS#74). At this point, Jackson (MWC Off POW vs Baylor) had completed 68.8% with a 169.7 QB rating and it appeared a QB controversy was brewing. Ballard had another low point vs NM when he hit just 6 of 16 for 25 yards. He did tie the school record with TD passes in a game (5) vs SDSt (Matt Vogler, 1990 and Steve Stamp, 1981). He also set the MWC record for completion % in a game hitting 20 of 23 (87.0%) for 288 and also set the school record with 14 straight completions. Over the last four games, Ballard threw for 1,004 (74.5%) with an 8-0 ratio and rushed for 7 TD's. He will be tough to replace. Jackson had just 12 passes in the final 7. His main contender is Andy Dalton (PS#74) who has a stronger more accurate arm but is not as dangerous of a runner. Adding depth is Zack Eskridge (6'3" 195 rFr).

RUNNING BACKS - LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for over 4,000 yds in his last 2 years here and has gone on to NFL stardom. They have had solid RB's since and in '02 true frosh Lonta Hobbs emerged when the starter was injured, rushing for a TCU frosh record 1,029 (super 6.6 ypc). He was CUSA Fr POY in '02 but in '03 was not 100% (ankle) rushing for just 659 (3.9). Robert Merrill broke Hobbs' frosh rushing record with 1,107 (5.5) with 10 starts in '03. Both were banged up in '04 and Merrill finished with 753 (4.2) and Hobbs 647 (5.2). In '05 both returned but in the 3rd game, true frosh Aaron Brown got his first carry and had 163 yards on 17 att. Brown led the team in rushing in 3 games finishing with 758 (5.9). Merrill led with 911 (4.9) and Hobbs redshirted. All 3 returned last year but Merrill and Hobbs were injured early and Brown, who was the fastest of the backs, got the bulk of the carries early, and led with 801 (5.2). Brown missed the Utah game and Hobbs (220 lbs) was the team's leading rusher (67 yds on 22 carries). Hobbs and Brown were in the same backfield for the final 8 and the Frogs won all 8. Hobbs led in rushing six times and it would have been seven as vs UNLV he rushed for 104 yards but a fumble was kicked backwards and credited to him for a 40 yard loss. Merrill never got a carry while recovering from back surgery. This year they must replace Hobbs (665, 4.6) and Merrill. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Justin Watts (5'10" 195 Jr) who has 208 career yds (5.5) and FB's William Jackson (6'0" 235 Sr) and Chris Smith (5'11 231 So, PS#128). I expect Brown to be one of the MWC's top rushers in 2007.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 Cory Rodgers had over twice the amount of yards as the #2 receiver. Last year they had to replace Rodgers but did have four of their top five rec's back. Michael DePriest, who avg 24.8 on 9 rec in '05, broke his arm vs Baylor missing a couple of games. Quentily Harmon became the feature WR with 52 (15.2). Donald Massey (PS#139) added 26 (12.8). Four TE's caught TD's and this year they must replace Harmon (12 st), DePriest (8 st, 14 rec), TE's Chad Andrus (6 st, 6 rec) and Brent Hecht (5 st, 11 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Kagan Elenburg (6'0" 185 So), Austin Galifaro (6'0" 175 So), William Cage (6'4" 202 Jr) and TE Tom Stevens (6'6" 232 Sr). This group is less experienced than 2006.

DE Chase Ortiz

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 TCU had to replace 3 starters (all invited to NFL camps) but the same five started every game which helped them improve to 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 starters with the only returnee being 3 year starter Herbert Taylor. Taylor was 1st Tm MWC and started all 13 (#6DC KC). Surprisingly the young group improved to 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing a MWC low 15 sacks. This year they lose Taylor (36 kd) and RG Maurice Bouldwin (13 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are RG Ryan Wyatt (6'3" 286 So), LS Sean Haight (5'11" 213 So) and C Josh Vernon (6'2" 295 rFr). Eight of the top 10 return making this unit more experienced than 2006.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Patterson always fields a top-notch D-line and they have yielded 2.8 or less ypc rushing in 7 of the last 8 years. The only year they did not was in 2004 when they had to replace all 4 starters. In 2005 TCU led the conference with 41 sacks (2.8 ypc) despite having to replace 2 starters. Last year they had to replace two starters again but had the tremendous DE combo of Tommy Blake and Chase Ortiz returning (16 sk '05). The Frogs allowed just 61 ypg rush and 2.2 ypc (best under Patterson) and the team had 36 sacks. This year not only do Blake and Ortiz return after both earned 1st Tm MWC honors, but they are more experienced inside with the only losses being NT Jarrarcea Williams (12 st, 19 tkl), DE Jared Retkofsky (10 tkl, 2 tfl) and DE Jamison Newby (11 tkl, 3 sk). Not even listed in the 3 deep below is Clarence Leatch (6-4 238 rFr) who was the Scout Tm Def POY in '06. This is one of the best D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - TCU runs a 4-2-5 defense and all of their safeties are legitimate safeties but I will list the SS with the LB's. Patterson says the SLB position has the chance to make the most plays on the defense and that spot has produced the team's leading tackler in six out of the last 7 years. Jason Phillips has been the SLB for two seasons earning 1st and 2nd Tm MWC honors. He was the first frosh defensive player in conference history to be named 1st or 2nd Tm All-MWC. This year he moves to MLB. Last year the unit returned intact and this year the only losses are SS Eric Buchanan (6 st, 31 tkl, 3 pbu) and SS Ken Lewis (2 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Brenan Gordon (5'11" 210 rFr) and this year's true frosh. This group is one of the MWC's best.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Frogs traditionally finish high in my pass D rankings including a #5 finish in 2002. After surprising finishes of #43 and #94 the next two years, TCU improved up to #10 in 2005 with a veteran group. Last year they had to replace 3 starters who all earned 1st or 2nd Tm MWC honors and then lost projected starting CB Mike Salvage (PS#80JC) prior to the year. With just one starter back, the Frogs still climbed to #4 allowing just 9 TD passes, the 5th lowest in the NCAA. The star was the team's lone returning starter, Marvin White (1st Tm MWC) who was the team's Def MVP. He is 6'2" with 4.37 speed (#4DC CIN) and leaves as does Elvis Gallegos (7 tkl). While they lose their star, the unit is more experienced especially at CB where two rFr started all 13 games.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit is almost always an area of strength under Patterson with finishes of #22 and #35 in '02 and '03. In '04 they surprisingly dropped to #84 but moved back up to #25 in 2005. Last year they had to replace their dangerous returnman Cory Rodgers but had both kickers back including Chris Manfredini, who connected on 13 of 13 FG's in '05. Manfredini, who is labeled the "short FG man", had a long of 43 in '05 and hit 12 of 14 FG's with a long of 47 last year. Surprisingly after a missed xp vs Army, Peter LoCoco was given the job for two weeks and hit a combined 6 of 6 vs Wyoming and UNLV finishing 9 of 12 with (long 49). Patterson used two punters in Brian Cortney (38.6) and Derek Wash (37.5). They combined for a net of 32.6. Brian Bonner was a dangerous PR (12.7) and Donald Massey was the top KR (21.4). This year they lose LoCoco, Cortney and top gunner Michael DePriest but could even improve upon last year's #35 ST finish.

COACHES - Gary Patterson has done a fine job here taking over when Franchione bolted prior to the 2000 bowl. Patterson was CUSA's 2002 Coach of Year and won the MWC Coach of Yr in '05. The OC for the 10th straight year is Mike Schultz. Patterson brought in DC Dick Bumpas in '04. Patterson was an asst under Bumpas at both Navy and Utah St and was able to hire the solid DC away from W Mich. Bumpas runs a 4-2-5 D which is the same alignment the Frogs have employed for years. Patterson is a K-St alumni and was given a 4 year extension through 2012 at reportedly $1 million per year when the K-St job became open in 2005. Last year Minnesota offered him $2 million per year but he turned it down. His 54-20 record here is the best after 74 games since Dutch Meyer was 50-25-4 from 1934-'40.

PHIL'S FORECAST

TCU is fast becoming like Virginia Tech was a few years ago. Despite not getting the most highly touted HS recruits, they have a great weight training program which builds bigger, stronger and faster athletes. Almost 75% of the roster can bench 400 lbs. After being a member of the SWC, TCU has had some outstanding seasons like 10-2 ('02) and flirted with a 2003 BCS bowl berth before losing a late game at S Miss. They have been to a bowl in 8 of the last 9 years with the lone non-bowl season being a 5-6 finish ('04). In the 6 years prior to '04, TCU's D had allowed 40+ pts 5 times (avg of less than 1 per year) but in '04 they yielded 40+ five times. In 2005 they moved into their 4th conf in 10 years. They had to replace 25 lettermen (MWC's highest) and returned just 12 starters. They were picked 6th in the 2002 CUSA media poll and won that title and were picked 6th in the MWC 2005 poll and responded with a dream season. In the opener they knocked off #7 Oklahoma on the road, the highest rated opponent they KO'd since a 6-0 win over #1 Texas in 1961. They then ended Utah's 18 game win streak with a 3 point home win in OT. They were very fortunate to get an OT win vs BYU, a game in which they trailed by 18 in the 2H. They achieved their 4th ten win season in five years and first outright conference title since 1958 (SWC). They have won a league title in 3 different conferences in the past seven years and finished #11 in the AP Poll (#9 coaches). Last year TCU's D held Texas Tech without a TD and increased their winning streak to 13 before losing on a Thursday night vs BYU then the following week at Utah. TCU dropped out of the polls at 3-2 but won their final 8 including an impressive bowl win and finished #22 in the AP poll. Their 11 wins were the most by any Texas Division I college last year. They have 11 wins in 3 of the last 4 years being one of just 5 teams to do so. TCU has beaten an amazing 4 Big 12 teams over the last 2 years including 2 ranked squads. This year they have just 5 starters back on offense and must replace QB Ballard and top WR Harmon. It will be tough to match last year's 29.2 ppg. The defense figures to be the best in the MWC as they return 9 starters from a unit that allowed just 12.3 ppg, their best total since 2000 (235 ypg over last 8). TCU has not allowed a 100 yard rusher in 20 games. The Frogs are 34-5 at home since 2000 and have had 4 undefeated seasons at home this decade. They have had FIVE Top 25 finishes in the last 7 years! While the Frogs must play both Texas and BYU on the road, I give them a solid shot at another 11-1 in season and they are my pick to win the MWC.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 11 Marcus Jackson So. 6-1 216 PS#74. MWC POW vs Baylor, 386 pass (59%) 2-1 ratio, 76 yd rush. **14** Andy Dalton (6-3 185 rFr) PS#74. 12 Zack Eskridge (6-3 195 rFr) PS#317.

RB 23 AARON BROWN JR. 6-1 196 **MWC FR POY**, 758 (5.9), 2 st true. 6 st LY, 801 (5.2), 34 rec (13.4). 24 Joseph Turner (6-1 226 So) PS#163. Detrick James (5-8 180 Jr) PS#152WR. 245 rush 2Y.

WR 21 Ervin Dickerson Sr. 6-1 200 PS#156. 4 st LY, 20 rec 3Y (8.1). **3** Marcus Brock (6-0 182 Sr) PS#128. 475 all-purp 2Y. 22 Ryan Christian (5-11 188 So) PS#255RB.

WR 2 DONALD MASSEY JR. 5-11 172 PS#139. 5 st LY, 47 rec 2Y. 989 all-purp. **85** Walter Bryant (6-4 206 Jr) 23 rec (9.3) 2Y. **6** Bart Johnson (6-1 190 rFr) PS#129. Jonathan Jones PS#78.

WR 82 Clint Renfro rFr. 6-0 160 PS#49. Also on track tm. **13** Derek Moore (6-3 177 Sr) 12 st 2Y, 27 rec (11.9). **88** Jimmy Young (6-1 200 rFr) PS#294RB. Prince Bynum (6-3 193 Jr).

TE 86 Shae Reagan JR. 6-4 261 **PS#34QB**. 1 st LY, 14 **(21.4)**. **89** Quinton Cunigan (6-3 237 Sr) DE '04-'05. 2 rec TE LY. Trey Englert (6-3 249 Sr) PS#60. Evan Frosch (6-4 235 rFr).

C 75 BLAKE SCHLUETER JR. 6-3 272 PS#271. **870 lb squat**. 12 gm '05. 13 st C LY, **HM MWC**. **74** Tony Savino (6-2 277 Sr). **76** Jake Kirkpatrick (6-3 273 rFr). **LS** Clint Gresham (6-3 225 So).

RG 65 Giles Montgomery Jr. 6-5 288 PS#323DL. 1 st RG rFr. 13 gm, 15 kd LY. **63** Heath Raetz (6-5 297 Jr) 2 gm '05. Inj LY. **73** Josh Karlin (6-4 280 So) 8 gm rFr. Spencer Thompson PS#221.

LG 64 MATTY LINDNER SR. 6-4 298 10 gm '05. 13 st LG '06, **2nd Tm MWC**, Miss spring inj. **60** Preston Phillips (6-6 293 Jr) 2nd string 2Y, 8 gm. **68** Adam Lowery (6-2 261 Sr).

RT 79 Nic Richmond So. 6-8 298 PS#98DL. 5 gm rFr. **70** Marshall Newhouse (6-3 317 So) 2nd string as true. 10 kd. **66** Robert Clark (6-6 255 Jr) **PS#95.** TE in '05.

LT 71 WADE SISK SR. 6-7 271 PS#279. 8 gm '05. 13 st RT '06, 38 kd. **61** Marcus Cannon (6-5 319 rFr) PS#274. Ryan Sefton (6-5 290 Sr) PS#186JC. Tyler Marrou (6-5 268 So) PS#387.

K 44 CHRIS MANFREDINI SR. 5-9 165 10-11 FG at Cincy, long 41 in '03. 13-13 FG here '05, **2nd Tm MWC**. 12-14 FG LY, long 47. **37** Zach Walters (6-0 199 So). 2 Garrett Milliken (6-0 212 So).

RDE 97 TOMMY BLAKE SR. 6-3 252 PS#189OL. **1st Tm MWC '05-'06**. 26 st, 134 tkl, 19 sk 3Y. **91** Allen Christopher (6-4 236 So) 3 tkl. Braylon Broughton PS#220 '06, orig @ Ariz.

DT 55 JAMES VESS JR. 6-3 282 PS#377. 7 tkl true. 11 st LY, 32 tkl, 4 sk. **96** Wayne Daniels (6-2 240 So) **PS#57**. 1 tkl true. **69** Michael Knight (6-2 244 So). Kelly Griffin is PS#144.

NT 56 Cody Moore Jr. 6-1 292 PS#345. 5 tkl rFr. 3 st, 14 tkl, 3 sk LY. John Fonua is PS#271JC. **94** Henry Niutei (6-4 292 rFr) PS#209. **57** Cory Grant (6-2 303 rFr).

LDE 93 CHASE ORTIZ SR. 6-3 255 PS#168. **1st Tm MWC '05-'06**. 25 st 2Y, 64 tkl, 11.5 sk, 13.5 tfl. **42** Matt Panfil (6-2 232 Jr) PS#212DB. 6 tkl 2Y. Jerry Hughes (6-2 248 So) PS#286RB. 3 tkl true.

SLB 51 ROBERT HENSON JR. 6-1 228 PS#278. **HM MWC '05-'06**. 2 st '05, 69 tkl, 8 tfl. 64 tkl LY. **46 David Hawthorne** (6-0 225 Sr) **27 st** 3Y, 102 tkl, 5.5 sk, 9 tfl. James Gleaton (6-0 239 Jr) 13 st, 73 tkl. **41** Daryl Washington (6-3 228 So) PS#286. 16 tkl true. Darius Ingram (6-2 235 Sr) LSU trans.

MLB 39 JASON PHILLIPS JR. 6-1 234 PS#232QB. 12 st rFr, 71 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **1st Tm MWC** LY. **SS 6 BRIAN BONNER SR.** 5-11 199 PS#205QB. 13 st SS 3Y, 120 tkl, 7.5 sk, 10 tfl, 6 int, 9 pbu. **29** Stephen Hodge (6-0 212 Jr) 45 tkl 2Y. **28** Colin Jones (6-0 205 rFr) PS#230RB.

CB 15 TORREY STEWART SR. 5-11 175 PS#255JC. 8 tkl, 3 int LY. **10 Rafael Priest** (5-10 163 So) PS#462. 13 st rFr, 27 tkl, 9 pbu. Tejay Johnson PS#84. Sir DeMarco Bledsoe PS#216.

CB 20 NICK SANDERS SO. 5-10 174 PS#358. 13 st rFr, 30 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu. **43** Alex Ibiloye (6-0 170 rFr). Greg McCoy PS#329. Chez Thomas PS#368. Jercell Fort is PS#540.

WS 17 Corderra Hunter So. 6-2 202 PS#75. 5 tkl rFr, 11 gm. Chris Goodson (6-0 210 Jr) PS#520JC. Tekerrein Cuba PS#54. **17** Andy Burrell (6-2 198 Jr) Scout Tm POY. S Ark trans.

FS 27 DAVID ROACH SR. 6-2 215 2 st rFr, 19 tkl. 2 st '05, 41 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu. 11 st LY, 33 tkl, 4 pbu. **4** Steven Coleman (6-3 204 Jr) PS#324. 10 tkl rFr. 2 st LY, 18 tkl, 2 int.

P 11 Derek Wash Sr. 6-4 177 17 punts 2Y (37.2). **7** David Porter (5-11 170 rFr) PS#76. **54** Landry Lawson (6-1 162 So). Anson Kelton PS#85TE. Avg 44.0 in HS LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Tekerrein Cuba 6-4 197 PS#54
DB	Tejay Johnson 6-1 195 PS#84
WR	Jonathan Jones 6-3 197 PS#78
DL	John Fonua 5-10 270 PS#271JC
WR	Jeremy Kerley 5-10 185 PS#127
DL	Kelly Griffin 6-1 280 PS#144
OL	Spencer Thompson 6-3 275 PS#221
RB	Jai Cavness 5-8 175 PS#173
DL	Braylon Broughton 6-6 225 PS#220 '06
DB	Sir DeMarco Bledsoe 6-2 175 PS#216
RB	Joseph Banyard 5-11 195 PS#221
K	Anson Kelton 6-4 260 PS#85TE
DB	Greg McCoy 5-10 172 PS#329
OL	Jeff Olson 6-4 253 PS#110TE
DB	Chez Thomas 5-10 180 PS#368
DL	Jason Fitch 6-2 230 PS#318
TE	Logan Brock 6-3 230 PS#121
LB	Luke Shivers 6-0 205 PS#400RB
TE	Kris Gardner 6-1 220 PS#404LB
DB	Johnny Fobbs 6-0 190 PS#443
DB	Chris Goodson 6-0 210 PS#520JC
LB	Tank Carder 6-2 215 PS#500
DB	Jercell Fort 5-11 175 PS#540

TCU HORNED FROGS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#69

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TCU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	Baylor	G				
Sep. 8	at Texas	G				
Sep. 13	at Air Force (Thur)	A				
Sep. 22	SMU	G				
Sep. 29	Colorado St	G				
Oct. 6	at Wyoming	A				
Oct. 13	at Stanford	G				
Oct. 18	Utah (Thur)	G				
Oct. 27						
Nov. 3	New Mexico (HC)	G				
Nov. 8	at BYU (Thur)	G				
Nov. 17	UNLV	G				
Nov. 24	at San Diego St	G				
Dec. 1						

Last year, down 7-0 at the half vs BU, TCU QB Jackson went 11-13 (85%) for 148 yds w/2 TD passes in the 2H. TCU is 5-0 in home openers (avg win by 13 ppg).
These former SWC members played every yr from '27-'95 & TCU is 1-27 L/28 gms. TCU has won their road opener the L2Y, including 2005's win vs #7 Oklahoma.
AF came into last year's finale avg 241 ypg rush (#3 in NCAA) & TCU was the only team to hold them to under 100 yds (98). TCU has won 4 straight in this series.
SMU won the "Iron Skillet" in '05 after a 6 yr drought which was TCU's only loss of the season & in that gm (L/meeting) TCU committed 4 TO's, missed 3 FG's, & went 2-of-13 on 3rd down.
RB Brown had a career high 166 rushing yds (11.9) & 3 TD's last year vs CSU. Horned Frogs are 27-4 since 1999 in conference games at Amon G Carter Stadium.
WY won the 1st meeting in '98, but TCU is 2-0 in MWC gms winning both by 14+. TCU held Wyoming LY to a '06 low 165 yds which was 146 yds below their ssn avg.
Horned Frogs are 7-11 vs current Pac 10 teams, but 5 wins came before 1979. Patterson is now 7-1 in the 2nd consecutive road game heading into 2007.
These high powered offenses have only avg'd 37 ppg in their 4 meetings. LY vs Utah, TCU was held to single digits for the 1st time since their '01 bowl (52 gms).
TCU sacked NM QB Porterie 5 times last yr but almost squandered a 24-0 1H lead. Patterson was the DC & safeties coach at New Mexico from 1996-'97.
TCU has allowed a ssn high in pts (50 & 31) & yds (614 & 393) the L2Y to BYU. The Horned Frogs are 11-25 since 1985 in Nov/Dec reg season road gms (3-0 LY).
TCU has won both MWC meetings (combined 76-13) & are 4-1 all-time vs UNLV. Including 2005 vs the Rebels, the Horned Frogs have won 8 of 10 home finales.
Last year vs SDSt, Sr QB Ballard set TCU/MWC records with 87% comp (20-23) & also tied a school rec w/5 TD passes. TCU's 349 pass yds were a season/MWC high.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Max Knake 7,370 '92-'95	1. LaDainian Tomlinson 5,263 '97-'00	1. Mike Renfro 2,739 '74-'77
2. Steve Stamp 5,123 '78-'81	2. Tony Jeffery 3,749 '84-'87	2. Stephen Shipley 2,251 '89-'92
3. Casey Printers 4,621 '99-'01	3. Andre Davis 3,182 '92-'95	3. Stanley Washington 2,209 '79-'82

GARY PATTERSON (Career 54-20)
7th Year at TCU
Patterson's Bowl Record: 3-3

Patterson's records AT TCU

54-20	Straight Up	1-1	Vs Top 10
28-6	Home	4-3	Vs Top 25
23-12	Away	8-3	Vs BCS Teams
3-2	Neutral	7-6	Off A Bye
34-13	Vs Conference	12-4	Off A Loss

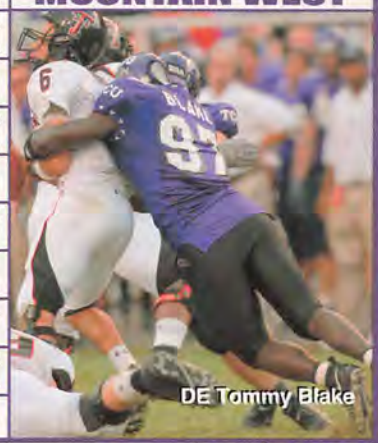
2006 RECORD: (11–2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (26,21,2)
Lost: 22 (9,11,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,926 (#72)

MOUNTAIN WEST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STADIUM: AMON G. CARTER STADIUM (44,008) (#71)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Dennis Franchione / Gary Patterson

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	6-5	9-2	11-1	5-6	10-1	10-2	61-18
Home	6-0	2-2	6-0	6-0	4-2	5-0	5-1	34-5
Away	4-1	4-3	3-2	5-1	1-4	5-1	5-1	27-13
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	7-1	4-3	6-2	7-1	3-5	8-0	6-2	41-14
ATS	7-4	6-4	4-6-1	5-7	3-8	8-3	7-3-1	40-35-2
Home Fav	5-1	1-0	2-4	3-3	2-3	3-1	3-1	19-13
Home Dog	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	4-1
Away Fav	2-3	2-2	1-1-1	1-3	0-1	0-2	3-1-1	9-13-2
Away Dog	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	0-4	4-0	0-1	8-8
Favorite	7-4	3-2	3-5-1	4-6	2-4	3-3	6-2-1	28-26-2
Dog	0-0	3-2	1-1	1-1	1-4	5-0	1-1	12-9
vs Conf	5-3	4-3	3-4-1	4-4	2-6	7-1	4-3-1	29-24-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	3-0	11-11
Off SU Win	5-4	2-2	3-4-1	5-5	1-4	6-3	5-2-1	27-24-2
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-2	1-1	0-1	2-3	1-0	1-1	9-8

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	galleryfurniture.com	+5	Texas A&M	9-28
02	Liberty	+5	Colorado St - #23	17-3
03	Fort Worth - #19	+11	Boise St - #18	31-34
05	Houston - #14	-3	Iowa St	27-24
06	Poinsettia - #25	-12	N Illinois	37-7

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TCU's All-Time Bowl Record 9-13-1

TCU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	29.2	22	195	4.5	214	61.4	14.0	+7	2006	6	12.3	13	61	2.2	174	53.6	19.1
6*	33.2	21	192	4.3	208	55.3	12.1	+21	2005	6	18.6	18	108	2.8	221	52.2	17.7
8*	32.9	22	166	3.8	265	55.9	13.1	+4	2004	4	33.9	22	122	3.2	304	55.8	12.6
4	29.2	23	208	4.1	222	57.0	14.7	+4	2003	6	21.2	17	94	2.7	256	51.5	16.5
8	30.1	18	203	4.1	167	57.8	12.3	+15	2002	6	18.5	13	65	2.0	175	38.9	13.0
4*	24.1	18	112	2.8	209	55.4	13.3	-1	2001	4	23.8	16	95	2.7	226	53.0	13.5

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Aaron Brown	154	828	27	801	9	5.2
Lonta Hobbs	145	684	19	665	7	4.6
Jeff Ballard	110	533	110	423	8	3.8
Detrick James	42	198	9	189	0	4.5
Joseph Turner	24	166	0	166	1	6.9
Justin Watts	20	105	0	105	0	5.2
Marcus Jackson	24	76	23	53	0	2.2
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Ballard	307	190	61.9	2394	13	5
Marcus Jackson	44	26	59.1	386	2	1
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Quentily Harmon		52	791	15.2	3	45
Aaron Brown		34	455	13.4	1	84
Donald Massey		26	332	12.8	3	77
Shae Reagan		14	300	21.4	2	51
Michael DePriest		14	154	11.0	1	34
Brent Hecht		11	149	13.5	3	54
Lonta Hobbs		15	148	9.9	0	32
Ervin Dickerson		12	96	8.0	0	16
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Cortney	39	1506	38.6	9	32.6(1)	2	12
Derek Wash	13	488	37.5	5	–	1	4
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Manfredini	36-41	4-5	7-8	1-1	0-0	12-14	47
Peter LoCoco	5-5	2-2	2-2	5-6	0-2	9-12	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marvin White	86	1	2	3	4
Jason Phillips	73	1	5	2	1
Robert Henson	64	1.5	6	1	0
Tommy Blake	54	7	9.5	1	0
Brian Bonner	49	4.5	5	4	2
David Hawthorne	43	2	4	1	0
David Roach	33	0	2.5	4	0
James Vess	32	4	4.5	1	0
Eric Buchanan	31	2	3.5	3	0
Nick Sanders	30	0	1	7	3
Stephen Hodge	30	0	0	0	0
Chase Ortiz	27	2.5	8.5	2	1
Rafael Priest	27	0	1	9	0
Jarrarcea Williams	19	2.5	2.5	2	0
Steven Coleman	18	0	0	0	2
Daryl Washington	16	0	1	0	0
Cody Moore	14	3	2.5	1	0
Jamison Newby	11	3	1	0	0
Jared Retkofsky	10	1	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Brian Bonner	24	305	12.7	0	
Marcus Brock	14	107	7.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Donald Massey	16	342	21.4	0	
Aaron Brown	5	145	29.0	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

TCU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#22	at Baylor	16	35 - 98	2.8	18 - 27	233	1	24	20 - 47	2.4	31 - 47	286	1	+1
#23	UC Davis	27	53 - 271	5.1	18 - 23	190	1	12	28 - 26	0.9	15 - 28	225	1	+2
#20	Texas Tech	13	44 - 180	4.1	13 - 23	101	2	13	15 - 38	2.5	23 - 47	204	3	+1
#17	BYU	29	32 - 141	4.4	26 - 50	296	1	20	34 - 72	2.1	23 - 37	321	2	-2
–	at Utah	14	31 - 81	2.6	14 - 29	228	2	14	36 - 131	3.6	19 - 32	223	0	-2
–	at Army	18	44 - 190	4.3	13 - 23	169	0	9	29 - 86	3.0	12 - 24	110	4	-1
–	Wyoming	20	41 - 188	4.6	11 - 18	244	2	11	26 - 28	1.1	15 - 28	137	5	-1
–	at UNLV	29	55 - 250	4.5	15 - 28	195	0	11	24 - 118	4.9	10 - 27	128	3	+1
–	at New Mexico	13	35 - 167	4.8	6 - 16	25	0	15	40 - 102	2.6	15 - 25	183	5	+2
–	San Diego St	30	49 - 275	5.6	22 - 26	349	1	6	24 - 31	1.3	11 - 25	56	2	+1
–	at Colorado St	33	50 - 350	7.0	18 - 28	256	1	17	18 - 34	1.9	23 - 36	266	3	+1
–	Air Force	21	42 - 141	3.4	23 - 32	236	2	12	44 - 98	2.2	4 - 11	44	2	+3
#25	† N Illinois	23	46 - 198	4.3	19 - 29	258	2	5	29 - (-20)	-0.7	6 - 19	80	5	+1
TOTALS		286	557 - 2530	4.5	216 - 352	2780	15	169	367 - 791	2.2	207 - 386	2263	36	+7
AVERAGES		22.0	43 - 195	4.5	17 - 27	214	1.2	13.0	28 - 61	2.2	16 - 30	174	2.8	0.5

2002 RESULTS

TCU Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post #23 Score
–	at Cincinnati	+3'	29-36 OT
–	at Northwestern	-6	48-24
–	SMU	-17'	17-6
–	North Texas	-12'	16-10
–	Houston	-10'	34-17
–	at Army	-19	46-27
–	at Louisville	+12'	45-31
–	S Mississippi	-2'	37-7
–	Tulane	-13'	17-10
#22	at East Carolina	-8'	28-31
–	Memphis	-14'	27-20

2003 RESULTS

TCU Rank	Pre #25 Opponent	Line	Post #25 Score
#25	at Tulane	-6'	38-35
#25	Navy	-23	17-3
#20	Vanderbilt	-11'	30-14
#19	at Arizona	-14	13-10 OT
#20	Army	-30'	27-0
#19	at USF	+2	13-10
#16	UAB	-10'	27-24
#15	at Houston	-6	62-55
#13	Louisville	-2	31-28
#10	Cincinnati	-7	43-10
#10	at S Mississippi	+3	28-40
#19	at SMU	-24	20-13

2004 RESULTS

TCU Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	Northwestern	-6	48-45 2OT
–	SMU	-22'	44-0
–	at Texas Tech	+5'	35-70
–	USF	-10	44-45 2OT
–	at Army	-18'	21-17
–	at UAB	+7	25-41
–	Houston	-6'	34-27
–	at Cincinnati	+6	10-21
–	at Louisville - #12	+24	28-55
–	S Mississippi	+1	42-17
–	Tulane	-13'	31-35

2005 RESULTS

TCU Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post #11 Score
–	at Oklahoma - #7	+25	17-10
#22	at SMU	-14'	10-21
–	Utah	+3'	23-20 OT
–	at BYU	+3	51-50 OT
–	New Mexico	-1'	49-28
–	at Wyoming	+6'	28-14
#25	Army	-22	38-17
#21	at Air Force	E	48-10
#20	at San Diego St	-6'	23-20
#20	Colorado St	-7	33-6
#18	UNLV	-29	51-3

2006 RESULTS

TCU Rank	Pre #22 Opponent	Line	Post #22 Score
#22	at Baylor	-6'	17-7
#23	UC Davis	NL	46-13
#20	Texas Tech - #24	+1	12-3
#17	BYU	-7	17-31
–	at Utah	+2'	7-20
–	at Army	-12	31-17
–	Wyoming	-6	26-3
–	at UNLV	-19	25-10
–	at New Mexico	-6	27-21
–	San Diego St	-17'	52-0
–	at Colorado St	-9'	45-14
–	Air Force	-17	38-14

BYU COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - When I think of BYU I think of outstanding QB's and passing games. John Beck had a fine career and departs (#2DC MIA) as the school's #2 all-time career leading passer behind Ty Detmer. In 2005 Beck threw for 3,709 (64.5%) with a 27-13 ratio. Last year Beck won the MWC Off POW seven times throwing for 3,885 (69.3%) with a 32-8 ratio earning MWC Off POY honors. His backup was JC transfer Jason Beck (no relation) who started one game (Utah St) and hit 20 of 28 for 305 vs the Aggies. Unfortunately, both were seniors. Ariz St transfer Max Hall (PS#52) redshirted with the Sun Devils in '04 before leaving for a mission. Sam Doman, who is QB Coach Brandon's cousin, was on a mission in '04-'05 and redshirted last year. Hall's main competition was to be Cade Cooper (6'3" 205, PS#5JC) who threw for 3,103 (67.1%) with 31 TD's at JC but had a rare injury (Lisfranc) in the spring and is out for the year. Also in the mix are Brenden Gaskins (6'5" 220 So) who threw for 2,071 yards and 20 TD's at JC last year, true frosh Jason Munns (PS#23), Utah St transfer Cole Nielson (6'0" 180 Fr, PS#133 in '04), Kurt McEuen (6'2" 205 So) and James Lark (6'2" 212 rFr, PS#58) who may go on a Mission this year. BYU's QB will put up fine numbers this year but they will pale in comparison to Beck's 2006 figures.

RUNNING BACKS - Curtis Brown, who rushed for 299 (4.2) in '02 and redshirted in '03 was the top returnee in '04 and led the Cougars in rushing for 3 straight years. He had 789 (5.0) in '04 (27 rec), 1,123 (5.3) in '05 (53 rec) and last year had 1,010 (5.0) and led the team in receptions with 62 (9.1). Fui Vakapuna rushed for 157 (5.2) in '03 then went on a mission. He's a powerful runner with 4.4 speed and had 445 (4.8) in '06. Manase Tonga (6'0" 234 Jr) rushed for 197 (4.5). True frosh Mike Hague (PS#169DB) was moved from DB in August and rushed for 156 (7.4). True frosh JJ Di Luigi (PS#94) has been compared to LaDanian Tomlinson. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Wayne Latu (6'0" 222 So, 98, 6.1 as true), Joe Semanoff (5'11" 220 Sr, 88 ttl yd 2Y), Harvey Unga (6'0" 221 rFr, PS#277), Isaac Taylor (5'11" 186 Jr), Zed Mendenhall (5'11" 225 rFr, PS#241DB), David Foote (5'11" 215 rFr), Inoke Hafoka (5'11" 240 Fr) and Ryan Folsom (5'11" 195 Fr). This year they must replace Brown (UFA CLE), Hague (mission) and Ray Hudson (transfer, one of team's fastest). While I like the talent of the RB's, I doubt they will match Brown's versatility and production.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the Cougars had to replace their top WR but had two super additions in JUCO Todd Watkins (PS#51) and true frosh Austin Collie (PS#58). Collie finished #2 with 771 yards (14.5) but left on a 2 year mission. Watkins had 1,042 yards (20.0) but in '05 had just 678 (13.8). TE Jonny Harline led with 63 rec (13.5) and Nathan Meikle was the #2 WR with 36 (8.1). Last year they returned Harline and Meikle and added true frosh McKay Jacobson (PS#38) who has 4.38 speed. RB Brown led the team in rec but Harline had 58 (16.1) and Jacobson avg 19.5 on 28 catches. Meikle saw his numbers drop to 21 (14.5). This year they must replace Harline (7 st, 1st Tm MWC, UFA IND), Jacobson (6 st, mission), Zac Collie (1 st, 26, 16.8, UFA PHI), TE Daniel Coats (7 st, 22, 10.9, UFA CIN), TE Philip Niu (0 rec), WR Brett Cooper (0 rec) and Meikle (3 st). They lose their top 2 receivers but get Austin Collie back who was the 2004 MWC Frosh of the Year. This still looks like a solid group, but TE goes from a strength to a question mark. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Tyler Kozlowski (5'10" 178 rFr), Sarat Rimal (5'11" 175 So) and Andrew Beck (5'10" 187 Jr).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 BYU introduced wider splits among the OL's and it took some time to adjust. They had 3 starters back and also had the heaviest O-line in the NCAA. They made dramatic strides as they averaged just 3.0 ypc rushing in '03 and '04 and improved to 4.4 in 2005 while allowing 25 sacks (4.8%). Last year the Cougars had to replace two starters but had 8 of their top 10 back. Vanderbilt transfer Tom Sorensen was expected to take over at C but missed the season and returning starting LT Eddie Keele was lost for the year after game 3. The ypc slipped to 4.2 but the sacks decreased to 15 (3.3%!). This year they have one of the top OL's in the country. Their only losses are 1st Tm MWC RT Jake Kuresa (13 st) who started at 3 different positions last year due to injuries and Keele (3 st). Six have started eight or more games in IA ball and they add in 2 VHT's in Levi Mack (PS#44JC) and Matt Reynolds (PS#5DL '05).

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year's unit had to replace their top five DL's and was lightly experienced. BYU generally fields an older D-line due to missions but last year had three legitimate true frosh in the 2 deep. They alternated nine DL's as their main objective was to keep the LB's free so the top DL tackler was just #10 overall. This year they lose NT Hala Paongo (13 st, 28 tkl, 5 sk) and DE Matangi Tonga (13 tkl, 2 tfl as true). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Sean Sullivan (6'3" 240 Sr, 1 tkl), Brock Richardson (6'3" 265 Jr), Ben Poole (6'5" 250 Jr) and Kalama Kaluhiokalani (6'0" 250 So). Surprisingly last year BYU allowed just 3.6 ypc rush and this year's group is vastly more experienced.

LINEBACKERS - BYU switched from the 3-3-5 to the 3-4 last year and had to replace three starters but it was still a deep veteran unit. They returned "The General" in Cameron Jensen who earned 1st Tm MWC honors (107 tkl, 9.5 tfl). Last year they also returned Wash St transfer Aaron Wagner who had 1 start in '05 (injured) then started 12 and was #2 with 75 tackles. Unfortunately this year both depart (Jensen UFA SEA, Wagner UFA NYJ) as well as 3rd stringers Andrew Stacey (4 tkl), Dan Bates (4 tkl) and Gary Lovely (3 tkl). They have four players with starting experience. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jadon Wagner (6'5" 235 Fr, Canadian), Skyler Stephens (6'0" 219 So) and Franco Improta (6'0" 210 So). Bryan Kehl and David Nixon are an outstanding combo on the outside and even with the loss of their top two tacklers, this unit is actually a little more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BYU finished #32 in my pass D rankings in 2003 and #35 in 2004. Mendenhall called the secondary his primary concern on the defense in 2005 as they had to replace three players that combined for 24 starts. Good-sized CB Kayle Buchanan missed the first 5 but started 5 of the last 7. Eight different DB's started due to a myriad of injuries and Mendenhall's concerns were justified as they dropped to #110. Last year they only had to replace one starter. The more experienced unit made tremendous strides moving up to #19 allowing 55.1% with a 12-18 ratio after allowing 63% with a 25-9 ratio in 2005. This year the only losses are CB Justin Robinson (13 st, 41 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu) and 3rd stringers SS Cole Miyahira (12 tkl, 1 int), SS Aaron Gordon (4 tkl) and FS Tico Pringle (2 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Scott Johnson (5'11" 182 Jr), Aaron Attig (6'2" 204 So) and Evan Kleinhenz (6'0" 210 So). Seven of the top 8 are back and I like Buchanan's potential if he can finally stay healthy (broke arm and missed most of '06). This looks like one of the MWC's top secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When asked at the end of last season where the team's biggest improvement was, Mendenhall hit it on the head by saying special teams. BYU's ST finished #13 in 2004 but Mendenhall's first unit ranked just #100 as ST cost them a couple of victories. Last year I called for them to be one of the most improved ST units in the NCAA and that they were (improved 80 spots). They still have gone 105 games without a KR TD but almost had one last year as Meikle returned one to the 2. They snapped a streak of 113 games ('97) without a PR TD when Jacobson got a 77 yard PR vs Wyoming. The coverage units were vastly improved and against BC they took on the #1 KR in the NCAA at that time (Jeff Smith), and held him to just 41 return yards. They lost their LS in August but JUCO Jayson Clark filled in well. Washington transfer P Derek McLaughlin improved his net from 31.7 to 36.2 and had 26 TB on 89 KO. His brother Jared hit 14 of 18 FG's with a long of 53 (2 misses 50+). Curtis Brown was the top KR (22.2) and Nathan Meikle the top PR (11.2). Unfortunately ALL of the top players depart this year and Mendenhall should find capable replacements but they will come nowhere near last year's #20 finish.

COACHES - Bronco Mendenhall was the DC at New Mexico 5 years prior to coming here in '03, and has been one of my favorite DC's throughout the years. His OC is Robert Anae who was the Texas Tech OL coach and is well versed in the spread offense. Last year Mendenhall surprisingly switched from his 3-3-5 to a 3-4 and they allowed just 14.7 ppg, their best since 1985 and 4th best in school history. In years past Mendenhall has been his own DC but has taken a step back this offseason. While he will still technically be the DC, the D has been put in the hands of his assistants.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Gary Crowton took over in 2001, it was a dream season as they piled up 44.1 ppg, 524 ypg and were 12-0 lobbying for a BCS bowl berth before 2 losses to end the season at 12-2. They actually suffered 3 straight losing years and had their NCAA record of games without being shutout end at 361 games (28 years) in 2003. In 2004 they could have easily had a winning record outgaining league foes by 54.5 ypg (2nd best) but finished just 5-6 with a tough non-conf slate including ND, USC and Boise St. In 2005 BYU reverted to the old uniform style that they used in the '80's and '90's. They returned to a bowl for the first time since 2001, but had 3 losses to teams that finished in the Top 20. They then lost to California in the bowl to finish with a 6-6 record. The toughest loss was to TCU where they led by 18 before 9 different defensive starters were injured. BYU outgained MWC foes by 59.8 ypg (3rd best). In the second year of Anae's system, senior QB John Beck had a phenomenal year and BYU averaged 36.8 ppg, their best mark since 2001. Whenever BYU has a senior QB they had a record of 106-23-2 and the last four senior QB's have all bagged conference titles. BYU could have easily been unbeaten and playing in a BCS game but they gave up a last second FG to Arizona and completely outplayed BC but thanks to missed FG's and some key plays, came up short in two OT's. This year the Cougars have just 6 starters back on offense and must also break in a new QB. The defense has 7 starters back, which is the most since 2003, and is now in the second year of the 3-4. BYU has been to 25 bowls and in the seasons after a bowl berth, the team has averaged 8.9 wins per year. Last year BYU set a school record and had the NCAA's best margin of victory at home, beating foes by an avg of 35.2 ppg (old school record '79, 34.2). BYU outscored MWC foes by an amazing 25.5 ppg and have my #2 offense and #2 D in the league. They also get both Utah & TCU at home so it would not surprise me to see BYU repeat as MWC champs with a great shot at a second consecutive double-digit winning season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 15 Max Hall So. 6-1 200 PS#52 '04. Orig Arizona St. Scout Tm here in '06. **12** Brenden Gaskins (6-5 220 So). **7** Sam Doman (6-4 228 rFr) PS#188. Jason Munns (6-5 225 Fr).

RB 1 Fui Vakapuna Jr. 6-1 234 4.4 spd. PS#330 '02. 186 ttl yds '03. 1 st LY, 445 (4.8). **11** Manase Tonga (6-0 234 Jr) 10 st 2Y FB, 520 ttl yds. JJ Di Luigi (5-9 190) is PS#94.

WR 10 Matt Allen Sr. 6-0 177 PS#140. 3 st, 21 (13.0) '05. 6 st LY, 27 (15.6). **2** Bryce Mahuika (5-9 185 Jr) PS#191 DB. 2 st, 786 ttl yds 3Y. **86** Daniel Tervort (5-11 200 So).

WR 9 AUSTIN COLLIE SO. 6-2 212 10 st true '04, **MWC Fr POY**, 53 (14.5). Mission. **83** Saia Hafoka (5-9 180 Jr) PS#419. **18** Reed White (5-11 190 Jr) PS#296QB. Ariz St trans.

WR 3 MICHAEL REED JR. 6-1 202 PS#196. 5 st rFr, 18 (13.1). 11 st LY, 25 (13.6). **13** Nate Hutchinson (6-3 187 So) 11 tkl rFr. **82** Ryan Neeley (6-0 176 Jr). Zac Erekson (5-9 186 Jr).

TE 37 Vic So'oto So. 6-3 233 PS#28. 1 st true. RS '06. **32 Dennis Pitta** (6-5 230 So) **7 st, 17 rec '04.** Mission. Andrew George (6-5 240 So) PS#74. 1 st rFr. Brock Hansen (6-2 225 So).

C 67 SETE AULAI SR. 6-1 297 PS#115JC. RS '05. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC**. **53** Tom Sorensen (6-5 315 So) PS#201. **8 st Vandy** '03. **60** Ryan Freeman (6-2 269 So) PS#155.

RG 74 TRAVIS BRIGHT JR. 6-5 314 **PS#89 '02.** Mission. Inj '05. 10 st OG LY. **71** Rick Wolfley (6-3 326 rFr) PS#282. Nick Alletto (6-6 275 rFr) PS#173 '04. 2nd string but RS '04. Mission.

LG 76 RAY FEINGA JR. 6-5 322 **PS#61** '04. 1 st, 8 gm rFr. 11 st LG LY. **Matt Reynolds** (6-5 285 Fr) **PS#5DL** '05. **75** Walter Kahaialii (6-3 320 rFr). Jeff Rhea (6-4 295 Sr).

RT NA Levi Mack So. 6-5 320 **PS#44JC**. In spg. **68 David Oswald** (6-8 325 Jr) 8 gm '02. Mission. 3 st RT LY. **73** Jason Speredon (6-5 275 rFr) **PS#72.** John Barrett (6-0 328 So).

LT 65 DALLAS REYNOLDS JR. 6-5 328 PS#63 '03. Mission. 12 st LG true. 13 st OT LY. **64** RJ Willing (6-5 300 So) PS#156. **9 st RT rFr** '04. Mission. **66** Garrett Reden (6-3 273 rFr).

K 38 Mitch Payne rFr. 6-2 201 PS#73. 11 FG as Sr in HS in '02 incl 2 from 53 yds and never missed an xp. Went on a looooong mission. **17** Shane Monson (5-10 160 So).

DE 77 Ian Dulan So. 6-1 274 5 st true but broke leg Wk 6, 7 tkl, 1 tfl. **91** Judd Anderton (6-5 270 Sr) PS#115. 16 tkl, 2 sk '06. **54** Kyle Luekenga (6-3 278 Jr) 6 tkl 2Y.

NT 52 RUSSELL TIALAVEA SO. 6-3 300 PS#51. Last 8 st rFr, 22 tkl, 3 tfl. **90** Mosese Foketi (6-0 270 Jr) PS#477JC. RS LY. **98** Romney Fuga (6-1 301 So) PS#120OL. 9 tkl, 2 tfl true.

DE 84 JAN JORGENSEN SO. 6-3 260 PS#302. **Kentucky** transfer. 13 st, 34 tkl, 5 sk rFr. **92** Brett Denney (6-4 251 So) PS#140. 2 tkl LY. **56** Matt Putnam (6-7 245 Fr) PS#143 '04.

SLB 41 BRYAN KEHL SR. 6-3 231 PS#181. 14 tkl '02. 30 tkl '05. 13 st LY, 70 tkl, 8 tfl, **HM MWC**. **39** Grant Nelson (6-2 225 So) PS#394. **44** Dan Van Sweden (6-2 221 So) PS#76TE.

MLB 46 Kelly Poppinga Sr. 6-2 240 PS#304. 5 tkl Utah St '03. 2 st here LY, 36 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **47** Terrance Hooks (6-1 218 So) 18 tkl rFr. **37** Jamison Fitt is PS#423JC. 55 tkl, 6 tfl JC LY.

BLB 42 Shawn Doman So. 6-2 219 PS#241RB '05. Mission. 14 tkl "true" LY. **36** Markell Staffieri (6-3 232 Sr) 6 st 3Y, 78 tkl, 7 tfl. **35** Matt Bauman (6-1 225 So) 4 st '04, 30 tkl, 2.5 sk. Mission.

WLB 43 DAVID NIXON JR. 6-3 223 PS#62. 2 st, 57 tkl, 11 tfl true. Mission. 11 st LY, 62 tkl, 10.5 tfl. **31** Chris Bolden (6-0 248 Sr) PS#260JC. **4.5 spd.** 10 tkl LY. **58** Jeff Bell (6-0 228 So).

CB 34 Kayle Buchanan Sr. 6-1 191 4.41 speed. Inj most of last 2Y, 5 st, 31 tkl, 5 pbu. **19** Andre Saulsberry (5-10 178 Sr) PS#428JC. **4** Brandon Howard (5-9 170 So) 1 tkl, 13 gm LY.

CB 21 BEN CRIDDLE SR. 6-0 185 JC '04. RS '05. 12 starts LY, 53 tkl, 2 int, 9 pbu. **5** Brandon Bradley (6-0 195 rFr) PS#262. **24** Matt Winn (6-0 180 rFr). **30** Kelly Bills (6-0 216 So).

SS 28 DUSTIN GABRIEL SR. 6-1 213 19 tkl rFr. 10 st '05, 55 tkl, 2 tfl. 13 st LY, 37 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu. **14** Corby Hodgkiss (5-11 206 Sr) 2 st, 41 tkl, 5 pbu 2Y. **16** Kellen Fowler (6-0 195 Jr).

FS 25 QUINN GOOCH SR. 6-0 196 **PS#89**. 2 st '05, 30 tkl. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 66 tkl, 2 int. **23** David Tafuna (6-1 206 Sr) PS#208. 3 st, 38 tkl, 3Y. **17** Chris Warner (6-1 191 Jr).

P 38 Mitch Payne rFr. 6-2 201 PS#73. Avg 41.6 per punt as senior in high school back in '02. Mission. #1 punter and kicker in the spring. **17** Shane Monson (5-10 160 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Cade Cooper 6-3 205 PS#5JC
OL	Levi Mack 6-5 320 PS#44JC
QB	Jason Munns 6-5 225 PS#23
OL	Manaaki Vaitai 6-3 299 PS#92
OL	Houston Reynolds 6-3 295 PS#109
TE	Devin Mahina 6-6 225 PS#32
DB	Jordan Pendleton 6-2 195 PS#88WR
RB	JJ Di Luigi 5-9 190 PS#94
WR	Marcus Mathews 6-4 200 PS#133
WR	Ryan Kessman 6-0 205 PS#134
LB	Aveni Leung Wai 6-1 220 PS#358JC
DL	David Angilau 6-2 270 PS#146
TE	Braden Brown 6-6 240 PS#55
DL	Star Lotulelei 6-3 245 PS#161
LB	Jamison Fitt 6-2 245 PS#423JC
OL	Famika Anae 6-6 285 PS#193DL
DB	G Pittman 5-10 175 PS#214
WR	Jordan Smith 6-4 190 PS#195
LB	Austen Jorgensen 6-3 230 PS#198
DB	Brannon Brooks 5-10 175 PS#241
DB	Gary Nagy 6-1 180 PS#281
LB	Tyler Beck 6-1 210 PS#287DB
TE	Kaneakua Friel 6-5 225 PS#97
DB	Steven Thomas 6-0 180 PS#330
OL	Eathyn Manumaleuna 6-2 280 PS#378
WR	Scotty Ebert 6-0 180 PS#307

BYU COUGARS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#75

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BYU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	Arizona	G						The Cougars led at the half LY, but lost the game on a 48 yd FG with :06 left. BYU is 8-3 their last 11 Provo openers & 6 of their wins were vs BCS schools.
Sep. 8	at UCLA	G						Last & only time that BYU beat UCLA was in their 1st meeting ('83) & have lost 6 straight since. BYU has lost 5 straight road openers & is just 3-9 since 1995.
Sep. 15	at Tulsa	A						Cougars are a perfect 6-0 vs Tulsa (each gm won by DD's w/avg margin of 19 ppg). With 6:00 left in LY's gm there was a 53 min lightning delay, but BYU was in total control prior.
Sep. 22	Air Force (HC)	G						BYU & AF have avg'd 63 ppg including a 103 pt meeting 2 yrs ago (MWC record). Cougars held AF to just 299 total yds of offense in '06 after allowing 429 yds in '05.
Sep. 29	at New Mexico	G						Mendenhall was the DC at New Mexico from 1998-'02, installing the 3-3-5. BYU is 20-9 in MWC road gms (7-1 the L2Y). BYU won 4 straight in NM & 12 of 13.
Oct. 6								Bonus: BYU was 8-0 LY in MWC gms outscoring tms by 26 ppg & outgaining them by 139 ypg.
Oct. 13	at UNLV	A						LY RB's Brown (grad) & Hague (mission) became the 1st BYU duo to rush for 100+ yds each in 1 gm S/'01 (Doman & Staley). UNLV & BYU 1st played in Japan in 1978.
Oct. 20	E Washington	G						Eagles are 7-14 all-time vs IA schools as BYU is the only one on the schedule TY. E Washington went 3-8 LY including losses to Oregon St (56-17) & W Virginia (52-3).
Oct. 27	at San Diego St	G						LY w/BYU up 40-3 at half, Mendenhall said, "best half of football I've seen our tm play". The 21 pt loss BYU suffered their last trip to SDSt was its worst in MWC play under BM.
Nov. 3	Colorado St	G						Cougars have outsk'd the Rams 9-2 while holding them to 22 FD's & 56 total rush yds total the last 2 years. BYU is 25-9 since 1987 in November home games.
Nov. 8	TCU (Thur)	G						Last yr's win over TCU broke the nation's longest winning streak (TCU@13) & BYU's 13 straight losses vs a ranked opponent. BYU is 11-4 on Thurs Nights since 1993.
Nov. 17	at Wyoming	A						BYU has won 3 straight & 12 of 14. Last year the Wyoming defense was allowing 140 ypg passing & QB Beck had 269 at the half for a 31-0 lead.
Nov. 24	Utah	G						Cougars LY outscored the Utes 19-7 in the 4Q including an 11 yd TD pass as time expired. Nine of 10 in this "Holy War" rivalry have been decided by 7 pts or less. BYU's win snapped a 4 gm Utes win streak.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ty Detmer 15,031 '88-'91	1. Curtis Brown 3,193 '02-'06	1. Eric Drage 3,066 '90-'93
2. John Beck 11,021 '03-'06	2. Jamal Willis 2,970 '91-'94	2. Margin Hooks 2,841 '97-'00
3. Jim McMahon 9,536 '78-'81	3. Lakei Heimuli 2,710 '84-'86	3. Matt Bellini 2,635 '87-'90

BRONCO MENDENHALL (Career 17-8)

3rd Year at BYU — Mendenhall's Bowl Record: 1-1

Mendenhall's records AT BYU

17-8	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
9-3	Home	1-3	Vs Top 25
7-4	Away	1-5	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
13-3	Vs Conference	5-1	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (11–2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (17,27,0)
Lost: 28 (14,11,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 60,524 (#26)

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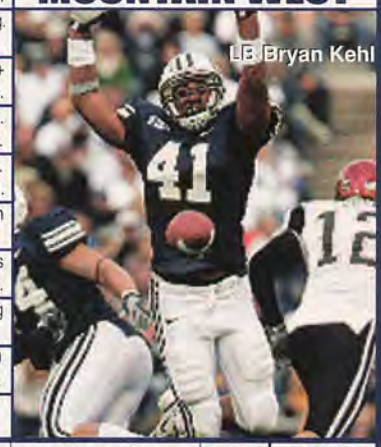

STADIUM: LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (64,045) (#40)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	12-1	5-7	4-8	5-6	6-5	10-2	48-35
Home	4-2	6-0	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	6-0	27-15
Away	2-3	6-1	1-5	3-3	2-3	3-2	4-2	21-19
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-3	7-0	2-5	3-4	4-3	5-3	8-0	33-18
ATS	4-8	7-6	4-8	6-6	6-5	5-5	9-2-1	41-40-1
Home Fav	2-3	5-1	2-4	1-3	2-2	1-2	5-1	18-16
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	3-4
Away Fav	0-1	2-5	0-2	1-1	0-0	2-1	2-1	7-11
Away Dog	2-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	3-2	1-1	2-0-1	13-8-1
Favorite	2-4	7-6	2-6	2-4	2-2	3-3	7-2	25-27
Dog	2-4	0-0	2-2	4-2	4-3	2-2	2-0-1	16-13-1
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-5	4-3	4-3	5-3	6-2	26-25
vs Non-Conf	2-3	4-2	2-3	2-3	2-2	0-2	3-0-1	15-15-1
Off SU Win	1-4	6-6	0-5	1-3	2-3	3-3	6-2-1	19-26-1
Off SU Loss	3-3	0-0	3-3	4-3	3-2	2-1	2-0	17-12

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2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Curtis Brown	201	1042	32	1010	7	5.0
Fui Vakapuna	**92**	**481**	**36**	**445**	**8**	**4.8**
Manase Tonga	**44**	**205**	**8**	**197**	**4**	**4.5**
Mike Hague	21	166	10	156	1	7.4
Joe Semanoff	**5**	**29**	**0**	**29**	**0**	**5.8**
Jason Beck	5	24	14	10	0	2.0
John Beck	50	123	131	-8	6	-0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
John Beck	417	269	69.3	3885	32	8
Jason Beck	31	22	71.0	321	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jonny Harline	58	935	16.1	12	71	
Curtis Brown	62	566	9.1	3	62	
McKay Jacobson	28	547	19.5	3	52	
Zac Collie	26	437	16.8	2	43	
Matt Allen	**27**	**420**	**15.6**	**3**	**38**	
Michael Reed	**25**	**339**	**13.6**	**3**	**40**	
Nathan Meikle	21	304	14.5	0	38	
Daniel Coats	22	239	10.9	2	26	
Manase Tonga	**23**	**230**	**10.0**	**2**	**22**	
Fui Vakapuna	**11**	**87**	**7.9**	**3**	**24**	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Derek McLaughlin	40	1636	40.9	9	36.2	1	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jared McLaughlin	58-62	7-7	3-3	2-4	2-4	14-18	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cameron Jensen	107	4	5.5	3	3
Aaron Wagner	75	0	4.5	2	1
Bryan Kehl	**70**	**3**	**5**	**6**	**0**
Quinn Gooch	**66**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**2**
David Nixon	**62**	**3**	**7.5**	**5**	**0**
Ben Criddle	**53**	**0**	**3**	**9**	**2**
Justin Robinson	41	0	1	6	4
Dustin Gabriel	**37**	**0**	**1.5**	**1**	**1**
Kelly Poppinga	**36**	**2**	**1.5**	**1**	**2**
Jan Jorgensen	**34**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Hala Paongo	28	5	0.5	2	0
Russell Tialavea	**22**	**1**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**
Markell Staffieri	**18**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Terrance Hooks	**18**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Judd Anderton	**16**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Corby Hodgkiss	**15**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
David Tafuna	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Shawn Doman	**14**	**0**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**
Matangi Tonga	13	1	1	0	1
Cole Miyahira	12	0	1	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nathan Meikle	29	324	11.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Curtis Brown	13	288	22.2	0
McKay Jacobson	7	128	18.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Liberty	+7	Tulane - #10	27-41
99	Motor City	+3	Marshall - #11	3-21
01	Liberty - #19	+3	Louisville - #23	10-28
05	Las Vegas	+8	California	28-35
06	Las Vegas - #19	-3'	Oregon	38-8

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BYU'S All-Time Bowl Record 8-16-1

BYU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	36.8	24	142	4.2	324	68.8	12.7	+14	2006	4	14.7	18	114	3.6	205	55.1	21.7
7*	33.0	26	152	4.4	310	64.3	14.0	+2	2005	6	29.2	22	148	4.2	269	63.0	14.3
6*	24.3	20	106	3.0	280	55.3	15.9	-10	2004	3	26.8	19	149	3.7	229	54.4	14.1
5*	16.3	17	98	3.0	215	54.6	19.3	-14	2003	10	25.8	17	132	3.2	175	52.5	11.9
3	22.7	21	121	3.5	261	55.3	16.8	-7	2002	6	27.8	21	178	4.1	207	52.0	13.9
7*	44.1	26	208	5.4	316	63.5	11.9	+5	2001	6	30.3	23	193	4.8	244	53.9	14.4

2006 STATS BY GAME

BYU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Arizona	17	24 - 24	1.0	28 - 37	289	3	15	24 - 67	2.8	19 - 39	186	2	-1
–	Tulsa	22	41 - 220	5.4	17 - 24	247	1	18	31 - 82	2.6	21 - 35	221	1	+1
–	at Boston College	27	30 - 111	3.7	38 - 60	436	1	23	26 - 115	4.4	29 - 48	356	1	+1
–	Utah St	23	34 - 136	4.0	20 - 28	305	0	17	42 - 120	2.9	17 - 28	122	1	+1
–	at TCU	20	34 - 72	2.1	23 - 37	321	2	29	32 - 141	4.4	26 - 50	296	1	+2
–	San Diego St	23	32 - 152	4.8	16 - 21	267	0	21	38 - 141	3.7	20 - 32	216	2	+1
–	UNLV	28	41 - 308	7.5	20 - 25	266	1	18	26 - 92	3.5	19 - 38	216	0	+5
–	at Air Force	22	34 - 153	4.5	23 - 31	258	0	16	49 - 190	3.9	4 - 10	39	2	+2
–	at Colorado St	21	37 - 112	3.0	22 - 30	290	2	7	23 - 26	1.1	13 - 23	125	5	-1
#25	Wyoming	18	43 - 141	3.3	20 - 26	313	2	10	23 - 144	6.3	14 - 28	102	0	+2
#23	New Mexico	29	32 - 189	5.9	28 - 42	464	1	24	31 - 173	5.6	22 - 39	245	2	+1
#21	at Utah	27	24 - 54	2.3	28 - 44	375	1	26	33 - 98	3.0	25 - 41	376	3	0
#19	† Oregon	30	31 - 173	5.6	28 - 47	375	1	14	30 - 94	3.1	16 - 34	166	4	0
TOTALS		307	437 - 1845	4.2	311 - 452	4206	15	238	408 - 1483	3.6	245 - 445	2666	24	+14
AVERAGES		23.6	34 - 142	4.2	24 - 35	324	1.2	18.3	31 - 114	3.6	19 - 34	205	1.8	1.1

2002 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Syracuse	-3	42-21
–	Hawaii	-11	35-32
–	at Nevada	-14	28-31
–	at Georgia Tech	+9'	19-28
–	at Utah St	-17'	35-34
–	at Air Force - #21	+4'	9-52
–	UNLV	-10	3-24
–	at Colorado St	+13	10-37
–	San Diego St	-1'	34-10
–	Wyoming	-11	35-31
–	New Mexico	-4'	16-20
–	at Utah	+8	6-13

2003 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Georgia Tech	-3'	24-13
–	at USC - #4	+21'	18-35
–	at New Mexico	-2'	10-7
–	Stanford	-7	14-18
–	Air Force	-1/2	10-24
–	at San Diego St	+2'	44-36
–	Colorado St	-1/2	13-58
–	at Wyoming	-1	10-13
–	at UNLV	+3'	27-20 OT
–	Boise St	+8'	12-50
–	at Notre Dame	+8'	14-33
–	Utah	+7	0-3

2004 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Notre Dame	+5	20-17
–	at Stanford	+4	10-37
–	USC - #1	+26'	10-42
–	at Boise St - #21	+22	27-28
–	at Colorado St	+3	31-21
–	UNLV	-10'	20-24
–	Wyoming	-7'	24-13
–	at Air Force	+2'	41-24
–	San Diego St	-10'	49-16
–	New Mexico	-6'	14-21
–	at Utah - #5	+21	21-52

2005 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Boston College - #22	+2'	3-20
–	E Illinois	NL	45-10
–	TCU	-3	50-51 OT
–	at San Diego St	-1	10-31
–	at New Mexico	+7'	27-24
–	Colorado St	+3	24-14
–	at Notre Dame - #9	+18'	23-49
–	Air Force	-6'	62-41
–	at UNLV	-12	55-14
–	at Wyoming	-4'	35-21
–	Utah	-10	34-41 OT

2006 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score #16
–	at Arizona	+6'	13-16
–	Tulsa	-4	49-24
–	at Boston College - #23	+7	23-30 2OT
–	Utah St	-28'	38-0
–	at TCU - #17	+7	31-17
–	San Diego St	-28'	47-17
–	UNLV	-28'	52-7
–	at Air Force	-9'	33-14
–	at Colorado St	-14	24-3
#25	Wyoming	-17'	55-7
#23	New Mexico	-27	42-17
#21	at Utah	-10'	33-31

UTAH UTES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Utah produced the #1 overall pick in the 2005 NFL draft in Alex Smith who completed 67.5% with a 32-4 ratio (774 rush) in '04. Brian Johnson played in 10 as a true frosh with 142 yards passing (108 rush). They brought in JUCO Brett Ratliff, who set the Butte JC record with 41 career TD passes in '05. Johnson threw for 2,892 (63.6%) with an 18-7 ratio (690 rush) and was injured with 1:44 left vs New Mexico. The inexperienced Ratliff started the must-win game vs BYU throwing for 240 and 4 TD's (112 rush) then shredded a super GT defense in the bowl game hitting 30 of 41 for 381 yards. Last year both returned and they brought in VHT Oklahoma transfer Tommy Grady (PS#6) whose brother (Jeff) played for OC Ludwig at Fresno St. Johnson was not 100% and opted to redshirt but was a hard worker earning scout team POW honors on a regular basis. Ratliff won the starting spot and was maligned early but finished off his career in a flourish as in the last six games he threw for 272 ypg (72.3%) with a 12-2 ratio. Ratliff probably would have been out of a job had Grady performed better in the backup role but playing in seven games, he hit just 7 of 14 with 3 int's. Johnson is the clear cut starter and Grady will have to battle Chad Manis who threw for 1,389 with 13 TD's (272 rush) at JC last year. Johnson should be able to top the overall production for the unit which hit 57.9% with a 25-12 ratio.

QB Brian Johnson

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 Quinton Ganther (PS#66JC) became the 8th Ute to top 1,000 yards with 1,120 (5.5). Much was expected of USC transfer Darryl Poston. He has blazing speed but was injury plagued at USC, playing in just 7 games in '05 and was no where near 100%. Poston missed a couple starts last year but played well down the stretch and was the team's top back with 553 (3.8). HB Brent Casteel added 262 (5.1) and QB Ratliff and DB Weddle were the next two rushers. Mike Liti (5'10" 215, PS#133) had 183 (4.9) before tearing an ACL vs UNLV and was forced to retire. Darrell Mack (PS#178) had trouble in protection schemes and only had 173 (4.0). Ray Stowers (6'0" 223 Jr, PS#147) had 23 (4.6). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Zac Eldridge (6'0" 225 rFr), Trevor Moss (5'11" 192 So) and this year's true frosh. Everyone returns except Liti (1 st) plus they add in 235 lb JUCO Matt Asiata who turned down the Florida Gators. This should be a far more productive unit.

RECEIVERS - The Utes had to replace their #1 and #3 receivers last year but did return their game breaker in Brian Hernandez (39, 18.2). Hernandez broke his leg in '05 vs BYU and missed the first two of '06 starting just 9. He saw his ypc cut in half (47, 9.0). Hard working former walk-on Derrek Richards was the team's 2nd fastest player and emerged as the top man with 60 (11.9). HB Brent Casteel had 39 (15.4) and Marquis Wilson (PS#56) had 25 (15.9) in 6 starts. Casteel emerged late with 19 rec in the final five. This year basically the entire unit is back and Hernandez is another year removed from his injury. The only losses are WR's Fano Tagovailoa (2 st, 1 rec) and Drew Hackett (0 rec) along with TE's Jason Voss (12 gms) and Ameen Shaheen (12 gms). Not listed in the 3 deep below are rFr Tyler Zanolli (6'0" 183), Brad Clifford (6'4" 213), Sam Ewalefo (6'1" 202), David Cravens (5'9" 175), Jim Christensen (6'1" 190) and Mike Hicken (6'0" 195). This is a more experienced receiving group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In their magical 2004 season, the Utes had to replace three starters but thanks in part to a mobile QB, the unit paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing. All 5 OL played almost every down so the backups were lightly experienced. In 2005 they had to replace two starters and the unit allowed 29 sacks and the ypc dropped to 4.3. Last year they had to replace two starters, two backups and RT Jason Voss moved to TE. LG Eric Pettit (7 st '05) had his career end with a back injury so just two starters returned. Utah was the only team in the NCAA to not allow a sack in the first 6 games but they gave up six vs Wyoming and yielded 15 on the year (14 less than '05) but the ypc dropped to 4.0. This year they lose their star 1st Tm MWC LT Tavo Tupola (12 st, 4Y st'r) and Hawaii transfer Jeremy Inferrera quit the team in the spring. Eight of the top 10 are back and 6 have starting experience. The 2 deep avg 306 lbs per man and this is one of the MWC's top OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This is the Utes' primary recruiting emphasis every year and they have sent many DL's to the NFL. In 2005 they had to replace two starters (#3 and #7 DC's) and two backups then lost a starting DE for the year. With just one starter back they allowed 4.0 ypc rush, their highest total since 1996. Last year they lost their star, 1st Tm MWC Steve Fifita and DE Kite Afeaki (6 st). They added USC transfer Gabe Long (PS#2JC), a late signee and he earned three starts. The unit improved to 3.1 ypc rush allowed but had just 25 sacks. This year they lose their huge interior as 1st Tm MWC NG Kelly Talavou (12 st, 47 tkl, 8 tfl) and 2nd Tm MWC DT Paul Soliai (12 st, 35 tkl, 3.5 tfl, #4DC MIA) combined for 634 lbs in the middle. Also gone is DE Soli Lefiti (6 st, 29 tkl, 7.5 tfl). Five of the top 8 do return and one open DE slot will be fought over by Colorado transfer Greg Newman and JUCO Koa Misi. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Utah St transfer Ryan Taylor (6'4" 219 Sr, 14 gm 3Y) and Kaleki Katoa (5'9" 304 rFr). Those are two big losses in the middle but this will still be another solid Utah D-line.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Utes had to replace their #1 tackler, ROV Spencer Toone (#7DC TEN). Stevenson Sylvester started 3 as a true until an injury set him back and JJ Williams started the last 7. The top LB was Joe Jiannoni (2nd Tm MWC, 92 tkl) who was the #2 tackler. This year they lose Williams who goes on a church mission but have 4 players back with starting experience including Kyle Brady (10 career st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kevin Freestone (6'0" 229 So) and Tobias Titus (6'0" 218 rFr). This unit is even stronger than 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Since Kyle Whittingham became DC, Utah's lowest finish in my pass D rankings has been #41. They were #24 in 2003 and #18 in 2004. In 2005 they had to replace three players and were #31. CB Eric Weddle, who held Calvin Johnson to just 2 rec, returned and they had 3 starters back in '06. Weddle took home the MWC Def POY title for the 2nd straight year snagging 7 int and scoring 8 TD's. He is a big loss (#2DC SD). Surprisingly the Utes slipped to #72 allowing 19 TD's. Also gone are SS Casey Evans (13 st, 72 tkl, HM MWC), CB Shaun Harper (5 st until inj, 11 tkl) and CB Eric Shyne (3 st, 27 tkl). Whittingham has gone the JUCO route with four in my 3 deep and while they will clearly miss their shutdown CB Weddle, they should climb back up in my pass D rankings. Not listed below are Josh Woods (5'10" 197 So), Chris Johnson (5'10" 182 rFr), Ammaron Wolfgramm (5-11 180 So) and Tysen Clements (6'0" 203 rFr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer was the ST coach at ND and put a high priority on this unit. He stated that his goal in his first year, was to be the best punt blocking team in the MWC and in '04 they blocked 5. His units finished #23 and #8 in my ST rankings. They had to replace their top K, P and KR in Whittingham's first year and dropped to #81. Louie Sakoda handled the punting and KO duties as a frosh. Last year he was one of the key weapons on the team with an amazing net punting of 41.4 (#1 NCAA) and hammered home 16 of 20 FG's with a long of 45. Ben Vroman had 28 TB on 71 KO. Whittingham lessened Eric Weddle's role in the return game as he had just 8 PR (5.5). Marquis Wilson was the top PR (11.2) and Brice McCain the top KR (22.4). The Utes climbed all the way up to #16 and with basically everyone back, look like the MWC's best ST unit.

COACHES - Kyle Whittingham was fought over by BYU and Utah for the HC job but he opted to stay here. Whittingham has been the DC at Utah since 1995 and is a BYU graduate. He made a great hire at OC bringing in Andy Ludwig, who was the OC at Oregon from '02-'04 and was a Broyles Award finalist in 2001 when he was the OC at Fresno St. The DC is Gary Anderson who is in his 10th year at Utah. He was the DL coach from 1997-'02 and in 2004 and also was the HC at S Utah in 2003.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The 2002 Ute team underachieved and had just a 5-6 record. Urban Meyer stepped into a great situation and even with just 10 starters back his first team rolled to a 10-2 record and the MWC Title. In my 2004 magazine I mentioned that four of my 7 sets of power ratings called for the Utes to have an unbeaten season and not only did they achieve that, they became the first non-BCS team to make it to one of the BCS bowls. They dominated #19 Pitt 35-7 in the Fiesta Bowl, much like they dominated foes all year outscoring them by an average of 45.3-19.5. Their closest game was a 14 point win over Air Force and they outgained foes by 132 ypg. Their #4 finish in the AP poll was their highest ever. They lost Meyer as well as QB Smith (first pick of the NFL draft) and while they extended their win streak to 18 games, it ended at TCU in 2005. Utah moved the ball all season averaging 474 ypg but just 30.0 ppg. They actually had a 4-4 record in MWC play but outgained MWC foes by a league best 86.5 ypg. With backup QB Ratliff leading the team, they knocked off BYU in the season finale then upset #24 GTech 38-10 in the Emerald Bowl. The Utes had 12 returning starters back last year and their preseason goal was to "beat UCLA and win the MWC". Unfortunately the first goal went out the window in the opener. With the game tied at 7, they brought in backup QB Grady who was int'd and returned for a TD as the Bruins rolled to a 31-10 win. The Utes won their next 3 but lost to a Boise St team that finished #5, 36-3 at home. The next week they ended TCU's 13 game unbeaten streak with a 20-7 win at home but were dominated by Wyoming on the road the next week. They led New Mexico 24-3 but amazingly lost. They rebounded to win their next 3 and should have beaten BYU as they led 24-14 but the Cougars got a TD on the game's final play to pull out a 2 point win. The Utes bagged their 6th straight bowl win with a dominating 25-13 victory over Tulsa (405-254 yd edge). This year they return 10 starters on offense plus get back QB Brian Johnson (ret from inj) who guided them in 2005. They also add in JUCO RB Matt Asiata. The Utes should have the most potent offense in the MWC. The Utes defense does lose their star CB Eric Weddle but have 6 starters back. Unfortunately the Utes face BYU and TCU on the road. The Utes are a prime contender in the MWC and will have their 5th consecutive winning season.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 3 BRIAN JOHNSON JR. 6-1 210 PS#224. 10 st '05, **2nd Tm MWC**, 2892 (64%) 18-7 ratio, 690 rush. RS LY. **15** Tommy Grady (**6-7** 235 Sr) **PS#6**. Okla trans. **12** Chad Manis PS#52JC, in spg.

RB NA MATT ASIATA JR. 6-0 235 **PS#17JC**. 1365 (6.3), 15 TD JC. **9 Darryl Poston** (5-11 200 Sr) **PS#19. USC trans.** 11 st LY, 553 (3.8). **6** Darrell Mack (6-0 219 Jr) PS#178. 340 ttl yd 2Y.

WR 5 BRENT CASTEEL JR. 5-10 193 5 st, 39 rec (10.9) '05, 2nd Tm MWC, 11 st, 39 rec (15.4) LY. **2** Marquis Wilson (5-11 170 Jr) **PS#56**. 3 st, 9 rec '05. 6 st LY, 25 rec (15.9). Susp spg.

WR 26 DERREK RICHARDS SR. 5-11 175 **4.25 speed**. 6 st, 16 (14.9) '05. **HM MWC**, 13 st LY, 60 (11.9). **88** Freddie Brown (6-3 207 Jr) 3 st, 17 (11.5) LY. Jereme Brooks is PS#293.

WR 16 BRIAN HERNANDEZ SR. 6-0 183 PS#260JC. 5 st, 39 (**18.2**) '05. 9 st LY, 47 (9.0). **81** Bradon Godfrey (6-3 197 Jr) 1 st, 22 rec (16.4) S Utah trans. **82** Tony Smith (6-0 177 rFr).

TE 48 MATT SIMS SR. 6-1 251 PS#212JC. 6 st LY, 4 rec. **45** Colt Sampson (6-4 250 Jr) PS#435LB. 2 st, 3 rec. **80** Chris Joppru (6-6 246 So) PS#43. 1 gm last year.

C 63 KYLE GUNTHER SR. 6-4 304 PS#124. 560 squat, 410 bench. 10 gm '04-'05. 13 st LY, 796 snap, 38 kd. **57** Tyler Williams (6-1 295 So) PS#342. **LS 39** Clint Mower (6-0 210 Jr).

RG 66 ROBERT CONLEY JR. 6-1 316 PS#396. L/S st RG '05, 523 snap. 13 st LY, **HM MWC**, 809 plays, 26 kd. **77** Zane Taylor (6-3 305 rFr) PS#234DL. **76** David Astle (6-6 294 rFr).

LG 68 ZANE BEADLES SO. 6-4 312 12 st rFr. 696 plays, 19 kd. **74** Corey Seiuli (6-3 320 Jr) PS#363JC. 1 st, 123 snaps, 7 kd. **72** Caleb Schlauderaff (6-5 300 rFr) PS#289.

RT 69 JASON BOONE SR. 6-4 300 11 gm rFr. 12 st RT '05, 916 snap, 26 kd. 11 st LY, **HM MWC**, 644 play, 24 kd. **79** Brody Flint (6-5 256 So). Daniel Bukarau (5-11 283 rFr).

LT 71 Walter Watts rFr. 6-2 300 **PS#45**. Orig committed to UCLA. Lost 29 lbs. **65** Dustin Hensel (6-7 320 Jr) PS#276JC, 2nd string, 9 gm LY. Louis Finner is PS#360.

K 35 LOUIE SAKODA JR. 5-10 178 PS#68. 13 TB on 63 KO '05. 16 of 20 FG, long 45 LY. **38** David Carroll (6-0 191 So) 5-5 FG, long 44 in '04. LDS Mission '05-'06. Ben Vroman 28 TB on KO LY.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 56 Greg Newman Jr. 6-4 260 PS#99LB. Col tran. 11 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **13** Alex Puccinelli (6-2 252 Sr) PS#258LB. 7 st, 34 tkl 3Y. **11** Paul Kruger (6-5 248 rFr) PS#129QB.

NG 94 GABE LONG SR. 6-3 290 **PS#2JC**. 21 sk 2Y JC. Orig at USC. Late signee LY, 3 st, 23 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **91** Casey Sutera (6-3 266 Sr) S Utah trans. **55** Pauli Latu (6-1 290 rFr) PS#155.

DT 92 Kenape Eliapo So. 6-0 303 PS#480. 1 st, 7 tkl, 1 sk rFr. **98** Aaron Tonga (6-2 290 Jr) PS#87JC '06. **99** Zeke Tuinei-Wily (6-4 308 So) 3 tkl true. **95** Neli A'asa (6-2 300 rFr) PS#192.

DE 93 MARTAIL BURNETT SR. 6-3 262 PS#149WR. 4.68 spd. 8 st '05, 53 tkl, 3.5 sk. 13 st LY, 42 tkl, 5.5 sk, **HM MWC**. **41** Koa Misi PS#264JC in spring. **86** Nano Tonga (6-5 265 Jr).

SLB 22 MALAKAI MOKOFISI SR. 6-2 243 3 st '05, 15 tkl. 8 st LY, 38 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **37** Loma Olevao (6-1 230 Sr) PS#257WR. 18 tkl 2Y. **49** Mike Wright (6-2 225 So). **50** Nate Empey (6-1 211 So).

MLB 44 JOE JIANNONI SR. 6-0 235 PS#129. 11 st '05, 73 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 92 tkl, 8 tfl. **19** Matt Martinez (6-0 230 rFr). **57** Troy Bunting (5-10 215 So) JUCO.

ROV 14 Kyle Brady Sr. 6-1 234 PS#186. **10 st** 3Y, 92 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **10** Stevenson Sylvester (6-2 210 So) PS#182TE. 3 st true but inj, 23 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **52** Vilisoni Kotobalavu (6-4 209 rFr).

CB 4 Sean Smith So. 6-3 217 4.5 spd. 75 ttl yds at WR LY. Josh Broughton PS#155JC. 4.5 spd. **25** RJ Stanford (5-11 180 So) PS#275RB. **8** Elijah Wesson (5-11 175 So).

CB 1 BRICE McCAIN JR. 5-9 189 1 st '05, 12 tkl. 12 st LY, 28 tkl, 5 pbu, 404 ret yds (22.4). **28** Justin Jones (5-10 170 So) PS#335. 7 tkl true. **23** Mookie Murphy (5-9 167 rFr) PS#138RB.

SS 17 Robert Johnson So. 6-3 176 4.4 spd. PS#108JC. 96 tkl, 5 inc JC. **43** Joe Dale (5-11 197 So) PS#335WR. 6 tkl. **31** Deshawn Richard (6-1 196 Jr) PS#458JC. **7** RJ Rice (5-8 183 Jr) 8 tkl '06. 102, 8.5 tfl, **HM MWC**. **21 Damilyn Tanner is PS#53JC**. **3** John Peel (6-2 196 Jr) PS#82WR.

P 35 LOUIE SAKODA JR. 5-10 178 PS#68. Avg 51 ypp in HS. 54 punts here '05, 37.1. 59 punts in '06, 44.0 avg, **41.4 net!** Co-MWC ST POY. **30** Ben Vroman (5-11 187 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Matt Asiata 6-0 235 PS#17JC
QB	Chad Manis 6-5 210 PS#52JC
DB	Damilyn Tanner 5-10 175 PS#53JC
DB	Robert Johnson 6-3 176 PS#108JC
QB	Griff Robles 6-5 220 PS#39
DB	Josh Broughton 5-11 185 PS#155JC
DL	Koa Misi 6-3 263 PS#264JC
RB	Eddie Wide 5-10 170 PS#121
DL	James Aiono 6-3 245 PS#194
QB	Corbin Louks 6-0 171 PS#139
DB	Deshawn Richard 6-1 196 PS#458JC
OL	Louis Finner 6-3 289 PS#360
WR	Jereme Brooks 5-9 165 PS#293
TE	Dallin Rogers 6-4 210 PS#118
LB	Mo Neal 6-2 205 PS#397DB
DB	Brandon Burton 6-0 172 PS#443
TE	Westlee Tonga 6-4 211 PS#148
DL	Lei Talamaivao 6-2 272 PS#381
LB	Jamel King 6-3 217 PS#427
DB	Mike Honeycutt 5-11 150 PS#470
LB	Justin Taplin-Ross 6-3 198 PS#470DB
DB	Reggie Topps 5-11 164 PS#470
DL	Derrick Shelby 6-3 201 PS#451
LB	Thor Salanoa 6-2 187 PS#500
DL	Nai Fotu 6-1 232 PS#506RB

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#25

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UTAH	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	at Oregon St (Thur)	A						Utah is 4-8-1 overall vs Oregon St, but has won 3 of L/4 meetings (last gm in '92). Utes are 49-88-3 vs Pac 10 & Arizona is the only member they have a winning record against.
Sep. 8	Air Force	A						Utah has won 4 straight gms over Air Force & are 6-0 the last 6 yrs in home openers. These 2 teams have combined to average 63 ppg since 1983 (21 gms).
Sep. 15	UCLA	A						LY's gm was the 1st in 32 yrs between these schools as Utah is 0-8 all-time vs UCLA. Utah was 0-11 on 3D's LY leading to their most lopsided loss S/'96 (Copper Bowl).
Sep. 22	at UNLV	A						The Utes are 12-4 in their last 16 MWC road games. LY Utah was up 45-6 late 3Q & then the Rebels gained 190 of their 297 yds, 11 of 17 FD's, & scored 17 pts.
Sep. 29	Utah St (HC)	A						This series started in 1892. The Utes have won 9 straight & are 25-5 vs the Aggies. The 48 pt blowout win by Utah LY was the biggest margin of victory in the 106 meetings.
Oct. 5	at Louisville (Fri)	A						Utes are 5-0 all-time vs current Big East schools including 2-0 vs Louisville (last gm in '98). Utah is 14-3 after facing Utah St but all 3 losses came in the last 6 years.
Oct. 13	San Diego St	A						The Utes are 6-2 vs the Aztecs in MWC games with the avg win by 21 ppg. Utah's 5 int's LY not only were a season high, but tied a school record for most in 1 gm.
Oct. 18	at TCU (Thur)	G						LY TCU gained 141 of their 309 yds in the 4Q, but Utah forced 3 TO's on consecutive drives. Rice-Eccles Stadium switched to FieldTurf in '02 as Utah is 2-5 the L2Y on grass.
Oct. 27	at Colorado St	A						Utah gained a season high 526 yds LY w/9 different players running the ball for 205 yds. The Utes are 16-5 since 1991 the game prior to a bye week.
Nov. 3								
Nov. 10	Wyoming	A						Utah is 13-2 the last 5 years in November (23-6 the L/29). Even with LY's loss to Wyoming, Utah is still 10-4 since 1991 vs the Cowboys.
Nov. 17	New Mexico	A						Since '61 these tms have played every yr except '82, Utah leads 29-17-2. Utah led 24-3 late 2Q LY, before NM rallied back (biggest Lobo comeback S/'74).
Nov. 24	at BYU	G						This will be the 83rd "Holy War" as Utah leads 49-29-4 (uninterrupted S/'46). Whittingham was a BYU LB from 1978-'81 earning WAC Def POY honors in 1981.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS · CAREER RUSHING LEADERS · CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS

1. Scott Mitchell 8,981 '87-'89
2. Mike McCoy 7,404 '92-'94
3. Larry Egger 5,749 '85-'86

1. Eddie Johnson 3,219 '84-'88
2. Tony Lindsay 2,995 '77-'80
3. Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala 2,630 '95-'97

1. Bryan Rowley 3,143 '89-'93
2. Kevin Dyson 2,726 '94-'97
3. Carl Harry 2,283 '86-'88

KYLE WHITTINGHAM (Career 15-10)

3rd Year at Utah (Whittingham's Bowl Record: 2-0)

Whittingham's records AT UTAH

15-10	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
8-4	Home	1-2	Vs Top 25
5-6	Away	2-2	Vs BCS Teams
2-0	Neutral	2-0	Off A Bye
9-7	Vs Conference	6-3	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (23,20,4)
Lost: 16 (7,8,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,279 (#49)

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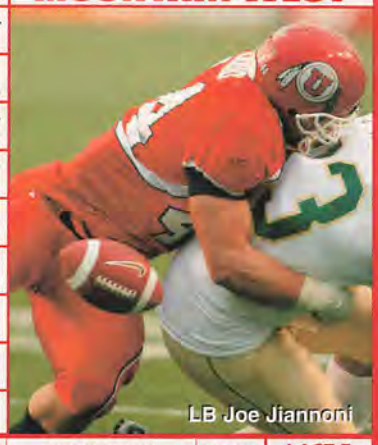
LB Joe Jiannoni

STADIUM: RICE-ECCLES STADIUM (45,017) (#68)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	7-4	5-6	9-2	11-0	6-5	7-5	49-29
Home	1-5	5-0	3-2	5-1	6-0	4-2	4-2	28-12
Away	3-2	2-4	2-4	4-1	5-0	2-3	3-3	21-17
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	3-4	6-1	7-0	4-4	5-3	32-19
ATS	4-7	7-4	4-7	9-2	9-2	3-8	6-4-1	42-34-1
Home Fav (Ron McBride)	0-5	3-2	2-3	4-1	5-1	1-5	2-1-1	17-18-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-0
Away Fav (Urban Meyer)	3-1	1-2	1-4	1-1	4-1	0-2	3-2	13-13
Away Dog	0-1	3-0	1-0	3-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	9-3
Favorite (Kyle Whittingham)	3-6	4-4	3-7	5-2	9-2	1-7	5-3-1	30-31-1
Dog	1-1	3-0	1-0	4-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	12-3
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	1-6	5-2	5-2	3-5	5-2-1	26-24-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	3-1	3-1	4-0	4-0	0-3	1-2	16-10
Off SU Win	2-2	5-2	1-3	6-2	8-2	1-4	5-2	28-17
Off SU Loss	2-4	2-1	2-4	2-0	0-0	2-3	1-1-1	11-13-1

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Las Vegas		+3'	USC	10-6
03	Liberty - #25		-2	S Mississippi	17-0
04	Fiesta - #5		-15	Pittsburgh - #19	35-7
05	Emerald		+9	Georgia Tech - #24	38-10
06	Armed Forces		-1'	Tulsa	25-13

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UTAH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
	5	27.9	19	140	4.0	228	57.9	13.2	+8	2006	7	19.8	17	106	3.1	216	60.4	16.2
	5	30.0	23	179	4.3	295	62.2	15.8	-1	2005	4	24.1	20	151	4.0	222	54.3	15.5
	7*	45.3	25	236	5.4	264	67.4	11.0	+15	2004	7	19.5	18	140	3.8	203	52.7	17.6
	5*	28.7	20	161	3.6	214	61.9	13.1	+9	2003	5	19.1	18	140	3.8	199	49.3	17.7
	5*	22.6	20	164	4.1	208	56.4	16.4	-1	2002	8	20.5	18	105	2.9	227	52.4	16.2
	7	27.4	22	219	4.7	204	55.0	15.4	-1	2001	4	17.5	16	108	3.3	187	49.9	16.9

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darryl Poston	145	579	26	553	5	3.8
Brent Casteel	51	290	28	262	0	5.1
Brett Ratliff	98	455	195	260	1	2.7
Eric Weddle	44	217	14	203	5	4.6
Mike Liti	37	189	6	183	1	4.9
Darrell Mack	43	181	8	173	1	4.0
Sean Smith	7	66	3	63	0	9.0
RJ Stanford	11	48	0	48	0	4.4
Tommy Grady	3	7	7	0	0	0.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brett Ratliff	391	228	58.3	2796	23	9
Tommy Grady	14	7	50.0	102	1	3
Eric Weddle	4	2	50.0	43	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Derrek Richards	60	717	11.9	6	38
Brent Casteel	39	600	15.4	10	49
Brian Hernandez	47	424	9.0	1	47
Marquis Wilson	25	398	15.9	3	57
Bradon Godfrey	22	360	16.4	1	36
Freddie Brown	17	196	11.5	0	42
Darryl Poston	14	99	7.1	1	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Louie Sakoda	59	2598	44.0	19	41.4	0	30

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Louie Sakoda	43-43	6-6	7-8	3-5	0-1	16-20	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Steve Tate	102	2.5	6	1	1
Joe Jiannoni	92	4	4	3	1
Casey Evans	72	0	5.5	1	0
Eric Weddle	64	1	1.5	2	7
JJ Williams	55	0	4.5	0	1
Kelly Talavou	47	3	5	2	0
Kyle Brady	46	1	4	4	0
Martail Burnett	42	5.5	5	3	0
Malakai Mokofisi	38	0	5.5	0	1
Paul Soliai	35	2	1.5	4	0
Soli Lefiti	29	1.5	6	2	0
Brice McCain	28	0	0.5	5	1
Eric Shyne	27	0	0	3	3
Alex Puccinelli	24	1.5	1	1	0
Gabe Long	23	1.5	3	1	0
Stevenson Sylvester	23	0.5	1	1	1
Loma Olevao	15	0	0.5	1	0
Greg Newman	11	0	2	0	0
Shaun Harper	11	0	0	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marquis Wilson	22	246	11.2	0
Eric Weddle	8	44	5.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brice McCain	18	404	22.4	0
Brent Casteel	8	143	17.9	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UTAH 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at UCLA	15	23-112	4.9	14-34	175	0	26	41-107	2.6	25-34	318	0	-3
–	N Arizona	25	38-213	5.6	17-27	299	0	14	26-74	2.8	12-23	131	4	+1
–	at Utah St	19	37-161	4.4	20-30	240	0	7	29-34	1.2	6-20	64	4	+5
–	at San Diego St	23	41-192	4.7	13-28	167	0	15	45-204	4.5	9-20	83	2	+3
–	Boise St	8	29-127	4.4	8-27	51	0	18	42-188	4.5	15-22	210	1	-1
–	TCU	14	36-131	3.6	19-32	223	0	14	31-81	2.6	14-29	228	2	+2
–	at Wyoming	8	29-33	1.1	16-31	111	6	17	44-100	2.3	17-24	202	4	-2
–	at New Mexico	19	41-160	3.9	18-31	234	0	21	34-117	3.4	19-33	350	2	+1
–	UNLV	19	34-110	3.2	20-24	290	2	17	29-65	2.2	25-35	232	1	+1
–	Colorado St	26	42-205	4.9	21-34	321	2	18	34-148	4.4	15-33	235	1	+1
–	at Air Force	21	35-119	3.4	24-38	236	1	17	41-116	2.8	16-22	218	1	0
–	BYU	26	33-98	3.0	25-41	376	3	27	24-54	2.3	28-44	375	1	0
–	† Tulsa	22	33-165	5.0	23-34	240	1	13	29-96	3.3	20-27	158	2	0
TOTALS		245	451-1826	4.0	238-411	2963	15	224	449-1384	3.1	221-366	2804	25	+8
AVERAGES		18.8	35-140	4.0	18-32	228	1.2	17.2	35-106	3.1	17-28	216	1.9	0.6

2002 RESULTS

UTAH Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Utah St	-11	23-3
–	Indiana	-14	40-13
–	at Arizona	-3	17-23
–	at Michigan - #14	+10'	7-10
–	Air Force	-8'	26-30
–	at San Diego St	-10'	17-36
–	Colorado St	-1	20-28
–	at New Mexico	-6'	35-42 2OT
–	UNLV	-10'	28-17
–	at Wyoming	-11'	23-18
–	BYU	-8	13-6

2003 RESULTS

UTAH Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post #21 Score
–	Utah St	-19'	40-20
–	at Texas A&M	+9'	26-28
–	California	-1	31-24
–	at Colorado St	+6'	28-21
–	Oregon - #19	+3	17-13
–	San Diego St	-9'	27-6
–	at UNLV	-2	28-10
#24	New Mexico	-8	35-47
–	at Air Force	+3	45-43 3OT
–	Wyoming	-12'	47-17
–	at BYU	-7	3-0

2004 RESULTS

UTAH Pre #20 Rank	Opponent	Line	Post #4 Score
#20	Texas A&M	-8'	41-21
#17	at Arizona	-13'	23-6
#15	at Utah St	-19	48-6
#13	Air Force	-22	49-35
#13	at New Mexico	-10	28-7
#11	North Carolina	-22	46-16
#9	UNLV	-24	63-28
#9	at San Diego St	-18'	51-28
#7	Colorado St	-26'	63-31
#7	at Wyoming	-23	45-28
#5	BYU	-21	52-21

2005 RESULTS

UTAH Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Arizona	-7'	27-24
–	Utah St	-24'	31-7
–	at TCU	-3'	20-23 OT
–	Air Force	-7	38-35
–	at North Carolina	+4	17-31
–	at Colorado St	+4'	17-21
–	San Diego St	-10	19-28
–	at UNLV	-11'	42-32
–	Wyoming	-2'	43-13
–	New Mexico	-6	27-31
–	at BYU	+10	41-34 OT

2006 RESULTS

UTAH Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at UCLA	+3	10-31
–	N Arizona	NL	45-7
–	at Utah St	-20'	48-0
–	at San Diego St	-8'	38-7
–	Boise St - #20	-5	3-36
–	TCU	-2'	20-7
–	at Wyoming	-3	15-31
–	at New Mexico	-6	31-34
–	UNLV	-22	45-23
–	Colorado St	-11'	35-22
–	at Air Force	-1	17-14
–	BYU - #21	+10'	31-33

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Casey Kelly, who enrolled as a walk-on in 1999, left after the 2003 season as the school's all-time leader in wins at QB (19). In HS, Kole McKamey (PS#62) was 2nd in New Mexico in the 100m. He was the backup in '03 (23 pass) after receiving a MedRS in '02. McKamey missed one start (conc) and threw for 1,272 (49%) with a 6-9 ratio (663 rush) in '04. Long brought JUCO Chris Nelson in for the spring of '05. McKamey suffered a concussion and hurt his back in '05 but still threw for 1,682 (62.3%) with a 13-9 ratio (562 rush). After Nelson led NM to the win over Utah, Long said he would start him even if McKamey was healthy for the finale. Nelson broke his collarbone in the 3Q and 3rd string Bryan Clampitt hit 11 of 17 for 129 and surprisingly did not have a rush attempt. All 3 returned last year and added to the mix was Donovan Porterie (PS#145). McKamey hit 21 of 36 for 274 in the opener but was injured on the 3rd play vs NMSt and missed the season. Nelson came in vs NMSt then started the next four but struggled on the season completing just 51.9% (1,435 yds) although he did have a 12-6 ratio. Porterie got the start vs UNLV and guided 3 consecutive comeback wins. He became the first QB to win his first three starts since Graham Leigh (1997). He had 3 fumbled snaps vs Colo St and fumbled the snap on the 2nd play vs TCU that was returned for a TD. He was sacked 5 times vs TCU and injured his ankle in the 3Q. Nelson started vs BYU and hit 22 of 38 for 245 then in the bowl, relieved a struggling Porterie and hit 17 of 26 for 188. This year Nelson departs as does McKamey who was 13-9 as a starter. Battling Porterie will be Clampitt and Thomas Littleton (6'1" 200), who transferred from Drake, along with two true frosh including Blair Peterson (PS#212, 21 yr old Fr) who was in for the spring. I'll call for improved QB play from the Lobos this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Lobos had to replace the school's and MWC's all-time leading rusher in DonTrell Moore. Moore finished his career with 4,973 yards. The '06 RB's had a combined 53 yards coming into the season. Rodney Ferguson (PS#118) was #3 in spring but I projected him as the starter and he got better as the year went on. He only had one 100 yard game in the first ten but then finished with 138 vs BYU, 210 vs SDSt and 102 in the bowl finishing with a 4.9 ypc. Ferguson does not possess great speed but runs with power and added 291 yards receiving (10.4). Martelius Epps is the speedback but he fractured his right hand and only played in 7 (89, 2.7). Paul Baker, a change-of-direction-style of runner had 123 (4.1). True frosh Mike Love (PS#128) had 19 yards in the first 3 but redshirted. This year the only loss is FB Yimin Bauman (67 ttl yds). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Andrew Madrid (5'9" 215 rFr), Aaron Ridgway (5'11" 205 rFr) and Jered Metzger (5'11" 215 rFr). This unit is much more experienced in 2007.

RECEIVERS - The big question heading into 2006 was who would replace Hank Baskett. Baskett (6'4") was strong and had 1,071 yards in '05 while the top returnee, Travis Brown, had just 245. Brown (6'3", 4.5 spd) and Marcus Smith (6'2") battled all year for the feature role. Brown led in rec (64, 13.5) while Smith had the best ypc (53, 16.2). Since 1995, the top TE avg just 9.1 catches per year and OC Bob Toledo wanted to get the TE more involved. John Mulchrone missed 2 but still hauled in 20 (14.1). WR Thomas Wilson added 15 (10.4). This year they lose both Wilson (1 st) and Mulchrone (11 st) as well as TE's Clayton Cardenas (0 rec) and Curtis Pino (0 rec). Not only are Brown and Smith back, they add in speedy Jermaine McQueen (6'2", 100m HS champ), who was a JC last year that DNQ, Nicky Lawson (PS#166) and 3 JUCO TE's. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Mike Vandenberg (6'1" 170 So), Roland Bruno (5'10" 165 So), Brent Lopez (6'1" 200 So), Chris Hernandez (6'3" 185 rFr), Jonathan Brooks (6'1" 178 Jr), Jason Caprioli (6'0" 174 Jr), Nick Wilhelm (6'0" 175 rFr) and TE's Mitch Straub (6'3" 240 So, K-St trans) and DeAndre Davis (PS#422JC). This unit is far more experienced than the 2006 version.

CB DeAndre Wright

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Lobos annually feature one of the biggest O-lines in the NCAA, who have nicknamed themselves "The Hitmen". In 2003 they had all five starters return and paved the way for 4.4 ypc (best in Long era) with 3 OL's earning 1st Tm MWC honors. In 2004 they had to replace two starters (one 1st Tm MWC) and two backups and avg 4.1 ypc. In 2005 they had identical losses to 2004 but improved to 4.2 ypc trimming the sacks to 19. Last year they had to replace two starters (#2 and #7 NFL DC's) but still surprisingly allowed 43 sacks (11.0%) on the year, the highest total in the Long era and only opened holes for 111 ypg rush (3.3), their lowest since 1991. For the 4th straight year they lose two starters in LG Bo Greer (13 st, 2Y st'r) and 1st Tm MWC RG Robert Turner (13 st, 4Y st'r, UFA DAL). Once again they will have to replace two 2nd stringers in LT Bryan Ramsay (6 gm) and RG Patrick Hodges (1 st, 12 gm). Despite being just equal to last year in terms of experience, I expect better production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 NM had a small, inexperienced D-line but surprisingly allowed just 2.8 ypc while the D recorded 42 sacks. Another surprise came in '05 when 5 of the top 6 were back yet yielded 3.7 ypc which was their worst since 1999. Last year they had to replace all 3 starters and once again had a small (250 lb avg), inexperienced front. Again the Lobos went against the grain of expectations allowing 3.5 ypc while the D had 29 sacks. Their only loss is NT Billy Brittain (15 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Luke Higgins (6'3" 228 Jr) and Matthew Lamb (6'3" 255 rFr). Five players are back with starting experience making this unit much more experienced.

LINEBACKERS - The Lobos call their scheme a 3-3-5 but their LOBO position in the past was basically a LB. Their most famous LOBO is Brian Urlacher who is a star NFL LB. In 2005 three starters departed including their top two tacklers. Last year they had to replace one starter then LOBO Aleem Harris (30 tkl) was not eligible until the end of Sept. Their top LB, Cody Kase, was limited to 31 plays in a 4 week stretch but still finished with 43 tackles and had a key 47 yard IR TD vs UNLV. This year they must replace their #1 tackler, 1st Tm MWC LOBO Quincy Black (13 st, 114 tkl, 3 int, #3DC TB) as well as Harris (1 st) and 3rd stringers Matthew Campbell (8 tkl) and Justin Clayton (8 tkl). This year the LOBO position is to be more like a safety. Five players return with starting experience and Kase should be healthier making this a solidly improved LB corps. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Seth Johannemann (6'2" 225 rFr), Jonathan Milligan (5'11" 213 So), James Neely (6'2" 205 rFr) and James Stanford (6'1" 210 rFr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Lobos were #16 in my pass D rankings in 2004 but for the first time in the Long era they did not return a starter at any of the 3 safety positions in '05 and the unit was banged up. They still only dropped to #46. The lone returning starter, CB Gabriel Fulbright, was 1st Tm MWC. Last year they had to replace Fulbright and 3 players who combined for 10 starts. They then lost projected starting CB Juamar Hall so they were left with just 22 career starts returning. Blake Ligon, who had 9 starts at SS in '05, lost the job then broke his arm but only missed two (34 tkl). The unit dropped to #73. Converted S DeAndre Wright started all 13 at CB (2nd Tm MWC). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Austen Mount (5'8" 173 So), Terence Brown (6'0" 190 rFr), Stuart Morris (5'10" 170 rFr) and Jerome Jenkins (5'10" 192 rFr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - This area had been a strength under Coach Long with a pair of Top 25 finishes (2000 and 2001) but they dropped to #43 ,#72 and #62 the next 3 years. In 2005 they fell to #101 including being #108 in the NCAA in KR D. Long used a rare scholarship on a P in JUCO Matt Barnard but he struggled and could not win the job. Kenny Byrd connected on 13 of 15 FG's with a long of 46 in '05 and hit 19 of 23 with a long of 52 last year. His misses were from 45, 45, 46 and 62 yards! Jordan Scott won the punting job (40.2) and had the best avg since '98. Bryd showed off his strong leg with a remarkable 34 TB on 61 KO. Overall the Lobos climbed to #78. This year everyone returns except Byrd (UFA DET) but that is a big loss and it will be tough to improve in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Rocky Long was a three year starting QB here and his 1970 & '71 Lobos were the last teams to have consecutive winning seasons until the '96 and '97 squads matched that feat. Long was the DC at Oreg St from '91-'95 and was UCLA's DC in '96-'97. He enters his 10th year here and in his first 6 years amazingly increased the win total each year moving from 3-9 up to 8-5. In 2004 he led a rebuilt team to a 7-5 record for one of the best coached seasons in his career. Two years back Long broke Roy Johnson's school record for career wins (41, 1920-1930). The 34 wins between 2001 and 2005 tied the record in a 5 year period in New Mexico history ('60-'64). Last year his OC was Bob Toledo, but he left for the HC job at Tulane. This year he made a great hire by bringing in Dave Baldwin as the OC. Baldwin has been the OC at Mich St the last 4 years. The Spartans set a school record for offense in a game with 705 vs Illinois in '05 and that season they broke the school record avg 497 ypg. He was also the OC at Baylor and Cincinnati and the HC at San Jose St from 1997-'00. The DC is Osia Lewis who took over for the departed Bronco Mendenhall in 2003 and now enters his 5th season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

New Mexico's last bowl win was in 1961 as they have dropped all 5 bowl games in the 46 years since. Every year since 2001 New Mexico has had a better record in the second half of the year than in the first half. The Lobos have a combined mark of 13-23 to start the season the last six years but are 27-8 down the stretch. Amazingly NM is on a 15-6 run on the road in MWC play and in the last 2 years are 7-4 on the road but just 5-7 at home. Long's 2003 squad outgained league foes by 157 ypg, over 100 yards better than the #2 team and finished 5-2. Long did a great coaching job in 2004 getting a rebuilt team to a 5-2 MWC record despite being outgained by 44.0 ypg in league play. In 2005 NM was picked #2 in the preseason MWC poll and was thinking MWC Title with 12 starters back. The Lobos have not won a league title since 1964. They did knock off a BCS team (Missouri) early in '05 and had leads vs UTEP, BYU and Colo St but suffered tough losses. They would have gone to the Fort Worth Bowl had Kansas not won in OT vs Iowa St, but they were home for the holidays despite a 6-5 mark. That 2005 squad was 4-4 in the MWC and outgained league foes by 4.3 ypg. They had just 10 returning starters (fewest MWC) in '06 and just 5 senior starters. Last year's team could have finished as strong as 9-4 or as weak as 2-11 (see Best Case/Worst Case Scenarios in Big 12 Regional Magazine). The Lobos made it to a bowl despite losing their QB to injury in the 2nd game. They led Wyoming 10-0 at the half but lost, then got 3 straight comeback wins including one vs Utah where they trailed 24-3. In the bowl game they had 20-8 FD and 377-280 yard edges but lost at home. This year the Lobos have their most experienced squad since 2003 (8-5) with 17 returning starters. They also broke ground on a brand-new $6.4 mill practice facility. The offense has 8 starters back including QB Porterie. That is the same amount they had in 2005 when they avg 29.6 ppg and I look for a similar output. The D has an amazing 10 starters back, which is the most here in 20 years. After a rare losing year, the Lobos will have a winning season.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 15 DONOVAN PORTERIE SO. 6-4 200 PS#145. 5 st rFr, 967 (53%), 6-2 ratio, 65 rush. **12** Blair Peterson PS#216. In for spg. **14** Bryan Clampitt (6-4 225 Sr). Scout Tm Off POY in '05.

RB 21 RODNEY FERGUSON JR. 6-0 226 PS#118. 13 st LY, **1st Tm MWC**, 1234 (4.9), 28 rec (10.4). **6** Mike Love (5-10 205 rFr) PS#128. 19 yd but RS LY. **32** Paul Baker (5-8 187 Jr).

FB 31 MATT QUILLEN JR. 6-0 261 PS#194LB. 475 squat. 10 gm true. 13 st LY, 85 ttl yd. **95** Josh Fussell (6-4 220 rFr) PS#205TE. CJ Oakley (6-1 210 Fr) PS#130.

WR 81 TRAVIS BROWN SR. 6-3 189 10 st '05, 35 (7.0), 153 rush. 13 st LY, **1st Tm MWC**, 64 (13.5). **7** Nicky Lawson (6-2 175 rFr) PS#166. Victor James (6-0 195 So) PS#395QB.

WR 4 MARCUS SMITH SR. 6-2 212 20 rec '04-05. 12 st LY, 53 rec (16.2). **HM MWC**. Jermaine McQueen (6-2 180 Jr) PS#428JC. **88** Daryl Jones (6-4 200 So) PS#475.

TE 85 Chris Mark Jr. 6-5 256 PS#54. 360 bench. 1 st, 1 rec LY. **83** Tim Merrill (6-5 270 So) PS#170JC. Trey Buckley (6-4 231 So) PS#306JC. Luke Walters (6-3 227 So) PS#186.

C 66 VINCE NATALI SR. 6-2 301 PS#216. 400 bench. 2nd string '05, 8 gm. 13 st C LY. **69** Erik Cook (6-5 307 So). Ryan Boyd (6-3 254 Sr). **LS 54** Jon O'Brien (6-2 227 Sr) 36 gm.

RG 77 Bart Miller Sr. 6-4 296 PS#179. Inj'd '05. 2nd string in '06, 11 games. **64** Sylvester Hatten (6-3 331 Jr) PS#141JC. 2nd Tm AA at JC. **56** Mike Cannon (6-5 290 rFr).

LG 75 ANTHONY KILBY SR. 6-4 331 **PS#103JC**. 11 st '05, 86 kd. 13 st LT LY, 42 big effort plays. **65** Derek Tallent (6-4 320 rFr). Mike Muniz (6-3 260 Fr) PS#365. 5.27 spd.

RT 70 DEVIN CLARK SR. 6-4 320 PS#141JC. 12 st RT LY, was not eligible until mid-August. **76** Zayn Bin-Bilal (6-5 290 rFr) PS#169. Tyler Boyett (6-5 285 Jr) PS#397JC.

LT 71 Josh Waller So. 6-5 275 PS#423JC. In for spring. **63** Matt Streid (6-3 304 Jr) PS#477JC. 2nd string LY. Bryan Wightman (6-7 296 Fr). Byron Bell (6-5 296 Fr).

K 86 Eric Garrison Sr. 6-1 192 355 squat. 2nd string K '05-'06. Yousuf Shakir (5-7 154 Jr). US Soccer Reg Tm in '00. John Sullivan (5-8 139 Jr). Jason Dumas (5-9 175 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 55 TYLER DONALDSON SR. 6-4 237 PS#260JC. RS '05. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 49 tkl, 5 sk. Stephen Hutchison (6-3 245 Sr) 3 st LY. 38 tkl, 4 sk, 3Y. Kevin Balogun (6-4 260 Jr). Inj LY.

DT 92 WESLEY BECK JR. 6-0 264 Inel as rFr. 10 st LY, 39 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **62** Phillip Harrison (6-4 260 So) PS#158OL. 4 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **61** Vincent Federico (6-4 280 rFr) PS#280.

DE 41 MICHAEL TUOHY SR. 6-2 249 4 st '04-'05, 52 tkl, 10 sk, 5 tfl. 11 st LY, 38 tkl, 4.5 sk. Kendall Briscoe (6-2 275 So) PS#325. 19 tkl, 1.5 tfl as true. Jeremiah Lovato (6-2 251 Jr). 2 st LY.

LLB 38 MAJOR MOSLEY SR. 6-3 220 PS#446WR. ACL '03. 10 gm '04-'05. 370 bench. 13 st LY, 39 tkl, 4 sk. **50** Herbert Felder (6-1 230 Jr) 1 st LY, 17 tkl, 5 tfl. TJ Radzilowski (6-0 228 rFr) PS#279.

MLB 47 CODY KASE SR. 6-2 212 11 st '05, 62 tkl, 5.5 sk, 6 tfl. 11 st LY, 43 tkl, 3 sk, 2.5 tfl. **48** Jacob Bane (6-1 230 Jr) PS#285JC. 4.7 spd, 450 squat. In for spg. Brett Madsen (6-2 226 Sr).

RLB 46 GEORGE CARTER SR. 6-3 228 PS#427. 2 tkl '05. 11 st LY, 33 tkl, 5 tfl. **49** Zach Arnett (5-11 200 Jr) PS#144RB. 3 st, 44 tkl, 2Y. **90** Greyson Wieczorek (6-3 210 rFr).

LOBO 30 Ian Clark So. 6-0 198 22 tkl, 1 tfl, 2 pbu as rFr. **35 Jake Bowe** (6-1 200 Jr). 14 tkl LY. Terel Anyaibe (6-1 230 rFr) PS#190DL. Clint McPeek (6-1 193 So) PS#513. 2 tkl LY.

CB 2 DeANDRE WRIGHT JR. 6-0 183 6 st '05, 46 tkl, 4 pbu. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 47 tkl, 10 pbu, 4 int. **26** Frankie Baca (5-11 187 So) PS#242. Abdullah Konte (6-0 175 rFr).

CB 19 GLOVER QUIN JR. 5-11 194 PS#379JC. 13 st, 63 tkl, 12 pbu LY, **HM MWC**. **13** Jerrell Miller (5-9 165 rFr) PS#140. **10.3 100m. 17** Aaron Lenard (5-11 175 So). In for spg.

RS 34 OJ SWIFT SR. 5-9 183 PS#260JC. 4 st '05, 19 tkl, 2 sk. 13 st, 74 tkl, 4 pbu, 2 int LY. **29 Blake Ligon** (6-1 179 Jr) **9 st** '05. 78 tkl 2Y. Brandon Johnson (5-10 200 Jr) In for spg.

LS 9 TYSON DITMORE SR. 6-1 201 PS#243. 3 st, 17 tkl '05. 13 st, 48 tkl, 1 pbu LY. **28 Roy Hackey** (6-1 186 rFr) **PS#85WR. 96** Frankie Solomon (5-9 166 So). 17 tkl, 10 gm as true.

P 39 JORDAN SCOTT SR. 6-0 183 70 punt LY, 40.2 avg, net 34.7, 19 inside the 20. **25 Matt Barnard** (6-2 214 Jr) PS#192JC '05. RS LY. **94** Adam Miller (6-2 212 So). #2 P LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Sylvester Hatten 6-3 331 PS#141JC
TE	Tim Merrill 6-5 270 PS#170JC
LB	Jacob Bane 6-1 230 PS#285JC
LB	Justin Hickman 6-3 230 PS#108
TE	Trey Buckley 6-4 231 PS#307JC
RB	CJ Oakley 6-1 210 PS#130
OL	Tyler Boyett 6-5 285 PS#397JC
TE	DeAndre Davis 6-2 245 PS#422JC
OL	Josh Waller 6-5 275 PS#423JC
WR	Michael Scarlett 6-2 170 PS#231
DL	Brett Kennedy 6-3 260 PS#236
RB	James Wright 5-11 210 PS#248
DB	Bubba Forrest 6-1 205 PS#282
OL	Mike Muniz 6-3 260 PS#365
QB	Blair Peterson 6-4 210 PS#216
DB	Mica Williams 6-2 195 PS#360
DB	Brandon Johnson 5-10 200 PS#520JC
DB	Aaron Lenard 5-11 175 PS#520JC
OL	Byron Bell 6-5 296 PS#540
DL	Jaymar Latchison 6-3 240 PS#451
LB	Carmen Messina 6-2 210 PS#500
LB	Jonathan Rainey 6-2 210 PS#500
OL	Willie Watkins 6-3 298 PS#606
OL	Bryan Wightman 6-7 296 PS#606
QB	Brad Gruner 6-2 225 PS#366

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#79

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at UTEP	A						New Mexico has won its last 2 road openers, but is just 4-12 since 1991. This will be the 75th meeting (New Mexico 42-29-3) & the home team is 11-3 S/'89.
Sep. 8	New Mexico St	G						Lobos are 31-6-1 S/'69 & during those yrs NMSt has won just twice in Albuquerque. NM forced 5 TO's LY & turned 2 into ten 2Q pts to take a 24-14 1H lead.
Sep. 15	at Arizona	G						Lobos & Wildcats renew a rivalry that started in 1908 (AZ 43-18-3). Rocky Long was a DC in the Pac 10 for 7 years (Oregon St & UCLA) prior to being named HC at NM.
Sep. 22	Sacramento St	G						Sacramento St was 4-7 last year & lost to Boise St 45-0. This will be the 2nd IA school the Hornets play TY (Fresno St) & 6th straight season with one on it's schedule.
Sep. 29	BYU (HC)	G						NM is just 4-31 S/'72 vs BYU but 2 of those 4 wins have come in the last 5 years. These schools have played every yr S/'51 & the 653 yds NM allowed LY was the most S/'91.
Oct. 6								
Oct. 13	at Wyoming	A						NM led 10-0 at the half LY, but both scoring drives came after 2 Wyoming TO's. Rocky Long was a DC/secondary coach at Wyoming from 1981-'85.
Oct. 20	at San Diego St	G						TB Ferguson had a career high 210 yds (9.5) vs SDSt LY (4th best season in NM history at RB). With the win LY vs SDSt, NM became bowl eligible for the 6th straight season.
Oct. 25	Air Force (Thur)	G						NM has held Air Force under its season rushing avg 7 times in the past 8 yrs. The Lobos 7 pts LY are the fewest scored in this series since a 10-6 loss in 1973.
Nov. 3	at TCU	G						New Mexico is 11-25 since 1984 in November road games & 1-3 visiting TCU. Rocky Long was the secondary coach at TCU from 1988-'90.
Nov. 10	Colorado St	G						Eleven of their last 14 games have been decided by single digits in this series. LY vs CSU, NM kicked a FG as time expired capping a 10 pt 4Q comeback.
Nov. 17	at Utah	A						Porterie had a career high 350 yds LY (most yds by a NM Fr QB since Stoney Case in '91). Last trip to Salt Lake City, NM tied a school record with 9 sks (by 8 different players).
Nov. 24	UNLV	G						Lobos LY forced 4 UNLV 2H TO's resulting into 16 pts, including a QB sk (fum) in OT. New Mexico is 12-6 since 1989 in University Stadium finales (5-1 the L6Y).
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Stoney Case 9,460 '91-'94
2. Jeremy Leach 9,382 '88-'91
3. Casey Kelly 5,686 '00-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. DonTrell Moore 4,973 '02-'05
2. Mike Williams 3,862 '75-'78
3. Winslow Oliver 3,332 '92-'95

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terance Mathis 4,254 '85-'87, '89
2. Carl Winston 2,972 '90-'93
3. Hank Baskett 2,288 '02-'05

ROCKY LONG (Career 52-57)

10th Year at New Mexico (Long's Bowl Record: 0-4)

Long's records AT NEW MEXICO

52-57	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
30-25	Home	1-6	Vs Top 25
22-29	Away	3-12	Vs BCS Teams
0-3	Neutral	9-1	Off A Bye
34-32	Vs Conference	26-24	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (18,23,2)
Lost: 18 (10,7,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,633 (#79)

MOUNTAIN WEST

RB Rodney Ferguson

STADIUM: UNIVERSITY STADIUM (38,634) (#79)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	6-5	7-6	8-4	7-4	6-5	6-6	45-37
Home	3-3	4-2	5-1	5-2	3-2	2-3	3-4	25-17
Away	2-4	2-3	2-5	3-2	4-2	4-2	3-2	20-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	5-2	5-2	5-2	4-4	4-4	30-21
ATS	7-4	6-4-1	7-5	7-4	7-4	4-7	7-3-1	45-31-2
Home Fav	1-1	4-1	3-0	2-2	1-1	0-5	1-0	12-10
Home Dog	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	3-1-1	9-6-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	5-5
Away Dog	4-2	0-1-1	3-2	2-1	4-1	4-2	2-1	19-10-1
Favorite	1-1	5-3	3-2	4-2	2-1	0-5	2-1	17-15
Dog	6-3	1-1-1	4-3	3-2	5-3	4-2	5-2-1	28-16-2
vs Conf	5-2	4-3	6-1	5-2	4-3	3-5	5-2-1	32-18-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1-1	1-4	2-2	3-1	1-2	2-1	13-13-1
Off SU Win	3-1	3-1-1	3-3	5-2	4-2	2-4	3-1-1	23-14-2
Off SU Loss	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-2	3-1	2-2	4-2	21-13

Rocky Long

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rodney Ferguson	252	1309	75	1234	7	4.9
Paul Baker	30	125	2	123	0	4.1
Martelius Epps	33	100	11	89	2	2.7
Matt Quillen	14	33	1	32	0	2.3
Travis Brown	7	33	4	29	0	4.1
Donovan Porterie	29	65	86	-21	0	-0.7
Kole McKamey	9	10	41	-31	0	-3.4
Chris Nelson	40	93	155	-62	1	-1.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Nelson	216	112	51.9	1435	12	6
Donovan Porterie	133	71	53.4	967	6	2
Kole McKamey	37	21	56.8	274	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Travis Brown	64	867	13.5	4	52
Marcus Smith	53	859	16.2	9	61
Rodney Ferguson	28	291	10.4	2	58
John Mulchrone	20	282	14.1	1	47
Thomas Wilson	15	156	10.4	1	22
Matt Quillen	8	53	6.6	0	17
Yimin Bauman	6	50	8.3	0	19
Paul Baker	5	48	9.6	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jordan Scott	70	2815	40.2	20	35.0	1	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kenny Byrd	31-31	5-5	10-10	3-6	1-2	19-23	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Quincy Black	114	0	1	4	3
OJ Swift	74	0	0.5	4	2
Glover Quin	63	0	2	12	0
Tyler Donaldson	49	5	4	3	0
Tyson Ditmore	48	0	1	1	0
DeAndre Wright	47	0	1	10	4
Cody Kase	43	3	2.5	0	2
Major Mosley	39	4	3.5	3	0
Wesley Beck	39	0	1.5	0	0
Michael Tuohy	38	4.5	4.5	2	1
Zach Arnett	36	0	0.5	0	0
Brett Madsen	35	1.5	0.5	0	0
Blake Ligon	34	0	0	1	2
George Carter	33	1	4	1	0
Aleem Harris	30	1	2	0	0
Stephen Hutchison	23	4	1	2	0
Ian Clark	22	0	1	2	0
Kendall Briscoe	19	1.5	0	1	0
Herbert Felder	17	3	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Thomas Wilson	20	158	7.9	0
Paul Baker	6	22	3.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Smith	18	335	18.6	0
DeAndre Wright	14	362	25.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
97	Insight.com	+9'	Arizona	14-20
02	Las Vegas	+10'	UCLA	13-27
03	Las Vegas	+2	Oregon St	14-55
04	Emerald	-3	Navy	19-34
06	New Mexico	-3	San Jose St	12-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
New Mexico's All-Time Bowl Record 2-7-1

NEW MEXICO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	21.8	17	111	3.3	206	52.3	14.5	+2	2006	4	24.0	19	118	3.5	237	60.0	14.8
8*	29.6	23	200	4.2	197	60.1	13.4	-1	2005	4	29.7	19	131	3.7	254	57.4	13.0
5	20.3	16	179	4.1	119	44.8	14.7	+9	2004	4	18.7	20	108	2.8	215	55.6	17.3
10*	30.1	20	210	4.4	191	52.4	13.3	+5	2003	7	22.3	19	86	2.6	248	56.6	15.0
5*	24.4	17	179	4.2	146	54.5	13.3	+2	2002	6	25.6	17	115	3.1	218	54.0	13.0
7*	27.6	19	190	4.1	186	42.6	13.6	0	2001	4	22.1	16	87	2.5	223	51.2	14.1

2006 STATS BY GAME

NM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Portland St	21	31-65	2.1	21-36	274	6	13	25-60	2.4	13-30	173	0	-1
–	at New Mexico St	15	26-109	4.2	12-28	317	1	29	30-60	2.0	37-57	472	6	+5
–	Missouri	15	27-33	1.2	16-31	168	8	21	40-197	4.9	25-36	199	0	-1
–	UTEP	20	45-193	4.3	11-19	96	3	16	23-30	1.3	26-37	211	5	0
–	at Air Force	13	31-41	1.3	16-30	232	5	18	62-262	4.2	3-6	19	2	-2
–	Wyoming	12	35-78	2.2	11-32	112	4	19	37-114	3.1	19-32	204	3	+3
–	at UNLV	14	39-112	2.9	13-27	168	2	17	29-84	2.9	18-33	295	4	+3
–	Utah	21	34-117	3.4	11-33	350	2	19	41-160	3.9	18-31	234	0	-2
–	at Colorado St	15	31-79	2.5	15-25	195	2	17	26-37	1.4	25-40	254	3	0
–	TCU	15	40-102	2.6	15-25	183	5	13	35-167	4.8	6-16	25	0	-2
–	at BYU	24	31-173	5.6	22-39	245	2	29	32-189	5.9	28-42	464	1	-1
–	San Diego St	14	32-214	6.7	9-20	87	2	25	34-104	3.1	27-49	327	4	+4
–	† San Jose St	20	31-128	4.1	24-45	249	1	8	28-71	2.5	11-18	209	1	-4
TOTALS		219	433-1444	3.3	204-390	2676	43	244	442-1535	3.5	256-427	3086	29	+2
AVERAGES		16.8	33-111	3.3	16-30	206	3.3	18.8	34-118	3.5	20-33	237	2.2	0.2

2002 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at NC State	+13'	14-34
–	Weber St	NL	38-24
–	at Air Force	+6'	31-38
–	Baylor	-9'	23-0
–	at New Mexico St	-6	13-24
–	Texas Tech	+8	0-49
–	at UNLV	+8	25-16
–	at Utah St	-2	44-45 OT
–	Utah	+6'	42-35 OT
–	San Diego St	-5	15-8
–	at BYU	+4'	20-16
–	at Colorado St - #20	+16'	14-22
–	Wyoming	-8	49-20

2003 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Texas State	NL	72-8
–	at Texas Tech	+13'	28-42
–	BYU	+2'	7-10
–	at Washington St - #24	+15	13-23
–	New Mexico St	-10	24-17
–	Utah St	-14	34-7
–	at San Diego St	-1/2	30-7
–	at Utah - #24	+8	47-35
–	UNLV	-9'	35-37
–	Colorado St	+1	37-34
–	Air Force	-4	24-12
–	at Wyoming	-8'	26-3

2004 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Washington St	+3'	17-21
–	Texas Tech	+3'	27-24
–	at Oregon St	+13'	7-17
–	at New Mexico St	-6	38-3
–	Utah - #13	+10	7-28
–	at Air Force	+3'	23-28
–	at UNLV	+2	24-20
–	San Diego St	-4'	19-9
–	at Colorado St	+2	26-17
–	at BYU	+6'	21-14
–	Wyoming	-8'	16-9

2005 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	UNLV	-15	24-22
–	at Missouri	+10'	45-35
–	New Mexico St	-21'	38-21
–	at UTEP	+2'	13-21
–	at TCU	+1'	28-49
–	BYU	-7'	24-27
–	at Wyoming	+6'	27-24
–	at San Diego St	+3	47-24
–	Colorado St	-6	25-35
–	at Utah	+6	31-27
–	Air Force	-12	24-42

2006 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Portland St	NL	6-17
–	at New Mexico St	-6'	34-28
–	Missouri	+14	17-27
–	UTEP	+9'	26-13
–	at Air Force	+13'	7-24
–	Wyoming	+1	10-14
–	at UNLV	-2'	39-36 OT
–	Utah	+6	34-31
–	at Colorado St	+6'	20-19
–	TCU	+6	21-27
–	at BYU - #23	+27	17-42
–	San Diego St	-10'	41-14

COLORADO ST RAMS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - CSU has a record of 44-18 under Lubick with a senior incumbent QB. In 2004, Justin Holland (PS#12) was injured so Caleb Hanie started the final five and threw for 1,204 (57.8%) with an 8-7 ratio and is mobile with good speed (167 rush). Holland started all 12 in 2005 as a senior and the Rams were 6-6 as he threw for 3,185 (63.7%) with a 23-15 ratio (23 TD's were CSU single season record). Hanie's backup in '06 was supposed to be Grant Stucker (PS#101) but he suffered an abdominal injury so walk-on Billy Farris filled that role. Hanie had some solid games like hitting 20 of 23 vs Colorado for 233 yards and throwing for 252 in the 1H vs Air Force (just 30 in 2H). He had 75 yards rushing vs Utah as OC Hammerschmidt opted to run him more. He was beaten up in the last two games and Farris hit 8 of 12 for 86 vs TCU. For the season Hanie threw for 2,427 (61.1%) with an 11-12 ratio (351 rush). Farris played in 5 throwing for 148 (57.9%) with a 1-1 ratio. All 3 QB's return and Lubick was able to redshirt Nick Neuenfeldt (6'4" 221 rFr, PS#182), Sean McDougal (6'2" 200 rFr, PS#210RB) and Jameson Gann (6'6" 205 rFr). I look for Hanie to have a much more productive season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 the Rams rushed for the fewest amount of yards in Lubick's 12 seasons (112 ypg, 3.1). In 2005 UCLA transfer Nnamdi Ohaeri (PS#22) won the starting job but was inj'd in the 2Q vs Colorado and was not 100% until late in the year. Kyle Bell emerged and set a CSU soph rushing record with 1,288 (4.7) surpassing Kevin McDougal's 1997 mark. Approximately 58% of Bell's yards came after contact. He was the leading returning rusher in the MWC last year but was lost for the season in the final week of August (ACL). The Rams' running game was lost as well and the team avg just 77 ypg and 2.5 ypc! Gartrell Johnson (PS#177) was the leading rusher (305) and avg just 2.8 ypc. Ohaeri had been moved to DB but slid back to RB just before the opener. He barely had 2 practices and rushed for 39 yards on only 3 carries to lead the team in the opener vs Weber St. Ohaeri rushed for 268 (3.3). Michael Myers (PS#215) moved from DB to RB in the spring and rushed for 179 (4.7) only playing in 7. Good-sized FB Tristan Walker (255 lbs) had just 4 rushes and rFr Alex Square (PS#272) had 2. Not listed in the 3 deep below are John Mosure (5'10" 198 rFr, PS#252), New Mexico transfer Amadeus Waters (5'10" 220 rFr, PS#222), blocking back Kyle VanHorn (6'0" 246 Sr, PS#133QB) and this year's true frosh. The only losses are Ohaeri (5 st) and Walker this year. Bell returns for his senior season making this one of the most improved RB units in the NCAA.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Rams had to replace the school's all-time career leading receiver, David Anderson. They did return 4 of the top 5 and Lubick said that despite the loss of Anderson, this unit may have been as good a receiving corps as he's had. Lubick rotated his 5 receivers. The homerun threat on the team was Damon Morton (PS#59) who led in yards (722, 15.0) while Johnny Walker led in rec (58, 10.1). WR Dustin Osborn had 26 (15.3), Luke Roberts 23 (13.4) and George Hill 12 (3.9). Lubick uses both a TE and HB. HB Kory Sperry (PS#39TE) has outstanding size and speed and hauled in 36 (10.6), while TE Chris Kawulok was used as a blocker (0 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Tyson Liggett (5'9" 193 rFr), Chaz Miles (6'2" 198 So), Tim LeBlanc (5'10" 238 Sr), Brett Willis (6'3" 211 rFr), Ramsey Hill (6'1" 195 rFr) and TE's Sean Lofland (6'3" 275 rFr) and Beck Easton (6'7" 252 rFr). This year the only loss is Osborn (8 st, UFA NYJ) making the unit even more experienced than the one that Lubick was so high on last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Rams had to replace 2.5 starters in 2004 and the O-line only opened holes for 3.1 ypc rush. In 2005 they only had to replace one starter and improved to 3.5 ypc. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and RB Bell went down prior to the season. CSU only managed 77 ypg rush (2.5) while allowing 41 sacks (11.3%). JC Marvin Arnold (PS#125JC) was lost for the season after 4 starts (leg). Almost every OL was injured at some point during the year with just LT Clint Oldenburg starting all 12. They used TEN different OL combo's in the first 10 games. This year they lose Oldenburg (12 st, 3Y st'r, #5DC NE), RT Josh Day (11 st, HM MWC, 3Y st'r, UFA MIN) and backup Jerome Williams. Seven of the top 10 return and thanks to last year's injuries, six have starting experience. This should be the Rams' best offensive front in years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rams have struggled against the run with the 4.1 ypc allowed in 2003 being their best from 2001-2005. Having to replace three starters and with an injury-plagued group, they were #111 in the NCAA in rush D in 2004 (222, 5.2). They had to replace 2 starters in 2005 and struggled again (223, 5.1). Last year they lost 2 who combined for 14 starts. OC Hammerschmidt said that DT Blake Smith was as good a DT as there was in the MWC and that DE Jesse Nading was as good as any DE that they would face. Both only earned HM MWC honors. Each missed one game and parts of others with injury. The Rams only allowed 149 ypg (4.1) rush, their best ypg total since 2000. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Devin McWilliams (6'1" 320 Jr PS#288), Grant Detwiler (6'4" 226 rFr), Jordan Case (6'1" 233 So) and Jake Mechler (6'3" 272 rFr). This year the entire 2 deep is back with all 8 having starting experience making this the Rams' best defensive front in quite some time.

DE Jesse Nading

LINEBACKERS - Part of the reason the Rams struggled in rush D in 2004 was the fact that they had to replace all 3 starters and because of injuries, not a single player started all 11. Three of the top 4 tacklers on the team were DB's that year. All 3 starters returned in 2005 but two missed the majority of the year with injuries. Last year they had to replace two starters. Nathan Pauly was battling Jon Radford for the WLB spot but was lost for the year in the second game and Radford also went down after 10 games to a knee injury. This year they lose WLB Radford (9 st, 50 tkl, 4 tfl), SLB Luke Adkins (12 st, 87 tkl, 7 tfl, HM MWC) and 3rd string SLB John Nichols (1 tkl). Not listed below are Zac Pauga (6-0 246 rFr, PS#257RB) and Cameron Rust (6'0" 200 So). While they have to replace two starters, this group is just as experienced as 2006's unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rams lost FS Ben Stratton prior to 2005 and basically had just 1 starter back and dropped to #86 in my pass D rankings (from #55). Last year they had to replace two starters, but had 3 CB's who had been full-time starters and Stratton returned. Lubick said they had 5 CB's who could cover and that the biggest improvement on the team would be the secondary. Returning starting CB Robert Herbert sat in the doghouse and played in just one game so they had just one starter back. Lubick said there was not much separation between the top four CB's and top four safeties. Mike Pagnotta was leading in tackles when he was lost for the season (knee). Klint Kubiak had 19 tackles vs AF and led with 90. Stratton's return did not go as planned as he played in just 4 (6 tkl). This year they lose Herbert (4 tkl), Stratton, CB Chase Weber (1 st, 8 tkl) and CB Liddon Levine (20 tkl). Not listed in the PSL below is Ronnie Dorrell (6'1" 200 rFr). They finished #66 last year and with 4 starters back, including six with starting experience, should have their best finish in over three years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit is almost always a strength under Lubick with two #1 and five Top 13 finishes in my ST rankings from 1997-2003. Surprisingly CSU finished just #67 in 2004 and #46 in '05. Jim Kaylor was #4 in the NCAA with a 45.3 ypp avg and the Rams looked in good shape heading into 2006. Unfortunately they had their lowest finish yet under Lubick at #90. Jason Smith, who hit 9 of 10 FG's in 2005, hit just 2 of his first 7 but connected on six of his last 8 (long 49) with 1 miss from 56. He had 16 TB on 45 KO. Kaylor saw his avg slip to 43.7 and also bobbled 2 xp snaps as the holder, one of which was very costly vs NMex. He should be one of the best P's in the NCAA this year. Damon Morton was the top KR (20.4). He and Johnny Walker (11.3 in '05) finished with identical 9.7 ypr on PR. All the key players return and CSU should have one of the most improved ST in the country, especially if Smith regains his '05 form.

COACHES - CSU had been to just two bowl games prior to Sonny Lubick's arrival but he has guided them to 9 bowls in the last 13 years and six league titles. In 2003 the home stadium was renamed Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium. Lubick is 72-35 (1-7 LY) in conf games at CSU and has been the Conf Coach of the Year four times ('94, '97, '99 and 2000). The team has finished in the Top 25 three times (1994 #15, 1997 #16, 2000 #14). Dan Hammerschmidt was the co-OC for three years before taking over as the sole OC (3rd yr) and enters his 12th year with the Rams. The DC is Steve Stanard who was the DC of N Mex St from 1999-'02 and enters his 5th year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Sonny Lubick had recorded 10 straight winning seasons including winning or sharing the conf title 6 times from '94-'03. In 2000 they were 10-2 and finished #14 in the polls, their highest finish ever. Including bowl games, CSU had won at least 7 games for ten consecutive years heading into 2004. In 2004, they had just 10 starters back and lost their QB midyear. They dropped to 4-7 as their young D allowed 416 ypg and CSU was also -12 in turnovers. In 2005 they only lost 11 lettermen and I forecasted a return to the post season and they did. Surprisingly with 6 starters back, the D yielded 428.8 ypg. While CSU finished 5-3 in the MWC, they were actually outgained by 17.3 ypg and outscored by 13 points in league play. Lubick had great success in November with his teams going 21-4 in his first 9 years but is just 6-10 since 2002 in that month. In 2005 despite their 6-6 finish, the Rams were actually outscored by 48 points. The 2004 unit lost 29 man-games due to injury but in 2005 lost 73! Last year they had to replace their QB, star WR and three OL's, then lost their 1,000 yard rusher Kyle Bell to injury in the first game! They dropped from 26.8 ppg to 16.8. The defense had 6 starters back and added two 2004 starters who returned from injury and made great strides chopping the ppg from 30.8 to 21.9. Things looked great for CSU as they went into the lockerroom vs Air Force leading 21-3 apparently on their way to a 5-1 start. Amazingly they lost that game, by giving up a 33 yard FG to New Mexico on the last play despite leading 19-10 in the 4Q, they then lost to SDSt in the finale despite a 19-9 FD edge. CSU had never lost more than 4 in a row under Lubick but have a current 7 game losing streak. Last year was the first time CSU, Colorado and Air Force all had losing seasons since 1981. The team was -7 in TO's in 2006. This year I look for huge improvements offensively. Not only do 9 starters return including Bell but they now have an experienced senior QB. The D held BYU to its season low yardage in MWC play and has 9 returning starters, which is their most in 9 years. They should be one of the MWC's top units. Overall this is Lubick's most experienced squad ever, which gives them an excellent shot at bowl-eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 16 CALEB HANIE SR. 6-2 236 PS#78. 17 st 3Y, 3912 (59%) 21-19 ratio, 592 rush. **18** Grant Stucker (6-2 201 So) PS#101. Scout Tm QB '05 inj LY. **15** Billy Farris (6-3 212 Jr).

RB 34 KYLE BELL JR. 6-2 232 PS#119. **2nd Tm MWC '05**, 10 st, 1288 (4.7). **5 Gartrell Johnson** (6-0 230 Jr) PS#177. 7 st, 382 ttl yds 3Y. **12** Michael Myers (6-1 208 Jr) PS#215.

WR 87 DAMON MORTON SR. 5-11 176 **PS#59**. 2 st '04-'05, 729 all-purp. 7 st LY, 48 rec (15.0), **HM MWC**. **82** Luke Roberts (6-2 206 Sr). 6 st, 39 (15.4) 2Y. **84** Rashaun Greer (6-1 202 So).

WR 7 JOHNNY WALKER SR. 6-0 190 35 (12.8) rFr. 2 st, 43 (15.4) '05. 2 st, 58 (10.1) LY. **31** Dion Morton (5-10 162 So) PS#95QB. 2 (25.5) LY. **27** George Hill (5-11 184 Sr) 29 rec 3Y.

HB 80 KORY SPERRY SR. 6-6 260 PS#39TE. 22 st, 3Y, 93 rec (12.4), **HM MWC**. **89** Kevin McPeek (6-6 245 Jr) PS#77TE. 4 st, 1 rec LY. **81** Tyler Jorgensen (6-4 224 So).

TE 88 CHRIS KAWULOK JR. 6-3 244 PS#162DL. 1 st rFr. 9 st LY. **35** Nick Eaton (6-3 244 rFr) PS#196LB. **46** Adam Seymore (6-4 245 rFr) PS#215. **92** Miles Tamminga (6-2 230 rFr).

C 64 NICK ALLOTTA SR. 6-3 305 PS#270. L/9 st (6C, 3OG) '05. 11 st (7C, 4OG) LY. **57** Tim Walter (6-6 277 So) PS#141. 5 st C rFr. Tyler McDermott (6-2 270 Fr) PS#110.

RG 60 ADRIAN MARTINEZ SO. 6-4 300 PS#418. 10 st RG rFr, miss 1 inj. **66** Guy Miller (6-3 286 rFr) PS#247. Added 21 lbs. Dan Crews (6-4 313 Sr) PS#282. 2 gm '04. Inj'd '05-'06.

LG 55 SCOTT BENEDICT SO. 6-4 294 Took over & had 6 st as rFr. **74** Shelley Smith (6-4 282 So) PS#221DL. 3 gm LY. **78** Scott Stullar (6-3 256 rFr). **63** Mike Baab (6-6 295 rFr).

RT 75 Dane Stratton Jr. 6-5 298 PS#354. 8 gm rFr. 1 st RT LY, Inj vs AF out yr. **52** Brian Lepak (6-5 298 rFr) PS#193. Mark Starr (6-5 273 rFr) PS#246. Ryan Griffith (6-4 269 rFr).

LT 70 Marvin Arnold Sr. 6-4 294 PS#125JC. Started first 4 at LG LY until injury. **53** Cole Pemberton (6-7 318 So) PS#393. 3 gm rFr. Paul Madsen (6-4 270 Fr) Mission '04-'06.

K 37 JASON SMITH JR. 6-2 201 PS#118. 9 of 10 FG rFr, long 41. 8 of 15 FG (6 of L/8) long 49 LY. **4 Durrell Chamorro** (6-1 191 Jr) **PS#15**. 7 Jared Lamb (6-2 199 Sr).

DE 59 JESSE NADING SR. 6-5 263 PS#153. 12 st, 56 tkl, 3.5 sk '05. 11 st, **HM MWC**, 33 tkl LY. **91** Tommie Hill (6-6 225 Jr) PS#150. 4 st, 36 tkl, 5 sk 2Y. Cory Macon (6-6 242 rFr) PS#140TE.

DT 95 ERIK SANDIE SR. 6-2 289 PS#192OL. 4 st, 23 tkl, 5 tfl '05. 10 st LY, 20 tkl, 2 sk. **62** James Morehead (6-6 310 So) 1st, 7 tkl rFr. +42 lbs. **58** Joey Madrid (6-2 285 Sr). 5 tkl, 1 sk LY.

DT 97 BLAKE SMITH SR. 6-2 257 PS#95. 8 st rFr. 12 st '05. 11 st LY. 59 tkl, 6 sk, 12 ttl 3Y. 460 bench. **45** Matt Rupp (6-3 272 Jr) PS#152. 5 st, 31 tkl, 6 sk 2Y. +34 lbs.

DE 93 WADE LANDERS JR. 6-6 252 PS#108TE. 7 st 2Y, 21 tkl, 2.5 sk. **44 Bob Vomhof** (6-3 247 Sr) 5 st, 67 tkl, 8 tfl 3Y. **92** Patrick Massey (6-5 235 rFr) PS#452. +20 lbs.

WLB 42 Jake Pottorff So. 6-4 244 PS#231. Last 3 st rFr, 28 tkl, 3 tfl. **9** John Clark (6-3 225 Jr) PS#255JC. 4.75 spd. Luke Diehl is PS#80. **54** Alex Williams (6-1 232 rFr). +34 lbs.

MLB 51 JEFF HORINEK JR. 6-3 238 PS#236. 11 st rFr, 61 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 st LY, 69 tkl, 6 tfl, **HM MWC**. Curtis Cornelson is PS#186JC. **43** Matt Hendrick (6-2 235 So) 10 tkl as rFr.

SLB 38 Nathan Pauly Sr. 6-1 205 PS#179. 3 st, 29 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 1 st '05, 8 tkl, 2 tfl. 2 gm (inj) LY. **34** Sedric Patterson (6-1 231 So) PS#343. **56** Ricky Brewer (6-2 216 rFr) PS#108DB.

CB 39 DARRYL WILLIAMS SR. 5-9 180 4.4 spd. 10 st, 49 tkl, 2 int '05. 12 st LY, 55 tkl, 3 int. **41** DeAngelo Wilkinson (5-10 181 rFr) PS#189. **23** Ciarre Campbell (6-3 188 Sr) PS#138WR.

CB 29 JOEY RUCKS SR. 5-10 190 PS#295JC. 10 tkl '05. 10 st CB LY, 35 tkl, 6 pbu. **17** Jermaine Walters (5-11 200 Sr) JUCO. 3 tkl LY. **25** Michael Johnson (5-10 199 rFr) PS#389.

SS 13 MIKE PAGNOTTA JR. 6-0 203 11 tkl rFr. 6 st SS LY, #1 tkl'r until inj, 71 tkl, 8 tfl. **15 Jake Galusha** (5-10 200 Jr) N Mex St trans. 4 st, 36 tkl, 3 tfl. Zach Donaldson is PS#154.

FS 20 KLINT KUBIAK JR. 6-0 201 PS#231. 9 tkl true. 12 st LY, #1 tkl'r (90), 6 tfl, **HM MWC**. **10** Zac Bryson (6-1 215 Sr) 1 st, 24 tkl, 2Y. **30** Steve Juedes (6-0 206 Jr) 6 tkl LY.

P 8 JIM KAYLOR SR. 6-3 197 PS#38. 4 punts (43.0) rFr. **1st Tm MWC '05**, 53 punts (45.3). 63 punts, 43.7 avg, 35.2 net. **4** Durrell Chamorro PS#15. Jared Lamb (6-2 199 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

LB	Luke Diehl 6-1 210 PS#80
OL	Tyler McDermott 6-2 270 PS#110
LB	Curtis Cornelson 6-1 235 PS#186JC
LB	John Clark 6-3 225 PS#255JC
DB	Zach Donaldson 6-1 195 PS#154
QB	TJ Borcky 6-4 185 PS#97
DB	Josh Dorsey 6-0 180 PS#138WR '06
LB	Mychal Sisson 5-11 205 PS#142
RB	Phil Morelli 5-11 180 PS#175
DL	Eugene Daniels 6-3 240 PS#200
RB	Lester Arnold 5-10 190 PS#194
DL	Jake Gdowski 6-3 260 PS#289OL
DL	Jacob Tigges 6-2 260 PS#96TE
QB	Matt Yemm 5-11 175 PS#242
LB	Michael Kawulok 6-2 205 PS#363
DL	Steve Collins 6-3 225 PS#442OL
QB	Klay Kubiak 6-0 190 PS#256
RB	Kenny Galbearth 6-1 200 PS#383
DL	Nuku Latu 6-2 260 PS#143TE
WR	Blake Swain 6-0 180 PS#394
DB	Jarrad McKay 6-0 185 PS#438
OL	Paul Madsen 6-4 270 PS#507DL '04
WR	Brandon Owens 6-0 165 PS#429
DL	Leo Davis 6-5 240 PS#451
DB	Elijah-Blu Smith 5-11 190 PS#540
TE	Eric Peltz 6-5 240 PS#186

COLORADO ST RAMS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#71

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	† Colorado (Denver)	G					
Sep. 8	California	A					
Sep. 15							
Sep. 22	at Houston	G					
Sep. 29	at TCU	G					
Oct. 6	San Diego St (HC)	A					
Oct. 13	Air Force	A					
Oct. 20	at UNLV	A					
Oct. 27	Utah	A					
Nov. 3	at BYU	G					
Nov. 10	at New Mexico	G					
Nov. 17	Georgia Southern	A					
Nov. 23	Wyoming (Fri)	A					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Kelly Stouffer 7,141 '84-'86
2. Terry Nugent 7,103 '80-'83
3. Moses Moreno 6,689 '94-'97

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Steve Bartalo 4,813 '83-'86
2. Damon Washington 3,432 '95-'98
3. Ron Harris 3,335 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. David Anderson 3,634 '02-'05
2. Greg Primus 3,163 '89-'92
3. Jeff Champine 2,811 '80-'83

Eighth meeting in Denver (CSU 4-3) between these 2 & the 80th overall (CU 57-20-2). CSU limited CU to just 28 2H yds LY as QB Hanie was a near-perfect 20-23 for 233 yds.

Colorado St is 7-40-1 vs current Pac 10 tms, but did beat Cal in their only gm in '03. The Rams are 12-1 in Fort Collins openers since 1994, with the avg score 37-18.

Under HC Sonny Lubick, Colorado St is 13-3 after a bye week in regular season play. Rams are 0-2 vs the Cougars, (last played in '73) but 29-19 vs Conf USA teams.

LY vs TCU, CSU allowed 606 yds of offense as the Horned Frogs never punted. CSU was 11-3 in MWC road games the 1st 4 yrs (1999-'02), but are 5-10 since.

With the loss LY to SDSt, Lubick has dropped 7 straight gms (longest in 14 yr tenure). Last time that the Rams dropped 3 straight gms to the Aztecs was from 1991-'93.

Ram/Falcon Trophy is presented to the winner of this series (played every yr S/'78). The home team has won 4 straight. Three of the 4 have been by double digits.

CSU has never lost in Las Vegas, but in their L/3 visits have only won by a combined 7 pts. UNLV was CSU's only conf win LY as CSU finished w/their worst MWC record.

Utah & CSU won or shared the MWC Title 5 of the 1st 6 yrs, but none the L/2 seasons. CSU won 5 straight from 1995-'02 (longest win streak), but have lost 3 of the L4Y.

Rams are 15-9 under Lubick in Nov/Dec road games, but just 2-7 the last 4 years. The winner has won every gm by DD in MWC action with the avg win by 23 pts.

CSU is 13-4 since '66 in their 17 trips to Albuquerque (4 losses by 18 combined pts). Rams led 19-10 after 3Q but lost on a FG as time expired last year vs New Mexico.

GSU has won six IAA National Titles & TY will be aiming for their 17th trip to the playoffs. Eagles finished 3-8 LY, snapping 9 straight winning seasons where they avg'd 11 wins a yr.

Rams have taken home the "Bronze Boot" 10 of the last 14 years in this rivalry. Colorado St is 10-5 (0-2 L/2) since 1992 (Earl Bruce's last yr as HC) in home finales.

SONNY LUBICK (Career 105-65) (Div IAA 21-19)
15th Year at Colorado St Lubick's Bowl Record: 3-6

Lubick's records AT COLORADO ST

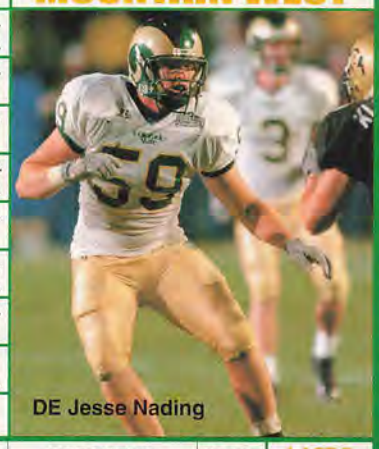
105-65	Straight Up	2-9	Vs Top 10
51-22	Home	9-17	Vs Top 25
46-34	Away	9-21	Vs BCS Teams
8-9	Neutral	13-3	Off A Bye
71-35	Vs Conference	35-20	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (22,24,2)
Lost: 11 (5,6,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 24,183 (#82)
MOUNTAIN WEST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STADIUM: HUGHES STADIUM (34,400) (#85)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

Sonny Lubick	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	6-5	10-3	7-5	4-7	6-5	4-8	46-35
Home	5-0	3-2	4-1	4-2	3-3	4-1	2-3	25-12
Away	3-2	3-2	5-2	3-2	1-4	2-4	1-5	18-21
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-2
vs Conf	6-1	5-2	6-1	4-3	3-4	5-3	1-7	30-21
ATS	5-5	6-5	7-6	5-6	4-6	5-6	4-7	36-41
Home Fav	1-3	0-3	2-3	3-2	2-2	3-2	1-1	12-16
Home Dog	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	2-3
Away Fav	2-2	1-0	2-2	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-1	5-11
Away Dog	1-0	3-1	2-1	2-0	2-2	2-2	2-3	14-9
Favorite	3-5	1-3	4-5	3-6	2-3	3-4	2-2	18-28
Dog	2-0	5-2	3-1	2-0	2-3	2-2	2-5	18-13
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-5	2-6	22-29
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	3-3	2-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	14-12
Off SU Win	3-4	3-2	5-5	2-3	1-3	2-3	3-1	19-21
Off SU Loss	1-1	3-2	1-1	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-6	13-18

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Gartrell Johnson	109	321	16	305	6	2.8
Nnamdi Ohaeri	81	284	16	268	0	3.3
Michael Myers	38	182	3	179	0	4.7
Billy Farris	13	79	11	68	0	5.2
Caleb Hanie	108	351	296	55	4	0.5
Damon Morton	8	34	17	17	0	2.1
Johnny Walker	5	18	4	14	0	2.8
Tristan Walker	4	11	0	11	0	2.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Caleb Hanie	342	209	61.1	2427	11	12
Billy Farris	19	11	57.9	148	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Damon Morton	48	722	15.0	4	83
Johnny Walker	58	586	10.1	0	32
Dustin Osborn	26	397	15.3	2	60
Kory Sperry	36	380	10.6	5	53
Luke Roberts	23	309	13.4	2	51
Nnamdi Ohaeri	9	70	7.8	0	12
Dion Morton	2	51	25.5	0	40
George Hill	12	47	3.9	0	12
Gartrell Johnson	5	41	8.2	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jim Kaylor	63	2754	43.7	9	35.2	2	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Smith	22-24	4-4	3-5	1-5	0-1	8-15	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Klint Kubiak	90	0	6	4	1
Luke Adkins	87	3	4	2	0
Mike Pagnotta	71	3	5	1	1
Jeff Horinek	69	2	4	3	1
Darryl Williams	55	0	3	3	3
Jon Radford	50	1	3	0	0
Jake Galusha	36	1	2	2	1
Joey Rucks	35	1	1	6	0
Bob Vomhof	33	1	4	0	0
Jesse Nading	33	0.5	1.5	2	0
Jake Pottorff	28	0	3	1	0
Blake Smith	23	2	7	0	0
Tommie Hill	23	3	2	1	0
Erik Sandie	20	2	0	0	0
Liddon Levine	20	0	1	0	0
Matt Rupp	17	4	1	0	0
Zac Bryson	17	0	1	1	0
Wade Landers	15	2.5	0.5	2	0
Matt Hendrick	10	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damon Morton	21	204	9.7	1
Johnny Walker	12	116	9.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damon Morton	18	368	20.4	0
Alex Square	4	63	15.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Liberty - #23	-2	Louisville - #22	22-17
01	New Orleans	-11	North Texas	45-20
02	Liberty - #23	-5	TCU	3-17
03	San Francisco	E	Boston College	21-35
05	Poinsettia	+3	Navy	30-51

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Colorado St's All-Time Bowl Record 4-7

COLORADO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
	5	16.8	16	77	2.5	218	60.9	17.5	-7	2006	6	21.9	18	149	4.1	181	57.7	15.1
	9*	26.8	20	122	3.5	286	61.7	15.3	+5	2005	6	30.8	22	223	5.1	206	58.8	13.9
	7	23.7	20	112	3.1	261	59.7	15.7	-12	2004	3	29.5	23	222	5.2	194	56.7	14.1
	8*	29.3	21	191	4.6	248	60.8	15.0	-15	2003	7	24.5	19	155	4.1	215	57.3	15.1
	6*	29.9	20	206	4.6	183	52.4	13.0	+3	2002	6	23.7	20	168	4.3	206	58.3	15.7
	5	24.8	17	195	4.6	152	47.8	14.0	+1	2001	7	22.8	22	205	4.6	215	57.6	18.4

2006 STATS BY GAME

CSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Weber St	24	39 - 149	3.8	15 - 22	212	2	9	24 - (-38)	-1.6	13 - 24	124	7	-2
–	† Colorado	16	34 - 15	0.4	20 - 23	233	6	9	33 - 75	2.3	9 - 15	71	4	-1
–	at Nevada	10	24 - 64	2.7	14 - 26	113	5	23	41 - 171	4.2	19 - 22	210	2	-1
–	at Fresno St	16	44 - 54	1.2	15 - 23	248	5	16	23 - 115	5.0	19 - 42	205	0	+1
–	UNLV	23	43 - 130	3.0	23 - 28	257	4	14	22 - 52	2.4	19 - 38	198	3	0
–	at Air Force	16	27 - 106	3.9	14 - 23	282	2	24	64 - 318	5.0	8 - 13	102	0	0
–	at Wyoming	12	22 - 42	1.9	23 - 45	217	2	15	39 - 166	4.3	10 - 22	152	3	-3
–	New Mexico	17	26 - 37	1.4	25 - 40	254	3	15	31 - 79	2.5	15 - 25	195	2	0
–	BYU	7	23 - 26	1.1	13 - 23	125	5	21	37 - 112	3.0	22 - 30	290	2	+1
–	at Utah	18	34 - 148	4.4	15 - 33	235	1	26	42 - 205	4.9	21 - 34	321	2	-1
–	TCU	17	18 - 34	1.9	23 - 36	266	3	33	50 - 350	7.0	18 - 28	256	1	-1
–	at San Diego St	19	38 - 113	3.0	21 - 41	175	3	9	32 - 184	5.8	7 - 19	51	1	0
TOTALS		195	372 - 918	2.5	221 - 363	2617	41	214	438 - 1789	4.1	180 - 312	2175	27	-7
AVERAGES		16.3	31 - 77	2.5	18 - 30	218	3.4	17.8	37 - 149	4.1	15 - 26	181	2.3	-0.6

2002 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Virginia	E	35-29
–	† Colorado - #7	+8	19-14
#19	at UCLA	+7	19-30
#24	Louisville	-2'	36-33
#25	at Nevada	-11'	32-28
#25	at Fresno St	-5'	30-32
–	Wyoming	-25	44-36
–	at Utah	+1	28-20
–	BYU	-13	37-10
#24	at Air Force	-1'	31-12
#21	at San Diego St	-12'	49-21
#20	New Mexico	-16'	22-14
#16	UNLV	-17	33-36

2003 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre #23 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#23	† Colorado	-2	35-42
–	at California	+2'	23-21
–	Weber St	NL	31-7
–	Miami, Oh	-6'	21-41
–	Utah	-6'	21-28
–	Fresno St	-5	34-10
–	at BYU	E	58-13
–	Air Force	-5'	30-20
–	at Wyoming	-10'	28-35
–	at New Mexico	-1	34-37
–	San Diego St	-13'	21-6
–	at UNLV	-7	24-23

2004 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Colorado	+4	24-27
–	at USC - #1	+24'	0-49
–	Minnesota - #22	+3'	16-34
–	Montana St	NL	39-14
–	BYU	-3	21-31
–	at San Diego St	+4	21-17
–	Wyoming	-4	30-7
–	New Mexico	-2	17-26
–	at Utah - #7	+26'	31-63
–	UNLV	-6'	45-10
–	at Air Force	-1'	17-47

2005 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Colorado	+7	28-31
–	at Minnesota	+13	24-56
–	Nevada	-17'	42-21
–	Air Force	-3'	41-23
–	Utah	-4'	21-17
–	at BYU	-3	14-24
–	Wyoming	-3	39-31
–	at New Mexico	+6	35-25
–	at TCU - #20	+7	6-33
–	San Diego St	-8	10-30
–	at UNLV	-15	31-27

2006 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Weber St	NL	30-6
–	† Colorado	-2	14-10
–	at Nevada	+3	10-28
–	at Fresno St	+13'	35-23
–	UNLV	-17'	28-7
–	at Air Force	+6	21-24
–	at Wyoming	+4	0-24
–	New Mexico	-6'	19-20
–	BYU	+14	3-24
–	at Utah	+11'	22-35
–	TCU	+9'	14-45
–	at San Diego St	-1'	6-17

UNLV REBELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Due to an injury to 2004's starting QB, Shane Steichen was tossed into the lineup and had 5 starts. Steichen threw for 1,011 (49.2%) with a 7-10 ratio (71 rush). He added 15 lbs in the weight room and was a much more dangerous runner in 2005. Steichen became UNLV's first QB to have 200 yards passing and 100 yards rushing in the same game (Idaho) but broke his ring finger and missed the next 6. JUCO Jarrod Jackson took on some tough defenses but threw for 356 vs Utah. There was talk of taking the redshirt off true frosh Mike McDonald (PS#171) but Sanford instead used WR Tremayne Kirkland as the backup. Jackson threw for 1,321 (54.4%) but with a 6-12 ratio. Kirkland attempted 5 passes while Steichen threw for 967 (55.3%) with a solid 8-5 ratio (464 rush) in just 5. Last year all 3 returned and I expected a lot from Rocky Hinds (6'5"), a rare VHT (PS#11) who runs the 100m in 10.47 and showed good passing skills during his transfer year. At USC he spent 2004 learning under Norm Chow. Hinds had a great debut throwing for 322 (42 rush) vs Idaho St. Unfortunately, Hinds tore his ACL in the 2Q vs Iowa St and was not 100% the rest of the year. In fact he did not have positive yards rushing in a game until the final 2. He was benched vs NMex and Steichen led 4 TD drives on the first 4 poss but also had 4 turnovers in the 2H. Steichen started vs BYU and appeared to win back the job but broke his ankle ending his career. Hinds continued to struggle but in the season finale vs AF, hit 26 of 34 for a career high 351 yards and became the first UNLV QB since 1997 to top 2,000 yards passing (2148, 54%, 8-13 ratio). He had offseason ACL surgery and missed the spring. Jackson did not play last year nor did Tennessee transfer Dack Ishii (6'2" 220 Jr) or Travis Dixon (PS#79). I look for Hinds to be one of the most improved QB's in the country provided he stays healthy.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 diminutive, but speedy Dominique Dorsey (4.35 spd) led the MWC in rushing with 1,261 yards (5.6). In 2005 Erick Jackson, who was one of the shortest RB's in the NCAA (5'6") with breakaway speed, won the starting job. Jackson topped 100 yards twice and finished with 673 (3.9), the lowest total for a top rusher here since 1996 (356). The #2 rusher was QB Steichen (only 5 gm!) and #3 was WR/QB Kirkland who had 109 (5.4). Nebraska transfer Ronnie Smith (PS#351) had a 61 yard run vs Utah with his only other carry being -2, giving him a 29.5 ypc avg. David Peeples (PS#135) had one attempt for 4 yards. Those 3 returned last year and Jackson had 79 in the opener but just 154 in the next six before breaking his leg vs BYU. Peeples had 106 vs Nevada and 68 vs TCU (NCAA's #2 rush D) and finished with 519 (3.9). Smith had 138 (4.1). This year their only loss is Jackson. Backing Peeples and Smith will be Chris Brogdon (5'7" 210) who rushed for 26 (4.3), Kamu Kapanui (6'0" 230 So) and David McCowan (5'8" 185 So). They get a large addition and potential starter in Frank Summers (240 lbs) who rushed for 1,515 yards in '05 at JC (280 ypg) and due to an ankle injury "only" rushed for 965 last year. He could very well become the feature back as most major school's wanted him to be a FB. This unit should be far more productive in 2007.

WR Ryan Wolfe

RECEIVERS - The Rebels had to replace three of their top 4 WR's last year with the leading returnee being Casey Flair (32, 11.9). Sanford made quite a stir on signing day when he compared JUCO Aaron Straiten to Keyshawn Johnson, Curtis Conway and Johnnie Morton (players he coached at USC). He is 6'2" 195 and runs the 100m at 10.67. Straiten struggled with dropped passes early and lost his starting spot. He did have a great leaping catch over a DB vs Wyoming for a TD and 7 rec for 133 yards in the final two, finishing with 22 (11.3). Flair led in rec with 67 (12.2). True frosh Ryan Wolfe (PS#110) was the star. He not only broke a school record for rec yards in a season for a frosh (Lenny Ware, 1996) but also the MWC Frosh record (Austin Collie, 2004 BYU) finishing with 911 yards (16.6) earning MWC Frosh of the Year and 1st Tm FWAA Fr AA honors. Corey Anderson (PS#181), who had 14 (14.6) in '05, was suspended and only played in 5 (9, 6.2). This year Anderson (6'0" 170 So) was not on the spring roster and appears to be the only loss. They get some significant additions in Wash State transfer Lorenzo Bursey (PS#55JC) and Arizona transfer Gerold Rodriguez. Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE Rusty Worthen (5'11" 225 Jr) and WR Channing Trotter (5'9" 190 rFr). This should be one of the most improved receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the O-line (2 st'r back) paved the way for 4.3 rush. They basically had 1 starter back in Sanford's first season and the ypc dropped to 3.2 while the sacks increased to 39 (9.9%). Last year they had 4 starters back but the unit struggled with just 90 ypg (3.1) rushing, their worst since 1996, but they trimmed the sack total to 24 (5.4%). They had a rough time vs the 3-man front of Hawaii, as the Warriors were able to pressure Hinds throughout the game. For the second straight year they saved their best outing for the finale, rushing for 204 (4.7). This season they lose C Aaron Mueller (12 st, 2Y st'r), RT Marco Guerra (12 st, HM MWC), LT Chris Bowser (12 st, 3Y st'r) and LG Brandon Gray (2nd string, 7 st '05). While this year's group is not as experienced, Sanford says that it has a bigger upside as they add in a JUCO and a Col St transfer at OT as both RS'd last year. Joe Hawley is like a starter and has seen a lot of action at C. Now in the 3rd year of Sanford's system, even with just 2 starters back, this unit figures to be improved.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UNLV moved to a 3-man front in 2003 and with 3 starters back allowed just 3.5 ypc. They had to replace all 3 starters in '04 but the 3 backups combined for 10 starts. As expected they slipped to 4.1 ypc rush. Five of the top six were back in 2005 but their star DL, Howie Fuimaono, was bothered by sore feet most of the year. They improved and allowed 3.6 ypc but saw their sack total drop to 21 as they used both a 3 and 4 man front. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 32 starts but did have NG Fuimaono back. The Rebels' less experienced front allowed 4.1 ypc rush. This year they switch back to a 4 man front and get some solid additions, while Sanford thinks the DE's will be the strength of the team. Gone is NG Fuimaono (12 st, 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl, HM MWC), DE Robert Travers (L/4 st, 19 tkl) who tragically passed away in the offseason, Prince Brown (8 gm) and Ryan Heise (2 tkl). This is clearly the best defensive front in Sanford's brief tenure and their top DL last year, Jeremy Geathers (2nd Tm MWC, 5.5 sk), returns.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 the Rebels had to replace their top six LB's including a pair of NFL DC's. They have talked about LB Beau Bell's NFL potential since his arrival. He emerged in 2005 recording 72 of his 92 tackles in the last six games starting just 7. Bell was at it again last year and in just 7 starts had 76 tackles and 9 tfl but was lost for the year. This year they lose Matt Pattison (5 st, 40 tkl) and George Vea (6 tkl, went on LDS mission). They do get a tremendous addition with VHT Miss St transfer Jimmy Miller (PS#48). Six players are back with starting experience along with Adrian Bradley who logged 130 tackles at JC in '05. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Matt Seccombe (6'1" 235 Sr, 3 tkl), Anthony White (6'2" 200 rFr), Michael Lynch (5'10" 230 rFr), Vaovasa Kuresa (5'10" 240 rFr) and Bronson Leafa (5'11" 240 rFr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UNLV had an inexperienced secondary in 2005 and was #115 in my pass D rankings snagging just 5 int's. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup who had 7 starts. They added VHT USC transfer CB Eric Wright (PS#80), UCLA transfer Mil'Von James and Oklahoma transfer Tony Cade (PS#4). This year they lose three quality players in 2nd TM MWC CB Eric Wright (6 st, 29 tkl, 8 pbu) who left early for the NFL (#2DC CLE), CB John Guice (10 st, 42 tkl, 3 pbu), SAF Jay Staggs (12 st, 87 tkl, 3 int, HM MWC), NB Nate Kenion (7 st, 33 tkl) and Will Tagoai (6 tkl). Surprisingly even with the very talented secondary where Sanford felt he had three very good cover corners on hand, UNLV finished just #113 vs a hellacious slate of opposing QB's including Hawaii and BYU. Sanford is high on two true frosh signees in Shane Horton (PS#112) and Will Chandler (PS#207) and they add in JC Geoff Howard (in for spring). Expect bigger contributions from Cade and CB Kellen Moriarty (PS#50QB). Despite the losses, this unit can only move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UNLV was just #97 in my ST rankings in '04. Thanks to K Sergio Aguayo (PS#15) they moved up to #78 in '05. Aguayo returned last year but tore his ACL in Wk 1 and not only missed 4 games, but was a shadow of himself when he returned. Aguayo only hit 8 of 16 FG's but did have a long of 52 with 4 of his misses from 50+. Ben Jaekle (Nevada's K Brett Jaekle's brother) hit 2 of 4 with a long of 26 and had 8 TB on 44 KO after being called out of the stands to kick vs Idaho St burning his RS. Kip Facer avg 41.0 in '05 at P and Brian Pacheco (PS#106JC) was challenging him for the job at the start of the year. Not only did Facer hold on, he led the MWC in punting avg (45.2) and was 1st Tm MWC. In addition to making an impact at WR, Casey Flair also led in PR's (12.8). Top KR Eric Wright (23.9) missed 3 with injury. The unit did improve again, finishing #43. This year they must replace Facer and Wright but Aguayo should have a much better year.

COACHES - Mike Sanford took over in '05 after being the OC of Utah's potent attack the previous 2 years. He was with Stanford in '02 and with the Chargers from '99-'01. This year he brings in a new OC in Todd Berry who took over a Div IAA team in '96 (Illinois St) that had not won a conf title since '50. In '99 ISU made the national semifinals. He was a semifinalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year his final 2 seasons there. He was the HC at Army from 2000-'03 then the OC at ULM in '04 and '05 with ULM sharing the league title in '05. He was the QB coach at Miami, Fl in '06. The DC is Vic Shealy who was the DB coach at Air Force from '99-'04. DL coach Baber was made the co-DC along with Shealy.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UNLV was a disappointing 2-9 in 2004 thanks in part to -17 in turnovers. In Mike Sanford's first season in 2005, I said that 8 MWC teams were bowl-caliber and the only exclusion was UNLV who had just 6 returning starters. They had been outscored by 16.1 ppg in league play and were changing schemes on both sides. UNLV has had just one winning season the last 11 years. That 2005 squad finished last in the MWC earning one win and were outgained by 101.1 ypg, by far a league worst, and outscored by 20.3 ppg. Last year I had big expectations for the UNLV offense thanks to the addition of USC transfer Rocky Hinds. He started off strong but struggled with his injury. While UNLV finished with the same 1-7 record in MWC play, they were "only" outgained by 69.7 ypg and outscored by 15.6 ppg. They could have had a better record as a pass into the EZ vs Iowa St was ruled incomplete although UNLV players protested. They led New Mexico 28-14 at the half but lost in OT, they missed 5 FG's vs SDSt and allowed a 52 yard IR TD. They were also deep in Wyoming territory, down by one score as well. This year they have 8 starters back on offense and can only improve upon the 18.8 and 19.8 ppg earned in Sanford's first two seasons especially if Hinds stays healthy as the skill players are more experienced and adding talent. The D, after having just 3 and 5 returning starters, has 6 back this year and should be tougher. UNLV was -11 in turnovers (see page 312) and new coaches generally show good-sized improvement in their third season. Injuries hit the unit hard last season and a healthy UNLV should at least double last year's win total. If Hinds lives up to his VHT billing, they will flirt with bowl eligibility despite the presence of Wisky and Hawaii on the non-conf schedule.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Larry Dennis	6-2 265 PS#94JC
DB	Shane Horton	6-1 200 PS#112
DL	Thor Pili	6-3 265 PS#134 '04
RB	Frank Summers	5-10 240 PS#273JC
DL	Luke Plante	6-4 245 PS#318JC
DB	Will Chandler	5-11 170 PS#207
LB	Nate Carter	6-2 215 PS#196
DB	Lamont Long	5-11 180 PS#453JC
DB	Rico Thomas	5-10 175 PS#251 '06
QB	O'Ryan Bradley	6-2 180 PS#282
QB	Mike Clausen	6-2 200 PS#311
DB	Geoff Howard	5-10 185 PS#520JC
OL	John Gianninoto	6-3 275 PS#525 '06
DL	Bryce Saldi	6-3 215 PS#451
LB	William Vea	6-2 215 PS#500
DB	JR Griffin	5-9 165 PS#540
DB	Nehemiah Mundy	6-0 160 PS#540
DB	Robert Linda	6-1 215 PS#540
OL	Adley Eshraghipour	6-4 265 PS#606
OL	Brant Martinez	6-4 300 PS#606
OL	Matt Murphy	6-3 265 PS#606
OL	Yusef Rodgers	6-3 270 PS#606
WR	Rocki Sandusky	6-1 165 PS#485 '06
DL	Daniel Mareko	6-2 225 PS#485LB '06

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 3 **ROCKY HINDS JR.** 6-5 220 **PS#11. USC trans**. 11 st LY, 2148 (54%), 8-13 ratio, played w/torn ACL all yr. 16 Travis Dixon (6-1 190 rFr) PS#79. 4 Jarrod Jackson (6-1 205 Sr).

RB 34 **FRANK SUMMERS JR.** 5-10 240 PS#273JC '05. Impressive spg. 20 **David Peeples** (5-9 205 Jr) PS#135. 8 st, 519 (3.9) LY. 28 Ronnie Smith (5-10 170 Sr) Neb trans. 652 all-purp 2Y.

WR 1 **AARON STRAITEN SR.** 6-2 195 PS#146JC. 5 st LY, 22 rec (11.3). 10.67 in 100M. 11 Justin Marvel (6-0 180 Jr) 1 st, 11 rec 2Y. 46 TE Ryan Worthen (5-11 250 Jr) PS#311LB. 3 st FB LY.

WR 80 **CASEY FLAIR JR.** 6-1 190 11 st '05, 32 (11.9). 12 st LY. **2nd Tm MWC**, 67 (12.2). 83 Gerold Rodriguez (5-10 175 So) PS#91. Ariz trans. Jerriman Robinson (6-1 185 So).

WR 89 **LORENZO BURSEY JR.** 5-8 175 PS#55JC. 452 ret yd **Wash St** '05. 1025 rush yd JC '04. 17 Renan Saint Preux (6-1 185 Jr) 7 st 2Y, 35 rec. TE 87 Chris Butler (6-3 245 Sr) 2 st LY.

WR 88 **RYAN WOLFE SO.** 6-1 205 PS#110. GS '05. 12 st true, 55 (16.6). MWC Fr POY, **1st Tm AA Fr, 1st Tm MWC**. 84 Rodelin Anthony (6-5 220 So) 4 st TE rFr. Tate Knutson (5-10 170 rFr).

C 59 **Joe Hawley So.** 6-3 280 PS#112. 11 gm true OG, budding star. John Gianninoto (6-3 275 Fr) PS#525 '06. GS. LS 43 Kamu Kapanui (6-0 230 So) 10 gm HB true.

RG 74 **MIKE McKISKI SR.** 6-6 310 3 st rFr LT. 11 st '05. 12 st RG LY. 96 Perry Eppenger (6-3 315 So) PS#162. 6 tkl rFr NG. 70 Antoine Howard (6-4 240 Fr) PS#433DL '06. GS.

LG 55 **TIM GOINS SR.** 6-4 295 2 string, 7 gm rFr. 6 st C '05. 12 st LG in '06. 65 Ramsey Feagai (6-2 360 rFr) PS#195. 225 bench 25x's. 61 Mike Donato (6-3 325 rFr).

RT 78 **Johan Asiata Jr.** 6-4 325 PS#477JC. New Zealand. Only 2 years of FB. RS LY. 73 Evan Marchal (6-6 295 rFr) PS#562. 76 Tolu Pili (6-0 320 Fr) PS#456 '06. GS.

LT 79 **Richie Plunkett So.** 6-6 290 PS#282. Father is NFL's Art. Colorado St trans. 67 Mario Jeberaeel (6-4 265 Jr) Scout Tm POY '04. 13 gm 2Y. 62 Dustin Forshee (6-5 280 Jr) PS#434.

K 10 **SERGIO AGUAYO SR.** 6-1 200 PS#15. 11 of 15 FG, long 41. 12-16 FG '05, long 52. 8 of 16 LY (torn ACL still played), long 52. 86 Ben Jaekle (6-1 165 So) PS#87. 2-4 FG true.

DE 9 **JEREMY GEATHERS JR.** 6-2 245 PS#258JC. 10 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 32 tkl, 5.5 sk. Luke Plante is PS#318JC. 14.5 sk JC LY! 47 Daniel Mareko (6-2 225 Fr) PS#485LB '06. GS.

DT 88 **Elton Shackelford Sr.** 6-2 270 PS#440JC. 3 st LY, 25 tkl, 1.5 sk. 97 Tim High (6-2 320 rFr) PS#235. Added 20 lbs. 93 Malo Taumua (6-0 295 rFr) 2 tkl true, but still RS.

DT 92 **JACOB HALES JR.** 6-5 290 PS#327LB '01. Orig signed w/S Utah. Mission. 7 tkl, 1 sk '05. 6 st LY, 23 tkl, 1 sk. 39 **Faauo Faga** (6-2 260 Sr) 13 tkl, 1 tfl '04'-05. 6 st DE LY, 12 tkl.

DE 94 **Thor Pili Jr.** 6-3 265 **PS#134 '04 Oreg**. 1 gm '05 Oreg. 36 tkl, 9.5 tfl at Snow JC LY. Larry Dennis PS#94JC. 82 tkl, 11 sk JC LY. 99 Isaako Aaitui (6-3 260 rFr) PS#495DL.

WLB 2 **BEAU BELL SR.** 6-3 245 7 st '05, 92 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 2nd Tm MWC. 1st 6 st LY (inj), 76 tkl, 9 tfl. Jason Beauchamp (6-3 215 So) 10 st rFr, 69 tkl, 3.5 sk. Adrian Bradley (5-11 225 Sr) 11 tkl.

BLB 51 **JIMMY MILLER SO.** 5-11 240 **PS#48**. 2 tkl true, **Miss St** '05. 44 Bradley Niles (6-0 245 Sr) PS#177JC. 2 st, 38 tkl, 2 tfl LY. Omega Faga (5-10 240 Jr) PS#162RB. 1 st, 27 tkl 2Y.

REB 14 **STARR FUIMAONO SO.** 5-11 210 4 st NB true, 29 tkl. 30 **KC Asiodu** (6-3 240 Jr) 4 st CB, 26 tkl, 3.5 tfl rFr. 6 st LB, 35 tkl LY. 22 Wiselet Rouzard (5-9 195 So) 1 st, 8 tkl LY.

CB 5 **MIL'VON JAMES SR.** 6-0 210 PS#166 '03 at UCLA. 8 st LY, 55 tkl, 1.5 tfl, 3 pbu. 13 Solomon Smart (6-0 185 Sr) PS#141. 16 tkl 2Y. 37 **Nehemiah Mundy** (6-0 160 Fr), **Wash St. 4.3 spd.**

CB 7 **Geoff Howard Jr.** 5-10 185 JUCO, in spg. 41 **Kellen Moriarty** (5-11 190 So) **PS#50QB**. 2 tkl, 11 gm true. 18 Quinton Pointer (5-9 180 Fr) PS#432. LaFayette Fletcher (5-8 190 So).

SS 25 **Daryl Forte So.** 5-10 185 PS#462 '05. GS. 8 st true, 37 tkl, 1 int. 26 Rico Thomas (5-10 175 Fr) PS#251. SDSt '06. 45 Marquel Martin (5-11 185 So) 4 tkl, 11 gms rFr.

FS 23 **Tony Cade Sr.** 6-2 205 **PS#4**. 5 tkl rFr at **Oklahoma**. JC '05. 4 st here LY, 43 tkl, 2 pbu. Shane Horton is PS#112. 35 Michael Johnson (5-11 200 So) PS#298. 4 tkl true.

P 49 **Brian Pacheco Sr.** 5-9 190 PS#106JC. 46.0 avg at JC in '04, 2nd Tm AA. RS '05. Kyle Watson (5-9 200 So) Tx Southern trans. Will do KO's. #3 SWC, 55 punts (38.1) '05.

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#56

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UNLV	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	at Utah St (Thur)	A						The Rebels have dropped 15 straight road games with the avg loss by 23 ppg. UNLV is just 1-9 in their last 10 meetings & that one win was in Logan in '94.
Sep. 8	Wisconsin	A						Rebels beat the #14 Badgers in '03, the 2nd highest ranked opp win in school history. Last time these tms played in LV was the infamous power outage (gm called w/7:41 left).
Sep. 15	Hawaii	A						Home team is 6-2. Eight of the last 10 have been decided by double digits. LY UNLV had 144 (53%) of its 271 yds after UH was up 42-0 late 3Q pulling its starters.
Sep. 22	Utah	A						The Rebels won the 1st game in the series (1979) & have lost all 11 since. Mike Sanford was the OC/RB coach at Utah for 2 seasons in 2003 & 2004.
Sep. 29	at Nevada	A						The crowd of 37,179 LY was the biggest ever in the "Battle for the Fremont Cannon". UNLV's 3 pts LY were the fewest scored in this series S/'73 as they also lost the TO battle 4-0.
Oct. 6	at Air Force	A						LY vs AF, QB Hinds had career highs in comp (26), pass yds (351) & rush yds (45). UNLV is 9-20 in MWC road games since the conference was formed in 1999.
Oct. 13	BYU	A						Rebels are 3-11 vs BYU allowing 107 pts the L2Y & have never beaten them at Sam Boyd. UNLV turned the ball over a season high 6 times LY vs BYU resulting in 24 pts.
Oct. 20	Colorado St (HC)	A						The Rebels last won in '02 as the #16 Rams had the MWC & Liberty Bowl invite locked. UNLV was 3-0-1 the 1st 4 gms vs CSU (1978-'82), but have gone just 1-10 since.
Oct. 27	at Wyoming	A						These teams have avg'd 72 ppg combined in Mountain West Conf play. The Rebels have dropped the last 3 in this series. UNLV is 3-15 prior to a bye week since 1992.
Nov. 3								
Nov. 10	San Diego St	A						UNLV & SDSt have comined to avg just 33 ppg in their MWC meetings. The Rebels are 3-11 since 1993 in Sam Boyd Stadium finales, but did beat AF LY.
Nov. 17	at TCU	G						UNLV's 48 pt margin of defeat last game at Fort Worth was its worst in MWC play. The Rebels are 5-13 in November away games since 1994.
Nov. 24	at New Mexico	G						UNLV is 3-7 vs New Mexico & their 3 wins were by a combined 7 pts. The Rebels have lost 9 of their last 14 season finales including 2 of the last 3.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Randall Cunningham 8,020 '82-'84
2. Jon Denton 6,177 '96-'97
3. Sam King 5,393 '79-'81

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Thomas 3,149 '73-'74
2. Dominique Dorsey 2,834 '01-'04
3. Kirk Jones 2,656 '83-'86

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Earvin Johnson 2,604 '01-'04
2. Damon Williams 2,558 '95-'98
3. Henry Bailey 2,515 '91-'94

MIKE SANFORD (Career 4-19)

3rd Year Year at UNLV (Sanford's Bowl Record: 0-0)

Sanford's records AT UNLV

4-19	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
4-7	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
0-12	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
2-14	Vs Conference	3-15	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: **(2-10)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (21,20,2)
Lost: 23 (10,11,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,240 (#95)

MOUNTAIN WEST

WR Casey Flair

STADIUM: SAM BOYD STADIUM (36,800) (#82)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (TurfTech)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	4-7	5-7	6-6	2-9	2-9	2-10	28-53
Home	5-0	1-4	3-3	2-4	1-4	2-3	2-4	16-22
Away	2-5	3-3	2-4	4-2	1-5	0-6	0-6	12-31
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	3-4	2-5	1-6	1-7	1-7	15-36
ATS	7-5	6-5	3-8	6-6	3-8	4-7	4-6-1	33-45-1
Home Fav	2-2	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-4	0-1	0-0	5-13
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	0-0	3-1	3-2	11-7
Away Fav	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	4-6
Away Dog	3-1	2-2	2-4	2-1	2-4	1-3	1-4-1	13-19
Favorite	3-4	3-1	0-3	2-4	1-4	0-3	0-0	9-19
Dog	4-1	3-4	3-5	4-2	2-4	4-4	4-6-1	24-26-1
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	2-5	3-4	1-6	4-4	3-4-1	21-29-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-2	0-3	1-2	12-16
Off SU Win	5-1	1-2	0-4	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	9-14
Off SU Loss	2-3	4-3	3-4	4-2	2-6	3-5	3-6-1	21-29-1

John Robinson (2000–2003) · Mike Sanford (2004–2006)

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
David Peeples	133	542	23	519	7	3.9
Erick Jackson	62	270	37	233	1	3.8
Ronnie Smith	34	149	11	138	2	4.1
Shane Steichen	34	186	74	112	0	3.3
Eric Wright	2	36	0	36	0	18.0
Ryan Worthen	9	28	0	28	0	3.1
Chris Brogdon	6	26	0	26	0	4.3
Rocky Hinds	49	142	191	-49	1	-1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rocky Hinds	359	194	54.0	2148	8	13
Shane Steichen	81	47	58.0	562	7	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ryan Wolfe	55	911	16.6	5	75
Casey Flair	67	816	12.2	4	40
Aaron Straiten	22	249	11.3	3	41
Rodelin Anthony	17	235	13.8	2	25
Renan Saint Preux	17	115	6.8	0	19
Ronnie Smith	15	88	5.9	1	30
Erick Jackson	12	61	5.1	0	10
Corey Anderson	9	56	6.2	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kip Facer	46	2078	45.2	6	36.3	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sergio Aguayo	14-16	3-4	1-2	3-5	1-5	8-16	52
Ben Jaekle	5-6	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-4	26

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jay Staggs	87	0	0.5	0	3
Beau Bell	76	4	5	0	0
Jason Beauchamp	69	3.5	2.5	0	0
Mil'Von James	55	0.5	1	3	0
Tony Cade	43	0	1.5	2	0
John Guice	42	0	4.5	3	2
Matt Pattison	40	1.5	2	0	0
Bradley Niles	38	1	1	1	0
Daryl Forte	37	0	0	1	1
KC Asiodu	35	0	2	1	0
Nate Kenion	33	0	0.5	0	0
Jeremy Geathers	32	5.5	4	0	0
Eric Wright	29	0	0.5	8	1
Starr Fuimaono	29	0	0.5	2	0
Howie Fuimaono	27	2.5	2	0	0
Elton Shackelford	25	1.5	0.5	0	0
Jacob Hales	23	1	0.5	0	0
Robert Travers	19	0	1.5	0	1
Gilbert Gallahar	15	0	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Casey Flair	11	141	12.8	0
John Guice	7	20	2.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eric Wright	18	430	23.9	0
Ronnie Smith	14	317	22.6	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
84	California	NL	Toledo	30-13
94	Las Vegas	-5	C Michigan	52-24
00	Las Vegas	-1	Arkansas	31-14

UNLV's All-Time Bowl Record 3-0

UNLV'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	19.8	18	90	3.1	227	54.9	16.0	-11	2006	5	31.8	21	161	4.1	226	67.0	12.2
3*	18.8	18	108	3.2	217	54.6	17.3	-8	2005	3	34.6	23	156	3.6	250	65.8	11.7
5*	20.8	18	173	4.3	167	48.1	16.4	-17	2004	7	32.5	21	171	4.1	207	58.5	11.7
5	21.3	18	133	3.3	176	50.7	14.5	+12	2003	6	22.7	21	139	3.5	240	58.2	16.7
6*	24.3	21	214	5.2	195	49.0	16.8	-7	2002	5	30.5	21	159	4.0	235	56.3	12.9
7*	25.8	17	215	4.7	144	43.3	13.9	-2	2001	7	24.5	21	158	3.8	189	50.1	14.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

UNLV 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	OFF SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	DEF SKS BY	DEF TURN
–	Idaho St	26	33-174	5.3	26-46	332	0	21	29-62	2.1	19-36	288	4	+2
–	at Iowa St	17	31-74	2.4	24-35	218	3	17	37-137	3.7	14-21	203	0	0
–	at Hawaii	18	28-39	1.4	18-47	232	3	30	31-214	6.9	33-45	369	2	+3
–	Nevada	13	31-74	2.4	18-32	153	5	14	37-180	4.9	9-15	131	2	-4
–	at Colorado St	14	22-52	2.4	19-38	198	3	23	43-130	3.0	23-28	257	4	0
–	New Mexico	17	29-84	2.9	18-33	295	4	14	39-112	2.9	13-27	168	2	-3
–	at BYU	18	26-92	3.5	19-38	216	0	28	41-308	7.5	20-25	266	1	-5
–	at Utah	17	29-65	2.2	25-35	232	1	19	34-110	3.2	20-24	290	2	-1
–	TCU	11	24-118	4.9	10-27	128	3	29	55-250	4.5	15-28	195	0	+1
–	at San Diego St	18	26-39	1.5	20-39	211	1	20	47-141	3.0	16-21	136	0	0
–	Wyoming	12	23-59	2.6	19-37	162	1	19	39-89	2.3	19-27	197	3	-1
–	Air Force	30	43-204	4.7	26-34	351	0	22	45-204	4.5	10-18	211	1	-3
TOTALS		211	347-1074	3.1	242-441	2728	24	256	477-1937	4.1	211-315	2711	21	-11
AVERAGES		17.6	29-90	3.1	20-37	227	2.0	21.3	40-161	4.1	18-26	226	1.8	-0.9

2002 RESULTS

UNLV Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Wisconsin	+5'	7-27
–	Kansas	-14	31-20
–	at Oregon St	+16	17-47
–	at Toledo	+7'	21-38
–	Nevada	+1	21-17
–	New Mexico	-8	16-25
–	at BYU	+10	24-3
–	at San Diego St	+3	21-31
–	Wyoming	-8	49-48 OT
–	at Utah	+10'	17-28
–	Air Force	+5	32-49
–	at Colorado St - #16	+17	36-33

2003 RESULTS

UNLV Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Toledo	E	28-18
–	at Kansas	-10'	24-46
–	at Wisconsin - #14	+20	23-5
–	Hawaii	-1	33-22
–	at Nevada	-5'	16-12
–	at Air Force	+6'	7-24
–	Utah	+2	10-28
–	BYU	-3'	20-27 OT
–	at New Mexico	+9'	37-35
–	San Diego St	-5	0-7
–	Colorado St	+7	23-24
–	at Wyoming	-1	35-24

2004 RESULTS

UNLV Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Tennessee - #13	+19	17-42
–	at Wisconsin - #21	+15'	3-18
–	Air Force	-5'	10-27
–	Utah St	-13	21-31
–	Nevada	-5'	48-13
–	at BYU	+10'	24-20
–	New Mexico	-2	20-24
–	at Utah - #9	+24	28-63
–	Wyoming	-3	45-53 3OT
–	at Colorado St	+6'	10-45
–	at San Diego St	+10	3-21

2005 RESULTS

UNLV Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at New Mexico	+15	22-24
–	Idaho	-12	34-31
–	at Nevada	-1'	14-22
–	at Utah St	-3'	24-31
–	at Wyoming	+18'	17-42
–	San Diego St	+9'	13-10
–	at Air Force	+13'	7-42
–	Utah	+11'	32-42
–	BYU	+12	14-55
–	at TCU - #18	+29	3-51
–	Colorado St	+15	27-31

2006 RESULTS

UNLV Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Idaho St	NL	54-10
–	at Iowa St	+13'	10-16
–	at Hawaii	+13	13-42
–	Nevada	+3'	3-31
–	at Colorado St	+17'	7-28
–	New Mexico	+2'	36-39 OT
–	at BYU	+28'	7-52
–	at Utah	+22	23-45
–	TCU	+19	10-25
–	at San Diego St	+9'	7-21
–	Wyoming	+9'	26-34
–	Air Force	+10'	42-39

WYOMING COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Last year was the first time in the last 5 years that the starting QB was not a Bramlet. Casey Bramlet was a 3 year starter and threw for 3,037 (56.7%) with a 22-9 ratio in '04 (#7DC CIN). His younger brother, Corey, started the next two years and had NFL caliber size and arm strength but his 2005 season went downhill with a 7 TO implosion vs TCU and his ratio dropped to 16-18 throwing for (2,610 yds, 59.6%). Jacob Doss (PS#107) was a 2002 finalist for Kentucky's Mr. Football with a 43-4 HS ratio. He played in 6 games in '04 and '05 hitting 7 of 13 for 49 yards. Stinson Dean (PS#283) played in two games (0 att). In my 2006 magazine I projected VHT Karsten Sween (PS#28) as the starter as he has outstanding arm strength and was impressive running the scout team. Also contending was Ian Hetrick (6'2" 195 Jr, PS#143JC) who threw for 3,104 (63.6%) at JC in '05. Glenn opted to start Doss with Dean #2 and Sween #3 heading into last season. Sween had just 1 pass att in the first 4 weeks, but vs Syr came off the bench and hit 19 of 27 for 201 and led a late 92 yard drive to force OT. Glenn named Sween the starter vs NM but he struggled in the 1H with 2 fumbles and 2 int. Sween, who is the first ever left-handed starting QB here, recovered in the 2H and then guided WY to 3 straight wins. He had a streak of 82 straight passes without an int until he tossed one vs TCU and finished 5-2 as a starter. He threw for 1,304 (60.4%) with a 9-8 ratio while Doss threw for 826 (61.8%) with a 7-5 ratio. Dean was upset that Sween started vs NM and opted to transfer. Sween did have offseason knee surgery but should be 100% after missing parts of the spring. I look for Sween to be one of the MWC's top QB's in 2007.

QB Karsten Sween

RUNNING BACKS - Wyoming has not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1998. In 2005, with VHT Joseph Harris (PS#43JC) taking a medRS (409, 4.4 in '04) and Ivan Harrison (PS#189) injured (587, 3.7 in '04), rFr Wynel Seldon set a school frosh rushing record with 871 (4.7). That was the highest rushing total since 1998. Last year, Seldon, Harris, Harrison and Devin Moore all ret'd. Harris (susp 1st gm) was slowly worked into the rotation during the season and was used mostly on short yardage situations. Harrison suffered a sprained knee in fall camp and only played 4. Seldon and Moore became the team's Thunder and Lightning combo. Moore, with 4.3 speed, was used as a slot WR in the spring and Seldon (4.45 spd) who added 9 lbs, brought power up the middle. Seldon's best game was vs Colo St where he rushed for 112. He missed SDSt and had just 65 in the final 2 outings and finished with 610 (3.9). In the final 3 games, Moore was impressive rushing for 295 (7.4) aided by a late 71 yard TD run vs BYU when Wyoming trailed 55-0. He finished with 574 (7.2). Harris led the team with 40 vs TCU and had 260 (4.1). John Wendling, the upman on punts, had 6 carries for 119 yards (19.8!) all on fake P's. Harrison had just 12 att. This year they lose Harris and Harrison but have Seldon and Moore who are now both upperclassmen. Adding depth is Darius Terry (5'11" 203 rFr), Jimmy DeAndrea (6'0" 205 So), Jared Killpack (5'11" 188 rFr), Jared Yannacito (5'9" 185 So), TE Joe Evers (6'5" 245 rFr) and this year's true frosh. I'll call for the Cowboys to have their most productive rush attack in at least seven years.

RECEIVERS - Wyoming WR's have had a storied past (see Hardcore). In 2005 Jovon Bouknight had 41% of the team's receiving yards and had to be replaced in '06 as did the #3 WR. The top returnee was Michael Ford (29, 14.5) and Tyler Holden had 16 (10.8) despite missing 3 in '05. Ford was the feature last year with 60 (11.2) and Holden added 39 (11.8). Dangerous returnman Hoost Marsh added 23 (12.2). They use two TE's often and although Chris Sundberg broke his hand (soft cast), still made a great juggling catch vs NMex but then injured his collarbone (8, 13.9). Wade Betschart had 18 (8.1). Glenn doesn't like to play true frosh but used a couple at WR. True frosh Greg Bolling (PS#74DB) had a pass bounce off his hands that was int'd vs Boise and got into the coach's doghouse (1 rec). Derrick Levy (PS#249) had 9 (13.9) and JUCO Darion Donnelly, who missed time in August, had 1 rec. Levy left school to get his grades up but could return for fall. This year the only loss is Holden making it a much more experienced group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With just one starter back on the O-line in 2003 and two rFr starting, WY averaged 2.7 ypc rushing and the OL allowed 42 sacks. They had 4 starters back in both 2004 and 2005 and improved to 3.2 and 3.6 ypc rush with just 28 sacks (7.4%) in 2005. Last year they had 8 of the top 10 back (lost 2 st'r) including three longtime starters. While they did have their best ypg rush since 1999, the ypc stayed the same at 3.6 and the sack total rose to 40 (11.6%). This year they lose 2nd Tm MWC C Jason Karcher (9 st, 4Y st'r), 1st Tm MWC LT Chase Johnson (12 st, 4Y st'r, UFA MIN) and RT Hunter Richards (12 st, 3Y st'r). The 2 returning starters have moved to new positions. Glenn must have a lot of confidence in last year's frosh class as he did not bring in any JUCO's. This unit is the biggest question mark on offense this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 WY had 2 starters back up front, but one was outstanding NG Dusty Hoffschneider. They allowed 170 ypg (3.9), their best total since 1999, and the D had 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace Hoffschneider and switched to a 3-4 defense. One starter returned plus they got back DT Aaron Robbins (12 st '04, inj '05) so basically had 2 starters returning. This year they lose DE Mike Groover (6 st, 18 tkl, 3.5 sk), DT Corey Mace (10 st, 51 tkl, 5.5 tfl), NG Jake Mayes (12 st, 27 tkl, 6 tfl), DT Robbins (7 st, 31 tkl, HM MWC) and DE Adam Diehl (11 tkl, 2 sk). John Fletcher had 9 tackles and 2 sacks but suffered a staff infection in his finger (missed 2) and should have a bigger impact. It is a lightly experienced group with no established stars and much like the offense, the D-line is the biggest question mark on this side of the ball.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 the Cowboys had to replace their #2 and #3 tacklers then lost 2 more to injury. The 3 deep consisted of 1 junior and 5 underclassmen at the end of the year. They switched to a 3-4 last year and had 3 starters returning to the four positions and the defense made great strides allowing just 22 ppg which was their best S/'98. This year they only lose SLB Austin Hall (11 st, 22 tkl, 3Y st'r). The top 5 LB tacklers all return as backups John Prater and Brandon Haugen both had more tackles than Hall. This should be one of the MWC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wyoming had a combined 5 starts returning to the secondary in 2004 but surprisingly finished #31 in my pass D rankings. In 2005 the entire 2 deep returned but was banged up and still finished #30. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including both CB's (top CB, #6 DC). SS John Wendling earned 1st Tm MWC honors (#1 tkl'r) and thanks to his presence, the Cowboys rose to #18. This year they must replace both safeties in Wendling (12 st, 78 tkl, #6DC BUF) and FS Dorsey Golston (10 st, 46 tkl, HM MWC). Six of the top 8 are back but it will be tough to improve much on 2006's outstanding pass D finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cowboys usually finish high in my ST rankings with 3 Top 20 finishes. Glenn inherited a #80 unit and moved up to #44 in 2003 and #10 in 2004. Everyone was back in '05 so it was surprising when they dropped to #47. Last year they had to replace their K, two P's and top KR (27.8). PR Hoost Marsh was 1st Tm MWC in '04 (13.5) but was banged up in '05 (8.2) and avg 8.5 in '06. Devin Moore was the top KR (16.3). P Billy Vinnedge did a fine job landing 18 inside the 20 and had a 43.2 avg (34.5 net). Aric Goodman had 11 TB on 45 KO. He and Jake Scott battled at K all year with Goodman missing a key xp vs Virginia. Goodman (PS#10) hit 10 of 16 with a long of 52 and Scott was 2 of 4 with a long of 47. The most exciting thing for Wyoming was upman John Wendling running for 119 yards on 6 fake punts and Vinnedge went 17 yards for a FD after a bad snap. Wyoming dropped to one of its lowest finishes in my ST rankings at #87 and should make a big move up.

COACHES - Joe Glenn and his staff are in their 5th year here. Glenn compiled a record of 39-6 in his 3 years at Montana and has been a HC for 22 years. He turned WY around in '04 with a 7-5 mark. Glenn was on the cover of The Sporting News in '05 and was talked about as one of the hot coaching prospects for BCS schools. Unfortunately he suffered his 2nd losing season in 2005 and was 6-6 last year. His OC, Bill Cockhill, was also his OC at Montana. DC Mike Breske was his DC there as well and last year changed the defense from a 4-3 to a 3-4. The staff has over 110 years of coaching experience together.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into 2000 WY had not had a losing season since 1992. It was obviously a rebuilding year with just 7 starters back and with a brand-new HC and I actually pegged them for last in the MWC. Wyoming fell from 7-4 in 1999 to 1-10 in 2000 and the next two years struggled with 2-9 and 2-10 records, including a 12 game losing streak. Joe Glenn inherited a veteran group with 14 returning starters in 2003 and they improved to 4-8. Wyoming had just 3 MWC home games in 2004 but moved up to 3-4 in the conf (outgained by 54.6 ypg). They earned their first bowl berth since 1993 and upset BCS member UCLA, 24-21. Earlier in the year they had beaten Ole Miss, their first win ever over an SEC team (108 years). After starting 4-1 they received votes in the AP poll for the first time since 1999. They had 15 starters returning in 2005 and again opened the season at 4-1. QB Bramlet had SEVEN turnovers vs TCU and their season came tumbling down. Showing how the ball bounces, WY fumbled 15 times on the season (lost 13) but forced 26 fumbles and only recovered 6! They finished just 2-6 vs MWC foes (8th place) and 4-7 overall. I pointed out last year that they were-12 in turnovers in '05 but did have just 12 starters back and a tough schedule. Once again, 2006 was a year in which WY could have been much better than their record showed. They had 4 close losses including a missed xp in OT to lose to UVA, and outgained a Boise St team that would finish undefeated 251-246. They also outgained Syracuse 512-275 but lost in 2 OT's. They also had a close loss to Air Force and with a few breaks could have actually finished 10-2. Wyoming was 5-3 in the MWC although they were outscored by 23 points and outgained by 12.4 ypg (4th best). The offense picked up with the insertion of rFr Karsten Sween (PS#28) at QB. He is one of 7 returning starters on offense including top RB's Seldon and Moore and four of their top five receivers. I will call for them to have their best ppg output in at least 8 years. The defense has 5 starters back and should remain solid. The Cowboys have just 12 starters back (3rd fewest MWC) but if their inexperienced offensive and defensive lines come together, they are capable of a 2nd straight bowl eligible season.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

QB 16 KARSTEN SWEEN SO. 6-2 204 **PS#28.** 7 st rFr, 1304 (60%) 9-8 ratio, 82 rush. **7** Jacob Doss (6-2 218 Sr) PS#107. 5 st LY. 875 yd 2Y (61%) 8-6 ratio, 91 rush.

RB 31 WYNEL SELDON JR. 6-0 214 11 st rFr, 871 (4.7), 27 rec (7.3). 9 st LY, 610 (3.9), 14 rec. **4.45 spd. 5 Devin Moore** (5-10 182 Jr) PS#231WR. **4.3 spd.** 2 st, 697 (6.6), 27 rec 2Y.

WR 8 MICHAEL FORD SR. 6-2 203 PS#123TE. 1 st, 19 rec (11.8) rFr. 6 st '05, 29 (14.5). 12 st LY, 60 (11.2). **13** Chris Johnson PS#465JC. **4** Evan Weatherspoon (6-1 183 So).

WR 6 HOOST MARSH SR. 5-9 172 1st Tm MWC PR rFr. 6 st WR LY, 23 (12.2). 1099 ret yd 3Y. **15** Kyle Jacobo (6-2 192 Jr) PS#172DB. 1 st, 10 rec. Derrick Levy (6-0 178 So) PS#249. 9 rec.

WR84 Greg Bolling So. 6-2 180 PS#74DB. 1 rec true. **80** Darion Donnelly (6-2 205 Sr) PS#262JC. **11** Travis Burkhalter (6-1 185 Fr) PS#152QB. GS. **42** Greg Genho (6-3 250 So).

TE 46 WADE BETSCHART SR. 6-3 250 5 st TE '04-'05, 14 rec. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC,** 18 (8.1). **87 Chris Sundberg** (6-5 238 Jr) PS#134QB. 5 st til inj LY. Jesson Salyards (6-5 235 So) 2 st, 2 rec.

C 74 TIM BOND JR. 6-4 296 PS#364. 2nd string rFr. 12 starts LY (3C, 9RG). **70** Russ Arnold (6-4 287 So) PS#447. 3 st RG rFr. **68** Erik Kottom (6-4 281 rFr). Added 31 lbs.

RG 57 Jack Tennant rFr. 6-4 304 PS#462. 2nd string as true but RS. #5 Heavyweight wrestler in IL, HS. **66** Andy Bickel (6-6 288 rFr) PS#452. **65** Anthony Blue (6-5 296 rFr).

LG 75 Sam Sterner rFr. 6-4 288 PS#411. 2nd string, 2 games but RS LY. +28 lbs. **67** Zack Kennedy (6-6 321 So) PS#606. JC '05. +31 lb. **60** Ryan McKinley (6-6 290 So) PS#276DL.

RT 76 KYLE HOWARD JR. 6-7 312 PS#381. Last 4 st LG rFr. 12 st LG LY. Moved to RT in spg. **79** Jeff Zimmerman (6-6 276 So) PS#419DL. **61** Garrett King (6-6 288 rFr).

LT 71 Ryan Otterson So. 6-5 281 PS#398DL. 2nd string '05 but RS. 2nd string LY, played 2H vs UNLV. **78** Nick Brousseau (6-9 284 rFr) PS#183. **63** Eric Auflick (6-5 276 So).

K 39 ARIC GOODMAN SO. 5-11 178 **PS#10.** Hit 10 of 16 FG as true, long 52, 18 of 20 xp. **21 Jake Scott** (5-8 158 So) PS#68. Hit 2 of 4 FG as rFr, long 47, 12-12 xp.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

DE 98 Mitch Unrein So. 6-4 257 1 st DE rFr, 12 tkl, 1 tfl. **47** Mike Neuhaus (6-3 256 Jr). Navy prep '04. 6 tkl here as true '05. **94** Rob Hollway (6-4 276 Jr) PS#204. 3 tkl 2Y.

DT 91 John Fletcher So. 6-6 274 **PS#158QB.** GS '04. 9 tkl, 2 sk, 1 tfl rFr. **48** Danny Dutmer (6-3 249 Jr) PS#332. 11 gm LS '05. 6 tkl LY. **Anthony Wilson** PS#445JC. 7.5 sk JC. In spg.

DE 90 Fred Givens So. 6-0 310 PS#480. 12 tkl rFr. **92** Ben Smith (6-2 272 So) PS#584OL. 2nd string LG rFr. Moved DL spg. **97** Alex Stover PS#235. Erick Pauley (6-4 327 Jr).

BUCK 55 Mike Juergens Jr. 6-4 235 1 st, 16 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 1 st LY, 18 tkl, 1 sk. **37** Matt Barella (6-2 237 So) PS#458LB. 1 tkl, 7 gm rFr until inj. **99** Alex Hays is PS#424OL.

SLB 34 SEAN CLAFFEY SR. 6-3 227 PS#195QB. 31 tkl '04-'05. 12 st LY BUCK, 37 tkl, 8 tfl. **36** Weston Johnson (6-3 221 So) PS#322WR. 19 tkl, 4 pbu rFr. Zeb Whipp (6-1 236 So) 5 tkl '06.

MLB 53 LUKE CHASE SR. 6-1 240 3 st, 45 tkl, 8 tfl. 8 st '05, 59 tkl. 12 st LY, 44 tkl, 1 int. **44** John Prater (6-0 234 Sr) 390 bench. Inj '05. 36 tkl LY. **54** Jake Edmunds (6-2 227 Jr).

WLB 29 WARD DOBBS JR. 6-0 229 PS#174. 4.69 spd. 5 st '05, 75 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC.** 69 tkl, 5 tfl. **51** Brandon Haugen (6-1 239 Sr) 41 tkl 2Y. **46** Luke Masterson (5-11 230 rFr).

CB 28 MICHAEL MEDINA SR. 6-0 190 4.5 spd. 4 tkl '04-'05. 11 st LY, 31 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **9** TJ Atwater (5-9 185 So) PS#291. 3 tkl rFr. Marcell Gipson (5-10 164 So) 3 tkl LY as true.

CB 20 JULIUS STINSON SR. 5-10 182 PS#382. 17 tkl '04-'05. 10 st LY, HM MWC, 57 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **3** Troy Lewis (5-7 165 Sr) PS#476JC. 12 tkl LY. **19** Lamonta Ward (5-9 164 rFr).

SS 27 Michael Ray Jr. 6-1 206 PS#530. 2 tkl, 11 gm rFr. 5 tkl, 9 gm LY. **41** Alex Toney (6-1 205 rFr) PS#415. **23** Derrick McMahen PS#363JC. **7** Brian Kuhtz is PS#325QB.

FS 1 Quincy Rogers Jr. 6-1 207 PS#332. 12 tkl rFr. 4 st LY (2FS, 2 CB) 40 tkl, 4 pbu. **26** Chris Prosinski (6-1 200 rFr) PS#280. **18** Joe Killpack (6-0 173 So). **35** Reece Hall (5-10 187 rFr).

P 25 BILLY VINNEDGE SR. 6-1 196 PS#336JC. 41.8 avg at JC '04, 40.4 '05. 61 punts here LY, 43.2 avg, net 34.5. **21** Jake Scott (5-8 158 So) PS#68. **42** Nick Landess (6-3 196 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Levi Salmans 6-7 275 PS#141
RB	James Davis 5-9 203 PS#125
LB	Mark Oliver 6-1 230 PS#128
DB	Derrick McMahen 5-10 188 PS#363JC
OL	Brandon Self 6-3 300 PS#179
LB	Brian Hendricks 6-1 210 PS#138
QB	Chris Stutzriem 6-4 225 PS#103
WR	Travis Burkhalter 6-1 185 PS#152QB '06
DL	Anthony Wilson 6-3 263 PS#445JC
DL	Alex Stover 6-3 265 PS#235
LB	Gabe Knapton 6-3 215 PS#254
DL	Marcus Felker 6-1 300 PS#255
OL	John Hutchins 6-5 250 PS#335
OL	Travis Hillen 6-5 255 PS#266DL
WR	Chris Johnson 5-10 175 PS#465JC
DL	Alex Hays 6-3 250 PS#424OL
WR	David Leonard 6-4 185 PS#380DB
WR	Brandon Stewart 5-11 185 PS#372
RB	Johnathan Craig 5-10 185 PS#400
LB	Bryson Studnicka 6-3 220 PS#404
OL	Clayton Kirven 6-6 270 PS#485
DB	Brian Kuhtz 6-3 205 PS#325QB
DB	Keith Lewis 5-11 185 PS#540
OL	Zack Kennedy 6-5 321 PS#606
TE	Josh Biezuns 6-2 230 PS#186

WYOMING COWBOYS

Laramie, Wyoming
Weather (307) 635-9901

JOE GLENN (Career 21-26) (Div IAA 39-6, Div II 98-35, NAIA 21-18-1)
5th Year at Wyoming — Glenn's Bowl Record: 1-0

Glenn's records AT WYOMING

21-26	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
14-9	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
6-17	Away	3-6	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	2-2	Off A Bye
12-18	Vs Conference	8-15	Off A Loss

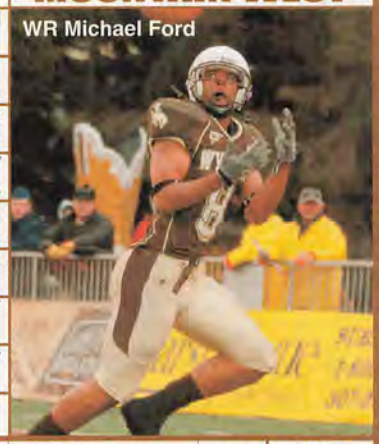
2006 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,22,3)
Lost: 18 (9,9,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,109 (#96)

MOUNTAIN WEST


WR Michael Ford

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#78

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WY	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Virginia	A					
Sep. 8	Utah St	A					
Sep. 15	at Boise St	A					
Sep. 22	at Ohio	A					
Sep. 29							
Oct. 6	TCU	A					
Oct. 13	New Mexico (HC)	A					
Oct. 20	at Air Force	A					
Oct. 27	UNLV	A					
Nov. 3	at San Diego St	G					
Nov. 10	at Utah	A					
Nov. 17	BYU	A					
Nov. 23	at Colorado St (Fri)	A					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Casey Bramlet 9,684 '00-'03
2. Tom Corontzos 7,945 '88-'91
3. Jay Stoner 7,674 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ryan Christopherson 2,906 '91-'94
2. Marques Brigham 2,605 '95-'98
3. Gerald Abraham 2,278 '84-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marcus Harris 4,518 '93-'96
2. Ryan Yarborough 4,446 '90-'93
3. Jovon Bouknight 3,626 '02-'05

Wyoming is 12-1 since 1994 in home openers with the average score 35-14. WY is 3-1 vs ACC & had 17-11 FD & 313-206 yd edges at Virginia in '06 but lost in OT.

Cowboys & Aggies meet for the 62nd time, but just the 4th game in 28 yrs (WY is 3-0). LY WY only led 10-7 at the half, but outscored USU 28-0 in the 2H holding them to just 5 FD's.

Wyoming is 0-3 all-time vs Boise, but LY held the Broncos scoreless in the 2H allowing just 80 yds. Wyoming held Boise St to a season low 246 yds (avg 420).

Wyoming is just 3-1 all-time vs current MAC members. This will be the 1st meeting with Ohio. The Cowboys are just 2-8 prior to a bye week since 1999.

Bonus: The Cowboys are just 7-35 in their last 42 road games.

WY is 9-16 S/'00 hosting MWC teams, but did go 3-1 last year. Last year WY wasted 3 scoring chances in TCU territory (39, 22, & 23) w/a punt, missed FG & GL int.

Last year QB Sween rebounded from a poor 1H with 2 TD passes for the win. WY hasn't beat NM in B2B yrs S/'91-'92 as LY's win snapped a 6 gm losing streak.

Wyoming is just 6-23 in MWC road gms, but 4 of the wins have come the L3Y. This series has been very close as AF leads 22-20-3 w/no tm winning more than 2 gms in a row S/'88.

The winner has scored at least 28 pts in every gm except for the 1st meeting in '78. LY WY never trailed as the Cowboys became bowl eligible, but failed to receive an invite.

WY is 2-6 on grass the L2Y as Synthetic Turf was installed at War Memorial prior to '05. Cowboys are just 2-12 their last 14 November road gms being outscored by 17 ppg.

Utah entered LY's gm vs WY as the only IA tm to not allow a sk, but the Pokes had 6 (-49 yds). Utes gained 80 of 144 yds & scored their only pts after the Cowboys led 31-0 early 3Q.

Wyoming is 7-26 S/'70 vs BYU & LY they allowed 50+ pts for the 1st time S/'00 (AF 51 pts). The Cowboys are just 1-6 in War Memorial finales (beat SDSt LY).

The HT has won the last 5 years. This will be the 99th "Border War," played every year since 1946. LY WY's shutout marked the 1st in the series since 1959.

STADIUM: WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM (32,580) (#89)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	2-10	4-8	6-5	4-7	6-6	25-55
Home	1-4	1-5	2-3	3-3	5-1	2-3	4-2	18-21
Away	0-6	1-4	0-7	1-5	1-4	2-4	2-4	7-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-7	0-7	1-6	2-5	3-4	2-6	5-3	13-38
ATS	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	5-6	7-3	5-6	6-6	37-38-1
Home Fav (Vic Koenning)	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1 (Joe Glenn)	2-0	2-2	2-2	7-7
Home Dog	0-2	3-2	2-1-1	2-2	3-0	0-1	2-0	12-8-1
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-2
Away Dog	3-2	2-3	3-4	2-3	2-3	3-3	1-3	16-21
Favorite	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	2-2	3-3	9-9
Dog	3-4	5-5	5-5-1	4-5	5-3	3-4	3-3	28-29-1
vs Conf	3-4	3-4	5-1-1	3-4	5-2	2-6	3-5	24-26-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	0-4	2-2	2-1	3-0	3-1	13-12
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-3	4-2	3-1	3-2	14-10
Off SU Loss	4-5	4-4	3-4-1	4-3	3-1	1-5	2-4	21-26-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Wynel Seldon	156	661	51	610	1	3.9
Devin Moore	80	580	6	574	3	7.2
Joseph Harris	63	270	10	260	3	4.1
John Wendling	6	119	0	119	0	19.8
Hoost Marsh	8	40	0	40	1	5.0
Ivan Harrison	12	31	4	27	0	2.2
Jacob Doss	40	82	71	11	1	0.3
Karsten Sween	55	82	170	-88	2	-1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Karsten Sween	212	128	60.4	1304	9	8
Jacob Doss	131	81	61.8	826	7	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Michael Ford	60	674	11.2	4	40
Tyler Holden	39	461	11.8	4	51
Hoost Marsh	23	280	12.2	3	39
Wade Betschart	18	146	8.1	2	18
Derrick Levy	9	125	13.9	1	44
Wynel Seldon	14	114	8.1	1	29
Devin Moore	21	113	5.4	0	27
Chris Sundberg	8	111	13.9	1	33

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Billy Vinnedge	61	2634	43.2	5	34.5	2	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Aric Goodman	18-20	2-2	5-7	2-6	1-1	10-16	52
Jake Scott	12-12	0-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	2-4	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
John Wendling	78	1	2.5	4	1
Ward Dobbs	69	3	2	1	0
Julius Stinson	57	2	1.5	3	2
Corey Mace	51	0.5	5	1	0
Dorsey Golston	46	0	0.5	1	4
Luke Chase	44	0	3	1	1
Quincy Rogers	40	1	0	4	0
Sean Claffey	37	3.5	4.5	1	0
John Prater	36	0	0	0	0
Aaron Robbins	31	4	1.5	0	0
Michael Medina	31	0	3.5	7	2
Jake Mayes	27	1.5	4.5	0	0
Brandon Haugen	24	3	1	1	0
Austin Hall	22	0.5	3	1	0
Weston Johnson	19	0	1	4	0
Mike Groover	18	3.5	1.5	1	0
Mike Juergens	18	1	0	0	0
Troy Lewis	12	0	0	2	1
Fred Givins	12	0.5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hoost Marsh	24	205	8.5	0
Troy Lewis	2	38	19.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Devin Moore	15	245	16.3	0
Hoost Marsh	10	214	21.4	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
87	Holiday	+4	Iowa - #18	19-20
88	Holiday - #15	+2'	Oklahoma St - #12	14-62
90	Copper	+7	California	15-17
93	Copper	+3'	Kansas St - #20	17-52
04	Las Vegas	+12'	UCLA	24-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Wyoming's All-Time Bowl Record 5-6

WYOMING'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	21.5	18	132	3.6	179	60.7	14.5	-4	2006	6	22.0	14	107	3.2	156	52.0	12.0
8*	24.6	20	117	3.6	246	59.2	14.7	-12	2005	7	27.0	21	170	3.9	207	56.0	14.0
5	26.5	22	129	3.2	240	58.3	14.0	+6	2004	5	24.8	22	179	4.3	212	52.9	15.8
7*	23.8	19	84	2.7	261	57.1	14.5	+10	2003	7	30.0	24	230	5.0	212	57.8	14.8
10*	24.0	21	100	3.1	280	59.1	15.8	-2	2002	6	36.0	26	206	4.6	285	64.5	13.6
8	20.8	20	99	2.9	282	52.1	18.3	-5	2001	6	33.5	23	246	5.3	218	59.0	13.9

2006 STATS BY GAME

WY 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Utah St	31	51-221	4.3	18-27	239	0	5	26-55	2.1	10-22	74	2	-2
–	at Virginia	17	38-168	4.4	23-32	145	4	11	22-32	1.5	20-34	174	2	-1
–	Boise St	15	29-73	2.5	14-30	178	5	17	41-130	3.2	12-21	116	3	-2
–	Air Force	14	21-77	3.7	13-21	169	4	24	70-327	4.7	3-7	40	1	-1
–	at Syracuse	29	40-186	4.7	33-50	326	6	15	32-154	4.8	11-25	121	1	-1
–	at New Mexico	19	37-114	3.1	19-32	204	3	12	35-78	2.2	11-32	112	4	-2
–	Utah	17	44-100	2.3	17-24	202	4	8	29-33	1.1	16-31	111	6	+2
–	Colorado St	15	39-166	4.3	10-22	152	3	12	22-42	1.9	23-45	217	2	+3
–	at TCU	11	26-28	1.1	15-28	137	5	20	41-188	4.6	11-18	244	2	+1
–	San Diego St	23	54-222	4.1	15-25	97	3	10	20-40	2.0	10-21	192	3	0
–	at BYU	10	23-144	6.3	14-28	102	0	18	43-141	3.3	20-26	313	2	-2
–	at UNLV	19	39-89	2.3	19-27	197	3	12	23-59	2.6	19-37	162	1	+1
TOTALS		220	441-1588	3.6	210-346	2148	40	164	404-1279	3.2	166-319	1876	29	-4
AVERAGES		18.3	37-132	3.6	18-29	179	3.3	13.7	34-107	3.2	14-27	156	2.4	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Tennessee - #4	+30'	7-47
–	at C Michigan	+3'	20-32
–	Boise St	+6	13-35
–	at Washington - #13	+30'	7-38
–	The Citadel	NL	34-30
–	at Colorado St	+25	36-44
–	San Diego St	+4	20-24
–	Air Force - #22	+18	34-26
–	at UNLV	+8	48-49 OT
–	at BYU	+11	31-35
–	Utah	+11'	18-23
–	at New Mexico	+8	20-49

2003 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Montana St	NL	21-10
–	at Oklahoma St	+21	24-48
–	Kansas	-4	35-42
–	at Air Force	+20	29-35
–	at Boise St	+23	17-33
–	at Utah St	-2	48-21
–	BYU	+1	13-10
–	at San Diego St	+3	20-25
–	Colorado St	+10'	35-28
–	at Utah	+12'	17-47
–	New Mexico	+8'	3-26
–	UNLV	+1	24-35

2004 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Applachian St	NL	53-7
–	at Texas A&M	+11	0-31
–	Mississippi	+3'	37-32
–	ULM	-14	31-10
–	San Diego St	+3	20-10
–	at BYU	+7'	13-24
–	at Colorado St	+4	7-30
–	Air Force	-3	43-26
–	at UNLV	+3	53-45 2OT
–	Utah - #7	+23	28-45
–	at New Mexico	+8'	9-16

2005 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Florida - #10	+24	14-32
–	ULM	-21	38-0
–	at Air Force	+2'	29-28
–	at Mississippi	+2	24-14
–	UNLV	-18'	42-17
–	TCU	-6'	14-28
–	New Mexico	-6'	24-27
–	at Colorado St	+3	31-39
–	at Utah	+2'	13-43
–	BYU	+4'	21-35
–	at San Diego St	+7	21-34

2006 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Utah St	-13	38-7
–	at Virginia	+9	12-13 OT
–	Boise St	+7'	10-17
–	Air Force	-1	24-31
–	at Syracuse	+4'	34-40 2OT
–	at New Mexico	-1	14-10
–	Utah	+3	31-15
–	Colorado St	-4	24-0
–	at TCU	+6	3-26
–	San Diego St	-14'	27-24
–	at BYU - #25	+17'	7-55
–	at UNLV	-9'	34-26

SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Matt Dlugolecki (1,248 yds '03) battled rFr Kevin O'Connell who is 6'6" 225 and mobile and true frosh Darren Mougey (PS#57) who can bench 225 19x's, has 4.53 speed and can throw a football 60 yards flatfooted. They opted to redshirt Mougey and O'Connell separated his shoulder (missed 2). Dlugolecki started the first 6. O'Connell started the final 5 attempting every QB pass and threw for 1,328 (48.7%) with a 9-9 ratio (466 rush). He became the only Aztec QB to rush for over 100 and pass for over 200 in a game. He underwent shoulder surgery and missed spring '05 but had a fine season throwing for 2,663 (62.1%) with a 19-12 ratio (647 rush). Mougey played in six (26 passes). Last year, O'Connell was injured (thumb) in the opener and did not return to action until the Wyoming game and was only 80% healthy. Mougey played well vs UTEP and started 3 but was injured vs SJSt (shoulder) and Kevin Craft (former HC Tom's son) took over. He hit 20 of 32 for 216 vs BYU but on the season threw for just 737 (57%) with a 4-6 ratio. O'Connell threw for 635 (58.4%) with a 3-5 ratio and led the team in rushing in the last two games with 56 and 68 yards. This year all 3 QB's return but Mougey was working at receiver in the spring. Adding depth are Kelsey Sokoloski (6'2" 180 rFr, PS#160), Josh O'Brien (6'4" 200 rFr, PS#248) and true frosh Ryan Lindley (PS#74). I expect O'Connell to win the job again and the Aztec QB numbers to be vastly improved if he can remain healthy.

RUNNING BACKS - The Aztecs have had some fine RB's including a guy named Marshall Faulk. In 2003 VHT true frosh Lynell Hamilton (PS#21) became the 2nd Aztec frosh RB to top 200 in a game and was nearing Faulk's frosh rush record when he broke his ankle and missed the final 2. Hamilton redshirted in '04. Brandon Bornes, who has good size and speed, was impressive in practice in '03, and took over down the stretch rushing for 349 in the last 4 to lead the team with 578 (4.3). Hamilton returned in '05 but was not 100%. He led with 819 (4.3) and Bornes added 369 (4.0). Both returned last year. Hamilton struggled early with 59 yards on 31 attempts in the first 2. He rushed for 53 vs Utah but suffered a knee injury and played in just 2 more, ending up with 145 (2.7). Diminutive Atiyyah Henderson (5'9") took over and rushed for 98 vs Utah, 98 vs SJSt, 93 vs BYU, 142 vs AF and 140 vs Cal Poly. He was #1 in the MWC at that point but got worn down and developed fumbling problems averaging just 38.6 ypg over the final 5. He still led with 764 (4.4). Bornes added 252 (4.1). This year everyone returns and I look for improved production from the Aztec RB's.

RB Atiyyah Henderson

RECEIVERS - The Aztecs have had some receivers put up big-time numbers. In 2002 JR Tolver and Kassim Osgood set an NCAA record combining for 236 rec and an amazing 3,337 yards shattering the old record by 563. Jeff Webb led the team in rec for 3 straight years with 55 (12.8) in '03, 71 (12.2) in '04 and 92 (12.1) in '05. Last year they had to replace Webb and the #3WR and then lost their top 2 TE's, Lance Louis and Eric Miclot (comb 12 st '05) both to knee injuries prior to the season. Good sized TE Steve Schmidt (6'5" 250 Sr) was also injured and they were forced to use rFr Matthew Kawulok (220 lbs). WR DeMarco Sampson (PS#94DB) was another projected starter that was lost with an injury (toe) and the leading returnee was Chaz Schilens (34, 13.0). Brett Swain (PS#157DB) led with 47 (11.2) and Schilens added 34 (14.2). Ramal Porter, who is known for his blazing speed but also for dropped passes, got his first start in Wk 6 and finished #3 with 23 (11.7). This year they must replace Porter (7 st) and Brian Spinks (4 st, 10 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jon Toledo (6'3" 210 So, PS#206), TE's Miclot (6'5" 240 Jr, PS#128) who had 11 total starts in 2004 and 2005, Waika Spencer (6'4" 255 So, PS#139WR) and Ryan Chohany (6'3" 230 rFr). They get their 3 injured TE's back and the exciting addition of former QB Darren Mougey who has great athleticism. This unit is far more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2004 O-line used 9 different starting lineups due to injuries and 3 frosh were starting by season's end. They had to replace just one starter in 2005 but only increased the ypc to 3.9 from 3.8 and cut the sack total by 2 to 27 (6.7%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters but did get back 2004 starter Mike Kravetz (1 st '05, inj) and starting C Patrick Justman who had 10 starts in 2004 but did not start in '05. The Aztecs struggled in the first two and moved LG Brandyn Dombrowski to RG and true frosh Whitley Fehoko started 6 at LG. Perhaps learning a new system is the reason why they dropped to 3.4 ypc rush with 25 sacks allowed (8.5%). This year they lose C Justman (12 st, HM MWC). LG Nick Smith (4 st) and 2nd string C Eder Arosemena. They have four starters back and add Eric Rouser who had 3 starts at RT in '05 and was forced to play TE in '06. This group is more experienced and is now in the second year of Long's offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aztecs had just one starter back on the D-line in both 2003 and 2004 but their "Dark Side Defense" allowed just 3.3 and 3.4 ypc rush. They had to replace two starters in 2005 and allowed 185 ypg rush and 4.3 ypc while the D had just 17 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 7 of the top 8 back and a pair of 300 lb DT's. Much was expected of DE Antwan Applewhite. After he failed to get a sack in the first 6 last year, he came on down the stretch with 7 in the last 6, earning 1st Tm MWC honors. Surprisingly the Aztecs still allowed 181 ypg rush (4.4) while the D recorded just 15 sacks (their lowest total ever). Applewhite left early for the NFL draft (12 st, 53 tkl) but was not drafted (UFA SD). Also gone are DT Jonathan Bailes (12 st, 40 tkl, 4 tfl), DT Emil Metroka (1 st, 28 tkl, 3.5 tfl) and DE Kwan Howard (1 tkl). Five of the top 8 are back and despite the loss of arguably their top 2 DL's, they could have better production up front.

LINEBACKERS - Part of the reason that the inexperienced D-line of 2003 and 2004 had such great success vs the rush could be attributed to having the best set of LB's in the MWC. That group got wiped out by graduation in 2005 including #2 and #3 DC's. New starter Freddy Keiaho simply tied as the MWC's #1 tackler (113) and was 1st Tm MWC and a #3DC. Five of the top 6 returned last year. OLB Joe Martin was moved to the MLB spot which had produced two straight NFL DC's. Martin led the team in tackles with 109 earning 2nd Tm MWC honors. This year they must replace Martin (12 st), Trevor Parrington (1 tkl, ACL) and SLB Andrew Schantz (4 st, 31 tkl). Even though they lose their top guy, they have three near-VHT's in the starting lineup and should be stronger as they have as much experience as 2006's squad.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With 7 of the top 8 DB's back, the Aztecs Dark Side D recorded their highest finish ever in my pass D rankings at #26 in 2003. In 2004 they had to replace both starting CB's but still finished #34. In 2005 they had to replace three starters but amazingly, despite allowing 5 TD's to Hawaii in the season finale, yielded a 10-18 ratio and finished #7. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups and plummeted to #79 allowing 59.2% with a 22-9 ratio. Injuries were a problem and Long commented that when they faced Col St, it was the first time he had all 4 of his senior starters on the field since Wk 2. Naturally all 4 depart in 5'9" CB Donny Baker (8 st, 44 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu), CB Terrell Maze (10 st, 57 tkl, 7 pbu), RS Reggie Grigsby (8 st, 40 tkl, 4 pbu) and LS Brett Sturm (10 st, 82 tkl, 4.5 tfl). Thanks to 2006's injuries, four players do return with starting experience and former baseball player Jose Perez (6'1" 175 rFr) is added. Long has talked about playing more true frosh and he signed 6 key candidates to play in the secondary this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Tom Craft's final season, the Aztecs ranked dead last in the MWC in both KR and PR but had a solid K in Garrett Palmer and P in Michael Hughes and finished #67 in my ST rankings in 2005. Last year they were poised for big things. Long did say that LS Tyler Schmitt was the best LS he'd seen at any level. Hughes was #8 in the NCAA in punting in '05, but had foot surgery in the offseason and in the opener vs UTEP avg 17.5 on 2 punts. Later he injured his shoulder vs UNLV and missed a couple of games. In the season finale vs Col St he finally regained form (45.2) but the team's net punting dropped from 36.6 to 32.9. Backup P Alan Gomez had 2 punts blocked vs TCU. The KR's were poor averaging just 16.2 until Ray Bass emerged and had 11 KR (21.1) in the final 2. Palmer, who hit 15 of 17 with a long of 48 in '05 struggled a bit hitting 8 of 13 with a long of 48 but had misses of 47, 48, 52 and 52 yards. The Aztecs finished #108 in '06 and with a healthy Hughes, should have one of the most improved ST units.

COACHES - Chuck Long who was a QB at Iowa under Hayden Fry and has been an asst under Fry, Bob Stoops and Kirk Ferentz. Long was the OC at Oklahoma from 2002-'05. Hayden Fry has had some asst coaches move on to have outstanding coaching careers including Bill Snyder, Barry Alvarez, Dan McCarney and Kirk Ferentz. Long brought in Del Miller as the OC. Miller was the OC at K-St from 2003-'05. Former DC ('06 DB coach) Thom Kaumeyer whose "Dark Side Defense" had a lot of success resigned following the '06 season to become the new DC of Tulane. New DC Bob Elliott was K-St's DC the previous 4 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Aztecs have the solid advantage of playing in a major city and usually the recruiting classes are near the top of the conference, but amazingly they have not had a winning season since 1998! In Tom Craft's final year in 2005, TCU's HC Patterson told his Frogs all week that the Aztecs were not a normal MWC team as they matched up with TCU in both size and speed. The Aztecs finished 4-4 in MWC play despite being picked 8th in the preseason by the media. They lost to 3 teams that finished in the Top 15 (Ohio St, UCLA, TCU) and beat 3 bowl teams (BYU, Utah, Colo St) by an avg of 16.7 ppg. The key to their losing year was a midseason loss to a poor UNLV team. Last year they had 13 returning starters but lost their QB in the opening game and their backup QB a few games later. Injuries and suspensions took a toll as they had 18 players from the spring roster injured and lost for the year. The Aztecs had some tough breaks with 3 close losses. They missed a FG on their final play vs Cal Poly after a fumble had set up CP for the go-ahead FG, and had one-score losses to UTEP and Wyoming. They almost became the first team in school history to have 10 losses in a year but beat Colo St in the season finale, a game in which the announced crowd was 17,557 but estimates targeted it closer to 7,000. Partially due to losing their star RB and top QB's to injury, the Aztecs only avg 14.2 ppg (their lowest in 16 years). This year they return 9 starters on offense. Long brought in more of a Midwestern-run-oriented offense into the heart of aerial football country and I expect him to have more success in the second season. The D loses 7 starters but could improve upon the 27.1 ppg they've allowed in each of the last two seasons. Despite their 3-5 record in MWC play, the Aztecs were outgained by a league worst 89.2 ypg but both their offensive and defensive ypp fit into the page 299 criteria. In the Coaches section, I mention how Hayden Fry's asst's have fared and one foreboding note for this year is that despite the outstanding records of those coaches, none had a winning season in their 2nd year. The Aztecs lost 32 starts last year due to injury which means they should be improved (pg 314). I'll call for SDSt to top 2006's 3-win total but they are probably at least a year away from a winning record.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 7 KEVIN O'CONNELL SR. 6-6 225 PS#129. L/5 st rFr. 12 st '05. 4 st '06 (inj). 4626 pass (57.2%), 31-26 ratio, 1346 rush 3Y. **3** Kevin Craft (6-5 200 So) 5 st, 737 pass (57%) LY.

RB 21 ATIYYAH HENDERSON SO. 5-9 185 7 st rFr, 764 (4.4), 17 rec (4.7). **24** Brandon Sullivan (5-11 215 rFr) PS#120. **23** Tyler Campbell (6-0 215 Jr) PS#100. Davon Brown (5-9 175 rFr) PS#243.

WR 18 Roberto Wallace So. 6-4 210 **PS#64.** Inj rFr. **FB 37 Brandon Bornes** (6-1 225 Sr) **15 st** 3Y, 1199 rush (4.2). **22 Lynell Hamilton** (6-0 225 Sr) **PS#21.** 2051 rush (4.3) 3Y.

WR 16 BRETT SWAIN SR. 6-1 200 PS#157DB. 4 st 2Y, 28 (14.0). 8 st LY, 47 (11.2). Mekell Wesley (5-10 180 So) PS#79. 2 st, 4 rec. **10** Marcus Montgomery (6-2 215 Jr) PS#148. 1 rec.

WR 1 CHAZ SCHILENS SR. 6-4 220 7 st '05, 34 (13.0). 12 st LY, 34 (14.2). **84** Justin Shaw (6-2 205 Jr) PS#114. N Ariz trans. **19** DeMarco Sampson (6-2 205 So) PS#94DB. 1 st, 6 rec '05.

TE 4 DARREN MOUGEY JR. 6-6 230 PS#57QB. 3 st QB 2Y, 548 pass, 245 rush. 4.53 spd. **88** Matthew Kawulok (6-2 220 So) 6 st, 4 rec. **Lance Louis** (6-3 265 Jr) **8 st, 15 rec 2Y**, Inj'd LY.

C 50 Trask Iosefa rFr. 6-0 295 PS#290. GS '05. RS '06. **63** Peter Manuma (6-4 285 Sr) PS#343JC. 2nd string LY. **LS 52** Tyler Schmitt (6-2 230 Sr) 3 year LS here.

RG 62 BRANDYN DOMBROWSKI SR. 6-6 335 5 st LG rFr. 12 st RG '05. 12 starts LY (2LG, 10 RG). **78** Eric Rouser (6-8 255 Jr) PS#125. 3 st RT '05. Mike Matamua PS#211. **72** Tom Rische (6-4 330 rFr).

LG 65 WHITLEY FEHOKO SO. 6-0 325 PS#109. 6 st LG true, 9 gm. **77** Mike Schmidt (6-2 315 Jr) PS#397DL. 3 tkl true. 2 st RG LY. **67** Ikaika Aken-Moleta (6-2 330 So) PS#227.

RT 70 MIKE KRAVETZ SR. 6-6 310 PS#302. 9 st rFr (5RG, 4RT). 1 st RT (miss 9 inj) in '05. 12 st RT LY. **68** Jason Alexander (6-7 290 Jr). Kellen Farr is PS#341.

LT 76 WILL ROBINSON SR. 6-6 280 PS#419. 6 st rFr, 544 snap. 8 st RT '05. 12 st LT LY. Dan Hathaway (6-7 305 Jr) PS#243JC. Kurtis Gunther (6-8 270 Fr) PS#520.

K 14 GARRETT PALMER SR. 6-3 185 12 of 21 in '04, long 50. Super 15 of 17 FG, long 48 '05. 8 of 13 in '06, long 48, 4 misses 47+. Michael Hughes PS#64. 54 yd FG in HS.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 94 NICK OSBORN SR. 6-4 260 8 tkl rFr. 12 DT '05, 47 tkl, 2 sk. 12 st DE LY, 58 tkl, 4.5 tfl, HM MWC. **92** Siaosi Fifita (6-4 260 Jr) PS#271. 2 st, 15 tkl 2Y. **90** BJ Williams (6-3 225 rFr) PS#387.

DT 91 ORNAN NWANSI SR. 6-2 310 PS#274JC. RS '05. 11 st LY, 19 tkl. **96** Peter Nelson (6-5 270 So) PS#162TE. 2 tkl. Jacob Manuel (6-4 265 rFr) PS#255. Ernie Lawson (6-3 255 rFr).

DT 54 Frederick Amano Sr. 6-1 260 PS#147. 43 tkl 2Y at SE MO St. Trans '05. 9 tkl here LY (miss 6). **56** Jonathan Soto (6-3 270 So) 1 st '05, 11 tkl. Avery Williams (6-3 250 So) Scout Tm MVP.

DE 49 Brian Stanbra Jr. 6-4 220 PS#115JC. RS LY. **41** Tony DeMartinis (6-5 255 So) PS#241. 6 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. **97** Eric Ikonne (6-0 205 rFr). Michael Snead is PS#152.

SLB 48 RUSSELL ALLEN JR. 6-3 230 PS#71. 7 st rFr, 61 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 12 st LY, 88 tkl, 6 tfl. **24** Freddy Dunkle (6-1 225 Sr) 28 tkl 3Y. **21** Zach Clarke (6-2 230 Jr) PS#101JC. RS LY.

MLB 35 Luke Laolagi So. 6-1 230 PS#84. 10 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. **38** Marcus Yarbrough (6-2 260 rFr) PS#86. Miles Burris PS#131. **50** Ted Edwards (6-1 230 Sr). Brown trans. 2 tkl LY.

WLB 36 BRETT MARTIN SR. 6-0 235 PS#68. 1 st '05, 30 tkl, 1 int. 8 st LY, 28 tkl. **32** Andrew Preston (6-1 220 rFr) Scout Tm POY. **34** Jerry Milling (5-10 235 So). **58** Marc Hull (6-3 210 Sr) PS#92.

CB 43 Aaron Moore So. 6-0 190 3 st rFr, 20 tkl, 1 pbu. **13** Josh Walker (6-2 190 So) PS#222. DeAndre West PS#78. **30** Victor Andujo (5-9 170 rFr). **1** Andy Gregorio (5-9 200 rFr).

CB 39 Scotty James Sr. 5-10 175 PS#150JC. 1 st, 7 gm, 3 tkl LY. **14** Ray Patterson (5-11 190 rFr). **29** Kwincy Edwards (5-11 165 So) PS#330. 4.59 spd. Aubrey Smith is PS#176.

RS 20 Ray Bass Sr. 6-0 195 **PS#89.** 4 st, 8 tkl **Hawaii** '04. 6 st LY, 39 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. **42** Nick Sandford (6-2 205 So) 12 tkl rFr. **40** Corey Boudreaux (6-1 210 Sr) PS#226WR.

LS 45 Travis Crawford Jr. 6-0 185 PS#117JC in spg. **5** TJ McKay (6-1 195 Jr) 2 st rFr, 19 tkl. 2 st LY, 12 tkl, 1 int. Gerard Armstrong (6-0 215 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y. Martrell Fantroy (6-1 205 rFr) PS#294.

P 17 MICHAEL HUGHES SR. 6-1 190 PS#64. 44 punts rFr, 38.0, 33.2 net. 67 punts, 44.8 in '05. 36.6 net, **2nd Tm MWC**. 48 punts LY (injury not 100%), 41.1, team net of 32.9.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Travis Crawford 6-0 185 PS#117JC
DB	DeAndre West 6-1 195 PS#78
QB	Ryan Lindley 6-3 205 PS#74
LB	Miles Burris 6-2 242 PS#131
WR	Vincent Brown 6-0 172 PS#148
DL	Michael Snead 6-4 240 PS#152
DB	Aubrey Smith 6-2 180 PS#176
OL	Mike Matamua 6-4 280 PS#211
DL	Neil Spencer 6-2 260 PS#186
DB	Brandon Davis 6-2 180 PS#210
DB	Logan Ketchum 6-3 195 PS#227
OL	Leo Grassilli 6-3 263 PS#333
DL	Eron Moses 6-4 245 PS#98TE
OL	Kellen Farr 6-7 290 PS#341
DB	Vincent Camarda 6-2 190 PS#345
TE	Alston Umuolo 6-3 220 PS#111
DB	Dey Juan Hemmings 5-11 180 PS#443
OL	Juan Bolanos 6-7 310 PS#520
OL	Kurtis Gunther 6-8 270 PS#520
OL	Tommie Draheim 6-4 265 PS#606
OL	Emilio Rivera 6-4 305 PS#606

SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#57

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SDSt	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1							
Sep. 8	† Wash St *(Seattle)*	A					This will be the 1st meeting w/WSU as SDSt is 11-54-3 all-time vs current Pac 10 teams. San Diego St is 2-23 in road openers including losing 14 straight.
Sep. 15	at Arizona St	G					In their last gm in '02, SDSt passed for 516 yds & haven't topped the mark since. San Diego St is 0-9-1 all-time vs Arizona St with the avg score 35-9.
Sep. 22	Portland St	G					Portland St is 2-22 all-time vs IA opp's & will play at least 1 for the 6th straight season. The Aztecs are 17-8-1 since 1981 in home openers, but just 2-5 over the L7Y.
Sep. 29	Cincinnati	G					This will mark the 1st meeting between the schools & 2nd vs current Big East tms. Coming into '07, San Diego St is 1-8 in non-conference games.
Oct. 6	at Colorado St	A					The home team in this series is 2-7 since 1997 (2-6 in MWC play). With the win LY, SDSt avoided becoming the 1st Aztec team in its 86-yr history w/10 losses.
Oct. 13	at Utah	A					LY SDSt tossed 5 int's as the Utes returned 2 for TD's (picks resulted in 17 of 38 pts). Six of the last 7 games played have been decided by 14+ pts (9 pt win in '05).
Oct. 20	New Mexico (HC)	G					Aztecs hold a 20-13 advantage over the Lobos, but have lost 6 years in a row. SDSt allowed 24 pts in the 1Q LY as they threw 3 int's & were SOD at their own 28.
Oct. 27	BYU	G					Craft had 216 yds (63%) LY vs BYU (most yds in a Aztec QB starting debut S'97). SDSt is 5-22-1 S/'76 vs BYU & has allowed 27 or more pts in 21 of the last 26 gms.
Nov. 3	Wyoming	G					San Diego St held Wyoming to just 97 passing yds & led 17-3 mid-2Q LY but lost 27-24. The home team is 13-4 in this since 1989, including 4 straight wins.
Nov. 10	at UNLV	A					Aztecs have held the Rebels to 7 pts or less 3 of L4Y & have allowed just 241 ypg. San Diego St is 4-11 their L/15 Nov/Dec road games (avg win by 9 ppg & avg loss 19 ppg).
Nov. 17	at Air Force	A					The win over AF last year was Chuck Long's first victory as a HC. SDSt was just 5-15 from '80 (1st meeting) thru 2001 vs AF, but has won 4 of the L5Y.
Nov. 24	TCU	G					The Aztecs suffered their worst loss since 1988 (UCLA 59-6) LY vs the Frogs & the 87 yds is the lowest ever in school history. SDSt is 7-2 in their last 9 home finales.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Todd Santos 11,425 '84-'87
2. Billy Blanton 8,165 '93-'96
3. Dan McGwire 7,484 '89-'90

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Marshall Faulk 4,589 '91-'93
2. Larry Ned 3,562 '98-'01
3. Jonas Lewis 2,843 '96-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. JR Tolver 3,572 '99-'02
2. Darnay Scott 3,139 '91-'93
3. Will Blackwell 2,896 '94-'96

CHUCK LONG (Career 3–9)

2nd Year at San Diego St — Long's Bowl Record: 0-0

Long's records AT SAN DIEGO ST

3-9	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
3-3	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-6	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
3-5	Vs Conference	3-6	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: **(3–9)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (20,18,3)
Lost: 21 (8,12,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29,227 (#77)

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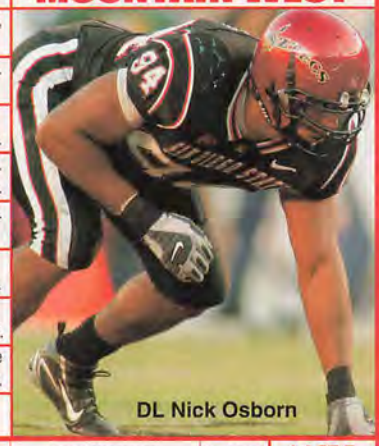
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STADIUM: QUALCOMM STADIUM (54,000) (#52)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	3-8	4-9	6-6	4-7	5-7	3-9	28-54
Home	0-5	2-4	2-3	4-2	3-2	3-3	3-3	17-22
Away	3-3	1-4	2-6	2-4	1-5	2-4	0-6	11-32
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	2-5	4-3	3-4	2-5	4-4	3-5	21-30
ATS	5-6	4-6	6-6-1	5-4-1	4-6	7-5	4-7	35-40-2
Home Fav (Ted Tollner)	0-0	1-2	1-0 (Tom Craft)	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1 (Chuck Long)	8-6
Home Dog	1-4	0-2	1-3	1-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	7-13
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-4-1
Away Dog	4-2	3-2	4-2	2-2-1	2-3	3-2	1-4	19-17-1
Favorite	0-0	1-2	1-1-1	2-1	2-2	2-2	1-2	9-10-1
Dog	5-6	3-4	5-5	3-3-1	2-4	5-3	3-5	26-30-1
vs Conf	3-4	3-4	3-3-1	3-4	2-5	5-3	4-4	23-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	3-3	2-0-1	2-1	2-2	0-3	12-13-1
Off SU Win	0-3	0-2	2-1-1	2-1-1	2-1	2-3	0-1	8-12-2
Off SU Loss	4-3	4-3	3-5	3-3	2-5	5-1	4-5	25-25

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
48	Harbor	NL	Hardin-Simmons	0-53
69	Pasadena	NL	Boston University	28-7
86	Holiday	+7'	Iowa - #19	38-39
91	Freedom	-2'	Tulsa - #23	17-28
98	Las Vegas	+7	North Carolina	13-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
San Diego St's All-Time Bowl Record 1–4

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Atiyyah Henderson	174	797	33	764	1	4.4
Brandon Bornes	62	257	5	252	2	4.1
Kevin O'Connell	48	233	78	155	2	3.2
Lynell Hamilton	54	166	21	145	1	2.7
Darren Mougey	36	130	45	85	2	2.4
Tyler Campbell	10	16	9	7	2	0.7
Kevin Craft	29	63	78	-15	0	-0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin Craft	121	69	57.0	737	4	6
Kevin O'Connell	101	59	58.4	635	3	5
Darren Mougey	71	43	60.6	432	1	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brett Swain	47	528	11.2	2	66
Chaz Schilens	34	483	14.2	2	60
Ramal Porter	23	270	11.7	2	34
Lynell Hamilton	15	102	6.8	0	36
Brian Spinks	10	95	9.5	0	17
Brandon Bornes	7	92	13.1	1	28
Atiyyah Henderson	17	80	4.7	0	32
Matthew Kawulok	4	62	15.5	0	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Michael Hughes	47	1932	41.1	7	32.9(t)	0	8
Alan Gomez	15	597	39.8	1	–	2	3

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Garrett Palmer	20-20	1-1	5-6	2-4	0-2	8-13	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Martin	109	3	4.5	2	0
Russell Allen	88	0	6	0	0
Brett Sturm	82	1	3.5	2	1
Nick Osborn	58	1	4	1	0
Terrell Maze	57	0	5	7	1
Antwan Applewhite	53	7	2	0	0
Donny Baker	44	0	2.5	9	3
Jonathan Bailes	40	2	2	1	0
Reggie Grigsby	40	0	0	4	0
Ray Bass	39	0	4	5	2
Andrew Schantz	31	0	2.5	0	1
Emil Metroka	28	0.5	3	1	0
Brett Martin	28	0.5	0	1	0
Aaron Moore	20	0	1	1	0
Ornan Nwansi	19	0	0	0	0
Freddy Dunkle	13	0	0	0	0
TJ McKay	12	0	0	1	1
Nick Sandford	12	0	0	0	0
Luke Laolagi	10	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Justin Amaral	10	60	6.0	0
Donny Baker	5	31	6.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Justin Amaral	21	339	16.1	0
Ray Bass	13	267	20.5	0

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OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	14.2	15	119	3.4	150	58.2	19.0	-7	2006	8	27.1	20	181	4.4	171	59.2	13.0
7*	26.9	20	148	3.9	232	61.3	14.1	+2	2005	3	27.1	22	185	4.3	221	58.0	15.0
6*	21.3	20	130	3.8	245	54.1	17.6	-1	2004	6	25.6	20	139	3.4	227	54.0	14.3
5*	18.7	19	123	3.6	217	54.5	18.2	-1	2003	7	17.3	16	130	3.3	160	51.0	16.8
4*	23.8	22	73	2.6	331	60.3	17.0	0	2002	5	31.6	23	171	3.9	240	55.9	13.0
10*	16.7	17	148	3.8	175	48.0	19.3	-9	2001	8	26.4	17	141	3.5	198	55.0	12.8

2006 STATS BY GAME

SDSt RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	UTEP	22	46-109	2.4	24-30	275	3	12	19-30	1.6	20-29	213	0	+1
–	at Wisconsin	7	26-13	0.5	15-27	102	5	14	45-287	6.4	12-23	85	1	0
–	Utah	15	45-204	4.5	9-20	83	2	23	41-85	4.7	13-28	167	0	-3
–	at San Jose St	10	39-163	4.2	10-16	76	0	20	36-136	3.8	19-23	282	1	-1
–	at BYU	21	38-141	3.7	20-32	216	2	23	32-152	4.8	16-21	267	0	-1
–	Air Force	15	30-151	5.0	12-19	133	0	23	65-297	4.6	4-7	47	2	+2
–	Cal Poly	15	41-149	3.6	10-15	157	4	15	51-204	4.0	4-13	80	1	0
–	at Wyoming	10	20-40	2.0	10-21	192	3	23	54-222	4.1	15-25	97	3	0
–	UNLV	20	47-141	3.0	16-21	136	0	18	26-39	1.5	20-39	211	1	0
–	at TCU	6	24-31	1.3	11-25	56	2	30	49-275	5.6	22-26	349	1	-1
–	at New Mexico	25	34-104	3.1	27-49	327	4	14	32-214	6.7	9-20	87	2	-4
–	Colorado St	9	32-184	5.8	7-19	51	1	19	38-113	3.0	21-41	175	3	0
TOTALS		175	423-1430	3.4	171-294	1804	25	234	489-2169	4.4	174-294	2052	15	-7
AVERAGES		14.6	35-119	3.4	14-25	150	2.2	19.5	41-181	4.4	15-25	171	1.3	-0.6

2002 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	at Fresno St	+17	14-16
–	–	at Colorado - #17	+22	14-34
–	–	Arizona St	+6	28-39
–	–	at Idaho	-7'	38-48
–	–	UCLA	+15	7-43
–	–	Utah	+10'	36-17
–	–	at Wyoming	-4	24-20
–	–	UNLV	-3	31-21
–	–	at BYU	+1'	10-34
–	–	at New Mexico	+5	8-15
–	–	Colorado St - #21	+12'	21-49
–	–	at Air Force	+16'	38-34
–	–	at Hawaii	+14'	40-41

2003 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	E Washington	NL	19-9
–	–	at Ohio St - #2	+30'	13-16
–	–	at UTEP	-19'	34-0
–	–	Samford	NL	37-17
–	–	at UCLA	+10	10-20
–	–	BYU	-2'	36-44
–	–	at Utah	+9'	6-27
–	–	New Mexico	+1/2	7-30
–	–	Wyoming	-3	25-20
–	–	at UNLV	+5	7-0
–	–	at Colorado St	+13'	6-21
–	–	Air Force	+4	24-3

2004 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	Idaho St	NL	38-21
–	–	at Michigan - #17	+20	21-24
–	–	Nevada	-14'	27-10
–	–	at UCLA	+6	10-33
–	–	at Wyoming	-3	10-20
–	–	Colorado St	-4	17-21
–	–	at New Mexico	+4'	9-19
–	–	Utah - #9	+18'	28-51
–	–	at BYU	+10'	16-49
–	–	at Air Force	+6	37-31
–	–	UNLV	-10	21-3

2005 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	UCLA	+9'	21-44
–	–	at Air Force	+7'	29-41
–	–	at Ohio St - #9	+27'	6-27
–	–	San Jose St	-13'	52-21
–	–	BYU	+1	31-10
–	–	at UNLV	-9'	10-13
–	–	at Utah	+10	28-19
–	–	New Mexico	-3	24-47
–	–	TCU - #20	+6'	20-23
–	–	at Colorado St	+8	30-10
–	–	Wyoming	-7	34-21
–	–	at Hawaii	+3	38-49

2006 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	UTEP	-2'	27-34
–	–	at Wisconsin	+13'	0-14
–	–	Utah	+8'	7-38
–	–	at San Jose St	-2'	10-31
–	–	at BYU	+28'	17-47
–	–	Air Force	+13'	19-12
–	–	Cal Poly	NL	14-16
–	–	at Wyoming	+14'	24-27
–	–	UNLV	-9'	21-7
–	–	at TCU	+17'	0-52
–	–	at New Mexico	+10'	14-41
–	–	Colorado St	+1'	17-6

AIR FORCE FALCONS

QB Shaun Carney

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - The Falcons keep coming up with solid QB's every year (see Hardcore Fans). Shaun Carney became the first ever true frosh Falcon QB to start an opener. Carney led his HS team in Cleveland, OH (St. Ed's) to a 24-2 record as a starter and he completed an AF school record 61.1% as a true frosh. In 2005 Carney threw for 1,393 (64.2%) with a 7-7 ratio and was the leading rusher (710 net, 4.2). Adam Fitch threw for 5 TD's vs BYU and started the next week but Carney reclaimed his job. Carney started all 12 in 2006 and threw for 1,192 (59.9%) with a 12-3 ratio, rushing for 618 net yards (3.3). Jim Ollis engineered an 80 yard drive vs BYU and a 78 yard drive vs TCU, both for late garbage TD's. In seven games he hit 2 of 7 passes and rushed for 104 net yards (5.0). Ollis had one start at HB in '05 and now moves to RB. Carney could become the school's all-time career leading passer if he fits into the new system. He is just 5'10", but is a solid leader. He boldly predicted they would beat Army 49-7 last year (won 43-7) and he did hit 14 of 17 for 205 vs ND. Not listed on the 3 deep below are Josh Cousins (6'0" 190 So, PS#142), Tommy Daniels (5'10" 185 Jr, PS#135) and this year's newcomers. I look for Carney to have his best season yet as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - The FB is usually the main ball carrier in the wishbone offense. Jacobe Kendrick had an injury plagued career and was #2 with 532 (4.6) in '05, basically missing 3 games. Chad Hall (JV QB '04) became the first HB to top 100 yards in a game since 2003 and finished #3 with 344 (5.2). Backup FB Ryan Williams had 290 (4.0) and Chad Smith added 190 (5.6). Last year everyone returned but Kendrick was bothered by injuries early. Hall became the first HB since 1994 (Jake Campbell) to lead the team in rushing with 784 (5.1) including 122 vs Wyoming. Williams added 442 (4.3) and Kendrick 384 (4.6). This year they must replace Kendrick (7 st), Justin Handley (5 st, 54, 4.2) and Beau Suder (7 st, 212 all-purp). They get the addition of converted QB Ollis who made the switch during spring. Not listed below are Todd Newell (5'11" 196 Sr), Brenton Byrd (5'11" 170 Jr), Daylan Phillips (5'11" 200 Jr), Kevin Van Hook (5'8" 170 So), Alexander Neal (5'8" 185 So), Luke Hyder (5'10" 185 So), Devon Ford (5'9" 170 So) and FB Justin Moore (5'11" 215 So). I look for more production out of this year's RB corps.

RECEIVERS - With defenses keying on the option attack, AF's WR's see a lot of one on one coverage and traditionally have some high ypc's. In '05 Jason Brown (6'4" 225) had 874 (17.8) yards receiving which was the 2nd best in the option era (Ryan Fleming 930 in 2000). Last year they lost both starters on this unit. Victor Thompson led with 23 (13.1) and Mark Root (PS#180) emerged down the stretch with 16 (19.6). TE Travis Dekker showed his blocking ability with 24 kd vs Wyoming. This year they must replace Thompson (12 st) but have everyone else back making the unit more experienced. Also, Chris Evans, who moved to DL last year (5 st TE '05) is back. You can also expect more emphasis in the new offense. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Spencer Armstrong (6'1" 195 Jr, 1 st, 11 rec, 11 KR LY), Dal Shealy (6'3" 180 So), Sean Quintana (6'2" 205 So), Brian Stewart (6'5" 200 So), Bryant Davis (6'0" 180 So) and TE's Aaron Brockman (6'4" 225 So) and Zach Huppert (6'4" 210 So).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 it appeared 9 of the top 10 would return but Caleb Morris who started the last six in 2004 missed the season with injury. They only averaged 4.6 ypc rush (lowest since 1997, 4.0) while allowing 14 sacks (6.8%). Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 28 starts and one backup. Three OL's who started the final 5 together returned but surprisingly the unit only paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing with 19 sacks (13%). This year they lose C Stuart Perlow (12 st, HM MWC), RG Curtis Grantham (12 st, 2Y st'r), LT Robert Kraay (12 st, 2nd Tm MWC, 3Y st'r) and LG Tyler Dohallow (6 st). Three players return with 6 or more starts so the potential is there for an improved output from this unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The last two years AF has played a 4 man front. They had zero returning starters in 2004 and allowed 4.9 ypc. With 3 players who combined for 15 starts back in 2005, they improved to 4.3 ypc despite the unit being banged up. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 29 starts. The unit was hit hard by injuries once again. Among the injured were DE Gilberto Perez (miss 4 st), DT Grant Thomas (miss 5 st) and DT Josh Clayton who was lost for the season after 7 starts. The D still improved to 4.1 ypc allowed. This year they lose Perez (8 st, 20 tkl, HM MWC), Thomas (7 st, 22 tkl, 3 tfl) and DT Kevin Quinn (5 st, 14 tkl, 1 sk). They are switching to a 3-4 this year and 5 players return with starting experience. This is a more experienced unit and should remain healthier.

LINEBACKERS - The Falcons played a 4-2-5 last year with 2 FAL backs (LB/S). This year they move to a more conventional 3-4 and this unit looks to be the strength of the team. The 2006 LB's had 14 combined starts. 1st Tm MWC Drew Fowler is the team's top defensive player (123 tkl LY) and is back to spearhead the D. Julian Madrid and John Rabold were both full-time starters last year and Austin Randle logged 14 tackles vs Navy seeing plenty of time as a backup (1 st). Backup Daniel Hill has ten career starts and 7 players have starting experience. This year the only losses are Joey Keller (11 st, 44 tkl), Adam Zanotti (1 st, 24 tkl, 1 sk) and Jared Baxley (8 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Reinhold Leicht (6'0" 215 So), Dwayne Lyons (6'0" 210 So), Clay Bryant (6'1" 200 So), Kevin Chavez (6'4" 215 So), Daryl Wells (5'9" 200 So) and Blaine Hainbach (6'1" 225 So).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 AF had just 2 starters returning and finished #112 in my pass D rankings allowing 65.7%. Last year they only had to replace one starter but starting CB Carson Bird lost his spot and had just 5 tackles. AF was just #114 allowing 66.7%. This year they lose CB Chris Sutton (10 st, 45 tkl), FS Brad Meissen (6 st, 31 tkl) and CB Chris Huckins (2 st, 25 tkl). Two starters plus Bird return and the pass D can only improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When I think of Fisher DeBerry's ST units, I think of excellence as well as blocked kicks. DeBerry's units had the second most blocked kicks (99) in the NCAA since 1990. AF was #7 in my ST rankings in '03 but stunningly dropped to #118 in '04 (-5 blk/TD). They moved up to #33 in '05 but had to replace their top KR, P and K. LT Robert Kraay blocked 3 xp's last year but K Ryan Harrison (PS#45) was suspended prior to the year. Zach Sasser (PS#77) handled the duties and had some solid games but also missed crucial 35 & 34 yard FG's vs Utah (9 of 14, long 48). Sasser has handled the KO's the last 2 years and the team has allowed just 15.5 and 13.4 per return! Sasser also handled the punting (40.8, tm net 33.4) and KO (13 TB on 53 KO). Chris Sutton was the top PR for the 2nd straight year. The Falcons finished a respectable #68 but with the losses of Sasser and Sutton will likely drop some.

COACHES - Troy Calhoun is a 1989 graduate of Air Force (1st alumni to be HC here) and is just the 6th coach in school history. Recently he has been the OC for the Houston Texans and was an asst with Denver. He was also the OC at Ohio ('97-'00) and Wake Forest ('01-'02) and his '02 Deacons led the ACC in total offense! His OC is Tim Horton who was the RB coach for K-St for one year and was on the AF staff under DeBerry from '99-'05. The DC is Tim DeRuyter (1985 AF grad) who was the Nevada co-DC the last 2 years. Prior to that he was DC at Ohio for 3 seasons. DeRuyter's defenses have traditionally been ranked among the national leaders during his 15 year coaching career at three different IA schools.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

2006	2-3	2001	6-2	1996	3-2
2005	5-2	2000	1-7	1995	5-1
2004	6-1	1999	2-4	1994	3-2
2003	6-1	1998	7-1	1993	4-2
2002	5-3	1997	6-1	1992	3-0-1
				1991	7-2

JV FOOTBALL RECORDS

JV HEAD COACH: MAJOR STEVE SENN

PHIL'S FORECAST

Fisher DeBerry did an amazing job here at Air Force as in 23 years he had just 5 losing seasons despite the strict academic standards and the fact that players have military commitments making it tough to recruit. AF was #5 in the NCAA with a 93% graduation rate. The Falcons rarely return a lot of starters but they had a veteran squad in 2003 with 13 returning starters and 51 lettermen back. At one point they rose to 5-0 and #25 in the AP poll. AF had a 3OT loss to eventual league champ Utah and surprisingly did not land a bowl bid despite finishing 7-5. Shockingly DeBerry's final three seasons were 5-6, 4-7 and 4-8. Last year could have been a much better season as the Falcons suffered five close losses. They went for two against Tennessee for the win but were stopped. Trailing Navy 24-17 they were SOD on their final drive which happened after a controversial 27 yard fumble return for a TD by the Mids, which was not reviewed. They were picked 7th in the MWC preseason poll but when they rallied to beat Colo St 24-21, they stood 3-0 in the MWC. SDSt got a 30 yard FG with :02 left to beat them in a game where a missed xp by AF was huge. QB Carney forecasted a 49-7 win over Army and they ended up winning 43-7 with a school record thirty-six 2Q points. They had a bowl in reach but a loss to #9 ND, a Utah 37 yard FG on the final play and a UNLV 3 point win clinched a losing season and they mailed it in for the finale vs TCU. AF actually benefitted from +8 in turnovers. Despite their 4-8 record and playing #11 Tenn and #9 ND in the non-conf slate, they were only outscored by 23 points overall for the season. The offense has QB Carney back plus 5 other returning starters and after a surprising dropoff from 30.0 to 23.2 ppg last season, it should be an improved unit. AF does have a 168 game scoring streak (8th longest NCAA). The defense has 6 returning starters. The Falcons are capable of a bowl eligible season and service academies will land a bid if eligible.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB Phillip Ofili 5-10 189 PS#181
DB Wes Kimmel 6-2 201 PS#196
RB Aaron Springer 5-10 175 PS#238DB
DB Matt Yarab 5-11 220 PS#269
QB Brandon Gouin 6-2 210 PS#175
DL Andy Walters 6-3 220 PS#257
QB Jeff Abt 6-3 181 PS#187
OL Ben Leung 6-4 280 PS#359
DB Justin Salum 6-0 189 PS#325
RB Paul Weatheroy 5-10 184 PS#317
DL Steven Lambe 6-2 245 PS#313
DB PJ Adeji-Paul 6-0 183 PS#370
DB Anthony Wright 5-10 185 PS#381
LB Mike Kanaan 5-10 210 PS#363
DL Daniel Winningham 6-4 235 PS#343
LB Ronnie Lillard 6-3 192 PS#404
WR London Lomax 5-11 170 PS#406
DL Braylen Gurnell 6-3 200 PS#381
OL Jacob Morgan 6-2 275 PS#516
K Zach Bell 6-3 180 PS#74
TE Stephen Shaffer 6-4 230 PS#158
DL Tyler Dallas 6-2 221 PS#451
OL Mike Chambers 6-4 280 PS#606
OL Patrick Daugherty 6-3 295 PS#606
TE Nick Bonturi 6-3 208 PS#186
DB Peter DeBois 5-10 185 PS#366QB
WR Chris Boruff 6-1 190 PS#485
WR Marcial Williamson 6-1 185 PS#485
DB Josh Garrett 6-3 205 PS#560
LB Mark Mosby 6-0 209 PS#485

At the time of this writing some prospects have signed a "Certificate of Intent" but that is a nonbinding conditional offer. The prospect must accept a USAFA appointment in writing in order to attend the Academy.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 5 SHAUN CARNEY SR. 5-10 190 30 st 3Y, 3900 pass, 62% , 30-16 ratio, 1924 net rush (3.7), 25 TD. **14** Shea Smith (5-10 190 Jr) PS#149. 2 gm LY. **8** Eric Herbert (5-11 180 So).

FB 21 RYAN WILLIAMS SR. 5-9 215 PS#347. 7 st 2Y, 732 (4.2). **40** Scott Peeples (5-10 220 Sr) 1 st, 162 (4.2) 2Y. **28** Charles Wells (5-10 215 Sr) 43 yd 2Y. Robert Barlow (5-11 215 Jr).

TB 15 Jim Ollis Sr. 5-11 190 PS#245QB. 23 pass yd, 131 rush, 297 KR yd 2Y. QB LY. **24** Chad Smith (5-10 190 Sr) 409 (5.8) 3Y. **17** Kip McCarthy (5-10 190 Sr) 144 rush (5.0) 2Y.

WR 1 CHAD HALL SR. 5-8 180 10 st '05, 514 ttl yds. 12 st LY, 784 rush (5.1), **2nd Tm MWC**. **38** Matt Davis (5-11 175 Jr). **19** Ty Paffett (5-11 180 Sr) 1 st S, 20 tkl '05. WR LY (inj).

WR 7 Mark Root Sr. 6-2 195 PS#180. 3 st LY, 16 rec (19.6). **12** Mike Moffett (5-11 195 Jr) PS#366. 2 rec LY. **80** Anthony Hemphill (6-2 180 So). Eric Moats (6-0 170 So) PS#368.

TE 88 TRAVIS DEKKER SR. 6-4 240 JV '04. Inj '05. 8 st LY, 4 rec. **86** Chris Evans (6-2 240 Sr) 5 st TE '05. DE LY. **85** Keith Madsen (6-3 230 Jr). Michael Krogh (6-3 240 Sr).

C 64 BLAINE GUENTHER SR. 6-2 270 JV '04. 10 gm '05. 12 st RT LY. **63** Andrew Pipes (6-1 260 Jr) JV '05. 2nd string LY. Andrew Anderson (6-3 240 So) JV LY. Joshua Casteel (6-3 275 Jr).

RG 69 Caleb Morris Sr. 6-2 275 PS#287. L/6 st LG true, First true OL start DeBerry. Inj '05. 8 gm LY (inj). **67** Tyler Weeks (6-1 270 Jr) PS#672. JV '06. **68** Austin Fallin (6-1 245 So).

LG 57 NICK CHARLES SO. 6-4 280 PS#542. 6 st, L/9 gm as true. **62** Peter Lusk (6-3 260 So). **65** Michael Hampton (6-2 280 So). 1 gm as true. **60** Kyle Knight (6-1 260 So).

RT 70 Ryan Zeman Sr. 6-4 265 18 gm, 2nd string 2Y. **59** Chris Campbell (6-5 250 So) PS#158TE. JV LY. **77** Bryce Waller (6-4 280 So). **66** Austin Smith (6-3 246 Jr) PS#138TE.

LT 73 Dan Holder Sr. 6-6 280 PS#388DL. JV 2Y. 2nd string LY, 8 gm. Chris Monson (6-4 255 Sr) 1 st DT LY, 2 tkl. **79** Duncan Thompson (6-4 250 So). Richard Meldrum (6-4 270 So).

K 13 Ryan Harrison Jr. 6-1 175 PS#45. 4 KO '05. Susp LY, was proj'd st'r. Zach Bell (6-3 180 Fr) PS#74. **99** Paul Pfluke (5-10 185 So). Trey Eaton (6-2 180 Jr) Also FS.

DE 95 Jake Paulson Jr. 6-5 260 PS#138LB. JV '05. 5 st LY, 15 tkl, 2 sk. **89** Noah Garguile (6-5 265 Sr) 1 st, 6 tkl 2Y. **92** Myles Morales (6-3 240 Jr). **84** Jeff Bohlman (6-4 230 Jr) PS#419.

NG 79 Keith Williams Jr. 6-6 255 PS#231TE. JV '05. 4 tkl LY. **51** Jared Marvin (6-2 230 Jr) 2 st LY, 5 tkl. **93** Ben Garland (6-4 240 So) 2 tkl, 1 tfl LY. Ryan Gonzales (6-4 250 So) PS#195DB.

DE 91 RYAN KEMP JR. 6-5 235 L/5 st LY, 26 tkl, 2 tfl. **97** Josh Clayton (6-4 260 Sr). 14 tkl, 3 tfl '05. 7 st LY until inj, 23 tkl, 3 sk. **96** Adam Page (6-1 230 So). **88** Cameron Henrion (6-2 225 So).

OLB 4 JULIAN MADRID SR. 6-0 205 1 st '04, 33 tkl. 27 tkl, 1 sk '05. 11 st SLB LY, 50 tkl, 4 sk. **32** Hunter Altman (5-11 195 Jr) PS#283DB. 14 tkl LY. **36** David Nan (6-2 240 Jr) 2 tkl LY.

ILB 51 Aaron Shanor Sr. 6-1 225 PS#204. 1 st, 10 tkl '05. **52** Austin Randle (6-0 230 Sr) 1 st LY, 42 tkl, 4 tfl. **20** Daniel Hill (6-1 190 So) 1 st CB '04, 13 tkl. 9 st '05, 52 tkl. 1 tkl LY.

ILB 33 DREW FOWLER SR. 6-2 235 **1st Tm MWC** LY. 9 st '05, 77 tkl. 12 st LY, 123 tkl, 2 sk. **43** Jon Falgout (6-0 215 So) PS#188. **48** Brandon Reeves (6-2 225 Jr) 1 tkl. **53** Ben Ryan (6-1 215 Sr).

OLB 9 JOHN RABOLD SR. 6-4 220 1 st '05, 36 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 68 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **35** Trent Burney (6-2 185 Jr). Garrett Gilbertson (6-4 230 Jr) 1 st DE LY, 1 sk. Michael Hodges (6-1 215 So) PS#201.

CB 2 Carson Bird Sr. 5-11 190 1 st, 13 tkl '04. **9 st '05**, 52 tkl, 3 pbu, 1 int. 5 tkl, 1 pbu LY (inj). **6** Kevin Rivers (6-0 190 Jr) JC. 0 tkl LY. **10** Tanner Doss (6-0 195 Jr) PS#406.

CB 39 GARRETT RYBAK SR. 5-11 175 QB JV tm '04. 6 tkl '05. 12 st in '06, 48 tkl, 1 int. **3** Nathan Smith (5-10 180 Sr) 2 st '05, 20 tkl. 16 tkl, 1 int LY. **18** Cofie Asare (5-10 170 So) PS#245.

SS 34 Chris Thomas So. 5-11 198 PS#461RB. 25 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu LY. **30** Luke Yeager (5-11 180 Jr) PS#536. 1 tkl LY. **29** Blake Brooks (6-0 180 So) JV Tm LY. **44** Boston McClain (5-11 185 Jr).

FS 11 BOBBY GIANNINI SR. 6-2 210 5 st true, 67 tkl. 11 st '05, 92 tkl, 3 int. 12 st LY, **HM MWC**, 64 tkl, 1 int. **23** Aaron Kirchoff (6-1 200 Jr) PS#481RB. 1 st, 32 tkl. **27** Trey Eaton (6-2 180 Jr) 5 tkl.

P 13 Ryan Harrison Jr. 6-1 175 PS#45. K & P on JV tm in '05. #1 punter post spring LY but susp. **98** Brandon Geyer (6-4 190 So) JV P in 2006. Colin Hartwell (5-11 180 Sr).

AIR FORCE FALCONS

Colorado Springs, Colorado
Weather (719) 475-7599

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#80

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score AF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	S Carolina St (HC)	A					
Sep. 8	at Utah	A					
Sep. 13	TCU (Thur)	A					
Sep. 22	at BYU	G					
Sep. 29	at Navy	A					
Oct. 6	UNLV	A					
Oct. 13	at Colorado St	A					
Oct. 20	Wyoming	A					
Oct. 25	at New Mexico (Thur)	G					
Nov. 3	Army	A					
Nov. 10	at Notre Dame	G					
Nov. 17	San Diego St	A					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

Air Force is 21-4 since 1982 in their home openers w/the avg score 37-19. Troy Calhoun is the 1st Air Force Academy graduate (1989) to hold the HC position.

The Falcons are 13-3 the last 16 yrs in their road opener (2 losses by 3 pts or less). Since 1988 (16 gms) Air Force & Utah have had 12 gms decided by 7 pts or less.

In '99 (MWC formed), AF dropped its conf home opener, but since are a perfect 7-0. TCU dominated LY as AF got 2 TD's & 65 of its 142 yds (46%) in the 4Q after being down 38-0.

Air Force is just 6-21 all-time vs BYU & have dropped 3 straight by an avg of 19 ppg. LY vs BYU, Air Force had only 229 yds as 80 (35%) came on the Falcons' final drive.

AF has a 46-24 all-time Commander-In-Chief record & has won 16 trophy titles. Falcons were 19-2 from '82-'02 vs the Midshipmen, but have lost a series high 4 straight.

Air Force has played UNLV every yr S/'96 & has gone 8-3 (4-1 in Colorado Springs). The 42 pts AF allowed LY was not only a season high, but the most in this series.

The home team in this series is 8-1 the last 9 years. Last year the Falcons were down 21-3 at the half, but held CSU to just 4 FD's & 57 yds in the 2H in a 24-21 win.

QB Carney (25-131-2) & TB Hall (20-122-1) both had season high rushing games last year. The Falcons are just 1-4 after facing instate rival Colorado St.

AF turned 2 TO's into TD's LY vs NM & K Sasser had a career long 48 yd FG in the 17 pt win. The last & only time that AF has beat NM 4 gms in a row was from '84-'88.

Falcons are 16-2 vs the Black Knights holding Army to 7 pts or less 11 times. Last year Air Force scored a school record 36 pts in one quarter (2Q).

Air Force is 3-10 all-time in South Bend & the 3 wins are by a combined 18 pts. AF had a TOP edge of 38:35-21:25 (held ball 13:51 in 2Q!), but still couldn't slow down ND LY.

This will be the earliest date AF will wrap up the reg season S'/97. The Falcons are just 1-4 vs SDSt. Air Force is 7-3 the L10Y in Falcon Stadium finales (0-2 L2Y).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Dave Ziebart 4,789 '76-'79
2. Rich Haynie 4,283 '71-'73
3. Shaun Carney 3,900 '04-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Dee Dowis 3,612 '86-'89
2. Beau Morgan 3,379 '94-'96
3. John Kershner 2,726 '80-'83

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ernie Jennings 2,392 '68-'70
2. Mike Kirby 1,909 '80-'83
3. Ryan Fleming 1,515 '99-'01

TROY CALHOUN (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Air Force — Calhoun's Bowl Record: 0-0

Calhoun's records AT AIR FORCE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (21,27,2)
Lost: 18 (8,7,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,034 (#61)

MOUNTAIN WEST

FB Ryan Williams

STADIUM: FALCON STADIUM (46,692) (#66)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	6-6	8-4	7-5	5-6	4-7	4-8	42-39
Home	5-1	4-2	4-3	5-1	3-4	2-3	2-4	25-18
Away	3-2	2-4	4-1	2-4	2-2	1-4	2-4	16-21
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-5	3-5	24-27
ATS	7-3	3-8	8-4	4-7	5-5	5-6	4-8	36-41
Home Fav	1-2	0-3	4-2	3-2	1-3	2-3	1-2	12-17
Home Dog	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-3	4-6
Away Fav	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-3	1-0	0-1	1-2	6-9
Away Dog	2-0	2-3	2-0	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	13-9
Favorite	3-3	0-4	6-3	3-5	2-3	2-4	2-4	18-26
Dog	4-0	3-4	2-1	1-2	3-2	3-2	2-4	18-15
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	4-3	2-5	4-3	4-4	2-6	24-27
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-4	4-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-2	12-14
Off SU Win	5-2	2-3	6-2	2-5	2-2	1-2	1-3	19-19
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-4	1-2	2-2	3-2	3-4	2-5	14-20

Fisher DeBerry

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chad Hall	155	815	31	784	5	5.1
Shaun Carney	188	764	146	618	8	3.3
Ryan Williams	102	444	2	442	4	4.3
Jacobe Kendrick	84	386	2	384	2	4.6
Chad Smith	26	171	9	162	0	6.2
Jim Ollis	21	114	10	104	1	5.0
Scott Peeples	28	88	0	88	0	3.1
Kip McCarthy	13	61	1	60	0	4.6
Justin Handley	13	60	6	54	0	4.2
Beau Suder	10	43	1	42	2	4.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Shaun Carney	137	82	59.9	1192	12	3
Jim Ollis	7	2	28.6	23	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mark Root	16	314	19.6	0	43
Victor Thompson	23	301	13.1	4	45
Spencer Armstrong	11	178	16.2	2	36
Beau Suder	8	143	17.9	3	35
Chad Hall	11	117	10.6	1	38
Justin Handley	6	98	16.3	0	27
Travis Dekker	4	40	10.0	1	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Zach Sasser	39	1591	40.8	9	33.4(t)	0	6

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Zach Sasser	32-34	5-5	3-6	1-3	0-0	9-14	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Drew Fowler	123	2	0.5	1	0
John Rabold	68	1.5	4	2	2
Bobby Giannini	64	0	0	2	1
Julian Madrid	50	4	0.5	0	2
Garrett Rybak	48	0	1	0	1
Chris Sutton	45	0	2	2	1
Joey Keller	44	0.5	4.5	0	0
Austin Randle	42	2	2	1	0
Aaron Kirchoff	32	0	2	1	0
Brad Meissen	31	0	0	2	0
Ryan Kemp	26	0	2	1	0
Chris Thomas	25	0	0.5	2	1
Chris Huckins	25	0	0.5	1	0
Adam Zanotti	24	1	0	0	0
Josh Clayton	23	3	0	0	0
Grant Thomas	22	1	2	0	0
Gilberto Perez	20	0	0.5	2	0
Nathan Smith	16	0	0	1	1
Jake Paulson	15	2	1	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Sutton	10	109	10.9	0
Adam Zanotti	1	21	21.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Spencer Armstrong	11	232	21.1	0
Chris Thomas	9	207	23.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Copper	+4	Texas Tech	41-55
97	Las Vegas - #23	+4	Oregon	13-41
98	Oahu Classic - #16	-3'	Washington	45-25
00	Silicon Valley	+1	Fresno St	37-34
02	San Francisco	+11'	Virginia Tech - #21	13-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Air Force's All-Time Bowl Record 8-8-1

AIR FORCE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	23.2	20	229	4.2	101	57.5	14.2	+8	2006	5	25.2	19	141	4.1	213	66.7	14.1
6*	30.0	22	247	4.6	171	59.0	13.9	-7	2005	6	31.7	22	174	4.3	255	65.7	13.5
3	29.6	24	277	4.7	148	59.8	14.4	+1	2004	3	31.1	21	200	4.9	222	56.4	13.6
7*	26.8	21	281	4.7	105	50.3	14.4	+6	2003	6	20.2	19	169	4.0	183	54.2	17.5
2	33.8	22	308	5.1	90	43.5	11.8	+9	2002	6	23.3	19	156	4.0	199	56.8	15.2
2	28.1	21	273	4.8	119	47.9	14.0	+8	2001	4	32.2	23	204	5.1	249	54.9	14.1

2006 STATS BY GAME

AF 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Tennessee	22	51-281	5.5	7-9	127	1	24	32-79	2.5	24-29	333	0	+2
–	at Wyoming	24	70-327	4.7	3-7	40	1	14	21-77	3.7	13-21	169	4	+1
–	New Mexico	18	62-262	4.2	3-6	19	2	13	31-41	1.3	16-30	232	5	+2
–	Navy	19	46-193	4.2	9-19	119	5	23	66-317	4.8	1-6	8	1	+2
–	Colorado St	24	64-318	5.0	8-13	102	0	16	27-106	3.9	14-23	282	2	0
–	at San Diego St	23	65-297	4.6	4-7	47	2	15	30-151	5.0	12-19	133	0	-2
–	BYU	16	49-190	3.9	4-10	39	2	22	34-153	4.5	23-31	258	0	-2
–	at Army	19	63-267	4.2	2-5	44	0	12	27-131	4.9	12-21	116	1	+5
–	Notre Dame	24	60-200	3.3	14-19	205	2	19	27-176	6.5	14-19	207	2	0
–	Utah	17	41-116	2.8	16-22	218	1	21	35-119	3.4	24-38	236	1	0
–	at UNLV	22	45-204	4.5	10-18	211	1	30	43-204	4.7	26-34	351	0	+3
–	at TCU	12	44-98	2.2	4-11	44	2	21	42-141	3.4	23-32	236	2	-3
TOTALS		240	660-2753	4.2	84-146	1215	19	230	415-1695	4.1	202-303	2561	18	+8
AVERAGES		20	55-229	4.2	7-12	101	1.6	19.2	35-141	4.1	17-25	213	1.5	0.7

2002 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northwestern	-1/2	52-3
–	New Mexico	-6'	38-31 OT
–	at California - #23	+9'	23-21
–	at Utah	+8'	30-26
–	Navy	-22'	48-7
#21	BYU	-4'	52-9
#18	Notre Dame - #7	-3	14-21
#22	at Wyoming	-18	26-34
–	Colorado St - #24	+1'	12-31
–	at Army	-17'	49-30
–	at UNLV	-5	49-32
–	San Diego St	-16'	34-38

2003 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Wofford	NL	49-0
–	at Northwestern	-7'	22-21
–	North Texas	-9'	34-21
–	Wyoming	-20	35-29
–	at BYU	+1/2	24-10
–	at Navy	-14'	25-28
–	UNLV	-6'	24-7
–	at Colorado St	+5'	20-30
–	Utah	-3	43-45 3OT
–	Army	-26'	31-3
–	at New Mexico	+4	12-24
–	at San Diego St	-4	3-24

2004 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	California - #13	+14	14-56
–	E Washington	NL	42-20
–	at UNLV	+5'	27-10
–	at Utah - #15	+22	35-49
–	Navy	-1	21-24
–	New Mexico	-3'	28-23
–	BYU	-2'	24-41
–	at Wyoming	+3	26-43
–	at Army	-3'	31-22
–	San Diego St	-6	31-37
–	Colorado St	+1'	47-17

2005 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Washington	+3	20-17
–	San Diego St	-7'	41-29
–	Wyoming	-2'	28-29
–	at Utah	+7	35-38
–	at Colorado St	+3'	23-41
–	at Navy	-2	24-27
–	UNLV	-13'	42-7
–	TCU - #21	E	10-48
–	at BYU	+6'	41-62
–	Army	-11'	24-27
–	at New Mexico	+12	42-24

2006 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Tennessee - #11	+20	30-31
–	at Wyoming	+1	31-24
–	New Mexico	-13'	24-7
–	Navy	-2'	17-24
–	Colorado St	-6	24-21
–	at San Diego St	-13'	12-19
–	BYU	+9'	14-33
–	at Army	-4'	43-7
–	Notre Dame - #9	+10'	17-39
–	Utah	+1	14-17
–	at UNLV	-10'	39-42
–	at TCU	+17	14-38

CONFERENCE USA

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 CUSA TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Paul Smith,Tulsa	Martin Hankins, Memphis	Chase Clement, Rice	Justin Willis, SMU
RB	Kevin Smith, UCF	Marcus Thomas, UTEP	Anthony Alridge, Houston	DeMyron Martin, SMU
RB	Damion Fletcher, S Miss	Matt Forte, Tulane	Courtney Tennial, Tulsa	Joseph Doss, Memphis
WR	Duke Calhoun, Memphis	Fred Rouse, UTEP	Carlos Singleton, Memphis	Jamar Bryant, E Carolina
WR	Jarett Dillard, Rice	Darius Passmore, Marshall	Rocky Ross, UCF	Joel Armstrong, Rice
WR	Donnie Avery, Houston	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	Joe West, UTEP	Emmanuel Spann, Marshall
TE	Shawn Nelson, S Miss	Cody Slate, Marshall	Jamar Hunt, UTEP	Davon Drew, E Carolina
C	Doug Legursky, Marshall	Robby Felix, UTEP	Austin Wilkinson, Rice	Michael Parenton, Tulane
G	David Ziegler, Marshall	Robby Heos, Rice	Caleb Peveto, SMU	James Riley, UTEP
G	Jeff Akeroyd, Houston	Josh Coffman, E Carolina	Cory Dowless, E Carolina	Andy Smith, Memphis
T	Dustin Dickinson, Houston	Brandon Pearce, Memphis	Josh Sitton, UCF	Lute Barber, Rice
T	Chris Clark, S Miss	Ben Poynter, SMU	Terence Campbell, E Carolina	Patrick Brown, UCF
DL	Albert McClellan, Marshall	Phillip Hunt, Houston	Cody Pree, Houston	Corey Mills, Memphis
DL	Ell Ash, Houston	Sean Merrill, S Miss	Mark Robinson, E Carolina	Frank Morton, Tulane
DL	Martavius Prince, S Miss	Keith Sholagan, UCF	Terrel Nemons, Tulsa	Byron Tinker, Marshall
DL	Marcus Hands, E Carolina	Robert Henderson, S Miss	Cory Muse, SMU	Leger Douzable, UCF
LB	Josh Johnson, Marshall	Brian Raines, Rice	Quinton McCrary, Memphis	Joe Henderson, UAB
LB	Gerald McRath, S Miss	Cody Lubojasky, Houston	Quentin Cotton, E Carolina	Emeri Spence, UTEP
LB	Nelson Coleman, Tulsa	Reggie Carrington, SMU	Heath Grant, Memphis	Steve Craver, Tulsa
LB	Jeremy Jones, UTEP	Trent Allen, Houston	Tokumbo Abanikanda, S Miss	Chris Chamberlain, Tulsa
CB	Johnell Neal, UCF	Ja'Corey Shepherd, Rice	Josh Ferguson, UTEP	Bryan McCann, SMU
CB	Joe Burnett, UCF	Kenneth Fontenette, Houston	Travis Williams, E Carolina	Kevin Sanders, UAB
SS	Brandon Sumrall, S Miss	Rocky Schwartz, Houston	David Skehan, Tulane	Alphonso Bryant, UCF
FS	Quintin Demps UTEP	Jason Venson, UCF	Will Dunbar, UAB	CJ Spillman, Marshall
K	Jarod Tracy, Tulsa	Mike Torres, UCF	Thomas Morstead, SMU	Jose Martinez, UTEP
P	Thomas Morstead, SMU	Britt Barefoot, S Miss	Kyle Petersen, UTEP	Paul Jurado, Tulsa
KR	Jessie Henderson, SMU	Michael Grandberry, Memphis	Chubb Small, Marshall	Chris Johnson, E Carolina
PR	Joe Burnett, UCF	Travis Williams, E Carolina	Emmanuel Spann, Marshall	Fred Smith, Tulane

SMU
WR Emmanuel Sanders

Tulsa
LB Nelson Coleman

Houston
WR Donnie Avery

S Mississippi
OL Chris Clark

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 CUSA FORECAST

CUSA WEST

1. Houston - Last year I pegged Houston as the best team in CUSA and that they were, outgaining league foes by 145.2 ypg and rolling to the CUSA Title. They nearly knocked off S Carolina in the bowl. One of the biggest individual losses in the country is the Cougars having to replace 4 year starting QB Kolb, but the rest of the team is loaded. Houston has my #1 O-line and #3 D-line giving them the best line play in the league. They also have my #3 rated offense (even without Kolb) and #3 defense. I'll call for the Cougars to bag their 2nd straight CUSA West Title.

2. UTEP - The Miners made my most improved list in 2004 and after a 2-11 season rebounded to an 8-3 year and 2nd place in the WAC. This year, despite the loss of 26 lettermen (2nd most in CUSA) including their entire D-line, QB Palmer and 3 of their top 4 receivers, UTEP makes my MIP list again. They will have the most improved running game in the country and that will help their inexperienced defense which underachieved last year. This year could turn out similar to 2005 when UTEP needed just one win in their final two to wrap up the CUSA West Title. UTEP does have two tough games at the end of the season but it will be a return to the post season for Mike Price and the Miners.

2. Tulsa - Tulsa outgained CUSA foes by 96.4 ypg (#2) and will benefit from those extra bowl practices. Unfortunately, Tulsa also returns just 10 starters (2nd fewest CUSA) and has to learn new schemes after their coach left for Louisville. Todd Graham did a great job at Rice last year and is very familiar with Tulsa having been the DC here from 2003 to 2005. Even in a rebuilding year Tulsa figures to contend for CUSA West honors as the schedule only has them drawing one of the top three teams out of the East.

4. SMU - Of the top four teams in the West, SMU has the toughest schedule as they draw each of the top 3 teams from the East (SMiss, Memphis, UCF). They also have to play two of the top 4 in the West on the road. This is Bennett's best team by far and last year they outgained CUSA foes by 47.4 ypg, (4th best). One of my 8 sets of power ratings calls them the 2nd best team in the league but the schedule has me placing them 4th.

5. Rice - Rice was a great story last year but showing their good fortune, they were 6-2 in CUSA play but outgained by 28 ypg. They also have my #12 rated defense in the league. They will be explosive on offense, especially if the Clement/Dillard combo remains healthy all year but they draw the top two teams out of the East and have their third HC in 3 years.

6. Tulane - The scary part of putting Tulane #6, is that they remind me a lot of last year's Rice team. They have many factors going in their favor, like the ypp system (pg 299) and the Turnovers=Turnaround (-11). They also have their best defense in over 5 years. Still, they were outgained by 117.9 ypg last year in league play, only have 13 returning starters and must learn new schemes on both sides of the ball so they wind up #6 in my forecast.

CUSA EAST

1. S Mississippi - Six of my 8 sets of power ratings call SM the best team in CUSA. The offense has a veteran QB and perhaps the league's best back in RB Fletcher and should be potent. The defense has 8 starters back, their most since 2003 when they allowed just 17.4 ppg. They the do have to play UTEP on the road out of the West. The key to me calling them for the top spot is they get to host both UCF and Memphis, who are their main 2 rivals in this year's chase for the Eastern Crown, and SM is very hard to beat at The Rock.

2. Memphis - I did not make a lot of friends in Memphis last year when I called for their team, off of three consecutive bowl games, to finish last in the CUSA East. This year Memphis has a lot of good things going for it. Memphis should be one of the most improved team's in the country and after having five net close losses last year, it would not surprise me to see them go from worst to first and from double digit losses to double digit wins!

2. UCF - If UCF was playing in the West, I would call for them to win that division title but unfortunately they are in the same division as SMiss and Memphis. Last year despite a 3-5 conf record, UCF outgained league foes by 53 ypg (3rd best). They have the most returning starters in CUSA (17) and lost 19 starts last year to injury (see pg 314). They also qualify for both sections of the ypp and were -7 in turnovers. UCF is one of the most improved teams in the country. They do have to play SMiss on the road but a win there may have them back in their 2nd CUSA Title game in 3 years.

4. East Carolina - EC, like Marshall, plays a tough schedule facing Houston, UTEP, Memphis and Marshall on the road in conference play and having to host league power SMiss. They have my #2 rated defense in the conference and benefit from having bowl practices last season. They are a dangerous bowl caliber team. The Pirates actually have my #3 O-line and #2 D-line in CUSA which makes them a contender in the conference.

4. Marshall - One of my 8 sets of power ratings calls Marshall the 3rd best team in the entire CUSA and 4 have them in the upper half. Unfortunately they draw the toughest schedule in the league as they face all 3 of last year's bowl teams from the CUSA West and play in the much tougher East. Five of the top 8 teams in CUSA reside in the East and Marshall has the toughest schedule of the five.

6. UAB - This looks like a clear rebuilding year for UAB as they have just 8 returning starters (fewest in CUSA), lose the most lettermen in the conf (31) and last year were outgained by 53.5 ypg (3rd worst). They also have a new HC which means learning new schemes on both offense and defense and play in a rugged CUSA East which has 5 bowl-caliber teams. Callaway would have to do a tremendous job for UAB to escape the basement this season.

CUSA Notes: The good news is CUSA landed 5 bowl berths in 2006 but the bad news is they went just 1-4 in the bowls with SMiss the lone bowl winner. It was also not a banner year for CUSA in non conf play as they were just 13-27 vs non conf 1A teams. They were 5-21 vs BCS schools and vs more manageable competition they were 8-6. They are now in the 3rd year of the division format and there was a great deal of change last year. In 2005 the top 2 teams in the West were Tulsa and UTEP and last year it was Houston and Rice! The East had 3 teams in the top 2 spots in 2005 in UCF, Memphis and SMiss and last year it was SMiss and East Carolina. UCF and Memphis went from a combined 12 conf wins to just 4 and Houston and Rice went from a combined 5 wins in '05 to 13 in '06. This year they do lose the leagues two marquee QB's in Kevin Kolb and Jordan Palmer who were each 4 year starters. SMiss broke a streak of having been outgained in conf play for 3 straight years but still having a winning record. This time they went 6-2 and outgained their foes by 29.6 ypg (5th best). CUSA did have 3 first day draft picks in QB Kolb and WR's Mike Walker (UCF) and Johnnie Lee Higgens (UTEP). Their 8 NFL draft picks were the 2nd fewest of the conferences. Last year the SMU-Rice season final turned out to be a playoff game for a bowl bid as both were eligible but SMU at 6-6 was home for the holidays. It should be another exciting year and I look for improved numbers for CUSA in 2007.

2006 CUSA vs CUSA OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
20	Houston	34.4	1	450.1	1	197.8	1	5.27	1	252.4	3	64.3	2	13.1	5	9	2	18	7
46	Tulsa	28.3	4	391.0	3	183.6	2	4.58	4	207.4	10	66.2	1	13.8	6	14	5	12	5
56	Rice	31.9	2	386.5	4	172.8	3	4.59	3	213.8	7	54.2	12	12.1	2	11	3	19	9
59	Marshall	29.1	3	379.1	5	170.3	5	5.16	2	208.9	9	60.1	7	13.0	4	21	12	11	4
60	UTEP	25.3	7	366.1	6	48.5	12	2.01	12	317.6	1	63.0	3	14.5	8	15	7	20	10
67	E Carolina	23.5	9	344.6	9	124.9	8	3.53	9	219.8	6	62.4	6	14.7	9	17	10	14	6
69	UCF	21.6	11	417.8	2	162.1	6	4.27	6	255.6	2	62.7	5	19.3	12	13	4	10	2
72	S Miss	26.6	6	325.1	10	171.6	4	4.50	5	153.5	12	55.7	10	12.2	3	8	1	9	1
75	Memphis	24.1	8	346.4	7	115.4	9	3.66	8	231.0	5	58.0	9	14.4	7	16	9	10	2
88	SMU	27.0	5	309.4	11	106.6	10	3.12	10	202.8	11	63.0	4	11.5	1	15	7	27	12
80	Tulane	16.3	12	303.9	12	72.8	11	2.71	11	231.1	4	54.8	11	18.7	11	17	10	22	11
92	UAB	22.1	10	344.9	8	133.6	7	3.79	7	211.3	8	58.5	8	15.6	10	14	5	18	7

2006 CUSA vs CUSA DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
36	S Miss	16.5	1	295.5	2	119.9	4	3.45	2	175.6	2	51.4	1	17.9	1	15	7	17	5
44	Tulsa	19.4	3	294.6	1	123.5	5	4.10	6	171.1	1	51.7	2	15.2	3	7	11	14	8
54	E Carolina	19.3	2	328.3	4	114.4	3	3.45	3	213.9	5	59.0	5	17.1	2	20	1	13	9
69	Houston	21.6	4	304.9	3	112.6	2	3.51	4	192.3	3	56.1	4	14.1	6	17	4	15	6
74	SMU	26.5	6	356.8	5	106.1	1	3.08	1	250.6	9	64.2	9	13.5	9	13	9	21	1
82	UAB	27.5	7	398.4	9	156.0	9	4.69	11	242.4	7	65.3	10	14.5	4	18	2	13	9
94	UCF	26.4	5	364.8	6	143.1	7	4.58	10	221.6	6	59.3	6	13.8	7	6	12	18	4
95	Marshall	27.8	8	394.1	8	136.1	6	3.82	5	258.0	11	66.4	11	14.2	5	17	4	20	3
96	UTEP	30.8	10	376.8	7	169.6	12	4.42	8	207.1	4	60.2	7	12.3	12	18	2	11	12
110	Tulane	32.0	11	421.8	12	153.9	8	4.10	7	267.9	12	63.9	8	13.2	10	9	10	15	6
111	Memphis	32.0	11	414.6	11	167.1	11	4.43	9	247.5	8	66.5	12	13.0	11	14	8	12	11
112	Rice	30.5	9	414.5	10	157.5	10	4.74	12	257.0	10	55.9	3	13.6	8	16	6	21	1

Tulsa
RB Courtney Tennial

Memphis
RB Joseph Doss

2006 CUSA STANDINGS

EAST	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2006	2005	2004
S Mississippi	6	2	213	132	9	5	356	260	+29.6	-38.0	-21.1
E Carolina	5	3	188	154	7	6	280	270	+16.3	-6.4	-128.8
Marshall	4	4	233	222	5	7	311	351	-15.0	-2.3	+150.1
UCF	3	5	173	211	4	8	232	345	+53.0	+2.9	-85.7
UAB	2	6	177	220	3	9	225	297	-53.5	+60.2	-10.9
Memphis	1	7	193	256	2	10	281	365	-68.2	-40.2	+40.1
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**2006**	**2005**	**2004**
Houston	7	1	275	173	10	4	462	329	+145.2	+88.2	+20.1
Rice	6	2	255	244	7	6	350	432	-28.0	-76.0	+74.0
Tulsa	5	3	226	155	8	5	360	262	+96.4	+57.6	-68.7
SMU	4	4	216	212	6	6	325	294	-47.4	-55.6	-88.1
UTEP	3	5	202	246	5	7	328	375	-10.7	+68.6	+14.3
Tulane	2	6	130	256	4	8	224	400	-117.9	-59.0	107.5

Coach of the Year: Todd Graham, Rice
CUSA Title Game: Houston 24 S Mississippi 20

2005 CUSA STANDINGS

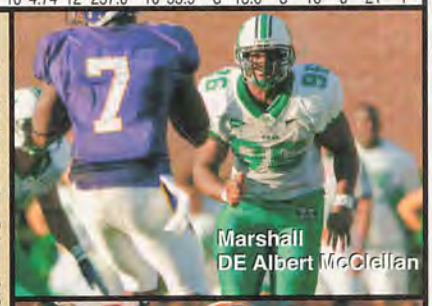
	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
EAST								
UCF	7	1	245	204	8	5	373	373
Memphis	5	3	207	201	7	5	326	276
S Mississippi	5	3	238	182	7	5	355	272
E Carolina	4	4	194	232	5	6	267	317
UAB	3	5	235	212	5	6	307	264
Marshall	3	5	135	199	4	7	204	285
WEST								
Tulsa	6	2	276	180	9	4	430	305
UTEP	5	3	269	236	8	4	382	311
Houston	4	4	241	218	6	6	337	324
SMU	4	4	177	176	5	6	229	280
Tulane	1	7	171	257	2	9	234	348
Rice	1	7	201	292	1	10	241	447

Coach of the Year: George O'Leary, UCF
CUSA Title Game: Tulsa 44 UCF 27

2004 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Louisville	8	0	453	155	11	1	597	236
Memphis	5	3	276	254	8	4	430	375
UAB	5	3	242	231	7	5	372	351
Cincinnati	5	3	254	234	7	5	344	320
S Miss	5	3	238	218	7	5	309	298
TCU	3	5	235	258	5	6	362	373
Tulane	3	5	212	304	5	6	300	361
USF	3	5	233	267	4	7	271	351
Houston	3	5	197	243	3	8	230	354
Army	2	6	222	275	2	9	260	388
E Carolina	2	6	177	300	2	9	231	439

Coach of the Year: Bobby Petrino, L'ville


Marshall
DE Albert McClellan

UTEP
LB Jeremy Jones

2006 CONFERENCE USA LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Kevin Kolb, Houston	432	292	67.6	4	3809	8.8	30	162.7
Justin Willis, SMU	**270**	**182**	**67.4**	**6**	**2047**	**7.6**	**26**	**158.4**
Jordan Palmer, UTEP	429	282	65.7	14	3595	8.4	26	149.5
Jimmy Skinner, Marshall	104	62	59.6	4	878	8.4	8	148.2
Kyle Israel, UCF	**166**	**108**	**65.1**	**5**	**1420**	**8.6**	**6**	**142.8**
Paul Smith, Tulsa	**350**	**233**	**66.6**	**9**	**2727**	**7.8**	**15**	**141.0**
Lester Ricard, Tulane	400	229	57.2	10	2795	7.0	18	125.8
Martin Hankins, Memphis	**377**	**226**	**59.9**	**13**	**2550**	**6.8**	**18**	**125.6**
Bernard Morris, Marshall	**188**	**116**	**61.7**	**12**	**1346**	**7.2**	**8**	**123.1**
James Pinkney, E Carolina	**397**	**232**	**58.4**	**10**	**2783**	**7.0**	**12**	**122.3**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

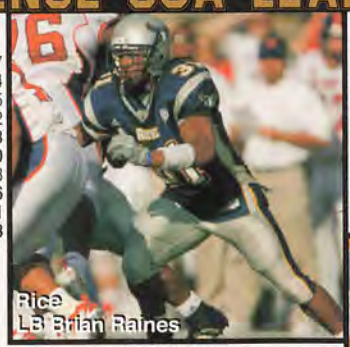
	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Johnnie Lee Higgins, Jr., UTEP	12	82	1319	13	109.9	6.8	16.1
Mike Walker, UCF	12	90	1178	7	98.2	7.5	13.1
Jarett Dillard, Rice	**13**	**91**	**1247**	**21**	**95.9**	**7.0**	**13.7**
Vincent Marshall, Houston	14	80	979	8	69.9	5.7	12.2
Aundrae Allison, E Carolina	11	62	708	4	64.4	5.6	11.4
Idris Moss, Tulsa	13	58	803	1	61.8	4.5	13.8
Donnie Avery, Houston	**14**	**57**	**852**	**5**	**60.9**	**4.1**	**14.9**
Willie Edwards, UAB	**12**	**39**	**719**	**2**	**59.9**	**3.3**	**18.4**
Cody Slate, Marshall	**12**	**43**	**684**	**6**	**57.0**	**3.6**	**15.9**
Duke Calhoun, Memphis	**12**	**42**	**681**	**6**	**56.8**	**3.5**	**16.2**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Ahmad Bradshaw, Marshall	12	249	1523	6.1	19	126.9
Damion Fletcher, S Miss	**13**	**276**	**1388**	**5.0**	**11**	**106.8**
Kevin Smith, UCF	**9**	**206**	**934**	**4.5**	**7**	**103.8**
Matt Forte, Tulane	**9**	**163**	**859**	**5.3**	**8**	**95.4**
Quinton Smith, Rice	13	211	1096	5.2	10	84.3
Joseph Doss, Memphis	**12**	**224**	**910**	**4.1**	**7**	**75.8**
Jackie Battle, Houston	13	184	943	5.1	15	72.5
Anthony Alridge, Houston	**14**	**95**	**959**	**10.1**	**8**	**68.5**
Courtney Tennial, Tulsa	**13**	**171**	**845**	**4.9**	**14**	**65.0**
Brandon Fractious, E Carolina	13	155	660	4.3	4	50.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Jordan Palmer, UTEP	12	47	-86	429	3595	3509	292.4
Kevin Kolb, Houston	14	111	154	432	3809	3963	283.1
Paul Smith, Tulsa	**13**	**101**	**288**	**350**	**2727**	**3015**	**231.9**
James Pinkney, E Carolina	13	105	216	397	2783	2999	230.7
Lester Ricard, Tulane	12	60	-112	400	2795	2683	223.6
Justin Willis, SMU	**11**	**132**	**354**	**270**	**2047**	**2401**	**218.3**
Martin Hankins, Memphis	**12**	**33**	**-12**	**377**	**2550**	**2538**	**211.5**
Bernard Morris, Marshall	**11**	**82**	**324**	**188**	**1346**	**1670**	**151.8**
Jeremy Young, S Miss	**14**	**81**	**224**	**281**	**1769**	**1993**	**142.4**
Steven Moffett, UCF	10	31	-7	215	1385	1378	137.8


Rice
LB Brian Raines

FIELD GOALS

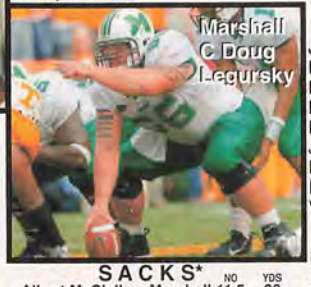
	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jarod Tracy, Tulsa	**13**	**11**	**12**	**91.7**	**50**
Reagan Schneider, UTEP	12	16	20	80.0	56
Ben Bell, Houston	**13**	**14**	**18**	**77.8**	**42**
Swayze Waters, UAB	**12**	**9**	**12**	**75.0**	**42**
Thomas Morstead, SMU	**12**	**13**	**18**	**72.2**	**50**
Michael Torres, UCF	**11**	**17**	**24**	**70.8**	**51**
Matt Reagan, Memphis	**10**	**12**	**17**	**70.6**	**42**
Darren McCaleb, S Miss	14	16	24	66.7	50
Robert Lee, E Carolina	10	14	23	60.9	48
Ross Thevenot, Tulane	**12**	**9**	**15**	**60.0**	**45**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Thomas Morstead, SMU	**12**	**50**	**2191**	**43.8**
Ryan Dougherty, E Carolina	13	51	2226	43.6
Michael Gibson, Memphis	12	42	1812	43.1
Chris Beckman, Tulane	12	52	2207	42.4
Ian O'Connor, Marshall	12	37	1520	41.1
Parker Mullins, UAB	12	58	2314	39.9
Aaron Horne, UCF	12	44	1742	39.6
Jared Scruggs, Rice	13	63	2444	38.8
Britt Barefoot, S Miss	**14**	**52**	**2007**	**38.6**
Ryan Hotchkiss, UTEP	12	50	1813	36.3

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Troy Collavo, UTEP	12	42	83	125	10.4
Joe Sturdivant, SMU	12	80	29	109	9.1
Brian Raines, Rice	**13**	**85**	**33**	**118**	**9.1**
Curtis Keyes, Marshall	12	55	49	104	8.7
Matt Couch, Marshall	12	35	61	96	8.0
Nelson Coleman, Tulsa	**13**	**43**	**55**	**98**	**7.5**
Gerald McRath, S Miss	**14**	**53**	**51**	**104**	**7.4**
Brandon McDonald, Memphis	12	45	39	84	7.0
Wesley Smith, Memphis	10	36	33	69	6.9
Andray Downs, Rice	13	62	26	88	6.8


Marshall
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SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Albert McClellan, Marshall	**11.5**	**80**
Justin Rogers, SMU	9.5	85
Courtney Gordon, Rice	8	55
Phillip Hunt, Houston	**8**	**39**
Leger Douzable, UCF	**7**	**61**
Cory Muse, SMU	**7**	**58**
Larry McSwain, UAB	6	49
Robert Latu, Tulsa	6	34
Adrian Haywood, SMU	5	40
Greg Terrell, Memphis	**5**	**27**

*Numbers come from CUSA final statistics.

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Albert McClellan, Marshall	**19**	**101**
Adrian Haywood, SMU	16.5	71
Justin Rogers, SMU	15	95
Courtney Gordon, Rice	15	74
Martavius Prince, S Miss	**15**	**50**
Brian Raines, Rice	**12.5**	**52**
Robert Henderson, SMU	**12**	**57**
Gerald McRath, S Miss	**11**	**31**
Leger Douzable, UCF	**10.5**	**71**
Cory Muse, SMU	**10.5**	**63**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Johnnie Lee Higgins,Jr, UTEP	**12**	**281**	**2**	**23.4**
Emmanuel Spann, Marshall	**12**	**144**	**0**	**12.0**
Brandon McDonald, Memphis	**14**	**152**	**0**	**10.9**
Brandon King, Rice	**13**	**115**	**0**	**8.8**
Fred Smith, Tulane	**22**	**191**	**0**	**8.7**
Jasper Faulk, S Miss	23	197	0	8.6
Blake Warren, SMU	21	174	0	8.3
Idris Moss, Tulsa	25	197	0	7.9
Vincent Marshall, Houston	20	148	0	7.4

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Michael Grandberry, Memphis	**21**	**517**	**0**	**24.6**
Marculus Elliott, UAB	27	638	0	23.6
Chris Johnson, E Carolina	**21**	**482**	**1**	**23.0**
Anthony Alridge, Houston	**27**	**603**	**0**	**22.3**
Brandon Sumrall, S Miss	**19**	**401**	**0**	**21.1**
Idris Moss, Tulsa	18	378	0	21.0
Curtis Francis, UCF	**21**	**434**	**0**	**20.7**
Chubb Small, Marshall	**18**	**361**	**0**	**20.1**
Fred Smith, Tulane	**25**	**487**	**0**	**19.5**
Chris Douglas, Rice	**15**	**290**	**0**	**19.3**
Johnnie Lee Higgins, Jr., UTEP	**18**	**275**	**0**	**15.3**

PHIL'S CUSA UNIT RANKING

West	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Houston	10	4	5	1	3	2	5	5	2
UTEP	8	1	2	6	10	3	3	6	2
Tulsa	1	2	11	11	7	3	4	3	7
SMU	4	8	8	8	9	3	7	1	7
Rice	3	12	1	6	11	8	12	11	11
Tulane	10	7	9	8	7	11	11	12	9
East	**QB**	**RB**	**REC**	**OL**	**DL**	**LB**	**DB**	**ST**	**CH**
S Mississippi	7	2	6	10	1	1	1	7	1
Memphis	2	4	2	3	6	7	6	9	5
UCF	5	6	10	2	4	10	2	4	2
E Carolina	10	9	7	3	2	6	7	7	6
Marshall	5	9	4	3	5	8	10	2	9
UAB	9	11	11	12	12	12	9	10	11

UTEP
WR Joe West

SMU
WR Jessie Henderson

S Mississippi
RB Damion Fletcher

HOUSTON COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - QB Kevin Kolb played for HC Briles in HS and in 2003 as a true frosh led all frosh in the NCAA in completions, attempts, yards, TD's and wins. He became just the 4th QB in NCAA history to top 400 yards passing and 100 yards rushing in a single game and set a CUSA record for int % (1.67%). After throwing for 3,131 (61.1%) with a 25-6 ratio in his debut season, he threw for 2,766 (56.1%) with an 11-6 ratio as a soph vs a tougher schedule. In 2005 he actually had 15 int as he tried to force the ball more throwing for 3,258 (60.5%). Kolb's stated goals at the start of 2006 were 3,800 with a 30-8 ratio and he actually surpassed those numbers with an amazing 30-4 ratio. Of those interception's, 3 bounced off a WR's hands. He leaves as the school's all-time career leading passer after throwing for 3,809 yds as a senior. The backup was Blake Joseph (PS#265) who played in 2 games (56 yd). This year Joseph will battle Case Keenum and this year's true frosh. Naturally replacing an incredibly efficient NFL DC (#2 PHI) who was a 4 year starter will be a very difficult task.

RUNNING BACKS - In the year prior to Briles' arrival, Joffrey Reynolds set a CUSA record for rushing yards in a single season (1,545). Briles had a couple of VHT's to work with and Anthony Evans (PS#28) rushed for 1,149 (4.9) in '03. Injuries hurt the unit in '04 with Evans rushing for 788 (5.2) in 8 games. Jackie Battle, who former HC Dimel called "a 220 lb Emmitt Smith", rushed for 769 (5.1) in his first 2 years. In 2005 LSU transfer Ryan Gilbert (PS#39) led with 1,037 (6.1) while Battle added 408 (3.8). Battle was the starter last year and rushed for 943 (5.1). He missed the Tulane game and Roshawn Pope (PS#66WR) rushed for 76 (4.2). The key to the offense was the insertion of WR Anthony Alridge (PS#88) who added speed. Alridge led with 959 and an amazing 10.1 ypc. This year both Battle and Pope (279, 4.7) depart as does FB Roy Otis (2 st, 42, 3.8). They get an interesting addition in Kenneth Atkins (PS#72JC) who moved from OLB (10 tkl '06) to FB in the spring. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Andre Kohn (5'11" 200 rFr), Justin Brewster (5'9" 190 Jr), Jessie Harrison (PS#169), FB Shomari Williams (6'2" 245 So), Brandon Richard (5'10" 230 rFr) and Chase Martin (6-2 237 So). It will be tough for Alridge to match LY's exorbitant ypc.

RB Anthony Alridge

RECEIVERS - The Cougars had their top 2 WR's back last year including Vincent Marshall. Coming into the season he was the NCAA's active leader in receptions (192) and yards (2,791). He and Kolb set the school record with 26 TD connections (Ware to Hazard, 19). Speedster Donnie Avery (PS#144) was the team's deep threat. The unit added Arizona transfer Biren Ealy (6'3" 205) and good-sized JUCO Jeron Harvey (6'5" 215) was in his 2nd season. Those four combined for 212 rec. This year they lose Marshall (2nd Tm CUSA, 10 st, 80, 12.2), Ealy (8 st, 34, 12.4) and TE Rodney Hannah (2 st, 11, 9.2). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ryan James (5'11" 180 Jr), Anthony Reasno (5'11" 193 rFr) and Jordan Brown (5'11" 185 Sr). This is another talented group but it is less experienced then last year and won't be as productive with a new QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UH had an inexperienced front wall in 2004 and only opened holes for 3.3 ypc rush. In 2005 they only had to replace 1 starter but then lost 2 more to knee injuries as each played in just one game. The O-line paved the way for 4.2 ypc and yielded 29 sacks (6.9%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and unfortunately lost their top OL, SirVincent Rogers to a knee injury after 4 starts. Rogers was labeled as the baddest guy on the field and a leader of the O-line. They also lost backup OT's Sebastian Vollmer and Mark Kimmey to injury. Their ypc increased to 4.8 but the sacks also rose to 33 (7.4%). This year they are in even better shape as they only lose 1st Tm CUSA starting C Sterling Doty (14 st, 3Y st'r) and Byron Alfred (13 st RG) who opted to graduate early. Rogers will likely RS this year as he has NFL potential. Three starters return but it is possible that two JUCO's could earn starting spots. The 2nd string I list below includes three VHT's so this is the most talented UH O-line in years and one of CUSA's best.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Run defense was a problem in Art Briles' first 3 years as they yielded 5.1, 4.7 and 4.6 ypc rush. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 18 starts and returned 3 of their top 6. Tenn transfer DT Ell Ash (PS#83OL) was not eligible until the Okla St game (21 tkl, 3 sk) and DE Cody Pree was injured. UH's run D allowed 34 fewer rush ypg (4.2) with the sacks rising to 23. This year they lose 2nd Tm CUSA NT Marquay Love (14 st, 53 tkl, 2 sk, 9 tfl), DE LC Kirkpatrick (30 tkl, 2 tfl) and 3rd string DT Ricky Barela (4 tkl, 2 sk). Four of the top 6 are back and Ash will be available for an entire season. They also add in Auburn transfer Brian West (PS#110) and Tramaine Williams who had 14.5 sacks at JC last year. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Mamoon Barbandi (6'2" 245 So). This is the best defensive front that Briles has fielded.

LINEBACKERS - In the last 6 years UH has gone from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3 to a 3-4 on defense. Last year was the 2nd season in the 3-4 and with all 4 LB's returning the defense improved. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA Wade Koehl (66 tkl, 7 tfl, 14 st, 3Y st'r) and Scott Lee (2 st, 6 tkl, inj). Seven of the top 8 from the 2H of 2006 are back including Baylor transfer James Francis (PS#133DB), Okla St transfer Stephen James (PS#112DB) and 3 HT's who have a combined 74 starts. This year they also add in Navy transfer Luke Caden and Arkansas transfer Tyrell Graham. Not listed in the 3 deep are CJ Cavness (6'0" 220 So), who had 7 tkl and 2 sk in the spring game, Chris Balias (6'0" 195 rFr) and Glen Caraway. This is one of CUSA's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 despite losing a #2 NFL DC and their outstanding FS Will Gulley to injury, the Cougars finished #53 in my pass D rankings allowing 52.8%. Last year they only had to replace two players who combined for 12 starts and got Gulley back, but then lost starting SS Rocky Schwartz after 3 starts. UH slipped to #62 allowing 57.4% with a 21-12 ratio. This year they must replace 2nd Tm CUSA CB Willie Gaston (14 st, 56 tkl, **19 pbu**) and Gulley (1st Tm CUSA, 13 st, #1 tkl'r w/105). With Schwartz returning, it's like having 3 full-time starters back and 5 players return who started 3 or more last year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are DeMario Williams (5'9" 180 So), Jamal Robinson (5'10" 185 rFr), Dazmond Payne (5'11" 185 Jr) and Tim Mercer (5'11" 185 So). This is a veteran group and could improve in my pass D rankings even with the loss of their top two DB's.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Briles' first year the Cougars finished a solid #47 in my ST rankings but slipped badly to #115 in '04 and #106 in '05. Last year they had to replace their top returnmen and finished #92. P Justin Laird had nets of just 31.7, 27.6 and 30.0 in his 3 years and now departs. Garrett LeFevre, who has a strong leg, had 3 punts (49.0) as a true but only handled KO's last year (19 TB) and left in the winter. Top KR Anthony Alridge (27, 22.3) returns, but is now the feature back. The top PR, Vincent Marshall, departs. Kicker TJ Lawrence suffered a groin injury and Ben Bell did well in his place hitting 14 of 18 FG's (long 42). This year they could improve again in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Art Briles played here from 1974-1977 and for 12 years he was one of Texas' most successful HS head coaches. He guided Stephenville HS to 4 state titles and they were 90-2-1 in a 6 year stretch. He enters his 5th year here and is also the OC. They run a hurry-up offense and it is a very complex system in which they run the option as well as the spread. Briles is just the second UH coach in history to guide a team to multiple bowls with Bill Yeoman putting them in 10 bowls between 1962-1986. Allen Weddell, who was the ILB coach in 2005, enters his 2nd year at DC. In 2005 they moved to the 3-4 and Weddell kept that formation. The unit, which has good speed, was nicknamed "The Mad Dogs".

PHIL'S FORECAST

Art Briles was a miracle worker in his first season taking over a team that had won 3, 0 and 5 games the previous 3 seasons and had just 7 returning starters. His brand-new multiple offense dumbfounded opponents and they averaged 34.5 ppg and 458 ypg despite using a true frosh at QB. They were just 1 of 3 teams in the NCAA to score 40+ pts in 7 games. There is no offensive playbook as Briles keeps the system on film. Only six IA schools had gone from zero wins to a bowl in two seasons and UH accomplished that by playing in the '03 Hawaii Bowl. In 2004 13 starters returned including QB Kolb. In the 2004 magazine I pointed out that in their magical 2003 season, UH only played 4 CUSA foes with winning records and had lost all 4 of those games by an avg of 20 ppg! They also had to take on four CUSA contenders on the road in '04 in addition to Oklahoma (#2), Miami (#4) and Louisville (#8) . They did outgain league foes by 20.1 ypg but went just 3-5 in CUSA and 3-8 overall. In 2005 I called for Houston to get back to a bowl as they had 14 returning starters and were a -3 in the net close wins (see pg 299). While UH finished just 6-6 (4-4 in league play), they outgained CUSA foes by 88.2 ypg, the BEST mark in the league. They suffered some tough losses (see Hardcore) but got their first road win vs an SEC foe since 1999 (Miss St). Last year I called for them to get to consecutive bowls for the first time since '81 and they were my pick to win CUSA West (media picked them #3). Last year all 4 of UH's losses were by 8 or less and they won their first CUSA Title since 1996. After opening the season 4-0, they lost 3 in a row by 1, 3 and 4 including a Hail Mary pass by ULL, but rebounded to win the last 5 and get to the Title Game. They led SC in the bowl at the half but came up short. This year they lose record setting QB Kolb and how his replacement fares will of course be the key to their season. Even with 6 starters back, I doubt they will come near to last year's 33.0 ppg, although in Kolb's first season they averaged 34.5. The defense has 7 starters back and has trimmed the ppg allowed each year going from 36.0 in '03 to 32.2, 27.0 and 23.5 last year. They have 22 of the top 27 tacklers back and this could be Briles' best D yet. UH has now lost 7 straight bowl games (last win 1980). Even with the loss of Kolb, I'll call for Houston to get to their 3rd straight bowl and land in the CUSA Title game for a 2nd straight year.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 15 Blake Joseph So. 6-2 215 PS#265. 2 gm, 6 of 8 pass, 56 yd LY. **7** Case Keenum (6-1 205 rFr) PS#317. Justin Johnson is PS#96. 4.5 spd. Demetrius Woods is PS#101.

RB 22 Anthony Alridge Sr. 5-9 175 PS#88. 8 st WR '05, 13 rec (22.7). 4 st LY (2WR, 2RB), 959 rush (10.1), 19 rec (14.4). Randall Antoine (5-10 190 rFr) PS#279. FB Kenneth Atkins PS#72JC.

WR 2 DONNIE AVERY SR. 5-11 190 PS#144. 11 st, 18 rec (16.3) rFr. 9 st '05, 44 (15.6). 12 st LY, 57 (14.9), **3rd Tm CUSA. 5** Brennan Gleason (6-0 195 Jr) PS#297. 1 rec LY.

WR 1 JERON HARVEY SR. 6-5 215 PS#68JC. 5 st '05, 14 rec (18.4). 11 st LY, 41 (16.4), **HM CUSA. 8** Chris Gilbert (5-9 175 So) PS#364. 2 rec rFr. **24** Tim Monroe (6-2 185 So).

WR 10 LJ Castile rFr. 6-3 205 PS#77QB. **9 Perry McDaniel** (5-9 175 Sr) PS#267WR. 8 st, 3 yr, 42 rec. EJ Smith is PS#95. 4.39 speed. **17** Chaz Rodriguez (6-2 184 rFr).

TE 87 Mark Hafner Jr. 6-3 230 PS#125. 2 st LY, 19 rec (11.3). **Jake Ebner** (6-2 280 Jr) **5 st** (3TE, 1RG, 1FB). Wesley Scourten (6-6 225 rFr) PS#169. Brian Boehm (6-5 250 Jr) PS#88.

C 58 Naseri Eteuini Jr. 6-4 315 **PS#93JC**. In for spg. Carl Barnett (6-3 285 So) PS#538. 13 gm rFr. Matt Parker (6-2 265 rFr) PS#247DL. **LS** Norbie Juist (6-4 240 Jr) 26 gm, 2Y.

RG 64 MICHAEL BLOESCH JR. 6-2 295 9 gm rFr. 10 st LG '06. **66** Jared Lindsey (6-3 280 rFr). Move from DL in spg. **75** Isaiah Agson (6-3 320 Jr) 3 gm LY. Added 20 lbs in '07.

LG 77 JEFF AKEROYD SR. 6-3 295 PS#344. 1 st, 11 gm rFr. 14 st LY (4LG, 10LT), **2nd Tm CUSA**. Jerrod Butler (6-2 330 So) **PS#69**. 9 gm rFr. Travis Jabsen (6-2 285 rFr).

RT 73 DUSTIN DICKINSON SR. 6-3 290 PS#464. 11 gm rFr. 12 st RT '05. 14 st RT LY, **3rd Tm CUSA. Josh Bell** (6-6 300 So) **PS#27TE. Kansas trans.** Jordan Shoemaker (6-3 275 rFr) PS#214.

LT NA RODNEY BRISBON JR. 6-6 330 PS#33JC. Matt Hart (6-6 305 So) PS#268. 2nd string rFr, 7 gm. Sebastian Vollmer (6-8 290 Jr). 8 gm rFr. Inj LY. Jaryd Anderson (6-4 285 rFr).

K 14 BEN BELL JR. 6-0 175 Hit 8 of 12 FG's as true, long 36. 14 of 18 FG's LY, long 42, 1 of 3 from 40+. **22 TJ Lawrence** (6-1 195 Sr). 6-12 FG's here 2 yr, 1 of 3 50+. xp.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

NT 56 CODY PREE JR. 6-3 290 8 st, 42 tkl, 4 sk rFr, 8 st LY, 35 tkl, 3 tfl. **92** Billy Hartford (6-2 260 Jr). 12 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **97** Isaiah Thompson (6-4 305 rFr) PS#330. Fred Agho (6-2 250 Sr) 2 tkl LY.

DT 90 Ell Ash Jr. 6-5 293 **PS#83OL. Tenn Trans.** 21 tkl, 3 sk LY. **91 Tate Stewart** (6-3 285 Sr) **8 st** 2 yrs, 46 tkl, 5 tfl. **48** Raymond Alake (6-4 265 rFr). Tramaine Williams PS#313JC.

DE 53 PHILLIP HUNT JR. 6-2 250 23 tkl, 5 tfl rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. 14 st LY, 58 tkl, 8 sk, **2nd Tm CUSA. 93** Brian West (6-4 265 So) **PS#110. Aub trans. 98** Anthony Roulette (6-3 260 So). PS#396.

SLB 3 BRENDAN PAHULU SR. 6-3 239 PS#163. 6 st true, 50 tkl, 7 tfl. 9 st '05, 94 tkl, 9 tfl. 8 st LY, 50 tkl, 8 tfl. **7** Chris Pilot (6-1 230 Jr) PS#286DL. 2 st, 40 tkl, 2Y. **33** Shomari Williams (6-2 245 So) PS#485.

MLB 34 CODY LUBOJASKY JR. 6-3 230 PS#153. 12 st as rFr, 74 tkl, 6 tfl. 14 st LY, 90 tkl, 7 tfl. **4** Rodney Rideau (6-1 230 Jr) PS#208. 57 tkl rFr. 61 tkl, 3 tfl LY. Britton Maxwell (6-0 220 So) PS#103. 8 tkl true.

WLB 41 TRENT ALLEN SR. 6-2 244 PS#168. 12 st, 71 tkl, 3 tfl in '05. 95 tkl, 2 tfl, **HM CUSA** LY. **35** JT Rudd (6-2 220 So) PS#240RB. 5 tkl true. Matt Nicholson (6-3 230 So) 7 tkl true. Luke Caden. **Navy trans.**

SLB 27 Stephen James Jr. 5-10 205 PS#112DB. 19 tkl, 2Y at **Okla St.** James Francis (6-1 215 Jr) PS#133DB. **Baylor trans.** Tyrell Graham (6-3 225 Jr) PS#154. **Ark trans.** Broderic Bean (6-1 215 So).

CB 8 Quinte Williams Jr. 5-11 170 PS#298. 6 tkl, 1 tfl as true. 3 st LY, 22 tkl, 4 pbu. **23** Carson Blackmon (5-11 180 So) PS#242. 13 tkl true. **12** Harry Simon (5-9 180 Jr) 16 tkl, 3 pbu LY.

CB 28 KENNETH FONTENETTE JR. 6-0 185 10 st rFr, 76 tkl, 4 int. 14 st LY, 72 tkl, 13 pbu, **HM CUSA. 6** Kellan Yancy (6-0 185 Sr), JUCO trans. 5 tkl, 2 yrs. **16** Teric Williams (5-10 180 rFr).

SS 5 ERNEST MILLER JR. 6-0 195 9 st LY, 83 tkl, 7 tfl, 8 pbu. **Rocky Schwartz** (5-10 200 Sr) PS#197QB. 11 st '04, 83 tkl, 5 tfl, 7 pbu. 12 st '05, 114 tkl, 6 pbu. 3 st '06, 13 tkl (inj). Ricardo Bates PS#138.

FS 9 Joseph Gonzales Sr. 5-11 200 38 tkl, 3 pbu '05. 4 st LY, 43 tkl, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. **21** Brandon Brinkley (6-0 175 So) 19 tkl, 6 pbu rFr. Kaison Mangum (6-2 195 Sr). Jake Fedorchak (6-0 190 rFr).

P 45 Tommy Skinner rFr. 6-4 215 RS in '06. #1 P in spring. **83** Jonathan Gibson (5-9 172 rFr) #2 K in spg. **22** TJ Lawrence. 2 TB on 27 KO '05. Missed 8 games (inj) '06, 4-4

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Rodney Brisbon 6-6 330 PS#33JC
OL	Naseri Eteuini 6-4 315 PS#93JC
OL	Cory Bailey 6-5 275 PS#111
WR	EJ Smith 6-1 185 PS#95
WR	Chris Tate 5-11 176 PS#115DB
DB	Ricardo Bates 5-11 170 PS#138
DL	Tramaine Williams 6-3 255 PS#313JC
QB	Justin Johnson 6-1 208 PS#96
QB	Demetrius Woods 6-0 170 PS#101
LB	Bo Mosley 6-2 220 PS#148
LB	Tyrell Graham 6-3 210 PS#154
DL	Michael Ray 6-2 236 PS#233
OL	Chris Thompson 6-3 270 PS#319
DL	Demarcus Lattier 6-2 285 PS#264
WR	Joseph Florence 6-4 200 PS#294
OL	Justin Freeman 6-3 259 PS#417
WR	Bakari Maxwell 6-1 170 PS#371DB
DB	Ryan Tennison 5-10 190 PS#372
WR	Tyron Carrier 5-9 170 PS#341
OL	Chad Mullen 6-6 270 PS#443
DB	BK Johnson 6-0 170 PS#397
RB	Terrance Ganaway 6-0 199 PS#400
OL	Michael Sanchez 6-2 248 PS#485
DB	Loyce Means 5-10 156 PS#443
DB	AJ Edwards 6-1 178 PS#443
DB	Roisean Haynes 5-11 170 PS#443
DL	Cedric Hall 6-3 230 PS#381

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ART BRILES (Career 26–24)
5th Year at Houston Briles' Bowl Record: 0-3

Briles' records AT HOUSTON

26-24	Straight Up	0-4	Vs Top 10
16-9	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
10-11	Away	3-7	Vs BCS Teams
0-4	Neutral	1-3	Off A Bye
19-14	Vs Conference	11-9	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (10–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (23,26,3)
Lost: 18 (9,7,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,910 (#86)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#102

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at Oregon	A						The Cougars are just 2-14 in road openers with both wins vs Rice including LY. Houston is 0-2 vs Oregon (last gm '05) and 10-20 all-time vs the Pac 10 Conference.
Sep. 8								
Sep. 15	at Tulane	A						Last year they outgained Tulane 621-224. Houston has won 4 straight with the last 3 by 21+ pts. The Cougars are 14-24 in CUSA road games (5-3 last 8) since '96.
Sep. 22	Colorado St	G						Houston is 14-6 their L/20 gms at Robertson Stadium including 3 of 4 home openers. UH last played CSU in '73 (2-0) & have a winning record vs all current MWC tms (7 combined 31-12).
Sep. 29	East Carolina	G						The home team is just 2-5. Houston has won 7 of 8 in the 2nd of B2B home games. Houston has won 6 straight CUSA home games with the avg score of 38-17.
Oct. 6	at Alabama	G						UH is 0-9 all-time vs Alabama, but their last gm was in 1999. The Crimson Tide are the only tm the Cougars haven't beaten in school history (minimum of 4 gms played).
Oct. 13	Rice	G						LY Houston had to comeback from 16 down (30-14, 3Q) to beat in-city rival Rice. Houston owns a 24-9 edge including 4 of the last 5 over their old SWC rival Rice.
Oct. 20	at UAB	G						UH has played in Birmingham 3 times & has lost every trip ('99, '02 & '04). Entering 07: UH was held to 7 pts vs UAB ('04) marking the last time they failed to score 13+ in a gm.
Oct. 27	at UTEP	A						Houston has come up short in all 3 of its trips to the Sun Bowl vs UTEP (avg loss by 15 ppg). Kolb had a UH record streak of 191 attempts without an int broken last year.
Nov. 4	SMU (Sun)	G						Houston is 12-9-1 vs SMU & 7-2-1 recently. Alridge rushed for season high 225. The Cougars are 10-16 in Nov/Dec reg season gms since 2000, but did go 3-0 LY.
Nov. 10	at Tulsa	A						This will be the schools 33rd meeting & the last time UH beat Tulsa in 3 straight gms was from '70-'73. Houston took home last year's CUSA Title & Tulsa was the champ in 2005.
Nov. 17	Marshall (HC)	G						The Cougars are 3-7 in their inaugural games vs current CUSA members. This will not only be the schools 1st CUSA meeting, but their first overall as well.
Nov. 24	Texas Southern	G						Texas Southern was 3-8 LY losing to New Mexico St 48-14, they also play UTEP TY. Houston is 42-17-1 (71%) all-time in home finales including winning 4 of the last 5.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kevin Kolb 12,964 '03-'06	1. Ketric Sanford 3,636 '96-'99	1. Vincent Marshall 3,770 '03-'06
2. David Klingler 9,430 '88-'91	2. Chuck Weatherspoon 3,247 '87-'90	2. Elmo Wright 3,347 '68-'70
3. Jason McKinley 8,694 '97-'00	3. Robert Newhouse 2,961 '69-'71	3. Brandon Middleton 2,873 '99-'03

OL Jeff Akeroyd

STADIUM: ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000) (#91)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	0-11	5-7	7-5	3-8	6-5	10-3	34-47
Home	2-2	0-6	3-3	3-3	3-2	3-3	7-1	21-20
Away	1-6	0-5	2-4	4-2	0-5	3-2	3-2	13-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	2-5	0-7	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	8-1	24-31
ATS	2-9	4-7	5-7	6-5-1	3-8	6-4	8-4	34-44-1
Home Fav (Dana Dimel)	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-1	1-2	2-2	5-1	11-12
Home Dog (Dana Dimel)	1-1	2-3	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-0	7-9
Away Fav (Art Briles)	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-0-1	0-0	1-1	1-2	4-5-1
Away Dog	1-5	2-2	3-3	1-2	1-4	3-0	1-1	12-17
Favorite	0-2	0-2	1-3	4-1-1	1-3	3-3	6-3	15-17-1
Dog	2-6	4-5	4-4	2-4	2-5	3-1	2-1	19-26
vs Conf	2-5	2-5	2-6	4-4	2-6	5-3	6-3	23-32
vs Non-Conf	0-4	2-2	3-1	2-1-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	11-12-1
Off SU Win	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-3	1-2	2-3	7-1	16-13
Off SU Loss	1-6	4-6	2-5	2-2-1	2-5	4-0	1-2	16-26-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Alridge	**95**	**965**	**6**	**959**	**8**	**10.1**
Jackie Battle	184	956	13	943	15	5.1
Roshawn Pope	59	294	15	279	1	4.7
Kevin Kolb	111	397	243	154	4	1.4
Vincent Marshall	8	60	1	59	1	7.4
Roy Otis	11	42	0	42	0	3.8
Justin Brewster	**10**	**17**	**18**	**-1**	**0**	**-0.1**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kevin Kolb	432	292	67.6	3809	30	4
Blake Joseph	**8**	**6**	**75.0**	**56**	**0**	**1**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Vincent Marshall	80	979	12.2	8	77	
Donnie Avery	**57**	**852**	**14.9**	**5**	**56**	
Jeron Harvey	**41**	**671**	**16.4**	**4**	**74**	
Biren Ealy	34	420	12.4	6	52	
Anthony Alridge	**19**	**274**	**14.4**	**1**	**41**	
Roshawn Pope	21	271	12.9	2	62	
Mark Hafner	**19**	**214**	**11.3**	**2**	**33**	
Rodney Hannah	11	101	9.2	1	19	
Roy Otis	3	24	8.0	1	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Justin Laird	40	1552	38.8	3	30.0	1	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ben Bell	**51-53**	**7-8**	**6-7**	**1-3**	**0-0**	**14-18**	**42**
TJ Lawrence	**4-4**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**0-1**	**0-0**	**1-2**	**20**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Gulley	105	0	0	7	5
Trent Allen	**95**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**1**
Cody Lubojasky	**90**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**
Ernest Miller	**83**	**0**	**7**	**8**	**2**
Ken Fontenette	**72**	**0**	**1**	**13**	**0**
Wade Koehl	66	0	7	1	1
Rodney Rideau	**61**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Phillip Hunt	**58**	**8**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Willie Gaston	56	1	5	19	1
Marquay Love	53	2	9	3	0
Brendan Pahulu	**50**	**1**	**7**	**0**	**0**
Joseph Gonzales	**43**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Cody Pree	**35**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
LC Kirkpatrick	30	1	1	1	0
Tate Stewart	**25**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Quinte Williams	**22**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**0**
Eli Ash	**21**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Brandon Brinkley	**19**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**1**
Harry Simon	**16**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Vincent Marshall	20	148	7.4	0	
Perry McDaniel	**1**	**12**	**12.0**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Anthony Alridge	**27**	**603**	**22.3**	**0**	
Vincent Marshall	6	184	30.7	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
88	Aloha - #14	-4'	Washington St - #18	22-24
96	Liberty	+17	Syracuse - #23	17-30
03	Hawaii	+10'	Hawaii (3OT)	48-54
05	Fort Worth	+3	Kansas	13-42
06	Liberty	+5	South Carolina	36-44

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Houston's All-Time Bowl Record 7–9–1

HOUSTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	33.0	22	168	4.8	278	67.4	13.5	+9	2006	9	23.5	18	143	4.2	208	57.4	15.0
8*	28.1	22	166	4.2	272	60.4	15.6	-4	2005	6	27.0	21	177	4.6	220	52.8	14.7
5*	20.9	21	138	3.3	251	55.9	18.6	+6	2004	8	32.2	20	192	4.7	207	60.4	12.4
3	34.5	24	216	4.3	243	60.8	13.3	-6	2003	4	36.0	22	209	5.1	232	54.7	12.2
6	26.7	19	170	3.9	223	51.5	14.7	-16	2002	6	32.8	19	134	3.7	269	55.8	12.3
7	17.3	19	93	3.1	249	55.3	19.8	-11	2001	5	39.3	22	211	4.8	224	59.9	11.1

2006 STATS BY GAME

UH 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Rice	17	28-96	3.4	22-35	233	4	14	31-131	4.2	12-26	152	1	+2
–	Tulane	26	35-244	7.0	27-45	377	1	8	23-55	2.4	16-29	169	2	0
–	Grambling St	31	31-158	5.1	30-36	326	0	18	35-91	2.6	18-26	248	3	-1
–	Oklahoma St	27	46-196	4.3	21-28	313	3	17	27-165	6.1	13-22	281	0	+1
–	at Miami, Fl	13	25-80	3.2	18-28	196	4	20	42-230	5.5	16-27	190	0	+1
–	Louisiana-Lft	19	22-38	1.7	24-32	367	5	23	44-269	6.1	15-29	146	1	0
–	at S Mississippi	17	27-38	1.4	22-39	339	0	21	39-145	3.7	17-26	180	0	0
–	UTEP	24	42-204	4.9	20-30	208	0	13	23-30	1.3	19-30	206	3	0
–	UCF	22	33-211	6.4	22-34	305	1	24	47-248	5.3	18-31	282	0	+3
–	Tulsa	18	38-227	6.0	16-21	244	1	15	24-113	4.7	16-34	136	1	+1
–	at SMU	24	48-357	7.4	12-21	147	4	20	35-44	1.3	23-36	299	6	+1
–	at Memphis	22	49-205	4.2	19-24	166	7	17	35-135	3.9	13-27	114	2	+1
–	S Mississippi	24	33-167	5.1	20-32	276	0	18	33-163	4.9	17-32	186	1	+1
–	† S Carolina	27	33-135	4.1	27-40	392	3	25	41-189	4.6	19-29	323	3	-1
TOTALS		311	490-2356	4.8	300-445	3889	33	253	479-2008	4.2	232-404	2912	23	+9
AVERAGES		22.2	35-168	4.8	21-32	278	2.4	18.1	34-143	4.2	17-29	208	1.6	0.6

2002 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Rice	+7'	24-10
–	Tulane	-2'	13-34
–	Louisiana-Lft	-9	36-17
–	at Texas - #3	+36	11-41
–	at TCU	+10'	17-34
–	at UAB	+3'	34-51
–	Army	-14'	56-42
–	at Memphis	+5	26-21
–	East Carolina	-1	48-54 3OT
–	at Cincinnati	+14'	14-47
–	USF	+13	14-32
–	Louisville	+15'	27-10

2003 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Rice	-4'	48-14
–	at Michigan - #5	+27'	3-50
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-7	21-14
–	Mississippi St	+4'	42-35
–	at East Carolina	-1'	27-13
–	at Tulane	+1'	45-42
–	Memphis	-5	14-45
–	TCU - #15	+6	55-62
–	S Mississippi	+5'	10-31
–	at Army	-10'	34-14
–	at Louisville	+11'	45-66
–	UAB	-1	56-28

2004 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Rice	-4	7-10
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+37	13-63
–	Army	-15'	35-21
–	Miami, Fl - #4	+29'	13-38
–	at Memphis	+13	14-41
–	at S Mississippi	+17	29-35 OT
–	at TCU	+6'	27-34
–	Tulane	-9'	24-3
–	East Carolina	-16'	34-24
–	at UAB	+9'	7-20
–	Louisville - #8	+22	27-65

2005 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Oregon	+7'	24-38
–	Sam Houston St	NL	31-10
–	at UTEP	+12	41-44 2OT
–	at Tulsa	+2'	30-23
–	at Tulane	-1'	35-14
–	Memphis	-10'	20-35
–	at Mississippi St	+2	28-16
–	at UCF	-2	29-31
–	S Mississippi	-2	27-24
–	SMU	-13	24-29
–	Rice	-15'	35-18

2006 RESULTS

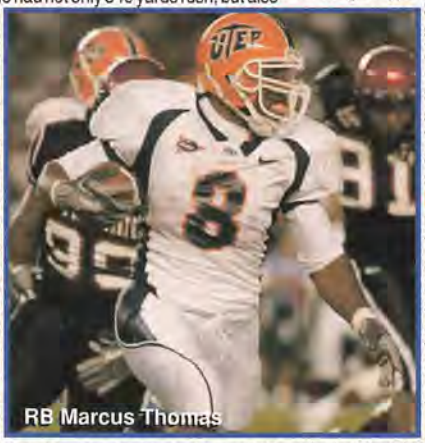
UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Rice	-14'	31-30
–	Tulane	-14	45-7
–	Grambling St	NL	42-22
–	Oklahoma St	-1	34-25
–	at Miami, Fl	+16'	13-14
–	Louisiana-Lft	-17	28-31
–	at S Mississippi	+2	27-31
–	UTEP	-6	34-17
–	UCF	-17	51-31
–	Tulsa	+3'	27-10
–	at SMU	-3	37-27
–	at Memphis	-17	23-20 OT
–	S Mississippi	-5'	34-20

UTEP MINERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - When he arrived in El Paso, Jordan Palmer was best known as Carson's little brother but after just his junior season he already held every school passing record. While he had 88 career TD's, he also had 64 int's. Brandis Dew (PS#21) was expected to be the backup in '06 but had his 2nd shoulder surgery. If he does not regain his rocket arm, Dew is a candidate to move to DE where both USC and LSU recruited him. Florida St transfer Lorne Sam is known best for his running ability and played QB/WR. He started one game and played in just 8 (inj). James Thomas (5'11" 190 So) is a mobile QB, who was 0 for 2 passing with 22 yards rushing with 1 start at WR as a true. Trevor Vittatoe has a cannon for an arm and ran the scout team. Kyle Wright (6'1" 195 So) is a walk-on that was the backup QB and played in 2 games hitting 6 of 9 for 91 yards. UTEP may run 2 types of offenses, taking advantage of 2 mobile QB's and 2 passing QB's but odds are their combined stats will be lower than Palmer's (#6DC WAS).

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Howard Jackson rushed for 1,187 yards (5.0). He had to be replaced in '05 but Price had a couple of VHT's in Tyler Ebell (PS#15) who rushed for 994 at UCLA in '02 and former Arizona signee Marcus Thomas (PS#23). Ebell rushed for 536 (4.5) but missed the final five. Thomas emerged and in the last 5 he had not only 540 yards rush, but also 248 yards rec. He led with 791 (5.3) and was #3 with 32 rec (13.8). Thomas added 20 lbs in the offseason yet trimmed his 40 time to 4.3. Unfortunately, the young O-line opened few holes and Thomas saw his ypc drop to 3.3 (513 yd), but was the #2 receiver with 39 (6.2). True frosh Jason Williams, who is a bruising RB, started 2 but had just 85 (2.9). They took the redshirt off of Donald Buckram in Wk 6 and while he rushed for just 76 (3.6), he did avg 18.2 on 12 rec. Buckram had 2 long screens, an 80 yd TD vs UAB and a 71 yarder vs Memphis. He also had a 69 yard TD called back on a penalty vs the Tigers. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Eddie Mendoza (5'11" 205 rFr). This is the most improved RB corps in the country as Thomas should live up to his vast potential, both Buckram and Williams now have experience and they add in VHT Oregon transfer Terrell Jackson (PS#17).


RB Marcus Thomas

RECEIVERS - Former HC Nord did a fine job recruiting WR's here. In 2003, 6 of the top 8 were frosh or soph's and most stood 6' or taller with good speed. Johnnie Lee Higgins (4.29 spd) led the team in rec yards in '04, '05 and '06 and departs as the school's all-time leading receiver in both yards and TD's. Higgins (#3DC OAK) had a fine year with 82 grabs (16.1) and 13 TD's and also added 2 TD's on PR. Daniel Robinson was #2 with 37 (16.4). Good-sized TE Jamar Hunt (6'7" 250) had 27 (9.6) as a rFr and in 3 starts last year had 21 (10.4). This year they must replace Higgins (11 st, 1st Tm CUSA), Robinson (11 st), Chris Marrow (32 rec), David Sutton (2 st, 4 rec) and TE Casey Mauch (0 rec). Joe West avg'd a team high 18.4 on 27 grabs and is the top returnee. QB Lorne Sam will likely play WR and another Fla St transfer, Fred Rouse (PS#2), is now eligible. Rouse had 11 PR (8.8) at Fla St in '05. Price also brought in two HT true frosh along with four rFr and the top 2 TE's are back. If Rouse and Sam have the impact I expect, this could be one of CUSA's top receiving corps despite the big losses.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Price usually fields a good-sized O-line and this year's could be huge if underclassmen Anthony McNac (6'4" 350) and Alex Solot (6'8" 330) take over starting spots. In 2005 UTEP had just 2 starters returning and opened holes for 3.7 ypc rush (29 sk, 6.3%). Last year they had to replace a pair of 2nd Tm CUSA players as well as two backups (7 st). Just two players managed to start all 12 and 3 key backups were lost early on. Due to the injuries, nine different players earned starts and with the constantly reshuffled line, UTEP's running game went out the window. Houston put 5 men in the box (not 8) and still held UTEP to 30 yards rushing. The Miners averaged just 58 ypg and their 2.4 ypc was the lowest since 1968. Three frosh OL started vs Rice. This year the only losses are LG Andy Smith (5 st) and 2nd string RT Humberto Padilla. Eight players return who started games last year and this looks like one of the most improved O-lines in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The lowest ypc allowed by UTEP from 1998-2003 was 4.7. Price's first two D's allowed 3.7 and 3.9 ypc rush. Last year they probably had the most veteran D-line in the NCAA with 8 seniors in the 3 deep. Surprisingly UTEP stumbled allowing 4.2 ypc rush and the sacks dropped by 7 to 22. Gone are 3rd Tm CUSA DE Alex Obomese (12 st, 55 tkl, 3 sk), DT Justin Hanel (12 st, 47 tkl, 3.5 sk), DT Zach West (11 st, 30 tkl, 2 sk), DE Alfonso Auelua (5 st, 25 tkl, 2.5 tfl), DE Joe Ward (4 st, 29 tkl, 3.5 sk) and DE Justin Watson (3 st, 22 tkl, 2 sk). Not surprisingly Price brings in three JUCO's to fill the gap. This year's unit is far less experienced and my biggest concern on the team, but may surprise and perform better than expected.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UTEP had to replace Thomas Howard (#2DC OAK) and two backups. The unit took a major hit when its star LB, Jeremy Jones (#1 tkl'r '05) who had 24 tackles in the first 2, was lost for the season. They moved S Braxton Amy to LB and he had 5 starts (52 tkl). They must replace their #1 tackler, 1st Tm CUSA MLB Troy Collavo (12 st, 125 tkl, 9.5 tfl), Josh Chamois (6 st, 48 tkl) and Jason McQuay (4 st, 39 tkl). While there are two starters lost, in reality they have two starters returning as Jones should win 1st Tm CUSA honors and Emeri Spence (4.4 spd), who was the #2 LB tackler, is also back. They also add in Ariz St transfer Adam Vincent (PS#107) who had 7 tackles in the 2005 Insight Bowl and some top-notch JUCO's. Not even listed in the 4 deep below are Abiel Macias (5'11" 230 Sr) and Steve Douglas who went on a two year mission and was a little rusty last year (10 tkl). Despite the losses, this group has three All-CUSA caliber LB's and figures to be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UTEP moved from a zone D to a man-to-man in 2004. With all 4 starters back they went from #95 in my pass D rankings in '03 up to #36. They had to replace 3 starters in 2005 but welcomed back FS Quintin Demps who was the WAC Frosh of the Year in 2004. The less experienced unit dropped to #90. Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup. The experienced group moved up to #58. This year they lose SS Joe Fleskoski (12 st, 75 tkl, 3 tfl, 4Y st'r), CB Bryant Tisdale (10 st, 60 tkl, 2 int) and CB Nate Draughon (3 st, 23 tkl). Demps earned 1st Tm CUSA honors while leading the conf in int's and Amy (5 st LB '06) takes over the SS role. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Saul Adame (5'10" 180 rFr), Tony Williams (6'3" 205 Jr), Jamie Jordan (6'1" 240 So) and Matt Ellis (6'0" 210 Sr). I look for continued improvement in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Price puts an emphasis on ST's and even has a silent practice on Friday so that players fully concentrate on their duties. He inherited a UTEP unit that was #42 in 2003 and with everyone back I said they had the potential to be the WAC's best ST unit and finished #17. Reagan Schneider, who hit 15 of 20 FG's with a long of 52 and P Bryce Benekos (38.6 net) were the standouts. Price signed a 2nd Tm AA JUCO P in Ryan Hotchkiss to replace Benekos and he had a net of 36.1 in '05 and UTEP slipped some to #48. Last year everyone returned and UTEP moved up to #25. Johnnie Lee Higgins would have led the NCAA in PR's if he had 3 more returns (23.4). The team had 7 players return kicks and avg'd 18.6. Surprisingly Hotchkiss' net punting dropped to 33.7. Schneider hit 16 of 20 FG's with 6 of 7 from 40+ including a career long 56 yarder in his final game. UTEP now must replace Higgins, Hotchkiss and Schneider. The K looks to be Jose Martinez, who hit 13 of 16 FG's with a long of 52 at JUCO in '05 and redshirted. Price thinks Martinez is capable of kicking 60 yard FG's. The leading candidate at P is Kyle Petersen (PS#7) who had 62% TB in HS but missed the spring with injury.

COACHES - Mike Price enters his 4th year here and his 21 wins ties for second-most in a three year span in school history. He previously guided Wash St to a pair of Rose Bowls and three 10-win seasons in his 14 years there. He was the Pac 10 Coach of the Year in 1992, 1997 and 2001. The OC is Mike's son, Eric, who was an offensive asst with the NY Jets during 2001 and 2002 under OC Paul Hackett. He was the QB coach at Wash St from 1998-2000. The DC is Tim Hundley who was the DC at Wash from 1999-2003 and the DC at Oreg St from 1982-'89.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mike Price stepped into a great situation (see "Hardcore Fans"). Not only did he take over a team with 17 returning starters, but one that had caught some bad breaks the previous year including -15 in turnovers. In 2004 I called for them to be the WAC's surprise team, much like Tulsa had been the season before, and pegged them the 3rd most improved team in the country. While they opened 1-2, they finished 7-1 moving as high as #23 in the polls. They accomplished this vs an easy schedule (#101). Despite having just 11 starters back in '05, they were arguably the most talented team in the CUSA. There had been just three winning seasons here at UTEP since 1971 prior to Price's arrival. After opening 8-1 and moving to #24, UTEP needed just one win to advance to the CUSA Title game but ended up dropping their last 2 vs teams with losing records. They were also embarrassed in the bowl finishing just 8-4. UTEP did set a school record with their 10 straight crowds of 40,000+ which they extended to 13 in a row in '06. It was their first back-to-back winning seasons since 1987-88 but amazingly they did not have a single 1st Tm CUSA player. Another amazing stat is that UTEP has not won a season finale since 1988 (0-18) and are 0-4 in bowls since 1967. UTEP played the 3rd easiest schedule in the country in 2005 but a much tougher one in 2006. Price had 26 seniors on hand to take on the more difficult slate. Their last win over a Big 12 team came in 1957 when Don Maynard led the squad. They had 51,500 on hand for TTech but the Raiders 49 yd FG bounced in off the upright in OT and they lost. At 4-2 they were thinking CUSA Title but they would actually go 1-5 down the stretch including an embarrassing loss to a woeful Memphis team in the season finale, 38-19. They led Houston 17-10 at the half but lost and they led Tulsa 20-6 in the 3Q and lost again. They trailed Rice 30-10 at the half the next week and lost their 3rd in a row. The Memphis loss cost them a possible bowl bid and a winning season. This year UTEP has 8 starters back on offense but must replace QB Palmer and three of their top four WR's. It may be tough to match last year's 27.3 ppg. The defense had 9 starters back last year but were hit hard by injuries and took a step backwards allowing 31.3 ppg, the worst in the Price era. This year they have just four starters back losing 12 of their top 17 tacklers. They also lose their outstanding K and P. Of the 64 players who saw action for UTEP last season, 26 were seniors and 20 were frosh (8 true). The Miners make my most improved list this year which means 68% of the time, teams will go from a losing record to a bowl. They will be one of the surprise teams in CUSA.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 10 **Trevor Vittatoe rFr.** 6-2 210 PS#164. 7 **Brandis Dew** (6-5 265 So) **PS#21.** James Thomas (5-11 190 So) 1 st true. 15 Kyle Wright (6-1 195 So). 3 **Lorne Sam** (6-3 215 Sr).

RB 8 **MARCUS THOMAS SR.** 6-1 215 **PS#23.** Arizona signee. L/6 st '05. 791 (5.3), 32 rec (13.8). 10 st LY (inj) 755 ttl yd. 21 **Terrell Jackson** (5-9 195 Jr) **PS#17. 182 ttl yd. Oreg '05.**

WR 4 **JOE WEST SR.** 6-2 210 PS#230. 5 st, 25 rec '03-'05. 11 st LY, 27 (18.4). 10 Pierce Hunter (6-5 220 rFr) PS#233. Kris Adams (6-3 190 rFr) PS#306. Tufick Shadrawy (6-2 185 So).

WR 3 **Lorne Sam Sr.** 6-3 215 PS#47. Fla St trans. 12 rec, 6 pass, 91 yd rush WR/QB/RB LY. 18 Jeff Moturi (6-0 185 So) PS#240. 16 Brandon Jordan (6-2 210 rFr) PS#705.

WR 1 **Fred Rouse So.** 6-3 195 **PS#2.** 318 all-purp yd Florida St '05. 19 Evan Davis (6-1 185 rFr) PS#373. 80 Kyle Darden (5-11 175 rFr) PS#288. 12 Chris Day (5-9 180 Jr).

TE 87 **JAMAR HUNT JR.** 6-7 250 PS#126. 8 st, 48 rec (9.9) 2Y. 37 **Jake Sears** (6-3 255 Sr) 10 st '04-'05. 14 rec (15.0). 4.62 spd. 8 st LY, 17 (10.2). 86 Jonny Moore (6-5 240 rFr) PS#66.

C 62 **ROBBY FELIX JR.** 6-3 295 Scout Tm POY '04. 12 st C rFr, **HM CUSA.** 12 st C LY. **460 bench.** 79 Tanner Cullumber (6-4 295 rFr). 57 Stephen Littleford (6-2 320 Jr) JC.

RG 73 **JAMES RILEY SR.** 6-3 300 PS#318DL. 11 gm rFr. 11 st RG '05. 12 st RG LY, Colby Meek (6-4 305 So) PS#540. 1 st rFr. 74 Rod Huntley (6-3 305 Fr) PS#282 in '06.

LG 78 **CAMERON RASCHKE SO.** 6-4 330 PS#243. 3 st LG rFr until injury. 65 Anthony McNac (6-4 350 So) PS#467. 4 st LG as true. 69 Troy Henckel (6-4 295 rFr). Walk-on.

RT 77 **TYLER RIBITZKI JR.** 6-5 305 6 st rFr (last 5). 11 st RT LY. 71 Mike Aguayo (6-4 285 So) PS#280. 4 st LT rFr. Moved from DL. 72 Daniel Garcia (6-3 330 So). +35 lbs.

LT 75 **ONIEL COUSINS SR.** 6-4 305 4.9 spd. 1 tkl DL '04. 2nd string OL '05. 8 st LT in '06 until injury. 70 Alex Solot (6-8 330 rFr) PS#213. 68 Ty Stout (6-5 280 So). TT walk-on.

K 15 **Jose Martinez Jr.** 5-10 200 Hit 13 of 16 FG at JUCO in '05 with long of 52. 52 of 53 on xp. Avg 78.2 yds on KO's. RS '06. Missed spring rehabbing injury.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

DE 32 **Landon Goodwell So.** 6-2 250 PS#189LB. 2 tkl rFr LB. 92 Dane O'Neill (6-3 240 So) PS#383LB. 1 tkl rFr. 41 Elijah Davis (6-1 235 So). Jacob Garrett (6-4 260 Fr) PS#451.

DT 97 **Charles Ofili Jr.** 6-3 295 PS#372JC. Run stuffer. 91 James Olalekan (6-2 285 Jr) 22 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. 85 Elijah Goldtrap (6-5 275 rFr) PS#215TE. 51 Ben Hernandez (6-0 330 rFr).

DT 99 **Chris Moore So.** 6-2 285 PS#164. 4 tkl rFr. 56 **JaBoy Leomiti** PS#410JC. In for spring. 35 Steve Riddick (5-11 270 So) PS#480. 5 tkl rFr. 43 Jorge Amezaga (6-0 260 Jr).

DE 33 **Jason Boyce Jr.** 6-4 250 PS#215JC. 8 sk, 17 qbh JC LY. 54 Will Osolinsky (6-7 250 rFr) PS#320. 13 Robert Soleyjacks (6-2 255 rFr) PS#330. Craig Wood PS#365.

WLB 6 **JEREMY JONES SR.** 6-1 240 **2nd Tm CUSA '05,** 130 tkl, 14.5 tfl. 2 st LY, 24 tkl until inj! Torrey Huckaby PS#445JC. Aaron Sims (6-1 210 So) PS#390DB. Royzell Smith PS#239 LY.

MLB 5 **Adam Vincent Jr.** 6-3 245 PS#107. 13 tkl, 0.5 sk rFr. **Ariz St.** Alan Kirkland (6-1 240 So) PS#252. 600 lb squat. Nuuese Punimata (6-1 220 Jr) PS#445JC. Brian Wilkins (6-2 220 So) PS#321.

SLB 34 **EMERI SPENCE SR.** 6-0 220 **4.4 spd.** 16 tkl rFr. 7 st SLB LY, #5 tkl'r (58), 5 tfl. TJ Monroe (6-1 225 Sr). Brandon Thigpen (6-3 200 Fr) PS#100. Josh Fematt (6-0 215 Sr).

CB 3 **Tim McCullough Sr.** 5-11 190 PS#194JC. 5 int JC '04. 1 st '05, 5 tkl. RS in '06. 47 Cornelius Brown (5-11 190 So) PS#448. 10 tkl true. 20 Lance Castleberry (5-9 185 So) 4.5 spd.

CB 2 **JOSH FERGUSON SR.** 5-9 180 PS#191JC. 7 st, 31 tkl '05. 11 st LY, 58 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu, 13 KR (20.0). 12 Melvin Stephenson (5-10 185 So) PS#444. 3 tkl true. 15 Lovell Johnson (5-9 175 Jr).

SS 14 **Braxton Amy So.** 6-0 195 PS#261. 5 st WLB, **1st Tm CUSA Frosh,** 52 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu, 3.5 tfl. 4 Da'mon Cromartie-Smith (6-2 205 So) 21 tkl rFr. 11 Anthony Morrow (5-11 200 rFr).

FS 9 **QUINTIN DEMPS SR.** 6-1 205 **1st Tm CUSA LY.** 4.35 spd. 11 st as true, **WAC Frosh POY,** 58 tkl. 12 st '05, 78 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu. 12 st LY, **7 int.** 26 Roddray Walker PS#396JC. In spg.

P 14 **Kyle Petersen rFr.** 6-4 220 **PS#7.** 34.3 avg, 54 TB on 87 KO as senior in HS. 37.1 avg as Jr. 88 Greg Hiett (6-5 210 So) avg 38.0 as So, 39.4 as Jr, 40.0 as Sr in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Jason Boyce	6-4 250 PS#215JC
DB	Brandon Thigpen	6-3 200 PS#100LB
WR	Russell Carr	6-3 195 PS#117
WR	Jack Freeman	5-7 155 PS#129
DL	Charles Ofili	6-3 295 PS#372JC
DB	Roddray Walker	6-1 210 PS#396JC
DL	JaBoy Leomiti	6-3 270 PS#410JC
RB	Daniel Palmer	5-9 200 PS#169
LB	Torrey Huckaby	6-2 215 PS#445JC
LB	Nuuese Punimata	6-1 220 PS#445JC
WR	Kevin Cheatum	6-2 180 PS#211
LB	Royzell Smith	6-1 200 PS#239 '06
OL	Rod Huntley	6-3 305 PS#282 '06
LB	Isaiah Carter	6-2 205 PS#245
RB	Vernon Frazier	5-7 165 PS#299
DL	Greg Watkins	6-4 190 PS#321LB
WR	Donavon Kemp	6-2 180 PS#340
DL	Craig Wood	6-4 250 PS#365
LB	Chris Dowell	6-2 200 PS#404
OL	Nathan McCage	6-4 255 PS#485
OL	Simpson Rushing	6-3 295 PS#485
OL	Paul Santillan	6-4 260 PS#485
DL	Jacob Garrett	6-4 260 PS#451
LB	Greg Holleman	6-1 195 PS#500
QB	Jeremy Springer	6-2 190 PS#366

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UTEP	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	New Mexico	A					
Sep. 8	at Texas Tech	A					
Sep. 15	at New Mexico St	G					
Sep. 22	Texas Southern	A					
Sep. 29	at SMU	A					
Oct. 6	Tulsa	A					
Oct. 13	East Carolina (HC)	A					
Oct. 20							
Oct. 27	Houston	A					
Nov. 3	at Rice	A					
Nov. 10	at Tulane	A					
Nov. 17	S Mississippi	A					
Nov. 24	at UCF	G					
Dec. 1							

UTEP is 6-2 since 1987 hosting NM as their average win is by 14 ppg.
Last year the Miners fell behind 19-0 w/just 4 FD's & 83 yds of total offense at HT.

UTEP lost 15 straight road openers prior to wins the L2Y. LY's OT loss was 1st time UTEP had a sellout for an opener. Miners are 7-26-1 vs B12 tms, including 4 straight losses to TT.

These 2 have avg'd 65 ppg the L/6. This is the Battle of I10 & the schools are only 44 miles apart. WR Higgins (223 yds ssn high) & NMSt Holbrook (48-73 reg ssn Sun Bowl rec).

UTEP is 2-0 vs TSU with combined 48-24 FD, 895-352 yd & 97-6 score edges.
Tigers finished 3-8 LY as SWAC members & their 3 wins were by a combined 9 pts.

UTEP hasn't won 3 straight conf openers since ('58-'60). UTEP led 17-0 LY & then fell behind 21-17. They held SMU to 30 yds in the 1H & finished with a 21-7 FD edge.

Last year UTEP led by 14 mid-3Q, but Tulsa scored 24 unanswered to end the game.
They've combined to score 71 ppg the last 4 yrs. The home team has won 5 of 6.

First meeting. UTEP is 5-2 in 2nd of back-to-back home games.
UTEP hasn't dropped back-to-back Homecoming games since '96 & '97 seasons.

The last time UTEP hosted UH it marked their 1st ever CUSA gm (44-41, 2OT win).
Houston trailed 17-10 LY & scored 24 straight by holding UTEP to 33 2H yds.

UTEP is 3-23 since 1992 in November road games. Rice & Texas Tech are the only teams they face on the road that went to a bowl last year.

UTEP is 2-0 vs Tulane, but this will be their 1st trip to the Superdome.
LY vs Tulane, UTEP scored a TD off a return (3rd straight gm, 1st time since '65).

Southern Miss will be making its first trip to El Paso since 1954.
UTEP has won just once the last 6 years in Sun Bowl regular season finales.

This will not only be the Miners 1st game vs UCF, but 1st in the state of FL as well.
UTEP hasn't won a regular season finale since 1988 (18 straight games).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jordan Palmer 11,084 '03-'06
2. Billy Stevens 6,485 '65-'67
3. Sammy Garza 6,130 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. John Harvey 3,576 '85-'88
2. Howard Jackson 3,466 '01-'04
3. Robert Elliott 2,834 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnnie Lee Higgins 3,218 '03-'06
2. Lee Mays 2,908 '98-'01
3. Chuck Hughes 2,882 '64-'66

MIKE PRICE (Career 104-93) (DIAA 46-44)
4th Year at UTEP
Price's Bowl Record: 3-4

Price's records AT UTEP

21-15	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
13-5	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
8-8	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	4-1	Off A Bye
14-10	Vs Conference	5-5	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (20,18,0)
Lost: 26 (9,14,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,444 (#50)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION

FS Quintin Demps

STADIUM: SUN BOWL (51,500) (#57)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	2-9	2-10	2-11	8-3	8-3	5-7	35-46
Home	5-0	2-3	2-3	1-6	5-1	5-1	3-3	23-17
Away	3-3	0-6	0-7	1-5	3-2	3-2	2-4	12-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	7-1	1-7	1-7	1-7	6-2	5-3	3-5	24-32
ATS	6-5	2-8	3-8	6-5	7-3	4-6	5-7	33-42
Home Fav (Gary Nord)	3-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	(Mike Price) 3-1	2-3	1-4	9-10
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	1-3	2-3	1-0	0-0	1-0	7-8
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-3	0-1	4-6
Away Dog	1-3	1-5	2-5	4-2	2-1	0-0	3-2	13-18
Favorite	4-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	4-2	4-6	1-5	13-16
Dog	2-3	2-7	3-8	6-5	3-1	0-0	4-2	20-26
vs Conf	6-2	2-6	3-5	5-3	6-2	2-6	3-5	27-29
vs Non-Conf	0-3	0-2	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-0	2-2	6-13
Off SU Win	4-4	0-2	0-2	2-0	6-2	2-5	2-3	16-18
Off SU Loss	2-0	2-5	3-6	4-4	1-0	1-1	2-4	15-20

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Thomas	156	565	52	513	5	3.3
Lorne Sam	16	103	12	91	1	5.7
Jason Williams	29	98	13	85	0	2.9
Donald Buckram	21	84	8	76	0	3.6
James Thomas	10	30	8	22	1	2.2
Kyle Wright	1	0	4	-4	0	-4.0
Jordan Palmer	47	100	186	-86	1	-1.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jordan Palmer	429	282	65.7	3595	26	14
Kyle Wright	9	6	66.7	91	1	1
Lorne Sam	6	1	16.7	41	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Johnnie Lee Higgins	82	1319	16.1	13	79	
Daniel Robinson	37	606	16.4	7	55	
Joe West	27	496	18.4	3	49	
Chris Marrow	32	257	8.0	0	17	
Marcus Thomas	39	242	6.2	1	25	
Jamar Hunt	21	218	10.4	2	55	
Donald Buckram	12	218	18.2	1	80	
Jake Sears	17	173	10.2	2	28	
Lorne Sam	12	172	14.3	0	28	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Hotchkiss	50	1813	36.3	15	33.7	1	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Reagan Schneider	34-37	5-6	5-7	5-6	1-1	16-20	56

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Troy Collavo	125	2	7.5	2	0
Joe Fleskoski	75	0.5	2.5	4	0
Quintin Demps	67	0	0	5	7
Bryant Tisdale	60	0	0.5	7	2
Emeri Spence	58	0	5	3	1
Josh Ferguson	58	0	1.5	6	2
Alex Obomese	55	3	0.5	3	0
Braxton Amy	52	0	3.5	2	1
Josh Chamois	48	0	0.5	1	0
Justin Hanel	47	3.5	2.5	0	0
Jason McQuay	39	0	1.5	0	0
Zach West	30	2	5	0	0
Joe Ward	29	3.5	2.5	0	0
Alfonso Auelua	25	1	1.5	1	0
Jeremy Jones	24	1	1	0	0
Nate Draughon	23	0	0	5	1
Justin Watson	22	2	1	0	0
Da'Mon Cromartie-Smith	21	0.5	0	1	0
Brian Wilkins	15	0	0	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnnie Lee Higgins	12	281	23.4	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnnie Lee Higgins	18	275	15.3	0
Josh Ferguson	13	260	20.0	0
Quintin Demps	9	215	23.9	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
67	Sun	NL	Mississippi	14-7
88	Independence	-1	S Mississippi	18-38
00	Humanitarian	+9	Boise St	23-38
04	Houston	+4	Colorado	28-33
05	GMAC	+3	Toledo	13-45

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTEP's All-Time Bowl Record 5-7

UTEP'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.3	18	58	2.4	313	64.9	13.6	0	2006	9	31.3	22	152	4.2	243	64.6	12.6
6*	31.8	23	122	3.7	301	58.5	13.3	-10	2005	5	25.9	20	161	3.9	213	57.0	14.4
8*	35.8	20	142	3.8	251	58.3	11.0	+2	2004	9	25.1	20	154	3.7	207	52.3	14.4
8*	22.2	19	169	4.1	198	50.6	16.6	-15	2003	6	38.3	22	191	4.7	257	56.7	11.7
6	18.3	18	154	3.6	179	45.3	18.2	-19	2002	10	42.6	22	194	4.9	246	56.5	10.3
6	21.4	16	138	3.8	192	53.0	15.4	-11	2001	6	37.6	22	234	5.0	181	49.6	11.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UTEP 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at San Diego St	12	19-30	1.6	20-29	213	0	22	46-109	2.4	24-30	275	3	-1
–	Texas Tech	26	26-120	4.6	35-52	375	0	29	18-103	5.7	40-53	376	0	-1
–	at New Mexico	16	23-30	1.3	26-37	211	5	20	45-193	4.3	11-19	96	3	0
–	New Mexico St	20	27-123	4.6	18-26	414	0	33	23-67	2.9	48-73	506	5	-1
–	SMU	21	39-89	2.3	26-37	298	2	7	23-58	2.5	10-20	132	2	+2
–	Tulane	18	36-135	3.8	24-33	230	1	31	26-192	7.4	31-54	289	0	+5
–	at Houston	13	23-30	1.3	19-30	206	3	24	42-204	4.9	20-30	208	0	0
–	at Tulsa	12	18-40	2.2	21-37	253	1	18	46-154	3.3	16-23	176	4	+1
–	Rice	17	18-73	4.1	16-34	315	2	30	48-238	5.0	19-26	233	1	0
–	at UAB	20	22-1	0.0	25-40	455	3	15	31-94	3.0	16-27	266	2	+2
–	at Marshall	20	21-15	0.7	34-48	386	6	17	48-259	5.4	5-15	135	1	-3
–	Memphis	17	16-5	0.3	26-44	398	2	16	43-158	3.7	16-26	218	1	-4
TOTALS		212	288-691	2.4	290-447	3754	25	262	439-1829	4.2	256-396	2910	22	0
AVERAGES		17.6	24-58	2.4	24-37	313	2.1	21.8	37-152	4.2	21-33	243	1.8	0

2002 RESULTS

UTEP Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Sacramento St	NL	42-12
–	at Kentucky	+20	17-77
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+43	0-68
–	Hawaii	+19'	6-31
–	at San Jose St	+17'	24-58
–	at New Mexico St	+17	14-49
–	Rice	+12'	38-35
–	at Tulsa	+2'	0-20
–	Boise St	+32'	3-58
–	at Nevada	+27'	17-23
–	SMU	+5'	35-42
–	at Louisiana Tech	+23	24-38

2003 RESULTS

UTEP Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Arizona	+21'	7-42
–	Cal Poly	NL	13-34
–	San Diego St	+19'	0-34
–	at Louisville	+37	14-42
–	Sam Houston St	NL	59-14
–	at SMU	+8'	21-19
–	Louisiana Tech	+15'	35-38
–	at Hawaii	+27'	15-31
–	Tulsa	+8'	28-56
–	San Jose St	+3	41-69
–	at Boise St - #24	+40'	21-51
–	at Rice	+14'	14-45
–	Fresno St	+20'	20-23

2004 RESULTS

UTEP Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Arizona St	+24'	9-41
–	Weber St	NL	32-0
–	Boise St - #23	+29'	31-47
–	New Mexico St	-7'	45-0
–	at Fresno St	+17'	24-21
–	Hawaii	-3'	51-20
–	at Louisiana Tech	+2	44-27
–	at San Jose St	-14'	38-20
#23	Rice	-16	35-28 2OT
#24	SMU	-21'	57-27
#24	at Tulsa	-8'	35-37

2005 RESULTS

UTEP Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at New Mexico St	-9'	34-17
–	Houston	-12	44-41 3OT
–	New Mexico	-2'	21-13
–	at Memphis	-3'	20-27
–	at Tulane	-7	45-21
–	Marshall	-13'	31-3
–	at Rice	-20	38-31
–	Tulsa	-8	41-38
–	Texas Southern	NL	45-0
#24	UAB	-7'	23-35
–	at SMU	-7	27-40

2006 RESULTS

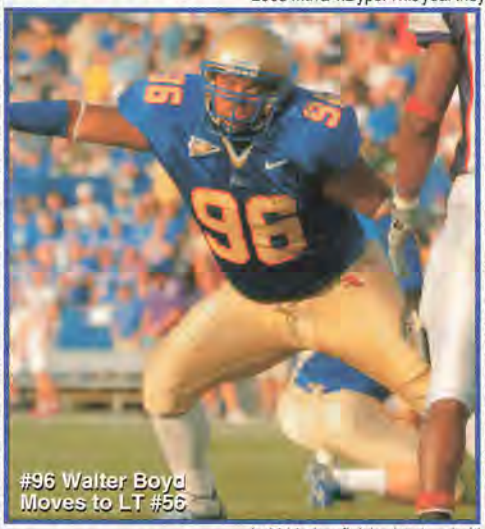
UTEP Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at San Diego St	+2'	34-27
–	Texas Tech - #24	+8	35-38 OT
–	at New Mexico	-9'	13-26
–	New Mexico St	-16'	44-38
–	SMU	-12'	24-21
–	Tulane	-12'	34-20
–	at Houston	+6	17-34
–	at Tulsa	+15	20-30
–	Rice	-8'	31-37
–	at UAB	+2	36-17
–	at Marshall	+3	21-49
–	Memphis	-13	19-38

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Mobility was the key for a QB to run Steve Kragthorpe's system. In Paul Smith's first year as a starter he threw for 2,847 (62.4%) with a 20-6 ratio (398 rush). He led the team to its first bowl win since '91 while being named the Liberty Bowl MVP. He showed inexperience at times as 4 of his 6 int were ret'd for TD's. Smith's ratio surprisingly dropped as a junior to 15-9 while throwing 2,727 pass (66.6%) with 391 rush. He is one of the most underrated QB's in the country and should flourish in the new no-huddle offense. David Johnson (6'2" 217 Jr, PS#287) played in 5 games in both '05 and '06 and has thrown for 416 yards (67%). Drew Westling (6'3" 215 So) got in 3 games throwing 1 pass. Added to the mix is rFr Clark Harrell (PS#54). Kragthorpe had said Harrell has all of the needed physical tools and his brother is TT starting QB Graham. Smith should have an excellent senior season and will benefit from the new OC and I look for Harrell to get plenty of time as he is the QB of the future.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Uril Parrish became the first Hurricane to top 1,000 yds since 1997 (1,064, 5.1). Backup Brandon Diles added 597 (4.8) for a steady 1-2 punch. Cauvey Jackson had 33 (6.6). All 3 returned in '05 along with rFr Tarrion Adams. Kragthorpe called it the deepest position on the offense. All 4 backs saw ample action in '05 and while Parrish's numbers dropped to 775 (4.3), the backs raised the team's ypc from 3.9 to 4.4. They also combined for 60 rec (10.5). Adams was #2 with 574 (6.4), Diles had 247 (6.2) and Jackson 241 (5.6). Last year they had to replace 3rd Tm CUSA Parrish while Adams played in just 9 (inj). Brandon Diles was also injured so Okla transfer Courtney Tennial (PS#40), who had just 19 attempts in the first 4 games, rushed 21 times vs SM for 120 yards. Tennial led the team with 845 (4.9). Adams (329, 4.8) gained most of his yards in the final 5, including 116 vs Rice and Diles had 301 (4.7). True frosh Dexter Taylor (PS#144DB) added 145 (4.8). Jackson had 120 (5.5) before quitting midseason. This year they lose Diles, Jackson and Taylor. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Aaron Johnson (5'9" 190 Jr), FB's Jacob Frank (6'1" 233 Jr) and Kyle Detwiler (6'2" 229 rFr). Jamad Williams (5'9" 193 rFr) was very impressive in the spring. They also add in true frosh Charles Opeseyitan (PS#87). Tulsa has the deepest backfield in CUSA.


#96 Walter Boyd Moves to LT #56

RECEIVERS - Tulsa has had some excellent receivers throughout the years including Steve Largent, Howard Twilley and Drew Pearson. Under OC Stubbs, UT ran a 2-TE offense and TE Garrett Mills led the team in receiving for 3 straight years and also was #1 TE in the NCAA with 87 (14.2) in '05. Last year they not only had to replace Mills, but also their exciting returnman and top WR Ashlan Davis (35,12.9). The top returning receiver was UCLA transfer Idris Moss (22,10.7). Moss got bigger, stronger and faster. He was much better adapted in his 2nd year of Stubbs' complex offense as was Ryan Bugg, a JC trans who had just 7 (8.7) in '05. Those two combined for 103 rec (13.8) in '06. Donnie Johnson had 27 (10.4) as the #4 receiver. Receiving TE Ted Curtis had 13 (7.2) while Charles Ramsey was their blocking TE. This year they lose Bugg (12 st, 45 rec), Moss (9 st, 58 rec), Johnson (7 st), Ramsey (10 st) and TE Aaron Roupoli (1 gm). Not listed are Daniel Morrell (6'1" 186 rFr), Tyler Pistoia (6'0" 182 rFr), Corey Heinz (5'11" 161 So) and TE Mike Sullivan (6'3 238 So). This year's receivers combined for 40 rec (11 st) last year and 2006's group had just 55 (19 st) so the experience level is close. Unlike last year however, they must learn a new system.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 Tulsa fielded the biggest O-line in school history (307 lb avg) and they only had to replace one starter. Surprisingly the ypc slipped from 4.8 in '03 to 3.9 and the unit allowed 33 sacks. In 2005 they had to replace 2 starters but had 6 back with starting experience and improved to 4.4 ypc rushing (26 sk). Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm CUSA RG but had the 3rd most experienced O-line in the country with the 4 returning starters having a combined 95 career starts. Their biggest OL was RT Jeff Perrett (6'7" 329). The experienced unit did trim the sack total to 16 (4.4%) but surprisingly the ypc remained the same (4.4). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 2nd Tm CUSA C Aaron Danenhauer (12 st, 3Y st'r), 2nd Tm CUSA LG Jon Hameister-Ries (13 st, 2Y st'r), 1st Tm CUSA RT Perrett (13 st, 4Y st'r), LT Mike Mengers (13 st, 2Y st'r) and backup C Jeff Bryant (1 st). They move DL Walter Boyd (7 st career) to the O-line but this year's combined OL has just 22 career starts and they have to learn a new system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tulsa had a weak rush D for years allowing a ghastly 5.7 ypc in 2002 and even in Kragthorpe's first two years, allowed 4.6 and 4.7 ypc. They added a VHT true frosh in Terrel Nemons (PS#36) in 2005 and improved to 4.3 ypc with 165 ypg allowed, the best since 1991. Last year they had to replace one starter (3rd Tm CUSA) and one backup. I called for them to have their best rush D in the last two decades and they allowed 27 ypg less than 2005 with a 4.2 ypc. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA DE Robert Latu (34 tkl, 6 sk), DE Kinny Spotwood (39 tkl, 3.5 sk) and Walter Boyd (4 st, 27 tkl) who moves to the O-line. Having to replace their top guy and 2 productive backups makes them slightly less experienced but this still should be one of CUSA's better D-lines and will be productive.

LINEBACKERS - Tulsa will continue to run a 3-3-5 and I include the biggest S position (BAN) in the LB write-up. Last year all 4 starters returned plus they got back 2003 starter Kedrick Alexander so it was a deep, veteran unit. This year they lose CUSA Def POY SLB Nick Bunting (75 tkl, 6 tfl) as well as Alexander (12 st, 70 tkl, 3 tfl). I like the replacements for those two but those are some big losses and I'll call the unit down a notch in 2007.

DEFENSIVE BACKS Tulsa usually fares well in my pass D rankings. Despite a 1-11 record in 2002, they finished #71 and with just 1 full-time starter back in 2003, moved up to #20. They were #59 in 2004 and had to replace 3 starters in 2005. Surprisingly the inexperienced group finished #17 with an outstanding 9-22 ratio. Last year they had to replace one starter and had 8 players returning with starting experience. They finished #30 allowing 54.4% but surprisingly had a 13-8 ratio. This year they lose 2nd Tm CUSA CB Nick Graham (12 st, 53 tkl, 9 pbu), 1st Tm CUSA FS Bobby Blackshire (4 int, 62 tkl) and CB Julian McGowan (1 st, 9 tkl, 4 pbu). Much like the first two units of the defense I mentioned, this is a quality group but it is less experienced than 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Kragthorpe's first three years, Tulsa finished #84, #91 and #38 in my ST ratings. This is despite having Ashlan Davis, who set an NCAA record for KR TD's in a season (5) in '04 and added 1 more in '05. He had to be replaced last season as did top-notch K Brad DeVault (18 of 21 FG's, long of 52). Replacing DeVault was Jarod Tracy who connected on 11 of 12 with a long of 50 (vs Tulane). Surprisingly Tulsa slipped a bit to #42 in my ST ratings. P Chris Kindred (39.0 avg) contributed with team nets of 33.4 and 33.3 his last 2 years and Paul Jurado had 18 punts (40.5) in '06. Speedy Idris Moss avg 7.9 on PR and 21.0 on KR. The team had 1 blk'd punt while allowing 2. While Tracy had just 2 TB's on 52 KO's and Jurado 5 on 14, the team allowed just 15.6 per KR. This year they must replace Kindred and Moss and if a returnman emerges, they could finish close to LY's solid ranking.

COACHES - Steve Kragthorpe did a great job here guiding the team to 3 bowls in his 4 seasons. His DC the first 3 years was Todd Graham who left to be Rice's HC last year. Graham was a high school HC for three years. He was also the co-DC at W Virginia in 2002 when they had a huge turnaround season from 3-8 to 9-4. Graham did a tremendous job at Rice taking them to their first bowl game in 45 years. He ruffled feathers in Houston by accepting a contract extension and on the next day moved on to Tulsa. Co-OC Gus Malzhan became famous for his wide open offenses as a successful HS coach in Arkansas and was the controversial OC at Arkansas last year. Co-OC Herb Hand spent the previous 6 years at WV as their TE coach. The Co-DC's are Paul Randolph and Keith Patterson. Randolph was the DC at Rice last year and the DE coach at Alabama from '03-'05. Patterson is in his 4th year here and 2nd as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In their heyday Tulsa was actually the first team in the history of the NCAA to play in five straight NY Day bowl games. They were in just 5 bowls from 1964-2002 and after consecutive one win seasons, they brought in new HC Steve Kragthorpe in 2003. Under Kragthorpe they had the largest turnaround in the country winning 7 more games to finish 8-5 including a bowl. In 2004 they had 16 returning starters including a veteran QB and it looked like they would contend for the WAC Title. The offense suffered and they opened just 1-6 (only win vs IAA). They did get their first win over a ranked foe since 1996 in the finale, but finished just 4-8. In 2005 they returned 12 starters including a 1,000 yard rusher and had my #2 rated OL in the league as well as 8 of their top 12 tacklers. After suffering from -11 in turnovers in 2004, I said they were capable of returning to a winning season despite a tougher schedule as they moved from the WAC to CUSA. After getting blown out by Minnesota in the opener, they almost upset Oklahoma. They handed NT their worst ever home loss ending a 15 game non-conf road losing streak. When UTEP lost their last 2, Tulsa backed their way into the CUSA Title game where they dispatched UCF and were crowned CUSA Champs (first since 1985). They then beat Fresno St in the Liberty Bowl for an outstanding 9-4 finish. Tulsa did benefit from +19 in turnovers and the offense avg'd 33.1 ppg, their best mark since 1975. Last year, despite having 7 offensive starters returning including their QB, they dropped to 27.7 (lowest under Kragthorpe). Things still looked great as after their win over UTEP they were 7-1 and considered the best team in CUSA. Unfortunately they dropped their next 3 before rebounding with a 38-3 win over Tulane. One of those year ending losses came after leading SMU 24-7 at the half. Another came vs Rice which was coached by Todd Graham, their new HC. Last year I called their defense the best in CUSA and in conf games they allowed a league low 294.6 ypg. Despite a 5-3 league record, they outgained CUSA conf foes by 96.4 ypg (2nd best). They did lose in the bowl by 12 to finish 8-5. Tulsa is the smallest IA school (4,125 enrollment). Kragthorpe has moved on to Louisville but Graham was my runner up for NCAA Coach of the Year last season. The Hurricane have just 4 starters back on offense and must learn a new system so it will be tough to top last year's 27.7 ppg. The D has 6 starters back and likely will not match 2006's 20.2 ppg allowed (best since 1991, 17.3). Even in a rebuilding year and with a new coach, Tulsa figures to get to its 3rd straight bowl.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 12 PAUL SMITH SR. 6-2 193 PS#73. 297 yd true. 13 st '05, 2847 (62.4%), 20-6, 398 rush. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 2727 (67%) 15-9, 391 rush. **6** Clark Harrell (6-2 190 rFr) PS#54.

RB 20 COURTNEY TENNIAL SR. 5-9 214 **PS#40. Oklahoma**. 5 st in '06, 845 (4.9), 15 rec. **25** Tarrion Adams (6-1 204 Jr) PS#163. 6 st, 903 rush (5.8), 55 rec 2Y. Charles Opeseyitan is PS#87.

WR 18 Corey Kizer Sr. 6-2 210 PS#157JC. 6 rec LY. **87** Stephen Polk (6-1 195 rFr) PS#302. **FB Cody Madison** (6-3 239 Sr) PS#286LB. 21 tkl 2Y LB. 2 st TE LY, 2 rec (23.0).

WR 84 Jesse Meyer So. 6-3 198 8 rec (12.1) rFr. **13** Cameron Clemons (5-11 180 Sr) PS#477JC. **85** Kyle Grooms (6-3 205 Sr) 2 tkl '05, 3 st LY, 6 rec. AJ Whitmore PS#316DB.

WR 15 Dion Toliver Jr. 5-10 175 PS#520JC. In spg. **16** Nick Henderson (6-0 175 Jr) JC. 3 rec here LY. **88** Kyle Young (6-6 220 So) Basketball tm. Chris Ford is PS#210.

TE 30 TED CURTIS SR. 6-1 242 PS#62. 1 st, 1 rec '05. 7 st LY, 13 rec (7.2). **86** Jake Collums (6-4 236 So) PS#151. 1 st, 3 rec rFr. **41** Logan Cawyer (6-4 234 rFr). **21** Kyle Nelson (6-2 226 rFr).

C 65 Jody Whaley So. 6-3 302 PS#190. 2nd string as rFr. 1 st RG. **61** Travis Wike (6-4 279 So) PS#228DL. **LS 51** John Warren (6-0 215 Jr) PS#467LB. 13 gm LS LY.

RG 53 JUSTIN MORSEY JR. 6-2 282 PS#423JC. RG at JUCO in '05. 10 st at RG here LY, 642 snaps. **68** Ronnie DeWitt (6-5 260 rFr) PS#332. Aaron Ringle (6-4 250 Fr).

LG 76 Curt Puckett So. 6-3 305 PS#530. 1 gm, 4 snaps rFr. **72** Brandon Washington (6-3 315 Fr) **PS#106** '06, GS. In for spring. Chase Orr (6-3 315 Jr) NW Ark transfer.

RT 70 Rodrick Thomas Jr. 6-4 347 PS#398. No action rFr. Was 3rd string LY, 6 gm. **77** Wade Whitlow (6-4 310 Sr) PS#412. 2 st RG rFr. 2 games '05. 2 st RG, 8 games LY.

LT 56 Walter Boyd Sr. 6-2 317 PS#264DL. 2 tkl true. 3 st NG '05, 13 tkl, 2 tfl. 4 st DL LY, 27 tkl. **59** Tyler Holmes PS#348DL. Canadian. In spring. Clint Whitley is PS#389JC.

K 29 JAROD TRACY JR. 6-0 165 PS#65. 24 of 26 in HS, long 49. 11 of 12 FG here LY, long 50, 4-4 from 40+, 43-45 xp's. **43** Robert Jaworski (6-1 178 Jr) Scout Tm LY.

DE 57 Jon Bell rFr. 6-1 255 **PS#90. 97** Anthony Egbuniwe (6-4 240 So) 10 gm true, 0 tkl but CUSA Fr Tm. **39** Popsie Floyd (6-1 250 So) PS#102LB, 3 tkl rFr. Eliot Allen is PS#465JC.

NG 99 TERREL NEMONS JR. 6-4 345 **PS#36.** 6 st NG true, 8 tkl. 11 st NG LY, 31 tkl. **90** Brandon Jones (6-2 297 Sr) 4 st '04, 4 st '05. 31 tkl 3Y. **98** Kenny Scott (6-1 324 rFr) PS#183.

DE 93 MOTON HOPKINS JR. 6-3 275 PS#272. 3 st true, 28 tkl CUSA Fr Tm. 11 st LY, 40 tkl, 2 tfl. **52** Cedric Godfrey (6-1 243 So) PS#170LB. **94** Tyler Scarbrough (6-3 240 rFr). Alex Detwiler (6-1 217 Sr).

WLB 44 Alain Karatepeyan Sr. 6-1 250 **PS#58JC**. 11 tkl, 12 gm '05. First 5 st OLB LY, 39 tkl, 5 tfl. **40** Tanner Antle (6-4 200 rFr). Jeph McAlester (6-3 225 Jr). George Clinkscale (6-0 241 So) 12 tkl '05.

MLB 55 NELSON COLEMAN SR. 6-2 235 2 st true. 6 st '04, 50 tkl. 13 st '05, 117 tkl, 4 sk. 13 st LY, **1st Tm CUSA**, 98 tkl. **43** Mike Bryan (6-1 215 So) PS#186. 17 tkl true. Rashad Robinson PS#426.

SLB 32 CHRIS CHAMBERLAIN SR. 6-2 225 PS#242DB. 5 st true, 48 tkl. 13 st '05, 88 tkl, 11 tfl. 8 st LY, **3rd Tm CUSA**, 51 tkl. **26** Donald Gobert (6-3 180 rFr). Jon Piorkowski (6-2 221 Jr) Baylor trans.

BAN 6 Steve Craver Sr. 6-1 212 **PS#36QB** '03. JUCO. 1 st '05, Inj RS. 1 st '06, 33 tkl. **46 Ty Page** (6-2 220 Jr) **PS#83.** 10 tkl 2Y. **37** James Lockett (5-11 192 So) #3BAN rFr.

CB 24 Charles Davis So. 5-9 165 PS#380. 4 tkl as true. **21** Terrance Thomas (5-10 175 Sr) PS#447. 5 gms '05. No gm action LY. **28** Drew Cuffee (5-8 177 rFr) PS#336.

CB 10 ROY ROBERTS JR. 5-11 205 5 st rFr, 33 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. 13 st LY, 43 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. **27** Kenny D. Sims (5-11 189 So) 3 tkl true. Darrell Pasco (PS#422JC) 4 int, 10 pbu JC LY.

SS 3 ANTHONY GERMANY SR. 6-1 211 **PS#93.** 2 tkl true. 11 st '05, 49 tkl. 13.5 tfl. 13 st LY. 31 tkl, 5 tfl. Jonathan Penelton (6-0 214 Jr) PS#297. 8 tkl '04. Corey Cox (5-8 150 rFr).

FS 7 Randy Duncan Jr. 6-2 188 PS#130. 26 tkl, 1 int, 1.5 tfl as true. RS '05. 5 tkl in '06. **19** Josh Burris (5-10 186 So) PS#382. 1 st FS true, 6 tkl, 1 int. Tory Tyner is PS#226.

P 48 Paul Jurado Jr. 6-1 195 JC '04. RS here '05, 0 punts. 18 punts LY, solid 40.5 avg, 6 of 18 inside 20, 5 TB on 14 KO. **70** Alexander Bridge (5-10 205 So) 43.0 avg HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Charles Opeseyitan 5-10 193 PS#87
OL	Brandon Washington 6-3 315 PS#106 '06
OL	Clint Whitley 6-2 281 PS#389JC
DB	Darrell Pasco 5-10 170 PS#422JC
DB	Tory Tyner 6-1 174 PS#226
WR	Chris Ford 6-2 186 PS#210
DB	Tyree Bullock 5-10 170 PS#251
WR	AJ Whitmore 5-9 170 PS#316DB
DL	Eliot Allen 6-2 222 PS#465JC
DL	Wayne Thompson 5-11 299 PS#307
LB	Kenny Sims 6-0 221 PS#322
WR	CJ Chaten 5-9 180 PS#332
QB	Mike Johnson 6-1 208 PS#247
RB	Charles Clay 6-3 222 PS#370
OL	Tyler Holmes 6-3 299 PS#348DL
DB	Genesis Cole 6-1 178 PS#411
DL	Odrick Ray 6-3 220 PS#365
OL	Aaron Ringle 6-4 250 PS#485
DB	Reid Singleton 5-10 170 PS#443
LB	Rashad Robinson 6-1 230 PS#426
WR	Dion Toliver 5-10 175 PS#520JC
DL	Ramarcus Dickerson 6-2 254 PS#451
DL	Jacoby Veals 6-1 262 PS#451
LB	Curnelius Arnick 6-1 213 PS#500
OL	Wilson Holloway 6-6 255 PS#606
WR	Trae Johnson 5-11 170 PS#495

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

Tulsa, Oklahoma
Weather (918) 743-3311

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#107

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at ULM (Thur)	A					
Sep. 8							
Sep. 15	BYU	A					
Sep. 21	Oklahoma (Fri)	A					
Sep. 29	UAB	A					
Oct. 6	at UTEP	A					
Oct. 13	Marshall (HC)	A					
Oct. 20	at UCF	G					
Oct. 27	SMU	A					
Nov. 3	at Tulane	A					
Nov. 10	Houston	A					
Nov. 17	at Army	A					
Nov. 24	at Rice	A					
Dec. 1							

UT is 23-14 vs current SBC teams including splitting a pair of games vs ULM. Tulsa has dropped 12 straight road openers (last win in 1994 at Missouri 20-17).

Tulsa has won both home openers vs IAA & lost the L/3 vs Div IA (avg score 36-3) UT is 0-6 all-time vs BYU allowing an avg of 44 ppg in those contests.

In their last gm in '05, Tulsa lost despite FD (21-14) & yd edges (344-269) in Norman. Tulsa is just 7-14-1 vs Oklahoma including getting shutout the last 2 at home.

Tulsa will face UAB along with Marshall for the 1st time in school history this year. Golden Hurricanes joined CUSA in '05 & have gone 6-2 hosting conf opponents.

Tulsa has won 4 of L/5 in this series & has gone 5-2 all-time at the Sun Bowl. Including the inaugural CUSA Title gm, the Golden Hurricanes are 6-3 in CUSA road gms.

Tulsa (former WAC) & Marshall (MAC) began play as CUSA members in 2005. Along w/UAB, Marshall is the only tm UT hosts that wasn't bowl eligible (5 tms on road).

In their 1st & only meeting in Orlando, UT beat UCF to become CUSA's 1st Champion in the '05 title game as it also marked the Golden Hurricanes first title in 20 years.

The home team in this series has won each game the last 5 yrs by an avg of 9 ppg. Last year SMU erased a 17 pt deficit to become bowl eligible (no invite).

This will be the Golden Hurricanes 1st trip to the Superdome which opened in 1975. The Golden Hurricane are 6-18 since 1994 in November road games.

Prior to the '07 ssn, QB Smith was 0-2 as a starter vs UH (only CUSA tm faced w/o a win). Tulsa has won 4 straight home finales with the average victory by 25 ppg.

This will be the schools 1st meeting as UT is 4-4 vs other Service Academies (beat Navy LY). Army was a former CUSA member from 1998-'04 with a 9-41 mark in conference action.

Graham was the Rice HC LY, guiding the Owls to their 1st post ssn appearance in 45 yrs. These schools have played every yr since '96 & the visitor is 7-3 the L/10 seasons.

Bonus: Graham signed a contract extension at Rice & the next day took the Tulsa job.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. TJ Rubley 9,324 '87-'91
2. Paul Smith 5,871 '03-Present
3. John Fitzgerald 5,822 '94-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Micheal Gunter 3,536 '80-'83
2. Eric Richardson 2,645 '00-'03
3. Howard Waugh 2,597 '50-'52

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Howard Twilley 3,343 '63-'65
2. Dan Bitson 3,300 '87-'89, '91
3. Damon Savage 2,952 '96-'99

TODD GRAHAM (Career 7-6)

1st Year at Tulsa

Graham's Bowl Record: 0-1

Graham's records AT TULSA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

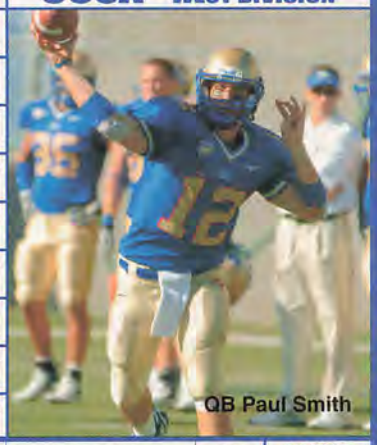
2006 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (14,19,3)
Lost: 20 (11,8,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,364 (#88)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION


QB Paul Smith

STADIUM: SKELLY STADUIM (35,542) (#83)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	1-10	1-11	8-4	4-8	8-4	8-4	35-48
Home	3-3	1-5	1-5	5-1	4-2	3-2	5-1	22-19
Away	2-4	0-5	0-6	3-3	0-6	5-2	3-3	13-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-4	0-8	1-7	6-2	3-5	6-2	5-3	25-31
ATS	7-5	1-9	4-7-1	7-3-1	4-7	9-3	6-5	38-39-2
Home Fav	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-2	2-2	3-2	9-7
Home Dog	3-1	1-3	0-4-1	3-1	3-0	0-1	0-0	10-10-1
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-1-1	0-1	3-0	2-2	7-6-1
Away Dog	1-4	0-4	3-2	2-1	1-4	4-0	1-1	12-16
Favorite	3-0	0-2	1-1	2-1-1	0-3	5-2	5-4	16-13-1
Dog	4-5	1-7	3-6-1	5-2	4-4	4-1	1-1	22-26-1
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	4-4	5-2-1	3-5	7-2	4-4	29-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-2	0-3-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	9-12-1
Off SU Win	3-1	0-1	0-1	5-1-1	1-2	5-2	4-3	18-11-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	1-8	4-6	2-1	3-4	4-0	2-2	20-24

Keith Burns — Steve Kragthorpe

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
89	Independence	+14'	Oregon	24-27
91	Freedom - #23	+2'	San Diego St	28-17
03	Humanitarian	+7	Georgia Tech	10-52
05	Liberty	+7	Fresno St	31-24
06	Armed Forces	+1'	Utah	13-25

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Tulsa's All-Time Bowl Record 5-9

TULSA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.7	20	162	4.4	226	66.6	14.0	-5	2006	8	20.2	17	138	4.2	159	54.4	14.7
6	33.1	20	165	4.4	237	62.8	12.2	+19	2005	6	23.5	18	165	4.3	183	53.9	14.8
8*	28.8	20	168	3.9	187	54.4	12.4	-11	2004	8	33.2	20	211	4.7	191	49.5	12.1
8*	30.8	19	192	4.8	196	57.5	12.6	+3	2003	7	27.8	20	198	4.6	181	50.7	13.6
8*	19.4	18	123	3.4	193	52.9	16.3	+6	2002	8	34.8	23	256	5.7	202	58.8	13.2
7*	17.4	19	131	3.8	215	55.1	19.9	-5	2001	8	35.2	22	222	5.3	224	64.4	12.7

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Courtney Tennial	171	862	17	845	14	4.9
Tarrion Adams	68	342	13	329	2	4.8
Brandon Diles	64	304	3	301	3	4.7
Paul Smith	101	391	103	288	8	2.9
Dexter Taylor	30	153	8	145	1	4.8
Cauvey Jackson	22	120	0	120	1	5.5
Idris Moss	14	69	6	63	0	4.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Paul Smith	350	233	66.6	2727	15	9
David Johnson	14	9	64.3	180	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Idris Moss	58	803	13.8	1	58	
Ryan Bugg	45	617	13.7	4	45	
Tarrion Adams	31	362	11.7	1	56	
Donnie Johnson	27	280	10.4	2	33	
Courtney Tennial	15	181	12.1	2	39	
Brandon Diles	11	114	10.4	0	39	
Jacob Collums	3	97	32.3	1	59	
Jesse Meyer	8	97	12.1	0	27	
Cauvey Jackson	12	94	7.8	0	29	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Kindred	24	935	39.0	1	33.3(t)	2	9
Paul Jurado	18	729	40.5	2	–	0	6

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jarod Tracy	43-45	4-5	3-3	3-3	1-1	11-12	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nelson Coleman	98	1.5	3.5	3	0
Nick Bunting	75	2	4	3	0
Kedrick Alexander	70	0	3	6	0
Bobby Blackshire	62	0	3.5	2	4
Nick Graham	53	0	0	9	1
Chris Chamberlain	51	2	1.5	1	2
Roy Roberts	43	0	1	6	1
Moton Hopkins	40	0.5	1.5	0	0
Kinny Spotwood	39	3.5	2.5	0	0
Alain Karatepeyan	39	2	3	2	0
Robert Latu	34	6	2.5	3	0
Steve Craver	33	0	1.5	0	0
Anthony Germany	31	2	3	4	0
Terrel Nemons	31	0	0.5	0	0
Walter Boyd	27	0	1	1	0
Mike Bryan	17	0.5	0	0	0
Donnie Johnson	11	0	0	0	0
Julian McGowan	9	0	0	4	0
Brandon Jones	9	0	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Idris Moss	25	197	7.9	0
Charles Davis	2	4	2.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Idris Moss	18	378	21.0	0
Nick Graham	7	145	20.7	0

OFFENSE — 2006 STATS BY GAME — DEFENSE

UT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Stephen F Austin	27	43-175	4.1	20-28	346	0	12	25-106	4.2	12-25	79	1	+1
–	at BYU	18	31-82	2.6	21-35	221	1	22	42-227	5.4	16-23	240	1	-1
–	North Texas	20	30-126	4.2	23-35	275	1	6	31-27	0.9	6-11	62	1	+1
–	at Navy	19	30-159	5.3	24-36	285	0	18	51-283	5.5	6-11	73	2	+1
–	S Mississippi	21	38-252	6.6	16-25	201	1	19	31-120	3.9	14-39	123	1	-1
–	at East Carolina	22	54-234	4.3	15-21	124	1	14	26-126	4.8	14-28	115	0	+1
–	at Memphis	18	33-139	4.2	17-20	217	0	21	29-75	2.6	24-38	157	3	0
–	UTEP	18	46-154	3.3	16-23	176	4	12	18-40	2.2	21-37	253	1	-1
–	at Houston	15	24-113	4.7	16-34	136	1	18	38-227	6.0	16-21	244	1	-1
–	Rice	26	52-260	5.0	17-29	308	4	18	33-147	4.5	14-37	209	3	-4
–	at SMU	20	36-126	3.5	22-30	230	1	21	34-179	5.3	11-19	190	2	-1
–	Tulane	21	38-191	5.0	16-22	267	0	12	32-74	2.3	10-21	78	3	0
–	† Utah	13	29-96	3.3	20-27	158	2	22	33-165	5.0	23-34	240	1	0
TOTALS		258	484-2107	4.4	243-365	2944	16	215	423-1796	4.2	187-344	2063	20	-5
AVERAGES		19.8	37-162	4.4	19-28	226	1.2	16.5	33-138	4.2	14-26	159	1.5	-0.4

2002 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Oklahoma - #2	+37	0-37
–	at Arkansas St	-4'	19-21
–	at Louisiana Tech	+21	9-53
–	at Baylor	+11'	25-37
–	Kansas	+4	33-43
–	Boise St	+26	24-52
–	at Hawaii	+30'	14-37
–	UTEP	-2'	20-0
–	Rice	+8'	18-33
–	at Fresno St	+26	12-31
–	San Jose St	+10	38-49
–	at SMU	+7'	21-24

2003 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Minnesota	+30'	10-49
–	at Arkansas	+37'	13-45
–	Texas St	NL	41-15
–	Arkansas St	+3'	54-7
–	Hawaii	+9	27-16
–	at Boise St	+22'	20-27
–	Nevada	E	21-28
–	SMU	-17	35-16
–	at UTEP	-8'	56-28
–	at Rice	-3	31-28
–	Louisiana Tech	E	48-18
–	at San Jose St	-7	34-32

2004 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas	+4	3-21
–	at Oklahoma St	+21'	21-38
–	Navy	-1	0-29
–	Missouri St	NL	49-7
–	at Hawaii	+11	16-44
–	Boise St - #21	+21	42-45
–	at Nevada	+3	48-54 3OT
–	Rice	+1	39-22
–	at SMU	-12	35-41 OT
–	at Louisiana Tech	+6'	21-38
–	San Jose St	-10'	34-24
–	UTEP - #24	+8'	37-35

2005 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Minnesota	+17	10-41
–	at Oklahoma - #18	+30'	15-31
–	at North Texas	+3'	54-2
–	Memphis	-1'	37-31 OT
–	Houston	-2'	23-30
–	at S Mississippi	+12'	34-17
–	at Rice	-7'	41-21
–	SMU	-15'	20-13
–	at UTEP	+8	38-41
–	East Carolina	-9	45-13
–	at Tulane	-15	38-14
–	at UCF	-2'	44-27

2006 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Stephen F Austin	NL	45-7
–	at BYU	+4	24-49
–	North Texas	-19'	28-3
–	at Navy	+5	24-23 OT
–	S Mississippi	-5	20-6
–	at East Carolina	-2'	31-10
–	at Memphis	-13'	35-14
–	UTEP	-15	30-20
–	at Houston	-3'	10-27
–	Rice	-14'	38-41 2OT
–	at SMU	-6'	24-34
–	Tulane	-17	38-3

SMU MUSTANGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Prior to 2006, SMU's completion % for the season only topped 52.8% ONCE in the last 10 years and that was in '04 (54.4%)! The last time that a Mustang QB threw over 10 TD's in a season was in '99, while the last with double digit TD passes and single digit int's was in 1983 (Lance McIlhenny). Under Bennett, the QB's had combined for a 39-58 ratio in 46 games. Justin Willis (rFr) had a fine spring game last year and was pushed by JUCO Corey Slater in August. He hit just 9 of 16 for 69 vs TT and was benched vs NT but Slater hit just 6 of 13 for 49 yards and Willis returned in the 2H and finished 15 of 19 for 112. Against Sam Houston, Willis set the school record for completion % hitting 18 of 19. He went from #74 in the NCAA to #2 in pass efficiency in one week. Willis was susp for UTEP and Slater hit 10 of 20 for 132 with 3 int's. Willis came off the bench vs Marshall and hit 20 of 23 for 208 with 4 TD's. He broke Chuck Hixon's record (1968) for TD passes in a season (21). Not listed below are Zach Rhodes (PS#180) who might see time at WR and this year's true frosh. It will be tough for Willis to improve statistically but this unit is in better shape.

RUNNING BACKS - SMU has been known for some great rush attacks including the Pony Express combination of Eric Dickerson and Craig James. The legendary Doak Walker also played here. In 2002 & 2003 Keylon Kincade became just the 4th player in SMU history to top 1,000 yards in multiple seasons. In 2004 the leading RB rusher was rFr Cedrick Dorsey (431, 5.0). Dorsey played in just 9 in '05 (inj, 212, 3.6). DeMyron Martin, in his first action vs TCU, rushed for 118 with 2 TD's and was the CUSA Off POW. In his first 3 starts, he only had 72 (2.4) but Martin topped 100 three more times and narrowly missed SMU's frosh rushing record by just 30 yards finishing with 854 (4.6). Last year almost everyone returned. Martin added 10 lbs (230) and had been expected to have a larger role but missed 5 games. He was never close to 100% until Rice when he rushed for 101. He still led with just 369 (4.0). James Mapps had 132 vs Ark St but finished with just 321 (4.7). Dorsey increased his bench to 330 and surprisingly only had 168 (3.7) and Johnnie Fitzgerald had 129 (4.3). Fred Turner (5'10" 195 Sr, PS#197) had 109 (10.9) and adds depth along with Chris Butler (5'10" 210 rFr). This year the only loss is Fitzgerald. As long as Martin remains healthy, I look for a significant increase in SMU's RB production.

RECEIVERS - Basically everyone returned in '05 and TE Ryan Kennedy (21 rec in '04) made the Lombardi Preseason Watch List. Bobby Chase (31 rec '04) earned 3rd Tm CUSA honors (39, 16.0) and Reynaldo Pellerin (21 rec '04) had 30 (11.5). Possession receivers Zack Sledge and Chris Foster combined for 45 (9.1). Last year the only losses were Foster and Jay'Mond Cleveland who redshirted. Kennedy, who tore his ACL in the final game of '05, had 20 (9.9). Sledge had 13 (9.3) and now has 8 career starts. Chase hurt his hamstring and saw his numbers drop to 37 (13.7). Pellerin (6'3") had 30 (6.5). The main story was rFr Emmanuel Sanders (4.3 spd) who led the team with 46 (13.2) and also had 9 TD's, catching a TD pass in a school record 6 straight games. This year they lose Chase (9 st), Pellerin (11 st), Kennedy (8 st), Blake Warren (2 st, 17, 8.8) and Cleveland (7 career st) who has given up football due to injuries. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Kyle Sullivan (6'0" 160 rFr), Shaun Moore (6'1" 180 rFr) and Rob Pritchard (6'2" 200 Jr) and TE Jeff Brock (6'6" 240 So, PS#155). While 3 of the top 5 depart, Sanders and Givens were #1 and #3 in rec yds. They also move in Devin Lowery (8 st CB '06, 4.37 spd).

WR Emmanuel Sanders

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 all five starters returned on the O-line but they opened holes for just 3.5 ypc rush while allowing 30 sacks. They did improve as the season went on. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 23 starts. With a less experienced front the ypc actually improved to 3.7 (32 sk). This year the only loss is LT Darrin Johnson (12 st, 3Y st'r) as nine of the top 10 return including Ben Poynter and Caleb Peveto who shared the team's Top OL Award. I look for improved numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under Bennett, a former defensive coordinator, the Mustangs surprisingly allowed 4.5, 4.2 and 4.9 ypc in his first 3 years. In 2005 they had just one starter back but improved to allowing 3.7 ypc rush. Last year 6 of the top 8 returned and I called them one of CUSA's strongest D-lines. SMU had its second best rush defense since the Death Penalty (3.0, '99), allowing just 3.2 ypc while the D had 31 sacks. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA DE Justin Rogers (#6DC NE, 59 tkl, 9.5 sk), 2nd Tm CUSA DT Adrian Haywood (35 tkl, 5 sk, 11.5 tfl), DT Brandon Bonds (12 st, 29 tkl, 3 tfl) and backups DE Troy Therien (1 st, 11 tkl), DT Randy Denman (1 st, 14 tkl) and Jamar Bey (1 tkl). Bennett should fashion a solid unit but this group is clearly less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - This group is the polar opposite of the D-line. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but Bennett felt Reggie Carrington was an All-CUSA caliber player and he was another year removed from his ACL injury in '04. Carrington did earn 2nd Tm CUSA honors (#2 tackler). This year the entire 2 deep returns plus they add in Arizona transfer Dan Garcy and Texas A&M transfer Chase Kennemer. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Anthony Sowe (6'2" 215 rFr), Trent Sawyer (6'0" 205 Jr), Patrick Strodtman (6'0" 240 rFr) and this year's true frosh. This should be one of CUSA's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SMU has finished as high as #14 in my pass D rankings (2001) and after a #112 finish in 2004, improved to #47 in 2005. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and brought over WR Devin Lowery (8 st, 41 tkl, 3 int) who tied a school record with 3 int's vs Marshall. SS Joe Sturdivant was by far the top tackler (109). The inexperienced secondary dropped to #84. This year they lose Sturdivant (12 st), FS Randall Goode (8 st, 41 tkl) and FS Victor Makinde (3 tkl). Six of the top 8 return and they add in TTech transfer KJ Ellis (PS#87) and JUCO Rock Dennis (4.34 spd). CB Bryan McCann started the last 4 as a true frosh and made a big enough impression that they moved Lowery back to WR in the spring. They also get back Brandon Jones (10 st '05) who sat out last year so it is like having 3 starters back. SMU should climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2005, despite suffering 3 blocked punts in the first 3 games, they rebounded to finish #60 in my ST rankings. Jessie Henderson was very exciting on KR's (27.6) and Blake Warren was the top PR (9.8). Last year they had to replace K Chris McMurtray (18 of 22 FG) and Thomas Morstead hit 13 of 18 with a long of 50 and 1 miss from 51. He also avg 43.8 on punts improving the team's net from 33.2 to 37.0. True frosh Kellis Cunningham (PS#78) had 16 TB on 61 KO. Warren's PR numbers slipped some to 8.3. Henderson was #1 in the NCAA avg 36.9 on KR's until he injured an ankle. Emmanuel Sanders (4.3 spd) had 12 KR (24.0). Bennett says both Henderson and incoming frosh Aldrick Robinson could be AA KR's. SMU moved up to #30. Since all of the key players were either frosh or soph, with the only loss being Warren, this unit should contend for Top 10 honors.

COACHES - Phil Bennett was the DC at K-St prior to taking over as head man here in 2002. In 2004 he brought in OC Rusty Burns, who was the OC at Cincy the previous 2 years, and the Mustangs' offense improved from 11.2 ppg in '03 to 18.4, 20.8 and 27.1 ppg in his three years. DC Jim Gush enters his 6th year here and was the LB coach at Kan St under Bennett. His 2005 D allowed 22.0 ppg in CUSA play, the best mark in the conference.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1981-1984 SMU was among the best teams in the country going 41-5-1 but the "Death Penalty" hit and they've had just one winning season since. In Phil Bennett's first season (2002) 7 starters left the team so what looked to be a veteran squad quickly turned inexperienced. SMU was still 3-5 in league play. They had 13 starters back in 2003 but suffered some tough losses (four by 7 or less) and were -13 in TO's. Those factors resulted in their first winless season since 1960. They were outgained by a WAC worst 138.7 ypg. Head coaches rebuilding programs usually have their best success in the third season. In 2004 Bennett had to replace only 11 lettermen but did have 86 underclassmen on their 113 man roster (76%), the highest % in the NCAA. SMU was able to end its 15 game losing streak when they opened conf play with a stunning 36-13 blowout of SJSt. At this point Bennett said, "In 26 years of coaching I cannot remember so many injuries to a defense". After four blowout losses and with Bennett under pressure, SMU knocked off Tulsa in OT and then beat Nevada. That promising finish saved Bennett his job. They were outgained by 88.1 ypg in conf play. In 2005 he had the 2nd most returning starters in CUSA (16) and was coming off a season in which they were -19 in turnovers. I called for that D to allow their lowest ppg under Bennett and they did just that (25.5). I had called for SMU to top 2004's three wins and the Mustangs nearly achieved a winning record going 4-4 in CUSA play (outgained by 55.6 ypg). They suffered 4 close losses but did deal TCU their only loss of the year which was their first win over a ranked team since 1986. They also ended a 14 game road losing streak. SMU outgained league champ Tulsa 337-323 but lost. They then knocked off UTEP who needed the win to clinch the CUSA West Title. They won their last 3 to finish 5-6 (best since '97) and were 3-1 vs bowl teams. Had SMU beaten Tulsa, they would have been the CUSA West Champ! They accomplished all that despite having practices disrupted when Tulane moved on campus to share facilities. Last year I said that bowl-eligibility was a possibility. SMU had two losses by a TD or less. Two other games could have fit the criteria (see Hardcore). The loss to Houston made them 5-5 but they knocked off Tulsa to become bowl-eligible. It was announced that the SMU/Rice winner would go to a bowl. SMU led 27-24 but gave up a TD with 4:05 left for a 6-6 finish. They were 4-4 in CUSA and outgained conf foes by 47.4 ypg (4th best)! SMU returns 8 starters on offense including QB Willis, their top RB and WR and could top last year's 27.1 ppg, the best yet under Bennett. The D has 6 starters back. The Mustangs are capable of becoming bowl-eligible once again.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 16 JUSTIN WILLIS SO. 6-1 210 PS#109. 10 st rFr. #2 CUSA in pass eff 2047 (67.4%). **26-6 ratio. CUSA Frosh POY. 12** Corey Slater (6-2 230 Jr). JUCO. 2 st, 236 ttl yds LY.

RB 8 DeMYRON MARTIN JR. 6-2 230 6 st rFr. 854 (4.6). 6 starts in '06 (inj) 369 (4.0). **23 Cedrick Dorsey** (5-11 200 Sr) PS#225. 11 st 3Y, 811 (4.2). **20 James Mapps** (5-10 175 So) 321 (4.7).

WR 3 Devin Lowery Sr. 5-11 175 5 st WR '04-'05. 22 rec (9.6). 8 st CB LY, 41 tkl, 3 int. **39** Phillip Burley (6-3 210 rFr) PS#129. **10** Zach Rhodes (6-2 205 rFr) PS#180QB.

WR 17 EMMANUEL SANDERS SO. 6-1 170 PS#259. 4 st rFr. #1, 46 rec (13.2). 12 KR (24.0).

HM CUSA. 84 Zack Sledge (5-11 190 Sr) **8** st 2Y, 38 rec (8.8). 5 Zach Zimmerman (6-1 165 So).

WR 4 COLUMBUS GIVENS JR. 6-0 175 PS#137QB. 5 rec true. 7 st LY, 22 (13.9). 9 Jessie Henderson (5-9 170 Jr) PS#86RB. 1 st RB LY. Moved to WR in spg. **25** Morgan Hudnall (5-10 162 rFr).

TE 86 Vincent Chase Jr. 6-5 255 **PS#19.** 4 st LY, 3 rec. **81** Mario Walker (6-2 230 So) PS#58. **45** Andrew McKinney (6-4 265 Jr) 10 tkl LY. Austin Michelsen (6-4 260 So) Tx Tech trans.

C 51 Mitch Enright So. 6-2 275 **PS#83.** 2nd string rFr. Moved from RG to C in spg. **62** Joe Holmes (6-2 295 Sr) PS#356JC. 2 gm LY. **LS 59** Sam Bennett (6-1 250 So).

RG 50 CALEB PEVETO SR. 6-4 290 PS#349. 4 st LG rFr. 11 st LG '05. 12 st RG LY. Co-Top OL Awd Tm. Brad Lankford (6-4 275 So) PS#319DL. Dominic Pryor (6-5 280 Sr) 2 tkl DT LY. Moved to OL.

LG 74 SEAN LOBO JR. 6-3 295 PS#562. Last 7 starts LG in '06, 10 games. **67** Tommy Poynter (6-4 275 Jr). First 5 st LG LY until inj. Josh LeRibeus is PS#177.

RT 76 KENARD BURLEY SR. 6-5 310 PS#345. 8 gm '05. 12 st RT in '06, **HM CUSA. 55** Lucky DeLay (6-4 265 Sr) PS#213DL. 7 tkl, 2 tfl '04-'05. 2 gm LY. Ross Nigh (6-5 295 So) PS#276.

LT 66 BEN POYNTER SR. 6-4 290 PS#364. L/5 st LT rFr. 23 st C L2Y, **2nd Tm CUSA**, Co-Top OL Awd Tm. Chase Smith (6-4 295 So) PS#274DL. 8 gm LT as rFr. Josh Hickman (6-3 270 So).

K 15 THOMAS MORSTEAD JR. 6-5 215 Hit 13 of 18 FG LY, long 50, 1 miss 50+. 4 Kellis Cunningham (5-11 180 So) PS#78. 16 TB, 61 KO as true. **18** Brayden Harris (5-11 195 Jr) PS#92.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 11 CORY MUSE SR. 6-3 250 PS#43TE. Last 7 st '05. 32 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 10 st LY. 25 tkl, 7 sk. **91** Kyle Griffin (6-4 230 Jr) PS#304. 8 tkl 2Y. **30** Adrian Dizer (6-6 250 So) 2 tkl.

DT 93 Chris Parham So. 6-3 295 3 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. Added 15 lbs. **56** Ryan Leonard PS#451. Navy prep school LY. **57** Kyle DeGroat (6-0 270 rFr). **82** Calvin Crockett (6-2 255 rFr).

DT 92 Charlie Berry Sr. 6-3 280 PS#272. 3 st, 39 tkl '03-'04. 1 st '05. 5 tkl, 2 tfl. RS LY. Zac Thomas (6-4 260 rFr) PS#314. Mickey Dollens (6-3 260 rFr) PS#452. Josh Geldert (6-3 230 rFr).

DE 94 Patrick Handy Jr. 6-2 250 PS#319OL. 3 tkl true. 2 st LY. 11 tkl, 2 tfl. **40** Justin Smart (6-4 225 rFr) PS#249LB. **49** Jordan Johnson (6-3 245 rFr). **90** Rush Hughes (6-3 220 rFr) PS#425.

SLB 38 TONY HAWKINS SR. 6-1 210 PS#376WR. 12 st LY. 53 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 2 int. **27** Will Bonilla (5-11 205 Jr) 27 tkl 2Y. **54** Taylor Bon (6-3 210 rFr) PS#301. **55** John Nwisienyi (5-11 220 rFr).

MLB 53 REGGIE CARRINGTON SR. 6-2 240 3 st, 53 tkl '03-'05. 12 starts in '06. 80 tkl, 4 sk, 5.5 tfl. **44** Damon Hurst (6-0 215 Sr) 8 tkl LY. Ryan Moczygemba (6-1 205 rFr). Pete Fleps (6-2 220 rFr).

WLB 5 WILTON McCRAY SR. 6-0 205 9 st, 63 tkl true. 11 st, 71 tkl '05. 12 st LY, 70 tkl, 9 tfl. **29** Chase Kennemer (6-0 215 So). Texas A&M trans. **23** Jason Jackson (6-0 220 rFr).

CB 6 BRYAN McCANN SO. 6-0 175 PS#236RB. 4 st true. 38 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **CUSA Fr Tm.** Tim Crosby (5-11 170 rFr) PS#236QB. Derrius Bell PS#369. 4.4 spd. Chase Courtney (5-10 180 rFr).

CB 21 JONATHAN LINDLEY SR. 6-0 190 PS#131. 1 st, 15 tkl '04-'05. 12 st LY. 38 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. **22 Brandon Jones** (6-0 170 Sr) **10 st '05. 52 tkl, 5 pbu. 23** Russell Burgess (5-10 175 rFr).

SS 28 Bryce Hudman So. 6-2 200 PS#358. 4 st LY. 29 tkl, 4 pbu. **32 KJ Ellis** (6-2 205 So) PS#87. **TX Tech** trans. A'Darius Medford (5-10 175 rFr) PS#138. **33** Benson Sloan (6-1 190 So).

FS 10 Rock Dennis Jr. 5-10 175 PS#297JC. 4.34 spd. 36" VL. **7** David Haynes (5-9 190 Jr) 27 tkl 2Y. **41** Tyler Jones (6-1 180 rFr) PS#326. **25** La'Cori Johnson (5-9 165 Jr).

P 15 THOMAS MORSTEAD JR. 6-5 215 50 punts LY. 43.8 avg, net 37.0, **3rd Tm CUSA. 11** Andrew Galloway (6-4 230 Jr). 4 Kellis Cunningham PS#78. **24** Russ McCary (6-1 180 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Rock Dennis 5-10 175 PS#297JC
WR	De'Von Bailey 6-2 200 PS#138
OL	Josh LeRibeus 6-4 325 PS#177
QB	Logan Turner 6-0 180 PS#90
WR	Bradley Haynes 6-3 203 PS#177
DL	Ben Goldthorpe 6-2 240 PS#205
LB	Julian Herron 6-0 205 PS#227
TE	Patrick Fleming 6-4 220 PS#240LB
LB	Youri Yenga 6-2 220 PS#252
WR	Aldrick Robinson 5-10 170 PS#254
OL	Bryce Tennison 6-3 298 PS#415
DB	Derrius Bell 5-10 165 PS#369
WR	DJ Emerson 5-11 185 PS#405DB
OL	JT Brooks 6-5 310 PS#485
OL	Derek Lilly 6-2 297 PS#485
OL	Kelly Turner 6-3 280 PS#485
QB	Terrance Wilkerson 5-11 170 PS#288
WR	Jamell Kennedy 5-11 165 PS#406
DL	Josh Robinson 6-4 235 PS#426LB
DL	Szymon Czerniak 6-5 236 PS#451
DL	Ryan Leonard 6-0 285 PS#451
OL	Kelvin Beachum 6-3 270 PS#606
WR	Rodney Bradley 6-0 178 PS#495
DL	Serge Elizee 6-1 300 PS#191JC

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#100

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SMU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 3	Texas Tech (Mon)	A						SMU is 0-5 in season openers under HC Phil Bennett losing on avg by 26 ppg. The Mustangs have dropped 11 straight gms to the Red Raiders (last win in '86).
Sep. 8	North Texas	A						SMU is 27-4-1 all-time vs N Texas & has never dropped B2B gms vs the Mean Green. RB Martin had 55 yds (4.2) in the 1Q LY vs NT before a foot inj (out gm) & wasn't 100% all ssn.
Sep. 15	at Arkansas St	A						SMU's 5 TD passes LY vs ASU (4 by Willis, 1 by Sledge) is tied for 2nd-most in school history. The Mustangs are just 4-25 on the road under Bennett including 1-5 last year.
Sep. 22	at TCU	G						Bennett served 2 stints on TCU's coaching staff in 1982 (TE/OT) & 1997 (DC). SMU stunned #22 TCU 21-10 in 2005. The home team has won 3 of 4.
Sep. 29	UTEP	A						The home team is 7-2 in this series including 3 straight. Last year vs UTEP, SMU rallied from 17 down (w/bkup QB) to take the lead, only to lose on a 4Q TD.
Oct. 6								Bonus: SMU is 1-8 in their 2nd consecutive road game since 1999.
Oct. 13	at S Mississippi	A						SMU is 3-5 in CUSA road games after going 0-8 their final 2 seasons in WAC play. This will be the schools 1st ever meeting (4-5 in 1st ever gms w/current CUSA tms).
Oct. 20	Tulane	A						SMU's last win hosting Tulane was in 1982 (51-7) as they are 0-4 since in Dallas. Mustangs held the Green Wave to -33 yds rushing LY (old school record, -31 vs KU in '55).
Oct. 27	at Tulsa	A						SMU is 10-4 all-time vs Tulsa, but has dropped its last 2 trips in Oklahoma. Mustangs 17 pt comeback win LY vs Tulsa is tied for the 3rd biggest rally in SMU history.
Nov. 4	at Houston (Sun)	G						SMU was ahead by 10 pts LY at the half vs Houston, before being outscored 23-3 2H. The Mustangs are just 3-7 their last 10 road games in November.
Nov. 10	Rice	A						QB Willis LY (school rec 29 TD's) threw an int w/1:00 left at the Rice 4 denying a bowl bid. Only TCU (86 gms) has played SMU more times than Rice (45-38-1) (old SWC rivals).
Nov. 17	UCF	A						First meeting. UCF (former MAC) & SMU (WAC) both began play as CUSA members in 2005. SMU is 8-3 in home finales winning 3 straight & 5 of the last 6.
Nov. 24	at Memphis	A						This will be the 1st CUSA meeting as the only prior gm was in '76 (Memphis 27-13 in TN). SMU has won only 2 of 8 season finales & has lost all 4 on the road.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chris Hixson 7,179 '68-'70
2. Mike Ford 6,239 '77-'80
3. Mike Romo 6,041 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Eric Dickerson 4,450 '79-'82
2. Reggie Dupard 3,772 '82-'85
3. Craig James 3,743 '79-'82

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Emanuel Tolbert 2,784 '76-'79
2. Ron Morris 2,410 '83-'86
3. Jerry LeVias 2,275 '66-'68

PHIL BENNETT (Career 17–41)

6th Year at SMU

Bennett's Bowl Record: 0-0

Bennett's records AT SMU

17-41	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
13-16	Home	1-4	Vs Top 25
4-25	Away	0-10	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	3-4	Off A Bye
14-26	Vs Conference	11-27	Off A Loss

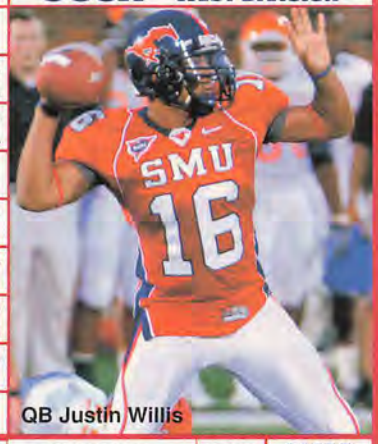
2006 RECORD: (6–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (22,15,2)
Lost: 18 (8,10,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,428 (#111)

CUSA – WEST DIVISION



QB Justin Willis

STADIUM: GERALD J. FORD STADIUM (32,000) (#90)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (A-Turf Premier)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	4-7	3-9	0-12	3-8	5-6	6-6	24-57
Home	3-3	2-4	2-4	0-6	3-2	3-3	5-1	18-23
Away	0-6	2-3	1-5	0-6	0-6	2-3	1-5	6-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	3-5	0-8	3-5	4-4	4-4	20-36
ATS	5-7	6-5	5-7	3-9	5-6	7-4	6-5	37-43
Home Fav (Mike Gavan)	2-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-0	8-6
Home Dog (Mike Gavan)	1-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-1	13-13
Away Fav (Phil Bennett)	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3-4
Away Dog (Phil Bennett)	2-3	2-1	2-3	1-5	1-5	4-1	1-2	13-20
Favorite	2-2	2-2	1-2	0-1	1-0	1-1	4-2	11-10
Dog	3-5	4-3	4-5	3-8	4-6	6-3	2-3	26-33
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	6-2	5-3	27-29
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	10-14
Off SU Win	1-2	3-1	0-2	0-0	2-1	2-2	3-3	11-11
Off SU Loss	3-5	3-3	5-4	3-8	2-5	5-1	3-1	24-27

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeMyron Martin	92	394	25	369	0	4.0
Justin Willis	132	591	237	354	3	2.7
James Mapps	69	352	31	321	2	4.7
Cedrick Dorsey	45	185	17	168	1	3.7
Johnnie Fitzgerald	30	139	10	129	0	4.3
Fred Turner	10	110	1	109	0	10.9
Corey Slater	13	51	24	27	0	2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Justin Willis	270	182	67.4	2047	26	6
Corey Slater	44	20	45.5	209	2	4
Zack Sledge	2	1	50.0	75	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Emmanuel Sanders	46	605	13.2	9	56	
Bobby Chase	37	507	13.7	3	75	
Columbus Givens	22	306	13.9	4	62	
Ryan Kennedy	20	199	9.9	5	24	
Reynaldo Pellerin	30	196	6.5	3	19	
Blake Warren	17	149	8.8	0	32	
Zack Sledge	13	121	9.3	2	26	
Cedrick Dorsey	6	121	20.2	1	38	
DeMyron Martin	4	71	17.8	1	37	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Thomas Morstead	50	2191	43.8	6	37.0	1	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Thomas Morstead	34-35	4-4	6-7	2-5	1-2	13-18	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Sturdivant	109	0	3.5	6	2
Reggie Carrington	80	4	6	4	0
Wilton McCray	70	0	9	1	1
Justin Rogers	59	9.5	5.5	1	0
Tony Hawkins	53	1	5	2	2
Devin Lowery	41	0	1	1	3
Randall Goode	41	0	1	7	0
Bryan McCann	38	0	1	4	1
Jonathan Lindley	38	0	0.5	6	1
Adrian Haywood	35	5	11.5	1	0
Brandon Bonds	29	2	1	0	0
Bryce Hudman	29	0	1	4	0
Cory Muse	25	7	3.5	0	1
Will Bonilla	15	0	0	0	0
Randy Denman	14	1	1	0	0
David Haynes	12	0	0	1	0
Patrick Handy	11	1	1	1	0
Troy Therien	11	0.5	1.5	0	0
Andrew McKinney	10	0	0	0	0
Paul Hiemenz	9	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Blake Warren	21	174	8.3	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jessie Henderson	10	369	36.9	1	
Emmanuel Sanders	12	288	24.0	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
68	Bluebonnet - #20	NL	Oklahoma - #10	28-27
80	Holiday - #19	-1	BYU - #14	45-46
82	Cotton - #4	E	Pittsburgh - #6	7-3
83	Sun - #6	-4	Alabama	7-28
84	Aloha - #10	+1'	Notre Dame - #17	27-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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SMU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	27.1	17	125	3.7	194	64.2	11.8	+1	2006	6	24.5	20	108	3.2	246	64.1	14.4
9*	20.8	16	131	3.5	177	52.5	14.8	+5	2005	7	25.5	22	143	3.7	250	58.0	15.4
4*	18.4	18	125	3.4	209	54.4	18.2	-19	2004	7	38.2	23	209	4.9	258	61.2	12.2
6*	11.2	16	129	3.1	131	46.6	23.3	-13	2003	7	32.2	19	164	4.2	225	56.4	12.1
6	17.3	19	182	4.0	159	52.1	19.8	-12	2002	6	31.5	18	159	4.5	244	54.1	12.8
8	20.5	18	156	3.8	157	52.1	15.3	-7	2001	9	26.8	17	122	3.3	198	56.0	11.9

2006 STATS BY GAME

SMU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Texas Tech	10	34-118	3.5	10-19	71	0	28	23-138	6.0	38-54	363	1	0
–	at North Texas	14	32-111	3.5	20-29	159	2	15	38-168	4.4	12-17	145	0	-2
–	Sam Houston St	18	34-195	5.7	18-21	248	1	22	25-66	2.6	33-51	244	4	+2
–	Arkansas St	20	31-226	7.3	17-28	231	2	14	41-69	1.7	13-28	193	5	+3
–	at Tulane	24	38-98	2.6	23-40	261	3	22	21-(-33)	-1.6	30-50	398	6	0
–	at UTEP	7	23-58	2.5	10-20	132	2	21	39-89	2.3	26-37	298	2	-2
–	Marshall	25	45-135	3.0	23-29	231	5	17	27-107	4.0	19-32	192	0	+3
–	at East Carolina	21	34-89	2.6	22-33	224	4	24	29-36	1.2	32-41	402	1	-1
–	UAB	14	26-110	4.2	18-23	148	0	17	34-89	2.6	18-36	133	3	-1
–	Houston	20	35-44	1.3	23-36	299	6	24	48-357	7.4	12-21	147	4	-1
–	Tulsa	21	34-179	5.3	11-19	190	2	20	36-126	3.5	22-30	230	1	+1
–	at Rice	11	38-140	3.7	8-19	137	5	15	42-78	1.9	13-21	205	4	-1
TOTALS		205	404-1503	3.7	203-316	2331	32	239	403-1290	3.2	268-418	2950	31	+1
AVERAGES		17.1	34-125	3.7	17-26	194	2.7	19.9	34-108	3.2	22-35	246	2.6	0.1

2002 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Navy	-10'	7-38
–	Texas Tech	+20	14-24
–	at TCU	+17'	6-17
–	at Oklahoma St	+16'	16-52
–	at Hawaii	+22'	10-42
–	San Jose St	+7	23-34
–	at Fresno St	+23'	7-30
–	Louisiana Tech	+13	37-34
–	at Rice	+8'	15-27
–	Nevada	+6'	6-24
–	at UTEP	-5'	42-35
–	Tulsa	-7'	24-21

2003 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas Tech	+23'	10-58
–	at Baylor	+1'	7-10
–	Oklahoma St	+24	6-52
–	at Nevada	+19	9-12
–	UTEP	-8'	19-21
–	at San Jose St	+7'	14-31
–	Boise St	+24	3-45
–	at Tulsa	+17	16-35
–	Fresno St	+14'	11-20
–	at Louisiana Tech	+20	6-41
–	Rice	+5'	20-41
–	TCU - #19	+24	13-20

2004 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Texas Tech	+24'	13-27
–	at TCU	+22'	0-44
–	at Oklahoma St	+34'	7-59
–	San Jose St	-1'	36-13
–	at Boise St - #23	+38	20-38
–	at Rice	+13	10-44
–	Louisiana Tech	+10	10-41
–	at Fresno St	+27'	0-42
–	Tulsa	+12	41-35 OT
–	Nevada	+7	38-20
–	at UTEP - #24	+21'	27-57

2005 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Baylor	+1'	23-28
–	TCU - #22	+14'	21-10
–	at Texas A&M	+28	8-66
–	Tulane	+3'	10-31
–	at Marshall	+11'	13-16 OT
–	at UAB	+20	28-27
–	East Carolina	-2	17-24
–	at Tulsa	+15'	13-20
–	Rice	-7'	27-7
–	at Houston	+13	29-24
–	UTEP	+7	40-27

2006 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas Tech - #25	+25	3-35
–	at North Texas	-5	6-24
–	Sam Houston St	NL	45-14
–	Arkansas St	-7	55-9
–	at Tulane	-3	33-28
–	at UTEP	+12'	21-24
–	Marshall	-4'	31-21
–	at East Carolina	+5	21-38
–	UAB	-5	22-9
–	Houston	+3	27-37
–	Tulsa	+6'	34-24
–	at Rice	-1	27-31

RICE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - As you would expect, with the shift from the wishbone to the spread offense in 2006, the passing numbers showed drastic improvement. In 2005, starter Joel Armstrong (5'11"190) had more yards rushing (672 gross) than passing (554) while hitting 42.4% with a 4-6 ratio. Armstrong suffered a shoulder injury and rFr Chase Clement started 1 and played in 11. Clement threw for 582 (42.7%) with a 5-6 ratio. True frosh QB John Shepherd was injured so CB Jeramy Goodson was the #3 QB. Last year Armstrong moved to WR (24,11.0). Clement opened as the starter, but was injured vs Houston and DNP vs the team's toughest 3 non-conf foes (UCLA, Texas, Fla St). Shepherd started vs UCLA and hit 6 of 10 for 66 but Armstrong was impressive off the bench and started the next two. Clement returned to an 0-4 team avg 15 ppg. In his next 7 starts he led the team to a 6-1 record while avg 34.6 ppg. Clement threw for 213.4 ypg (57.7%) with an outstanding 21-5 ratio and was also the #2 rusher (481, 4.5). When Clement was injured, Armstrong guided them to a win over SMU which clinched a bowl. Adding depth are rFr Pierre Beasley (PS#48), who practiced at WR in spring, and Drew Mehringer (6'0" 205 rFr, PS#248). Clement should be one of CUSA's best QB's but it will be interesting to see if he can top last year's stats with a new HC and OC.

RUNNING BACKS - For years Rice ran the wishbone which spreads the carries among the RB's. In 2005 Quinton Smith rushed for 902 (6.4) and was 2nd team CUSA. Last year he returned along with the team's #2 rusher, FB John Wall (538, 4.9). Smith broke his finger vs UCLA and the team struggled with just 154 total yards rushing vs the tough D's of UCLA, Texas and FSU. The OL finally got healthy vs UCF and Smith finished with a bang rushing for 1,096 (5.2) while also hauling in 40 rec (10.2). Smith finished his career at Rice as the #2 all time rusher with 2,505 yards (Trevor Cobb 4,948). The #2 and #3 rushers were both QB's and the #2 RB was CJ Ugokwe (16 yd). Wall (5'10" 215 Sr, PS#133) toted the ball just 5 times before quitting the team but could reappear with the new coaching staff. Not listed in the 3 deep are Casey Marchbanks (6'0" 200 So), Marcus Knox (5'9" 200 So) who was the spring game MVP and this year's true frosh. Smith's departure leaves some big shoes to fill.

RECEIVERS - In the 8 years prior to 2006, Rice had completion totals for the season of just 39, 38, 58, 91, 67, 61, 59 and 89. In 2005 in just 8 starts, rFr Jarett Dillard had 35 rec (15.0), but due to the wishbone offense it was the most here in 12 years. Dillard adapted to the new spread offense quickly and was a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award as a soph. He has a streak of 15 straight games with a TD rec (2nd longest in NCAA history). He set a CUSA single season record for TD's with 21 which blew away Rice's TD rec record set by Kenneth Roy in 1976 (9). Dillard is a very confident WR (see Hardcore). Despite his small size, he is clearly CUSA's top WR. Tommy Henderson played RB in 2005 and rushed for 128 yds (4.4) with 22 rec (8.6). In the first 4 games of '06, he had just 1 rec but ended as the team's #3 receiver with 31 (7.9). Joel Armstrong alternated between QB and WR and managed 24 (11.0). Mike Falco (PS#108QB) had 26 (8.4). This year they lose Falco but get Armstrong back full-time and some frosh who contributed in backup roles in '06. TE Will Moss (PS#83) played in just 2 (inj) after starting 7 in 2005 and will battle Taylor Wardlow who had 10 (14.2) as a true. TE Chance Talbert (4 st) was not on the roster in the spring but is trying to be reinstated. Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE Will Shoppa (6'3" 230 rFr) and WR Ahmad Sweeney (5'10" 180 So). This group is much deeper and in its 2nd year of the spread.

WR Jarett Dillard

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Rice had to replace 7 players who combined for 41 starts in 2004. After leading the NCAA in rushing (307 ypg, 4.9 ypc), the inexperienced line opened holes for only 4.3 ypc rushing (lowest since 2000) allowing 21 (10%) sacks. Last year they only lost one starter but had to change blocking schemes from the option to the spread offense. The unit was banged up and had 7 different starting lineups in the first 8 weeks. This year they lose LT Rolf Krueger (10 st, miss 2) but have 9 of the top 10 back. The 2006 O-line paved the way for 3.9 ypc rush (35 sk, 8.0%). While this year's group has the same experience level, it is their 2nd year in the new schemes and I look for increased production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 Rice allowed 4.2 ypc rush. In 2005 Rice had 6 of their top 8 back but took on a killer schedule including UCLA, Texas and Navy's option offense. They allowed a Hatfield era high of 5.4 ypc rushing while recording just 12 sacks. Last year they switched from the 4-2-5 to the 3-3-5 stack and had to replace one starter and two backups. Five players were back with starting experience but Rice still allowed 5.3 ypc rush although the D increased the sack total to 33. This year they move back to the 4-2-5 and lose two starters in 2nd Tm CUSA DE Courtney Gordon (13 st, 45 tkl, 8 sk) and NG DeJuan Cooper (9 st, 17 tkl, 3 sk) as well as backup NG William Wood (4 st, 24 tkl, 5 tfl). They have just one returning starter for the 4 positions making this unit the biggest concern of the Rice defense.

LINEBACKERS - The four starters at the beginning of 2006 combined for zero career LB starts. Graham wanted speed over size and Brian Raines was #2 in CUSA in tackles. True frosh Terrance Garmon had 35 tackles in his 3 starts and a pair of int's. I list the WSS position in the LB write-up and this year they go from 4 spots to three so even though they lose SLB Marcus Rucker (13 st, 65 tkl, 4 sk) and Omeke Alikor (3 st, 15 tkl), they return 3 starters. This unit is much more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Because the Owls ran the option, the secondary got few quality looks at passing offenses in practice and Rice's highest finish in my pass D rankings was #60. The 2005 unit finished #116. Last year the unit returned intact but the CB's were banged up and Rice only rose to #96 (32-11 ratio). This year they must replace FS Andray Downs (13 st, 88 tkl, 6 tfl), CB Lance Byrd (3 st, 12 tkl) and SS Chad Price (13 st, 71 tkl, 6.5 tfl). The CB's look strong, especially Ja'Corey Shepherd who is the team's shutdown CB. While the DB's are less experienced, they could move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Luke Juist has a strong but inconsistent leg. He nailed a 53 yard FG in '05 but hit just 4 of 7 FG's (long of 45) in '06 but 6 attempts were from 40+. Juist also handled KO's and had 6 TB on 53 KO. Clark Fangmeier hit 8 of 11 FG's with a L/43 and made both attempts from 40+ and both kickers return. P Jared Scruggs was 1st Tm WAC as a rFr with a net of 37.4. His nets dropped to 28.5 and 34.2 then to 33.8 last year with his punting avg just 38.8. Brandon King took over the PR duties in '05 (5.7) and improved in '06 to 8.8. KR Mike Falco avg a solid 22.0. Surprisingly Andray Downs, who led the team in KR's in '04 & '05, had just 2 returns last year. They do lose both Falco and Scruggs but everyone else is back and they should improve upon last year's #86 overall ST ranking.

COACHES - Rice had been the pillar of stability with Ken Hatfield as the HC for 12 straight years. Last year Todd Graham took over as the HC and did a great job taking a 1-10 team to its first bowl game in 45 years. Graham has now moved on to Tulsa and Rice gets its 3rd coach in 3 years. The new HC is David Bailiff who has spent the last three seasons as the HC at Texas St (21-15). The OC is Tom Herman who followed Bailiff from Texas St. His co-DC's are Chuck Driesbach and Craig Naivar. Driesbach spent the last two years as the secondary coach at Mich St and was DC at Ole Miss (2002-04). Naivar was the DC at Texas St (3 yr) and held the same title for two years at Sam Houston St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

A 45 year drought ended last year as Rice had not been to a bowl since 1961. The Owls had just 6 winning seasons in that time frame with Ken Hatfield being responsible for 3 in his 12 years here. Rice is a small school with just 46,509 alumni and an enrollment of only 5,008. They must try to fill a 70,000 seat home stadium and in 2005 averaged just 10,072. Not much went right for Rice in '05 as they had their worst year since 1988 (0-11) going 1-10. Some things had them poised for a turnaround as they were -17 in turnovers (pg 312) and 29 of their top 44 players were either frosh or soph with just 10 seniors. Last year Graham switched the offense from the wishbone to a spread pass attack. With 10 starters back and the emergence of QB Chase Clement, they were able to improve their ppg to 26.9. Those numbers would have been greater if they had not played such a tough non-conf slate (UCLA, Texas, Fla St) and lost Clement for 5 starts. The Owls did refurbish Rice Stadium including a new $1.1 million FieldTurf surface which kept them healthier after playing on rock-hard artificial turf. The season did not open well as they were 0-4 and off blowout losses to Texas and Fla St, both of which were ranked teams that were coming off a loss (focused and angry). Rice then suffered the tragic loss of #39 Dale Lloyd who died during practice the week before Army. The team took his jersey to the lockerroom for each game and wore his number on their helmets. They rallied to win 7 of their last 8. They did have 5 net close wins including 3 wins on the last offensive snap (pg 299). They got a TD with :03 left to beat UAB, got past UTEP by 6, earned a 2OT win over Tulsa and got a 40 yard FG with :04 left to beat EC. The season finale was a showdown with SMU where the winner would go to a bowl. Rice rallied for a TD with 4:05 left to pull out the win. Rice was +12 in turnovers during the regular season. Graham was part of Tulsa's rebirth in 2003 when they went from 1-11 to 8-4 but the following year Tulsa went just 4-8. He signed a contract extension but just days later opted to leave for Tulsa and new HC Bailiff takes over. They have Clement and Dillard back among 9 starters on offense and could be more potent. The D is a question mark with just 6 starters back from a unit that allowed 33.2 ppg. Rice was 6-2 in CUSA play but was outgained by 28 ypg! On the season they finished with a winning record but were outscored by an average of 6.3 ppg. Rice does not figure to get as many fortunate wins as 2006. They are learning their 3rd system in 3 years and still have major questions on D. Despite the presence of the Clement/Dillard combo and their extra bowl practices, this should shape up as a sub-.500 season.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 16 CHASE CLEMENT JR. 6-1 190 PS#187. 1 st rFr, 582 (42.7%). 8 st LY (inj), 1707 (58%) 21-5, 613 rush. **11** Pierre Beasley (6-3 210 rFr) PS#48. **17** John Shepherd (6-1 190 So) 1 st, 135 yd.

TB 26 Bubba Heard Sr. 5-11 190 PS#335. 11 yd rFr. 2 st CB LY, 12 tkl. **28** CJ Ugokwe (5-11 220 So) PS#203. 4.5 spd. 16 yd rFr. **10** Bio Bilaye-Benibo (6-0 215 Sr) 201 rush yd 3Y.

WR 13 JOEL ARMSTRONG SR. 5-11 190 PS#206QB. 19 st QB, 1843 pass (51%), 1415 rush 3Y. 9 st WR LY, 24 (11.0). **80** Corbin Smiter (6-2 220 So) 2 st, 9 (10.7) as true.

WR 7 TOMMY HENDERSON JR. 5-9 180 PS#199QB. 9 st, 22 rec (8.6) rFr. L/8 st LY, 31 (7.9). **87** Andrew Novak (6-3 215 So) PS#157. 2 st true, 0 rec. **82** John Welch (6-0 180 So) 2 st, 4 rec rFr.

WR 81 JARETT DILLARD JR. 5-11 180 **2nd Tm AA**. 8 st, 35 (15.0) '05. 13 st LY, 91 (13.7), 21 TD's. **3** Toren Dixon (6-2 220 So) PS#271DB. 2 st 11 gm true. **18** Jeramy Goodson (5-9 170 So).

TE 88 WILL MOSS JR. 6-4 255 PS#83. 7 starts rFr, 0 rec. 2 game, 2 rec LY (inj). **84** Taylor Wardlow (6-6 205 So) PS#126. 2 st , 10 rec true. **56** Chance Talbert (6-5 290 So) 4 st TE LY.

C 73 AUSTIN WILKINSON JR. 6-2 270 PS#444. 11 st C rFr. 13 st C LY, **HM CUSA**. 23 consecutive starts. **54** Scott Nimmons (6-3 260 So). **51 LS** Brandon Long (5-11 230 rFr).

RG 63 DAVID BERKEN JR. 6-4 295 PS#446. 11 st RG rFr. 12 st LY (8RG, 3LT, 1LG). **52** David Perkins (6-3 285 Sr) PS#385DL. 6 st 2Y (4RG, 1C, 1LG). Scott Austin (6-3 250 Sr) 5 gm 3Y.

LG 72 ROBBY HEOS SR. 6-4 300 PS#219. 1 st rFr. 11 st LT '05. 11 st LG '06, **2nd Tm CUSA**. **57** Robby Hamilton (6-3 285 Jr) PS#258. 1 st RG LY. **60** Jimmy Miller (6-3 300 Jr).

RT 68 LUTE BARBER SR. 6-7 300 PS#439. 2nd string '05. 13 st RT LY, **HM CUSA**. **79** Charlie Wiebusch (6-3 320 So) Largest OL. **75** Cameron Vester (6-3 255 rFr).

LT 67 Preston Thompson So. 6-5 290 PS#223. 2nd string rFr. William Hinton (6-5 295 So) PS#142JC. 35 kd, 10 pnck, 5 gm JC LY. NOR spg, poss return. Kody Emmert PS#136TE.

K 46 CLARK FANGMEIER SO. 5-11 180 PS#103. **CUSA Fr Tm**. Hit 8 of 11 FG as true, long 43, 2-2 from 40+, 35-35 xp. **41** Luke Juist (6-1 210 Sr) 10 of 17 FG 3 years. Long of 53.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 99 GEORGE CHUKWU SR. 6-2 300 PS#365. 14 tkl rFr, 6 st '05, 30 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 29 tkl, 8 tfl, **HM CUSA**. **40** James Casey (6-4 230 Fr) PS#257QB in '03. 3 years in minor league baseball.

DT 74 Chris Ptaszek Jr. 6-5 300 PS#312OL. 6 gm OL '05. 1 tkl, 4 gm D-line LY. **91** Todd Mohr (6-1 275 Jr) PS#511. Missed rFr year (inj). 2 gm LY. Brian Stacey is PS#306.

DT 58 Jonathan Cary Sr. 6-3 290 PS#116. 6 tkl rFr. 2 st DT '05. 21 tkl. 15 tkl LY, 12 gm. **96** Travis Mason (6-4 275 So) PS#389. 1 tkl rFr. Cameron Thompson is PS#313.

DE 21 Dietrich Davis Jr. 6-2 245 8 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. 3 st MLB LY until inj, 18 tkl, 2 sk. **90** Victor Brooks (6-4 270 So) PS#227. 2 sk rFr. **42** Robert Calhoun (6-1 220 So) 6 tkl true.

SLB 34 TERRANCE GARMON SO. 6-3 215 PS#220DB. L/3 st true (25 tkl in st) 2 int **CUSA Fr Tm**. **36** Vernon James (6-1 220 Jr) PS#495DL. 4 st, 41 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **35** Jonathan Arceneaux (6-0 210 rFr).

MLB 31 BRIAN RAINES JR. 6-1 220 25 tkl true. 13 st, **2nd Tm CUSA LY,** 118 tkl, 12.5 tfl. Tanner Shuck is PS#209. Ryan Craig (5-10 195 So) 6 gm LY. Willie Garley (5-11 190 rFr).

WSS 30 ANDREW SENDEJO SO. 6-2 210 PS#323. 11 st true, 53 tkl, 2 sk, 5 tfl, 3 pbu. **CUSA Fr Tm**. **29** Carl Taylor (6-1 200 Jr) 3 st true, 26 tkl, 1 int. **33** Max Anyiam (6-2 210 rFr) PS#349.

CB 15 BRANDON KING JR. 5-9 180 PS#513. Last 7 st rFr, 24 tkl, 1 int. 10 st LY, 33 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **43** Ryan Kennedy (5-10 190 rFr) PS#265. **23** Jon Turner (5-9 200 Sr) 4 st, 11 tkl, 3Y.

CB 9 Ja'COREY SHEPHERD JR. 5-11 180 7 st rFr, 46 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 11 st LY, 40 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **1** Gary Anderson (6-0 180 Sr) PS#154. 1 st WR LY. **6** Patrick Randolph (5-11 170 rFr).

SS 20 Bencil Smith Jr. 5-11 195 PS#539. 2 st, 15 tkl rFr, 1 pbu. 2 st LY, 18 tkl, 1 int. **14** Justin Abt (6-0 205 Sr) 4 tkl rFr. 4 tkl '05. 7 gm LY, 0 tkl due to nagging injuries.

FS 25 Joseph Agnew So. 6-0 200 PS#192. 6 tkl true. **38** Aubrey White (6-1 200 Sr) PS#245QB. 4 tkl rFr. 12 tkl '05. Joseph Leary is PS#211. Chris Jones is PS#270. 4.4 speed.

P 41 Luke Juist Sr. 6-1 210 P/PK/SS in high school. 4 of 7 FG '04, long 36. 2 of 3 FG '05, long 53. 4 of 7 FG LY, 2 punts 3Y. Clay Joseph avg'd 39.5 in high school LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Michael Fuda 6-0 180 PS#143
DE	Kramer Lucio 6-5 240 PS#67TE
DB	Joseph Leary 6-1 180 PS#211
LB	Tanner Shuck 5-11 225 PS#209
DB	Chris Jones 6-3 175 PS#270
DL	Cheta Ozougwu 6-3 229 PS#246LB
QB	Randy Kitchens 6-3 190 PS#181
LB	Aaron Williams 6-3 210 PS#258WR
OL	Tyler Parish 6-4 290 PS#329
DL	Brian Stacey 6-3 255 PS#306
RB	Justin Hill 6-0 200 PS#327
DL	Cameron Thompson 6-1 275 PS#313
QB	Will Norris 6-1 220 PS#237
OL	Kody Emmert 6-7 240 PS#136TE
RB	Tyler Smith 5-8 180 PS#429
OL	Jake Hicks 6-4 265 PS#520
DL	Scott Solomon 6-3 230 PS#451
LB	Brandon Tolbert 6-0 195 PS#500
OL	Davon Primus 6-3 315 PS#606
TE	Keyshawn Carrington 6-3 240 PS#186
RB	Taylor Dupree 6-1 205 PS#506
QB	Brent Hotard 6-2 195 PS#366
K	Clay Joseph 6-3 200 PS#96

RICE OWLS

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DAVID BAILIFF (Career 0-0) (Div IAA 21-15)
1st Year at Rice
Bailiff's Bowl Record: 0-0

Bailiff's records AT RICE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (23,23,2)
Lost: 17 (7,8,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,650 (#91)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#96

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score RICE	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Nicholls St	A					
Sep. 8	at Baylor	A					
Sep. 15	Texas Tech	A					
Sep. 22	at Texas	G					
Sep. 29							
Oct. 3	at S Mississippi (Wed)	A					
Oct. 13	at Houston	G					
Oct. 20	Memphis	A					
Oct. 27	at Marshall	A					
Nov. 3	UTEP (HC)	A					
Nov. 10	at SMU	A					
Nov. 17	Tulane	A					
Nov. 24	Tulsa	A					
Dec. 1							

Rice HC David Bailiff has faced NSU the L3Y (1-2) as former HC at Texas St (21-15 overall). Colonels lost to both Nebraska (56-7) & Louisiana Tech (31-21) last year.

Rice will play Baylor for the 1st time S/'95 when the SWC broke up. Owls have dropped 3 straight & are just 5-17 S/'74 vs the Bears. Rice has lost 5 straight opening road gms.

Rice will see the same spread offense for the 2nd straight week. This series started in 1942 & Rice won 13 of the 1st 14 gms, but is just 7-24-1 since (old SWC rivals).

Texas has won 39 of the last 40 in this instate series dating back to 1914. Rice has been dominated by UT L4Y being outgained on avg 504-199 & outscored 47-9.

Along with a trip to Hattiesburg, Rice only leaves the state of TX just one other time. This will be the 1st of 3 gms Rice faces a CUSA opp in its first meeting (Memphis & Marshall).

Rice is 9-24 vs Houston (1st gm 1971) schools are just 5 miles apart (same city). The last time Rice lost to Houston in 3 straight years was from 1990-'92.

First ever meeting. Rice was 3-1 at home vs CUSA opponents LY & 3 games were decided by 1 pt (4th gm by 4 pts). The Owls are just 2-5 after facing rival Houston.

Marshall (former MAC) & Rice (WAC) both began play as CUSA members in 2005. Rice has played just 1 other tm from the state of WV in its history (beat WV 24-0 in '64).

These 2 teams have averaged 66 ppg the last 5 years. Rice is 13-6 since 1996 in November home games. Rice's upset last year was 1 of 3 Homecoming game wins.

With LY's win over SMU, Rice locked up a bowl berth & eliminated the Mustangs. Rice is 14-4 the last 18 yrs vs instate opponent SMU including winning 4 of the L/5.

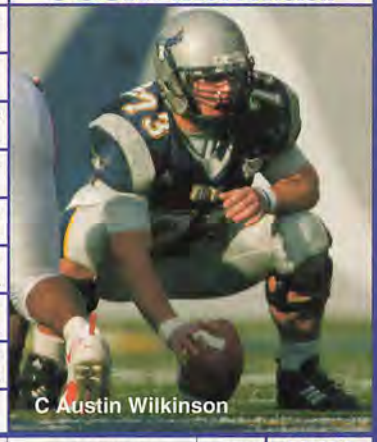
After their DD loss to Tulane LY, Rice went on to close out the reg ssn w/6 straight wins. The Owls 14 pt loss was the biggest margin in the series since a 24 pt loss in '82.

WR Dillard (8-137-3) LY broke the CUSA season & Rice career record for TD's vs Tulsa. Tulsa's coach, Graham, was the Rice HC in '06 & signed an extension then left the next day.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tommy Kramer 6,197 '73-'76
2. Randy Hertel 6,161 '77-'80
3. Mark Comalander 4,810 '84-'87

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Trevor Cobb 4,948 '89-'92
2. Quinton Smith 2,505 '03-'06
3. Michael Perry 2,496 '95-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. David Houser 2,358 '76-'78
2. Eric Henley 2,199 '88-'91
3. Jarett Dillard 1,798 '05-Present


C Austin Wilkinson

STADIUM: RICE STADIUM (70,000) (#29)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	8-4	4-7	5-7	3-8	1-10	7-5	31-49
Home	3-2	5-0	2-3	3-2	2-2	1-4	3-2	19-15
Away	0-6	3-4	2-4	2-4	0-6	0-6	4-3	11-33
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	3-5	5-3	2-6	1-7	6-2	24-32
ATS (Ken Hatfield)	5-6	6-6	6-5	8-3-1	6-5	3-8	(Todd Graham) 9-3	43-36-1
Home Fav	2-1	1-3	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	8-6
Home Dog	2-0	1-0	3-0	1-1-1	1-1	2-2	4-1	14-5-1
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	0-3	0-0	0-1	3-8
Away Dog	1-4	3-2	1-2	4-1	3-0	0-6	5-1	17-16
Favorite	2-2	2-4	2-3	3-0	1-4	1-0	0-1	11-14
Dog	3-4	4-2	4-2	5-3-1	5-1	2-8	9-2	32-22-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-3	7-0-1	3-5	3-5	7-1	32-23-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	3-0	0-3	2-2	11-13
Off SU Win	0-3	3-5	1-3	2-1-1	2-1	1-0	5-1	14-14-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	2-1	5-1	6-1	3-4	2-7	3-2	25-19

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
53	Cotton	NL	Alabama	28-6
57	Cotton	NL	Navy	7-20
60	Sugar	NL	Mississippi	6-14
61	Bluebonnet	NL	Kansas	7-33
06	New Orleans	-5	Troy	17-41

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Rice's All-Time Bowl Record 4-4

RICE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	26.9	20	131	3.9	214	57.0	12.8	+8	2006	7	33.2	20	188	5.3	227	56.4	12.5
5*	21.9	20	234	4.3	103	42.4	15.4	-17	2005	7	40.6	21	212	5.4	243	65.5	11.2
8*	25.4	22	307	4.9	75	43.4	15.1	-4	2004	7	34.3	19	150	4.2	215	57.2	10.6
6*	28.6	21	317	5.5	80	47.7	13.9	-3	2003	3	31.5	23	208	5.0	225	61.3	13.7
4*	23.0	19	248	4.5	99	44.4	15.1	0	2002	4	26.9	21	143	3.8	242	61.2	14.3
8	27.8	22	281	4.5	122	46.9	14.5	+8	2001	7	27.9	21	133	3.7	279	57.4	14.8

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Quinton Smith	211	1160	64	1096	10	5.2
Chase Clement	107	613	132	481	4	4.5
Joel Armstrong	84	314	179	135	1	1.6
CJ Ugokwe	6	21	5	16	0	2.7
Mike Falco	8	26	16	10	0	1.2
John Shepherd	8	7	24	-17	0	-2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chase Clement	265	153	57.7	1707	21	5
Joel Armstrong	145	85	58.6	948	8	9
John Shepherd	25	10	40.0	128	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jarett Dillard	91	1247	13.7	21	65	
Quinton Smith	40	410	10.2	2	80	
Joel Armstrong	24	265	11.0	2	47	
Tommy Henderson	31	245	7.9	1	20	
Mike Falco	26	219	8.4	1	27	
Taylor Wardlow	10	142	14.2	1	30	
Corbin Smiter	9	96	10.7	0	32	
Evan Fentriss	4	65	16.2	0	39	
John Welch	4	41	10.2	0	21	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jared Scruggs	63	2444	38.8	21	33.8(t)	1	9
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Clark Fangmeier	35-35	3-3	3-6	2-2	0-0	8-11	43
Luke Juist	3-4	0-0	0-1	4-6	0-0	4-7	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brian Raines	118	4.5	8	2	0
Andray Downs	88	0	6	3	2
Chad Price	71	1	5.5	2	1
Marcus Rucker	65	4	4	2	0
Andrew Sendejo	53	2	5	3	0
Courtney Gordon	45	8	7	3	0
Vernon James	41	1	2	0	0
Ja'Corey Shepherd	40	0	0.5	6	2
Terrance Garmon	35	0	1	1	2
Brandon King	33	0	1	6	2
George Chukwu	29	1	7	0	0
William Wood	24	2	3	0	0
Dietrich Davis	18	2	0	1	0
Bencil Smith	18	0	0	0	1
DeJaun Cooper	17	3	1	0	0
Omeke Alikor	15	0.5	0	0	0
Jonathan Cary	15	0	0	0	0
Bubba Heard	12	0	0	1	0
Marcus Knox	12	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Brandon King	13	115	8.8	0	
Ja'Corey Shepherd	9	51	5.7	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Mike Falco	21	461	22.0	0	
Chris Douglas	15	290	19.3	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

RICE 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Houston	14	31 - 131	4.2	12 - 26	152	1	17	28 - 96	3.4	22 - 35	233	4	-2
–	at UCLA	12	31 - 53	1.7	13 - 21	131	4	26	52 - 277	5.3	13 - 20	124	4	+3
–	Texas	11	20 - (-12)	-0.6	18 - 29	180	3	22	43 - 330	7.7	10 - 11	163	2	+1
–	at Florida St	16	37 - 113	3.1	9 - 27	128	4	22	38 - 287	7.6	13 - 23	213	2	-2
–	at Army	25	28 - 128	4.6	30 - 40	329	1	17	31 - 140	4.5	14 - 30	162	2	+4
–	at Tulane	26	39 - 129	3.3	25 - 47	271	3	24	28 - 143	5.1	21 - 40	344	3	+1
–	UAB	23	36 - 230	6.4	21 - 33	191	4	18	32 - 175	5.5	16 - 29	309	0	0
–	at UCF	21	35 - 250	7.1	16 - 29	170	1	24	35 - 155	4.4	27 - 42	327	2	+2
–	at UTEP	30	48 - 238	5.0	19 - 26	233	1	17	18 - 73	4.1	16 - 34	315	2	0
–	at Tulsa	18	33 - 147	4.4	14 - 37	209	3	26	52 - 260	5.0	17 - 29	308	4	+4
–	East Carolina	24	37 - 179	4.8	23 - 45	279	2	17	35 - 218	6.2	10 - 17	83	1	0
–	SMU	15	42 - 78	1.9	13 - 21	205	4	11	38 - 140	3.7	8 - 19	137	5	+1
–	† Troy	19	21 - 39	1.9	35 - 54	305	4	15	33 - 148	4.5	15 - 29	228	2	-4
TOTALS		254	438 - 1703	3.9	248 - 435	2783	35	256	463 - 2442	5.3	202 - 358	2946	33	+8
AVERAGES		19.5	34 - 131	3.9	19 - 33	214	2.7	19.7	36 - 188	5.3	16 - 28	227	2.5	0.6

2002 RESULTS

RICE Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Houston	-7'	10-24
–	at Michigan St - #15	+30	10-27
–	at Nevada	+7'	21-31
–	Fresno St	+7	28-31
–	Louisiana Tech	+6	37-20
–	at Navy	-8	17-10
–	at UTEP	-12'	35-38
–	SMU	-8'	27-15
–	at Tulsa	-8'	33-18
–	at Boise St	+27'	7-49
–	Hawaii	+8	28-33

2003 RESULTS

RICE Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Houston	+4'	14-48
–	at Duke	+11	24-27 OT
–	† Texas - #13	+30'	7-48
–	at Hawaii	+21	21-41
–	San Jose St	-3'	28-24
–	Navy	+3'	6-38
–	at Fresno St	+20	28-31
–	Nevada	+6	52-42
–	Tulsa	+3	28-31
–	at SMU	-5'	41-20
–	UTEP	-14'	45-14
–	at Louisiana Tech	+7'	49-14

2004 RESULTS

RICE Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	† Houston	+4	10-7
–	Hawaii	+1'	41-29
–	at Texas - #5	+32'	13-35
–	at San Jose St	-14'	63-70
–	SMU	-13	44-10
–	at Nevada	-8	10-35
–	at Navy	+9'	13-14
–	at Tulsa	-1	22-39
–	Fresno St	+7	21-52
–	at UTEP - #23	+16	28-35 2OT
–	Louisiana Tech	-3	14-51

2005 RESULTS

RICE Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at UCLA	+24'	21-63
–	at Texas - #2	+40'	10-51
–	at UAB	+17'	26-45
–	at East Carolina	+4	28-41
–	Tulsa	+7'	21-41
–	Navy	+7	9-41
–	UTEP	+20	31-38
–	at SMU	+7'	7-27
–	Tulane	-1	42-34
–	UCF	+11	28-31
–	at Houston	+15'	18-35

2006 RESULTS

RICE Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Houston	+14'	30-31
–	at UCLA	+27'	16-26
–	Texas - #8	+33	7-52
–	at Florida St - #18	+31	7-55
–	at Army	+11	48-14
–	at Tulane	-2'	24-38
–	UAB	+5	34-33
–	at UCF	+5'	40-29
–	at UTEP	+8'	37-31
–	at Tulsa	+14'	41-38 2OT
–	East Carolina	+2'	18-17
–	SMU	+1	31-27

TULANE GREEN WAVE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Tulane has had a tradition of producing NFL QB's. In 1998 Shaun King set a school record for passing yards in a season and took his talents to the NFL. Patrick Ramsey broke King's record (3,410, 60.4%) en route to setting 20 TU records in '99 and was a #1 DC in '01. JP Losman (PS#6) had two fine seasons ('02-'03) and was also a #1DC. The backup in '03 was Nick Cannon (PS#70) who played in 4 (2 pass). They also had rFr Richard Irvin (PS#77). In 2004 Lester Ricard (PS#26) transferred in from LSU and started 9 as a soph throwing for 1,881 (61.9%) with a 21-9 ratio. In '05 not much went right for the nomad Green Wave and Ricard (8 st) struggled and was benched. Scott Elliott (PS#85) started the last 3 and threw for 515 (52.2%) with a 4-4 ratio. Both returned last year and Ricard worked hard in the offseason building his body and watching a lot of film. Anthony Scelfo is the former coach's son and was the best option runner of the bunch. Ricard bruised his left hand vs UH and injured his shoulder in the 4Q vs Miss St. He missed the 2H of LSU (inj'd shoulder) but threw for 394 vs SMU, 344 vs Rice, 283 vs Auburn and 409 vs Army. In those 4 he combined for an 11-2 ratio. Twice he was named the CUSA Off POW . He threw for 2,795 (57.2%) with an 18-10 ratio. Elliott played in 6 (132 yds). Scelfo played in 4 with 6 passes (49 yd rush). This year they must replace Ricard (12 st, UFA signee JAX). All of the QB's must learn a new offense so good-sized rFr Kevin Moore (PS#137) could win the job. New coaches like their own recruits so keep an eye on true frosh Joe Kemp (PS#148). This unit will go through a learning year in 2007.

RUNNING BACKS - In '04 they had an inexperienced and injury plagued RB corps. True frosh Matt Forté was forced to start and had 216 vs Army and 97 and 70 in his other 2 starts and rushed for 624 (4.5). Former Coach Scelfo called him a young Eddie George and Toledo believes he has NFL potential. He returned in '05 along with 8 game starter Jovon Jackson (624, 5.0 '04). Forté was not 100% until the finale when he rushed for 137 but led with 655 (3.9). Jackson was leading with 428 (4.2) when he was injured vs Rice and missed the final 2. Jackson had to be replaced last year and the main backup was Ray Boudreaux (5'10" 204 Sr, PS#246). Forté got 170 vs the tough rush D of Miss St and 117 vs Auburn but had his season end after 9 games due to injury. Tulane's offense vanished without him, scoring just 16 total points in the final 3. Boudreaux (2 st) played in just 8 due to injury (175, 4.0). FB Ade Tuyo (6'0" 219 Sr, PS#207) started 1 game (123, 3.7). Even true frosh André Anderson (PS#110) was banged up and played in just 6 (38, 2.1). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Leo Webb (6'1" 228 So) and this year's true frosh. Also look for HC Bob Toledo to utilize the FB much more. Tulane was down to just one healthy back in some games and if Forté is 100%, I think he'll be one of the best RB's in CUSA.

RB Matt Forté

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace their #2 and #3 WR's and starting TE Bobby Hoover. They struggled early with injuries and drops (26, 1st 7 gm). Preston Brown (PS#86) played on defense in '03 and '04 but emerged in the 2H of '05 with 47 (15.3). He suffered from a case of the dropsies last year but still finished with 44 (10.6). Damarcus Davis (PS#142) led with 51 (11.9) while rFr Jeremy Williams was #3 (40, 12.1). Brown and Davis both missed starts with injuries as did Kenneth Guidroz (PS#90) who only played in 6. This year they must replace Brown (10 st), Davis (10 st) and TE Jerome Landry (9 st, 10 rec). While this unit is less experienced, they should have a healthier season and 6 players have starting experience. This unit could be more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Not much went right for Tulane in their tumultuous 2005 season and despite a veteran O-line, they only opened holes for 2.9 ypc rush (23 sacks). Last year they only had 2 starters returning but got back 2003 starter Donald Madlock. The younger OL yielded 17 sacks in the first 5 but then did not give up any to UTEP and Army, one each to Auburn and Marshall and 10 more in the final 3. Tulane only averaged 92 ypg rush (3.1) but yielded just 6.6% sacks. This year they lose RG Madlock (12 st, HM CUSA, 3Y st'r) and RT Derek Rogers (12 st, HM CUSA, 2Y st'r). They have eight of their top 10 back but a lot of true frosh could figure into the 2 deep.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Tulane allowed 4.6 ypc rush while the D had 20 sacks. It was a veteran unit but they had to go through some difficult circumstances. Last year they had 6 players back who combined for 86 starts after losing DT Alvin Johnson (6'3" 300 Jr, PS#206, 11 st '05) and DE Craig Morris (8 career st) prior to the season. One of the other returning starters, Taurean Brown, lost his spot. Tulane still improved and allowed 150 ypg rush (best S/'97) but the D had just 19 sacks. This year the only losses are DE Billy Harrison (9 st, 19 tkl, 1.5 sk), DT Oscar Ponce de Leon (moved to OL), DE Michael Purcell (16 tkl) and DT Brown (2 st, 16 tkl, 2 sk). They moved starting DE Antonio Harris inside along with 2 other starting DT's as Toledo tries to get more pass rush on the field. Their starting DT's average 306 lbs. They do have some young, speedy players at DE and this is Tulane's best D-line in years.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Green Wave had to replace all 3 starters including the #3 all-time tackler in CUSA history in Anthony Cannon (#7DC). They also had to replace one backup and two others were lost over the summer. The most experienced LB was Terrence Peterson (10 career tkl) and he reported out of shape and only started 5. This year the only losses are Peterson (32 tkl) and Josh Mitzel (20 tkl). This could be the most improved LB corps in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 Tulane had a super CB in Lynaris Elpheage and finished #11 in my pass D rankings. They dropped to #65, #96 and #93 the next three years. Last year they had to replace three starters and dropped to #106. This year they must replace both starting CB's in Israel Route (10 st, 2nd Tm CUSA, 70 tkl, 12 pbu) and Jeremy Foreman (10 st, 49 tkl, 2 int). Both missed two starts with injury. This unit is still in a lot better shape as four true frosh were in the 2 deep in '06 and this year six return with starting experience. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Cory Sonnier (5'11" 195 So, 4.4 spd) and Christian Okoye (6'0" 206 So). Toledo also moved in three good-sized WR's and the deep unit should be improved.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulane, aided by K/P/KO man Seth Marler and KR/PR Lynaris Elpheage, finished #25 in my ST rankings in '02. They finished a respectable #40 in '03 but fell to #101 in '04 and #108 in '05. In Scelfo's final four years he was forced to play a lot of frosh and also suffered many injuries, especially at LB and RB. For the 3rd time in 4 years, the team had a frosh kicker. 2005's frosh K Jacob Hartgroves surprisingly transferred to Texas A&M so it was true frosh Ross Thevenot who hit 9 of 15 FG's with a long of 45. He struggled on xp's hitting just 23 of 28 with Army blocking 3. He also only recorded 6 TB's on KO's (allowed 23.1 per KR). Thevenot has shown ability to connect from long range as he hit from 48 and 52 in August. P Chris Beckman was 1st Tm CUSA in '04 but was injured in a hunting accident in '05 missing the final 3. He recovered and last year avg 42.4 (34.4 net). He fired a perfect pass on a fake punt vs SMU but it was dropped. The top returnman was Fred Smith (8.7 PR, 19.5 KR). Smith did avg 21.0 on KR's and 11.6 on PR's in '04. Tulane finished just #110 and must replace their top player in Beckman but could improve if the team remains healthier.

COACHES - Chris Scelfo took over a 12-0 team that suffered massive graduation losses and finished 3-8 in his first season. He rebounded to become the first Tulane HC to lead the Green Wave to more than one bowl. In the 14 seasons prior to Scelfo's debut some pretty good coaches in Tommy Bowden, Buddy Teevens, Greg Davis and Mack Brown combined for a 54-103 record. Scelfo won 37 games in just 9 years. With the hurricane disruptions in 2005 and players allowed to leave the school in 2006, he faced some tough circumstances over the final two years. The new HC is Bob Toledo. He was the HC at UCLA for 7 years until 2002. His Bruins rattled off a school record 20 straight wins ('97-'98). Last year he tried to convert an option team (New Mexico) into a West Coast offense and steps into a better situation here. His OC ironically is Dan Dodd, who was the OC at New Mexico for six years prior to Toledo's arrival. Toledo will still call the plays. The DC is Thom Kaumeyer, who was the architect of San Diego St's Darkside Defense ('03 unit #8 in NCAA) from 2002-'05.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Only one coach since 1982 has had consecutive winning seasons here so it is to no historian's surprise that after their 8-5 2002 team took home the Hawaii Bowl Title that the Greenies slipped to 5-7 in 2003. In 2004 they had to replace a 1st round DC at QB in JP Losman and the school's all-time leading rusher in Mewelde Moore. Despite the major losses, Tulane still had 16 starters back and only an E Car FG with :12 left (27-25 loss) cost them a winning season. In 2005 they were set up for a winning year but unfortunately Hurricane Katrina caused the team a massive disruption. During the course of the season TU did not play a single game on campus, playing in 11 games all at different venues and working out of 3 different campuses. Not surprisingly, a Tulane team with more important things on their minds than football, slumped to 2-9 overall. They were -12 in turnovers and usually had to take a 4 to 5 hour bus ride to their "home" games. Last year they had a difficult non-conf schedule including #8 Auburn, #10 LSU and SEC member Miss St! Some players were allowed to transfer without sitting out a year if the school had dropped their major. Without proper workout facilities, many players reported out of shape in August. The team did upset Miss St on the road, beat bowl-bound Rice by 14 and thrashed Army with a school record 35 FD's. They were done in by cold weather vs Marshall and then lost their star RB Forté (and their running game) down the stretch. The team lost 10 players to season-ending injuries including six starters and was -11 in turnovers. Tulane had an 18.1 offensive ypp and 12.0 def ypp, both indicating improvement for 2007 (see pg 299). Five starters return on offense and while QB Ricard must be replaced, Elliott has experience and Forté returns from injury. They can only improve upon their very un-Tulane-like 18.7 ppg (lowest since 1995). They could have one of the most improved D's in the country with 8 starters back. They were outgained by 117.9 ypg in league play, a CUSA worst, so they have a lot of ground to make up. They must learn new schemes on both offense and defense so topping last year's 4-win total will be difficult.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 4 Scott Elliott Jr. 6-2 225 PS#85. L/3 st '05. 13 gm 2Y, 647 (50%) 4-5 ratio, 32 rush. **2 Kevin Moore (6-5 229 rFr) PS#137. 9** Anthony Scelfo (5-10 192 So) PS#382.
RB 25 MATT FORTE SR. 6-2 225 3 st true. CUSA Fr Tm. 6 st '05. 9 st LY (inj). 2138 rush (4.5) 71 rec (9.9) 3Y. **32** André Anderson (6-0 207 So) PS#110. 38 yd true.
WR 20 JEREMY WILLIAMS SO. 6-2 194 8 st rFr, 40 rec (12.1), **HM CUSA. 15** Michael Batiste (6-3 195 Jr) PS#313. 1 st, 14 rec 2Y. **49 FB Jeremy McKinney** (6-1 230 So) 7 gm true.
WR 83 Brian King Jr. 6-2 185 PS#208. 1 start, 15 rec true. 2 st, 16 (17.0) in '06. **13** Fred Smith (5-8 188 Sr) PS#106. 15 rec, 2237 ret yds 3Y. **11** D'Metres Hill (6-0 182 rFr) PS#425QB.
WR 84 Kenneth Guidroz Sr. 6-3 228 PS#90. **10 st '05.** 13 rec (11.5). 2 st LY (miss 6 inj) 10 (15.0). **3** Chris Dunn (6-3 215 So) PS#215. 2 st, 15 rec rFr. **82** Evan Smith (5-7 172 Sr).
TE 5 Gabe Ratcliff Sr. 6-3 245 **PS#24.** 3 st '04-'05 (inj) 10 rec. 3 st LY, 10 (10.8). **80** Justin Kessler (6-4 248 Jr) PS#65. 22 gm 2Y. **88** Tyler Helm PS#186 LY. In for spg.
C 65 MICHAEL PARENTON JR. 6-3 304 **PS#97.** 2 gm true but RS. 11 st RT '05, 719 snaps. CUSA Fr Tm. 11 st C LY, **HM CUSA. 63** Kevin Leary (6-3 294 rFr) PS#405. **69 LS** Craig Gelhardt (6-3 250 Jr).
RG 76 John Landa So. 6-4 335 PS#184. 2nd string rFr. 10 gm. Added 30 lbs. **95** Oscar Ponce de Leon (6-3 318 So) PS#346DL. 3 tkl true. Andrew Higgins is PS#236.
LG 51 ARYAN BARTO SR. 6-4 280 PS#376. 3 gm rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. Inj '05. 12 st LG LY. **74** Scott Holt (6-6 298 Sr) PS#150. 8 gm 3Y, 1 letter. **75** Tyler Rice (6-5 306 So) PS#359.
RT 78 Nick Landry So. 6-7 309 PS#355. 1 st C true, **CUSA Fr Tm. 70** Travis Olexa (6-4 297 So) PS#213. 2nd string rFr, 3 gm. **89** Pete Hendericksen (6-7 280 rFr) also at TE.
LT 77 TROY KROPOG JR. 6-6 305 PS#497. 2nd string as rFr. 304 snaps as 6th man. 12 st LT LY. Added 18 lbs. Andrew Nierman is PS#259. JD Jeanes is PS#606.
K 47 ROSS THEVENOT SO. 6-0 186 PS#57. 9 of 15 FG as true, long 45. Only 2 of 6 from 40+. Darren DeRochemont PS#14. **29** Barrett Pepper (5-10 193 Sr) 3 of 7 FG in '03, long 41.

DE 93 Logan Kelley So. 6-2 245 PS#221. 12 tkl, 1 tfl true, 4.6 spd. **97** Julian Shives-Sams (6-3 275 Jr) 1 sk true until ACL. 1 st LY, 15 tkl, 1 sk. Brooks Cunningham is PS#381.
DT 99 FRANK MORTON SR. 6-3 327 **PS#80.** 1 st '04-'05. 50 tkl, 6 tfl. 11 st LY, 30 tkl, 4 sk, 4.5 tfl, **HM CUSA. 56 Avery Williams** (6-2 290 Sr) PS#199. 13 st '04-'05. 12 st LY. 87 tkl, 11.5 tfl 3Y.
DT 57 ANTONIO HARRIS SR. 6-3 285 11 st true. 35 tkl, 7 tfl. 11 st '05, 34 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st DE LY, **HM CUSA**, 33 tkl, 6 tfl. **92** Reggie Scott (6-3 270 Jr) 2 tkl '05. **96** Tony Bryant (6-3 256 rFr).
DE 94 SEAN CARNEY JR. 6-3 252 PS#155. 4.78 spd. 8 tkl true. 1 st LY but inj. **52** Troy Wilson (6-2 239 So). Fork Union '05, 16 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **46** Adam Kwentua (6-3 249 So) PS#162LB. 8 tkl true.
WLB 10 JAMES DILLARD JR. 6-2 230 PS#355. 4.6 spd. 7 tkl true. 12 st LY, 55 tkl, 3 tfl. **45** Lamont Simmons PS#392DL. In spg. 4.7 spd. **50** Bryson Downham (6-0 234 So). Ltt'd as true.
MLB 34 EVAN LEE JR. 6-2 232 11 tkl true. 7 st LY, 45 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **44** Jordan Ellis (6-2 225 Jr) 5 st 2Y, 45 tkl, 2 tfl. **53** James McMurchy (6-1 233 So). 4.58 spd. 1 st, 9 tkl rFr.
SLB 18 JOE GOOSBY SR. 6-1 218 PS#171WR. 1 st SS true, 21 tkl. 1 st FS '05, 25 tkl. 7 st LY at SLB, 54 tkl, 6 pbu. **41** Cody Sparks (6-4 247 So) 5 tkl true. David Kirksey (6-2 225 So) 8 tkl rFr.
CB 12 Josh Lumar Jr. 5-11 178 5 st 2Y, 43 tkl, 3 pbu. **21** Charles Harris (6-3 185 Jr) PS#355WR. **28** Shannon Davis (6-0 170 rFr) PS#618. **87** Alan Mitchell (6-3 177 rFr) WR LY.
CB 8 Alex Wacha So. 5-11 191 PS#259. 1 st, 21 tkl, 1 tfl true. **1** Matt Harding (5-10 175 So) PS#216. 10.71 100M. 4 tkl true. **19** Casey Robottom (5-11 175 rFr) PS#247WR.
SS 33 DAVID SKEHAN SR. 6-1 207 10 st SS LY, **HM CUSA**, 80 tkl, 4 int, 3 pbu. **6** Travis Burks (6-1 202 So) PS#238WR. Devin Holland PS#266LB. **27** O'Lindsey Brown (5-11 190 Sr) 3 tkl 2Y.
FS 24 CHINONSO ECHEBELEM SO. 6-2 200 4 st FS true, 31 tkl, 3 pbu. **17** Louis Thomas (6-0 196 Sr). ULM trans. 7 st LY, 54 tkl, 2 sk. **14** Carlis Jackson (5-11 180 Sr) 1 st, 33 tkl 3Y.
P 29 Barrett Pepper Sr. 5-10 193 PS#57. KO's in '04. 9 punts, 39.7 LY until inj, med RS. Darren DeRochemont PS#14. 44.0 avg in HS. Ross Thevenot 47.1 avg as HS senior.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Andrew Higgins 6-3 275 PS#236
DL	Justin Adams 5-11 255 PS#205LB
OL	Andrew Nierman 6-2 295 PS#259
QB	Joe Kemp 6-3 215 PS#148
DB	Phillip Davis 5-9 160 PS#264
OL	Dhamari Thomas 6-2 290 PS#320
DB	Devin Holland 6-0 200 PS#266LB
RB	Jordan Stephany 6-0 240 PS#100TE
RB	Andre Agers 5-9 186 PS#296
WR	Chandler Davis 6-0 180 PS#376
DB	Dominique Dade 5-9 190 PS#443
WR	Taylor Echols 6-1 178 PS#406
K	Darren DeRochemont 5-9 190 PS#14
DL	Brooks Cunningham 6-2 245 PS#381
LB	Lamont Simmons 6-2 213 PS#392DL
RB	Cody Blackwelder 6-1 220 PS#427LB
DL	Cedric Wilson 6-2 240 PS#451
OL	JD Jeanes 6-6 279 PS#606
OL	Joey Ray 6-3 308 PS#606
TE	Antoine Duplessis 6-3 252 PS#186
TE	Tyler Helm 6-4 230 PS#186 '06
RB	JT McDonald 5-9 219 PS#506
RB	Josh Smith 6-1 250 PS#506
WR	Charles Gaspard 6-1 171 PS#495

TULANE GREEN WAVE

New Orleans, Louisiana
Louisiana Superdome

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#117

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1							
Sep. 8	Mississippi St	A					
Sep. 15	Houston	A					
Sep. 22	SE Louisiana	A					
Sep. 29	LSU	A					
Oct. 6	at Army	A					
Oct. 13	at UAB	G					
Oct. 20	at SMU	A					
Oct. 27	Memphis (HC)	A					
Nov. 3	Tulsa	A					
Nov. 10	UTEP	A					
Nov. 17	at Rice	A					
Nov. 24	at East Carolina	G					
Dec. 1							

Tulane upset Miss St last year, outgaining them 427-350. Tulane is 2-2 the last 4 but has won just 4 of 16. Since 1997, the Green Wave are 34-16 in the Superdome.

Tulane is just 6-18 the L3Y in CUSA action. Tulane was mauled LY being outgained 621-224. TU has been outscored by 21 ppg & outgained by 239 ypg the L4Y vs Houston.

Tulane is the 3rd FBS school (NMSt & KU) that SEL will face in 2007 (3 in '06). The Lions finished 2-9 last year as members of the Div IAA Southland Conference.

This will be a rare Tulane home game that is nationally televised on ESPN. TU has lost 15 straight to LSU being outscored by an average of 34-16.

Tulane is just 1-10 their last 11 road games being outscored on average 39-17. These 2 have avg'd 66 ppg the last 8 games. Tulane has won 3 straight vs Army.

In 2004 these schools combined for 114 pts which is a TU record (most pts in 1 gm). Tulane is 8-22 (27%) since 2001 on natural grass, but has beaten UAB 3 straight.

Last year vs SMU, TU returned to the Superdome after not playing there for 664 days due to Katrina. Tulane is 10-5 vs SMU & has won 4 straight in Dallas.

The Green Wave is 3-9 vs the Tigers since 1990 as this will mark their 27th meeting. Tulane & Memphis are 2 of the 4 original current teams left in CUSA (began in '96).

TU has been dominated L2Y by a combined 76-17, including 458-152 yds LY. Tulane is 1-7 the last 2 yrs in November with their offense averaging just 14 ppg.

Green Wave outgained the Miners by more than 100 yds LY, but 5 TO's did them in. Tulane is 5-10 in Superdome finales since 1991 (no game at Dome in '05).

The Green Wave is 3-8 in Houston taking on the Owls. The 76 combined pts last game in Houston were the most in this 29 game history (1st gm 1916).

This series began in 1991 & Tulane has never won in Greenville (0-5). The Green Wave are playing for the 12th straight week the 2nd year in a row without a bye.

*2005 home games were not at Superdome due to Hurricane Katrina.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Patrick Ramsey 9,205 '98-'01
2. Shaun King 8,419 '95-'98
3. Terrence Jones 7,684 '85-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mewelde Moore 4,364 '00-'03
2. Eddie Price 3,095 '46-'49
3. Bill Banker 2,516 '27-'29

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marc Zeno 3,725 '84-'87
2. Roydell Williams 3,207 '00-'04
3. JaJuan Dawson 3,048 '96-'99

BOB TOLEDO (Career 49-32) (DIV IAA 29-36)
1st Year at Tulane Toledo's Bowl Record: 1-2

Toledo's records AT TULANE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

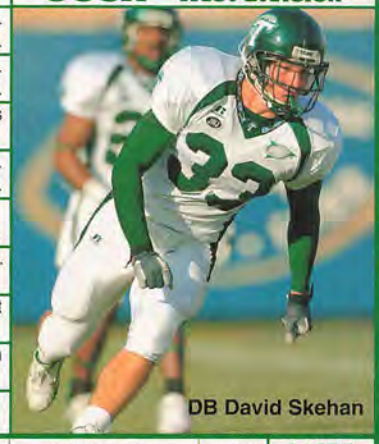
2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (22,24,2)
Lost: 17 (8,8,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,942 (#98)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION


DB David Skehan

STADIUM: LOUISIANA SUPERDOME (64,900) (#38)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-9	7-5	5-7	5-6	2-9	4-8	32-49
Home	4-1	2-3	5-2	3-2	4-2	1-5*	3-2	22-17
Away	2-4	1-6	2-3	2-5	1-4	1-4	1-6	10-32
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	1-6	4-4	3-5	3-5	1-7	2-6	17-37
ATS	6-5	3-8	8-3	6-5	5-5	2-7-1	4-8	34-41-1
Home Fav	2-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	7-4
Home Dog	1-1	1-3	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-4-1	1-2	9-14-1
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	4-3
Away Dog	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-3	2-3	1-3	2-5	14-20
Favorite	2-3	1-1	3-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	11-7
Dog	4-2	2-7	5-2	4-4	4-5	1-7-1	3-7	23-34-1
vs Conf	5-2	2-5	6-2	5-3	4-4	2-5-1	1-7	25-28-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	3-1	9-13
Off SU Win	2-3	1-2	6-0	3-1	2-3	0-1	0-4	14-14
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-5	2-3	2-4	3-1	2-5-1	4-3	19-22-1

Chris Scelfo

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
79	Liberty - #15	+2'	Penn St	6-9
80	All-American	+2'	Arkansas	15-34
87	Independence	+6	Washington	12-24
98	Liberty - #10	-7	BYU	41-27
02	Hawaii	+14	Hawaii	36-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Tulane's All-Time Bowl Record 4-6

TULANE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	18.7	19	92	3.1	247	55.7	18.1	-11	2006	4	33.3	21	150	4.2	250	64.0	12.0
7*	21.3	18	89	2.9	232	51.5	15.1	-12	2005	9	31.6	18	194	4.6	179	58.4	11.8
8	27.3	19	127	3.7	234	59.8	13.2	-6	2004	8	32.8	23	195	4.4	227	61.1	12.8
9*	28.1	22	132	3.9	258	59.5	13.9	+5	2003	3	35.3	25	244	4.9	221	53.8	13.1
5	27.8	19	109	3.0	204	55.9	11.3	+22	2002	9	21.7	21	180	4.4	192	52.5	17.1
6*	28.7	22	134	3.9	292	57.5	14.8	+2	2001	6	41.3	25	249	5.2	241	58.3	11.9

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Forté	163	887	28	859	8	5.3
Ray Boudreaux	44	192	17	175	0	4.0
Ade Tuyo	33	126	3	123	0	3.7
Anthony Scelfo	11	49	6	43	1	3.9
André Anderson	18	55	17	38	1	2.1
Scott Elliott	12	22	37	-15	0	-1.2
Lester Ricard	60	131	243	-112	0	-1.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Lester Ricard	400	229	57.2	2795	18	10
Scott Elliott	30	13	43.3	132	0	1
Anthony Scelfo	6	3	50.0	31	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Damarcus Davis	51	607	11.9	4	50
Jeremy Williams	40	484	12.1	2	25
Preston Brown	44	467	10.6	2	35
Matt Forté	28	360	12.9	2	49
Brian King	16	272	17.0	3	47
Chris Dunn	15	189	12.6	0	22
Kenneth Guidroz	10	150	15.0	2	33
Michael Batiste	12	132	11.0	1	23
Gabe Ratcliff	10	108	10.8	1	55

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Beckman	52	2207	42.4	8	34.4(t)	1	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ross Thevenot	23-28	4-4	3-5	2-6	0-0	9-15	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Skehan	80	0.5	6	3	4
Israel Route	70	0	3.5	12	1
James Dillard	55	0	3	0	0
Joe Goosby	54	2.5	3	6	0
Louis Thomas	54	2	1	0	0
Jeremy Foreman	49	1	0	5	2
Evan Lee	45	1	2.5	0	1
Jordan Ellis	39	1	1	1	0
Josh Lumar	35	0	2.5	3	0
Antonio Harris	33	2.5	3.5	0	0
Terrence Peterson	32	0	2.5	1	0
Avery Williams	31	0	3.5	0	0
Chinonso Echebelem	31	0	1	3	0
Frank Morton	30	4	4.5	2	0
Carlis Jackson	22	0	1	1	0
Alex Wacha	21	0	1	0	0
Josh Mitzel	20	0	1	0	0
Billy Harrison	19	1.5	0.5	2	0
Michael Purcell	16	0	1.5	0	0
Taurean Brown	16	2	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fred Smith	22	191	8.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fred Smith	25	487	19.5	0
Ray Boudreaux	10	180	18.0	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

TU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Houston	8	23-55	2.4	16-29	169	2	26	35-244	7.0	27-45	377	1	0
–	at Mississippi St	17	36-129	3.6	16-24	298	2	18	32-98	3.1	18-35	252	1	+1
–	at LSU	17	35-112	3.2	12-32	119	4	21	32-172	5.4	18-28	201	1	-3
–	SMU	22	21-(-33)	-1.6	30-50	398	6	24	38-98	2.6	23-40	261	3	0
–	Rice	24	28-143	5.1	21-40	344	3	26	39-129	3.3	25-47	271	3	-1
–	at UTEP	31	26-192	7.4	31-54	289	0	18	36-135	3.8	24-33	230	1	-5
–	at Auburn	18	27-106	3.9	20-39	283	1	19	41-220	5.4	16-19	212	0	-2
–	Army	35	40-177	4.4	33-46	409	0	16	23-73	3.2	16-24	194	2	+1
–	at Marshall	19	27-80	3.0	26-46	262	1	24	32-134	4.2	25-33	340	3	0
–	S Mississippi	7	32-43	1.3	4-16	42	3	26	50-226	4.5	17-25	167	3	-1
–	UCF	18	26-28	1.1	26-43	267	4	14	32-74	2.3	22-35	230	1	-1
–	at Tulsa	12	32-74	2.3	10-21	78	3	21	38-191	5.0	16-22	267	0	0
TOTALS		228	353-1106	3.1	245-440	2958	29	253	428-1794	4.2	247-386	3002	19	-11
AVERAGES		19.0	29-92	3.1	20-37	247	2.4	21.1	36-150	4.2	21-32	250	1.6	-0.9

2002 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Southern	NL	37-19
–	at Houston	+2'	34-13
–	at East Carolina	+8'	20-24
–	at Memphis	+7	10-38
–	Texas - #3	+31'	0-49
–	at ULM	-13'	52-9
–	Cincinnati	+4'	35-17
–	UAB	-4'	35-14
–	Navy	-16'	51-30
–	at TCU	+13'	10-17
–	Army	-19	10-14
–	S Mississippi	+6'	31-10

2003 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	TCU - #25	+6'	35-38
–	Northwestern St	NL	27-24 OT
–	Mississippi St	+3	31-28
–	at Army	-16'	50-33
–	at Texas - #14	+29'	18-63
–	Houston	-1'	42-45
–	at Louisville	+15	28-47
–	Memphis	+4'	9-41
–	at Navy	+10	17-35
–	at UAB	+13'	38-24
–	at S Mississippi	+17'	14-28
–	East Carolina	-9	28-18

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Mississippi St	+6'	7-28
–	Florida A&M	NL	39-19
–	S Mississippi	+14	14-32
–	at East Carolina	+3'	25-27
–	at Memphis	+23	24-49
–	UAB	+18	59-55
–	at Houston	+9'	3-24
–	Navy	+11	42-10
–	Army	-6'	45-31
–	at TCU	+13'	35-31
–	Louisville - #7	+30'	7-55

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Mississippi St	+2'	14-21
–	at SMU	-3'	31-10
–	SE Louisiana	NL	28-21
–	Houston	+1'	14-35
–	UTEP	+7	21-45
–	at UCF	+6	24-34
–	Marshall	+1	26-27
–	at Navy	+11	21-49
–	at Rice	+1	34-42
–	Tulsa	+15	14-38
–	at S Mississippi	+21	7-26

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Houston	+14	7-45
–	at Mississippi St	+11	32-29
–	at LSU - #10	+36	7-49
–	SMU	+3	28-33
–	Rice	+2'	38-24
–	at UTEP	+12'	20-34
–	at Auburn - #8	+31	13-38
–	Army	-5'	42-28
–	at Marshall	+4'	21-42
–	S Mississippi	+4'	3-31
–	UCF	-2	10-9
–	at Tulsa	+17	3-38

S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - When I think of SM's QB position I of course think back to their most famous alum, Brett Favre, who is the Golden Eagles' career passing leader. HC Bower said that Dustin Almond had the 2nd strongest arm ever for an SM QB (next to Favre) and he had 394 pass att as a senior. Almond broke Lee Roberts' single season yardage mark (2,680 in '98) with 2,860 (54.8%) and a 23-12 ratio. Jeremy Young (PS#63) was the backup in '04 and '05 (1 st, 10 gm) with 275 yards passing (100 rush). He battled Mich St transfer Stephen Reaves who had 2 starts and 331 (39.7%) with a 2-5 ratio there in '04. Reaves injured his knee in '05 which set him back in '06. Surprisingly last year, the game high for a QB passing was Young's 193 vs Memphis. He suffered a turf toe injury vs UCF and was not 100% but did not miss any starts. He was also plagued by a huge amount of drops. Young threw for 1,769 (57.3%) with a 12-6 ratio (354 rush). Reaves played in 8 throwing for 488 (51.4%) with a 2-1 ratio. Both QB's return and added to the mix are Martevious Young (6'1" 187 rFr, PS#166), Todd Wilson (6'3" 201 Jr, W Alabama transfer) and true frosh Randy Hardin (PS#77). This unit is vastly more experienced and can only improve statistically.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year's RB Coach Derrick Nix (now with Falcons) is the team's most decorated RB as he was their last 1,000 yard rusher (2002) and also rushed for 1,302 as a true frosh. Last year true frosh Damion Fletcher had an impressive August and then broke Nix's frosh rushing record returning for the 2nd highest total in school history with 1,388 (5.0) behind Sam Dejarnette who had 1,545 in 1982. It was surprising that Fletcher led the team as the top 4 rushers from '05 all returned. Cody Hull (542, 4.2 in '05) was the primary RB in '05 but when Fletcher had 127 total yards vs Florida and won the starting job, Hull quit. 2005's leading rusher, Larry Thomas (647, 3.9), suffered a concussion vs NCSt and also quit (lack of PT). Walk-on Conrad Chanove, who Bower called a "tough son-of-a-gun," became the backup with CJ Barrows (PS#71) #3. Barrows quit prior to VT so true frosh Tory Harrison took off his RS. After rushing for 27 in his first 2 he had 138 vs Memphis which was the first time that SM had 2 true frosh top 100 yards in a game in a single season. Naturally both Fletcher and Harrison return with the only losses being Chanove (14 gm, 253, 4.3), FB Bobby Weakley (11 st, 88 yd) and the 3 that quit. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ole Miss transfer Seth Michaelson (6'0" 244 Sr), Christian Fletcher (5'9" 185 rFr) and FB's Josh Hurd (6'0" 213 rFr) and Josh Barton (5'11" 225 So). Fletcher and Harrison combined for 1,714 (5.2) and they could improve upon those numbers. The unit also gets the huge addition of Antwain Easterling (PS#17) who was recruited by Notre Dame and could play immediately.

RB Damion Fletcher

RECEIVERS - SM had their top 3 receivers from '05 returning last year including TE Shawn Nelson (PS#50) who led with 35 (15.4) as a rFr. This unit was actually one of the weaknesses on the team as dropped passes plagued them in '06 and at times they showed a lack of effort in going after the ball. After 8 games Bower had counted 7 dropped TD's and they had a horrible game vs Tulsa (25 inc). Nelson was banged up including a broken bone in his right hand but still led with 36 (14.1). Former QB Damion Carter had 23 (15.6) and Chris Johnson had 23 (11.0). True frosh Rodney Gray (6'3" 180) had 4 starts (16, 10.0). This year they must replace Carter (6 st), Anthony Perine (8 st, 23, 10.4), Josh Barnes (8 st, 23, 11.6), Joe Singleton (2 st, 9 rec) and TE Jonathan Palmer (2 st, PS#47). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Alcorn St transfer Fred Russell (6'2" 204 Jr), Gerald Baptiste (6'0" 177 So), Stuart Davidson (6'1" 200 So), Chris Walker (5'8" 193 rFr), Justin Whiddon (5'10" 170 Jr) and TE's Don Loehr (6'0" 238 Sr) and Thomas Webb (6-5 241 rFr, PS#98). While this group is less experienced, it could be more productive and Nelson figures to be CUSA's top TE.

OFFENSIVE LINE - SM was last in CUSA in sacks allowed in both 2001 (38) and 2002 (48). They had to replace three All-CUSA players in 2003 and only opened holes for 3.0 ypc (32 sk). With 4 starters back in 2004, they improved to 3.7 ypc (19 sk). They had to replace 3 starters in 2005 and slipped to 3.3 ypc but allowed just 15 sacks (3.7%). Last year their four returning starters had 84 combined starts. Bower said prior to the year that they had a chance to be as good as ever on the O-line. As you would expect, SM put up their best ypc rush in the Bower era and it was their first time over 4.0 ypc rush since Bower took over ('91) at 4.4 (5.4% sk). This year they lose C Robby D'Angelo (14 st, 2Y st'r, 763 plays), 1st Tm CUSA RG George Batiste (14 st, 4Y st'r, 896 plays LY) and 1st Tm CUSA LG Travis Cooley (11 st, 682 plays). Seven of the top 10 are back and they add some JUCO's including good-sized Julius Gray (PS#57) and Ken Evans (PS#280) into the mix. Not even listed below are Alex Michael (6'2" 308 rFr) and Colin McCoy (6'0" 268 Jr). This should be a decent O-line but is clearly less experienced than 2006's productive group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - SM is known for its tough D-lines and outstanding rush D's but surprisingly in 2002 they allowed 3.8 ypc rush then 3.6, 4.4 and 3.9 the next 3 years. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters but did get LSU transfer Sean Merrill and USC transfer Ryan Watson. SM allowed 32 ypg less rush (3.9) but the sack total dropped to 25 (from 30). This year they have their most experienced D-line in years with the only losses being DE Matthew Chatelain (14 st, 37 tkl, 4.5 sk, HM CUSA) and DE Shadler Manning (11 tkl, 3 tfl). They add in a couple of HT rFr and should get bigger impacts from Watson (PS#69) and Anthony Gray (485 bench) who was setback last year with an injury. This looks like the CUSA's top D-line.

LINEBACKERS - LB's are the focal point of the Golden Eagles' D. In 2005 they had to replace all 3 starters but Kevis Coley was the 3rd straight SM LB to win CUSA Def POY honors. After having just 2 starts in '04, he was #1 with 150 tackles and Tokumbo Abanikanda, in his first start, was a standout in the bowl (7 tkl, 2 tfl). He beat out returning starting OLB Wayne Hardy for one spot. Much was expected of Marcus Raines (PS#39JC) but he had just 6 tackles and has moved to FB. This year they lose Hardy (11 tkl) and Mitch Craft (2 tkl, inj). All 3 starters return and backup Jerome Lyons started 5, plus they add in some top-notch JUCO's and rFr. This is the best SM LB corps in years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SM's lowest finish in my pass D rankings from 1995 to 2004 was #41. In 2002 they were #3 and in 2003 #10. In 2004 they dropped to #39. Despite having 3 starters back in 2005 the group was hit by injuries and SM dropped to #70. Last year they had to replace two starters but finished #9 allowing 52.4% with a 14-17 ratio. This year they lose 3rd Tm CUSA CB Caleb Hendrix (13 st, 50 tkl, 4 int, 13 pbu), CB Jasper Faulk (2 int, 13 pbu, HM CUSA), SS Ladarius Webb (2 st, 55 tkl, 5 pbu) and 3rd stringer Howard Overby (6 tkl). CB Cornelius McGee (5'10" 165 Jr, 3 tkl) and DB CJ Bailey (5'10" 187 rFr) were kicked off the team in '06 but may return. The CB's are one of my two biggest concerns this year (the O-line being the other) but the Eagles should finish high in my pass D rankings once again with just two starters lost.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coach Bower always does an excellent job with his ST and they finished #25 in my rankings in '04 and #23 in '05. K Darren McCaleb was already the team's all-time leading scorer heading into his senior season. Surprisingly after hitting 23 of 28 FG's (82%) with a long of 47 in '05, he hit just 16 of 24 (67%) with a long of 50 and was just 3 of 9 from 40+. P Britt Barefoot (PS#18) had a net of just 33.9. He did have 29 TB on 73 KO. Barefoot has a powerful leg and could fill both the P and K roles. Jasper Faulk avg 7.5 and 8.6 on PR the last 2 years. This year they must replace both Faulk and McCaleb as well as 4 year LS Stephen Daigle but given Bower's track record in this area, they can only improve upon last year's surprisingly low #84 finish.

COACHES - Jeff Bower is a SM alum and enters his 17th year as head man. He has not had a losing season in 13 years and the team has had 9 bowl trips since 1997. He was named CUSA Coach of the Year in 1997, 1999 and 2003. Bower is just the 2nd coach in school history to record 100+ wins (112) along with Thad "Pie" Vann. For the first time since 1992, SM had new coordinators on both sides in '05. Jay Johnson, who spent the previous two year's as SM's TE and RB coach, took over as OC. Johnson was the OC at Truman St and Augsburg College in the mid '90's. DC Jay Hopson was the DB coach at SM in 2002 and 2003 and spent 2004 at Ole Miss. Both coor's enter their 3rd year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the first four years of CUSA play, SM was an outstanding 21-2 but in the next 3 years stunningly lost 9 out of 22 league games and was 10-9 their last 19 heading into 2003. SM was in the AP Top 25 for 23 straight weeks from Oct 10, 1999 to Nov 12, 2000 but had a streak of 4 straight bowls end in 2001. They got back to a bowl in 2002 and in 2003 I called for them to top 7 wins for the first time since 1999. Thanks to their defense and ST's they did. They were actually outgained in 2003 (by 62 ttl yds) despite their 9-4 record. They were also 8-0 in CUSA play despite being outgained by 39.6 ypg! In 2004 SM finished in a 4-way tie for 2nd at 5-3 but once again was outgained in league play (21.1 ypg). In 2005, for the third consecutive season, SM was outgained in CUSA play (38.0 ypg) but finished with a winning record (5-3). SM had just 9 returning starters that year but benefitted from +14 in turnovers. They also only had one win vs a IA team that finished with a winning record. SM accomplished a winning record despite being evacuated to Memphis for 8 days and having 2 games postponed because of hurricanes. For the 3rd consecutive year, SM was outgained overall (441 yds). It was a more veteran team in 2006 with 15 returning starters. When Rice got a FG on the final play to knock off EC, SM took home the CUSA East Title at 6-2. For the first time in five years, they outgained their opponents by 23 ypg on the season. SM played both Virg Tech and Florida on the road. They only trailed Florida by 7 late 3Q, and had a 192-159 yard edge at VT at the half. They came up short in the CUSA Title game vs Houston and were relegated to the GMAC bowl on Jan 7th. SM had 7 non-offensive TD's and averaged 25.4 ppg. This year they have six starters back on offense including their RB Fletcher who was 1st Tm CUSA as a frosh, an experienced QB in Young, and their top receiver in TE Nelson. The D had 6 starters back last year but this season returns 8, the most since '03 when they allowed just 14.6 ppg in league play! SM did benefit from 2 net close wins. SM looks like the best in CUSA this year and could even top last year's 9 win total.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Antwain Easterling 5-11 185 PS#17
TE	Brennan Houston 6-4 270 PS#49JC
OL	Julius Gray 6-5 325 PS#57JC
LB	Korey Williams 6-2 220 PS#63
DB	Gene Anderson 6-2 205 PS#152JC
WR	Rashod Henry 6-0 165 PS#91
OL	Ken Evans 6-5 295 PS#280JC
LB	Blake Spiers 6-2 230 PS#301JC
QB	Randy Hardin 6-0 185 PS#77
DL	Jamison Wadley 6-3 218 PS#153
DB	Chico Hunter 6-0 190 PS#190 '06
OL	Jeffrey Stewart 6-3 295 PS#422JC
RB	VJ Floyd 5-10 191 PS#209
LB	Ken Dailey 6-2 200 PS#258DB
OL	Jake Thames 6-5 254 PS#314
DB	William Spight 5-10 160 PS#294
OL	James Brady 6-4 270 PS#330
WR	Keith Mills 6-3 215 PS#341 '06
DL	Deddric Jones 6-3 230 PS#265
WR	Johdrick Morris 6-3 195 PS#330 '06
LB	Jeremy Snowden 6-3 195 PS#241QB
DL	Logan Hickman 6-3 265 PS#343
DB	Jamar Shelton 5-10 175 PS#379WR
DL	Pernell McPhee 6-4 230 PS#363
QB	Darin Farris 6-1 171 PS#288
DB	Cameron O'Neal 6-0 180 PS#470
K	Justin Estes 5-9 160 PS#75
DL	Andrew Burns 6-4 245 PS#534OL
DL	Cordarro Law 6-2 230 PS#451
LB	Tim Green 6-3 190 PS#500
LB	Antonio Leonard 6-2 195 PS#500
DB	Micah Pellerin 6-1 182 PS#540
WR	Levi Carlton 6-1 175 PS#495
K	John Sabhen 5-10 163 PS#520JC

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 10 **JEREMY YOUNG SR.** 6-3 218 PS#63. 1 st, 375 ttl yds '04-'05. 14 st LY, 1769 (57%) 12-6, 351 rush. 12 **Stephen Reaves** (6-1 205 Sr) PS#110. 2 st Mich St '04. 488 (51%) LY.

RB 25 **DAMION FLETCHER SO.** 5-10 175 PS#176. 11 st true, **1st Tm CUSA**, 1388 (5.0), 18 rec. **Antwain Easterling PS#17!** 11 Tory Harrison (6-1 187 So) PS#260DB. 326 (6.3) 6 gm true.

WR 21 **Ryan Ellis rFr.** 6-2 183 PS#76. 84 Rodney Gray (6-3 180 So) PS#410, 3 st as true, 16 rec (10.0). **FB** 34 **Marcus Raines** (6-3 246 Sr) **PS#39JC**. 6 tkl at LB LY.

WR 87 **CHRIS JOHNSON SR.** 6-0 176 PS#135. 5 st '05, 20 (15.1). 5 st LY, 23 (11.0). 81 Chris Rhoden (6-4 189 Sr) PS#115. 1 rec LY. 80 Torris Magee (6-2 200 rFr) PS#213.

WR NA **Rashod Henry Fr.** 6-0 165 **PS#91.** 82 Ralph Turner (5-8 171 rFr) **4.39 spd.** 26 Ed Morgan (5-9 160 Jr) PS#473. 8 rec, 2Y. **Keith Mills** (6-3 215 Fr) **Miss St transfer.**

TE 1 **SHAWN NELSON JR.** 6-5 242 PS#50. 11 st '05, 35 (15.4). 12 st LY, **1st Tm CUSA** 36 (14.1). 7 Derek Chapman (6-4 250 Sr) PS#86. Brennan Houston PS#49JC. In for spg.

C 74 **Rick Thompson Jr.** 6-0 275 1 gm, 12 snaps rFr. 9 gm last year, 136 snaps. 72 Cameron Zipp (6-1 285 rFr) PS#170. **LS** 60 Cody Tawater (6-3 244 So), Andy Hill (6-3 223 So).

RG NA **Julius Gray Jr.** 6-5 325 **PS#57JC. In spring.** 68 Micah Brown (6-2 275 So). 5 gm rFr. 67 Dwayne Paulin (6-7 280 Sr) JC. 3 gm LY. 58 Gary Jones (6-0 297 Jr).

LG 78 **Wesley Housely Jr.** 6-2 293 PS#447. 3 gm rFr, 60 snaps. 3 st LY, 179 snaps. 78 Johnathan Landor (6-3 285 Sr). 65 Jimmy Driskell (6-2 310 Jr). Jeff Stewart is PS#422JC.

RT 66 **RYAN McKEE JR.** 6-6 275 PS#340. 74 snap true. 14 st RT LY, 891 snap. HM CUSA. 71 Ryan Hebert (6-5 307 So) PS#196. 47 snaps rFr. 68 Jacquinn Wrice (6-5 296 So).

LT 75 **CHRIS CLARK SR.** 6-5 295 PS#462. 10 gm rFr, **CUSA Fr Tm**. 11 st LT '05, 718 snap. 14 st LY, **3rd Tm CUSA**, 806 snap. 54 Nick Dean (6-3 282 Sr) PS#301JC. 57 snaps.

K NA **Justin Estes Fr.** 5-9 160 PS#75. 5-9 FG HS. 3 **Britt Barefoot PS#18.** 9 of 10 FG in HS. 29 TB on 73 KO LY. 28 Kyle Hopton (5-9 167 rFr). 24 John Sablich (5-10 163 Jr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 45 **Roshaad Byrd rFr.** 6-3 247 **PS#54LB**. Added 37 lbs. 98 David Boyce (6-6 243 rFr) PS#86. 90 Mam Nyang (6-1 264 So) PS#105. 6 tkl rFr. James McDevitt (6-3 250 rFr).

DT 97 **MARTAVIUS PRINCE SR.** 6-3 295 6 tkl rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. 2 sk '05. 14 st LY, 49 tkl, 3 sk, **12 tfl, 2nd Tm CUSA**. **Ryan Watson** (6-2 293 Sr) **PS#69 USC '04. Anthony Gray** (6-0 316 rFr) 485 bench.

NT 99 **SEAN MERRILL SR.** 6-3 294 **PS#25 LSU '03.** PS#35JC. 11 st LY, 24 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 79 Vontre Mason (6-2 270 Sr) PS#179JC. 1 st LY. Chris J Johnson (6-1 288 Sr) PS#124JC. RS.

DE 91 **ROBERT HENDERSON SR.** 6-3 280 PS#288LB. 7 st '05, 47 tkl, 5 sk. 14 st LY, 59 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7.5 tfl, **2nd Tm CUSA**. Eric Phillips (6-7 291 Jr) PS#212. 5 tkl 2Y. Jamison Wadley PS#153.

SLB 22 **JAMES DENLEY SR.** 6-2 238 PS#385. 10 st, 41 tkl, 6 tfl. 13 st, 63 tkl, 9 tfl, Bowl MVP. Brandon Davis (6-1 208 So) PS#162DB. 1 tkl true. Blake Spiers PS#301JC. In spring.

MLB 24 **GERALD McRATH JR.** 6-3 213 PS#138. 2 st rFr til inj. 9 st LY, 104 tkl, 11 tfl, **3rd Tm CUSA**. 46 Jerome Lyons (6-1 225 Sr) PS#70JC. 5 st, 35 tkl. Octavius Everett (6-0 230 So) PS#296RB.

WLB 41 **TOKUMBO ABANIKANDA JR.** 6-0 218 PS#143WR. 1 st true, 12 tkl, 2 sk. 14 st LY, 59 tkl, 3.5 sk. 42 Chaz Richards (5-11 229 Sr) 2 tkl 2Y. 32 Martez Smith (6-0 205 rFr) PS#65. Korey Williams PS#63.

CB NA **Gene Anderson Jr.** 6-2 205 PS#152JC. In spg. 23 Eddie Willingham (5-10 175 Jr) 2 st '05. 27 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu 2Y. 85 Brandon Trobridge (6-2 207 Jr) JC. WR '06. William Spight PS#294.

CB 17 **Ivory Bradshaw Jr.** 6-1 189 PS#137WR. 1 rec rFr. DB LY, 11 tkl. Michael McGee (5-10 181 So) PS#481RB. 28 Justin Wilson (5-11 185 rFr) PS#294WR. Kevin North (5-11 207 Jr) JC.

ROV 6 **BRANDON SUMRALL SR.** 5-11 197 12 st '05, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 88 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. 14 st LY, 80 tkl, 2 int. Micah Pellerin PS#540. 21 Brennon Thomas (5-11 173 So). Antrone Harris (5-11 202 Jr).

FS 15 **LeVANCE RICHMOND SR.** 5-11 195 PS#105JC. 11 st LY, 54 tkl, 4 int, 4 pbu. 19 Eddie Hicks (6-2 193 So). 2 st rFr, 26 tkl, 1 int, CUSA Fr Tm. Chico Hunter PS#190. GS. In spring.

P 3 **BRITT BAREFOOT JR.** 6-0 180 **PS#18**. 52 punts, 38.6 avg, net 33.9. 15 Brett Hicks (6-0 180 Jr) JUCO '05. No punts here LY. John Sablich (5-10 163 Jr) PS#520. JC in 2006.

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Bower's records AT S MISSISSIPPI

112-77-1	Straight Up	1-11	Vs Top 10
60-16	Home	4-26	Vs Top 25
46-57-1	Away	13-40	Vs BCS Teams
6-4	Neutral	12-6	Off A Bye
58-20	Vs Conference	44-23-1	Off A Loss

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#101

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Tenn-Martin	A					
Sep. 8	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 15	at East Carolina	G					
Sep. 22							
Sep. 27	at Boise St (Thur)	A					
Oct. 3	Rice (Wed)	A					
Oct. 13	SMU (HC)	A					
Oct. 21	at Marshall (Sun)	A					
Oct. 28	UCF (Sun)	A					
Nov. 3	at UAB	G					
Nov. 10	Memphis	A					
Nov. 17	at UTEP	A					
Nov. 24	Arkansas St	A					
Dec. 1							

S Miss has won 8 straight home openers & is 13-3 under HC Bower. The Skyhawks finished 9-3 last season advancing to the IAA playoffs. They lost to Div IA Ohio, 29-3.

Southern Miss is just 2-11 since 2001 in non-conference away games. Golden Eagles are 0-4 all-time vs the Vols, being shutout twice w/an avg loss by 31 ppg.

S Miss is 9-2 vs East Carolina S/'96 but EC handed SM their only home loss LY. The Golden Eagles are 12-5 on the CUSA road the last 4 years.

This will be the 1st gm between the universities as SM is 36-16 vs current WAC schools. First trip west of Texas S/'03 opener at Cal. SM is 5-1 in their 3rd straight road game.

First meeting. Southern Mississippi is 12-6 after a bye week since 1991. The Golden Eagles are 18-6 since 2001 when hosting a conference opponent.

S Mississippi is 10-1 the L11Y on Homecoming. S Miss is 6-2 in 2nd of B2B HG's. Bower coached QB's at SMU from 1982-1986 after his 1st stint with SM of 10 yrs.

With its win over MU LY, SM captured its 1st CUSA East crown (4 titles in '96,'97,'99, & '03). SM is an original CUSA member (began '96) as Marshall joined in '05 (prior MAC school).

S Miss took advantage of 4 UCF mistakes resulting in all 19 pts LY (outgained by 52 yds). UCF began play in IA in '96, staying an Indep until '01, MAC from '02-'04 to CUSA in '05.

S Miss has won all 7 gms with 6 of 7 decided by 7 pts or less (9 pts largest margin). The Golden Eagles are 16-8 in their last 24 November games.

Southern Miss has dominated this series going 26-7 vs Memphis since 1973. LY S Miss built a 28-0 lead mid-2Q on its way to snapping a 2 gm losing skid vs Memphis.

First regular season meeting (met twice in bowls 1954 & 1988). In their last meeting ('88 Independence Bowl) Bower was an asst coach with Southern Miss.

S Miss is 7-2 vs Arkansas St with the only losses coming in 1960 & 1977. This is a rematch of the '05 New Orleans Bowl. The Golden Eagles are 17-6 in home finales.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brett Favre 7,695 '87-'90
2. Dustin Almond 7,342 '02-'05
3. Jeff Kelly 7,095 '98-'01

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ben Garry 3,595 '74-'77
2. Derrick Nix 3,584 '98-'00, '02
3. Sammy Winder 3,114 '78-'81

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Sherrod Gideon 3,214 '96-'99
2. Todd Pinkston 2,366 '96-'99
3. LeRoy Handy 1,890 '99-'02

2006 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (19,19,2)
Lost: 22 (10,10,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,994 (#78)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

SS Brandon Sumrall

STADIUM: M.M ROBERTS STADIUM (33,000) (#88)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Momentum)

Jeff Bower	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	7-5	9-3	6-5	6-5	8-5	49-32
Home	2-2	4-1	5-1	5-1	3-2	3-2	5-1	27-10
Away	5-2	2-4	2-4	4-2	3-3	3-3	3-4	22-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	5-3	8-0	5-3	5-3	6-3	37-18
ATS	5-5	4-7	2-8-1	8-4	7-4	5-5	5-7	36-40-1
Home Fav	1-2	2-3	2-2	4-1	2-2	1-3	3-2	15-15
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-2
Away Fav	2-3	1-1	0-3-1	3-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	11-10-1
Away Dog	2-0	1-3	0-2	1-2	2-1	3-1	0-4	9-13
Favorite	3-5	3-4	2-5-1	7-1	4-3	2-4	5-3	26-25-1
Dog	2-0	1-3	0-3	1-3	3-1	3-1	0-4	10-15
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-5-1	7-1	5-3	3-5	4-5	26-28-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-3	0-3	1-3	2-1	2-0	1-2	10-12
Off SU Win	3-3	2-4	1-5	5-3	3-3	3-2	3-5	20-25
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-2	1-3-1	3-0	3-1	1-3	2-1	13-12-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Damion Fletcher	276	1447	59	1388	11	5.0
Tory Harrison	52	348	22	326	2	6.3
Conrad Chanove	59	263	10	253	0	4.3
Jeremy Young	81	354	130	224	4	2.8
Bobby Weakley	28	88	0	88	3	3.1
Larry Thomas	13	61	17	44	2	3.4
CJ Barrows	10	37	3	34	0	3.4
Stephen Reaves	3	3	8	-5	0	-1.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jeremy Young	281	161	57.3	1769	12	6
Stephen Reaves	72	37	51.4	488	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Shawn Nelson	36	506	14.1	3	45	
Damion Carter	23	358	15.6	2	39	
Josh Barnes	23	267	11.6	1	36	
Chris Johnson	23	253	11.0	5	54	
Anthony Perine	23	239	10.4	1	35	
Rodney Gray	16	160	10.0	0	39	
Damion Fletcher	18	142	7.9	0	20	
Ed Morgan	7	116	16.6	1	47	
Joe Singleton	9	79	8.8	0	21	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Britt Barefoot	52	2007	38.6	10	33.9	1	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Darren McCaleb	42-42	4-4	9-11	2-5	1-4	16-24	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Gerald McRath	104	2	9	1	0
Brandon Sumrall	80	2	1.5	3	2
James Denley	63	1	8	2	1
Robert Henderson	59	4.5	7.5	3	0
Tokumbo Abanikanda	59	3.5	4	2	1
Ladarius Webb	55	0	4	5	0
LeVance Richmond	54	0	1	4	4
Caleb Hendrix	50	2	3	13	4
Martavius Prince	49	3	12	2	1
Jasper Faulk	39	0	1	13	2
Matthew Chatelain	37	4.5	0	2	0
Jerome Lyons	35	0	0	3	1
Eddie Hicks	26	0	2	1	1
Sean Merrill	24	1.5	2	1	0
Shadler Manning	11	1	2	0	0
Wayne Hardy	11	0	1	0	0
Ivory Bradshaw	11	0	0	0	0
Ryan Watson	9	0.5	0	0	0
Vontre Mason	8	0	0	0	0
Conrad Chanove	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jasper Faulk	23	197	8.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Sumrall	19	401	21.1	0
Ladarius Webb	11	225	20.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Houston		+10	Oklahoma St	23-33
03	Liberty		+2	Utah - #25	0-17
04	New Orleans		-6	North Texas	31-10
05	New Orleans		-15'	Arkansas St	31-19
06	GMAC		-6	Ohio	28-7

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9	25.4	19	170	4.4	161	56.1	13.0	+6	2006	6	18.6	16	128	3.9	180	52.4	16.6
4*	29.6	19	111	3.3	246	54.8	12.1	+14	2005	5	22.7	21	160	3.9	234	57.6	17.4
9*	25.8	18	145	3.7	181	48.4	12.7	+5	2004	4	24.8	19	175	4.4	201	51.4	15.1
4*	22.5	16	122	3.0	203	51.6	14.4	+5	2003	8	17.4	17	156	3.6	174	51.9	19.0
7	21.7	18	144	3.6	189	50.1	15.3	-3	2002	9	18.3	17	167	3.8	169	46.8	18.4
9*	25.3	19	96	2.6	245	58.7	13.5	+7	2001	4	16.9	17	102	2.9	200	52.0	17.8

2006 STATS BY GAME

SM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Florida	17	25 - 119	4.8	17 - 37	176	0	21	29 - 143	4.9	21 - 30	248	2	-2
–	SE Louisiana	23	44 - 256	5.8	11 - 16	192	1	15	34 - 112	3.3	18 - 33	107	2	0
–	NC State	24	52 - 261	5.0	13 - 19	181	1	16	21 - 77	3.7	18 - 35	197	2	+2
–	at UCF	14	29 - 89	3.1	15 - 31	184	1	16	39 - 134	3.4	18 - 31	191	3	+2
–	Tulsa	19	31 - 120	3.9	14 - 39	123	1	21	38 - 252	6.6	16 - 25	201	1	+1
–	Houston	21	39 - 145	3.7	17 - 26	180	0	17	27 - 38	1.4	22 - 39	339	0	0
–	at Virginia Tech	11	37 - 82	2.2	13 - 24	134	6	16	39 - 284	7.3	6 - 16	114	1	-1
–	East Carolina	9	28 - 101	3.6	13 - 20	79	2	20	41 - 102	2.5	20 - 33	197	2	+1
–	at Memphis	23	40 - 254	6.4	15 - 25	232	0	17	32 - 158	4.9	12 - 34	151	0	0
–	at Tulane	26	50 - 226	4.5	17 - 25	167	3	7	32 - 43	1.3	4 - 16	42	3	+1
–	UAB	19	44 - 212	4.8	8 - 18	128	2	12	38 - 82	2.2	9 - 18	155	5	-2
–	Marshall	23	44 - 226	5.1	14 - 19	135	0	12	31 - 150	4.8	7 - 14	129	3	+4
–	at Houston	18	33 - 163	4.9	17 - 32	186	1	24	33 - 167	5.1	20 - 32	276	0	-1
–	† Ohio	17	39 - 124	3.2	14 - 22	160	1	12	22 - 47	2.1	15 - 37	177	1	+1
TOTALS		264	535 - 2378	4.4	198 - 353	2257	19	226	456 - 1789	3.9	206 - 393	2524	25	+6
AVERAGES		18.9	38 - 170	4.4	14 - 25	161	1.4	16.1	33 - 128	3.9	15 - 28	180	1.8	0.4

2002 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Jackson St	NL	55-7
–	Illinois	-6	23-20
–	Memphis	-11'	33-14
–	at Alabama	+7	7-20
–	at Army	-29	27-6
–	at USF	-3	13-16
–	Cincinnati	-10	23-14
–	at TCU	+2'	7-37
–	at UAB	-7	20-13
–	Louisville	+2	17-20 OT
–	at Tulane	-6'	10-31
–	East Carolina	-9'	24-7

2003 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at California	+4	2-34
–	at UAB	-3	17-12
–	Memphis	-5	23-6
–	Nebraska - #15	+10'	14-38
–	at Cincinnati	+7'	22-20
–	at Alabama	+10'	3-17
–	USF	-2'	27-6
–	Louisiana-Lft	-23'	48-3
–	at Houston	-5'	31-10
–	Tulane	-17'	28-14
–	TCU - #10	-3	40-28
–	at East Carolina	-14'	38-21

2004 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Nebraska	+14'	21-17
–	at Tulane	-14	32-14
–	at USF	-6	27-20
–	Houston	-17	35-29 OT
#24	at Alabama	+7	3-27
–	East Carolina	-19'	51-10
#20	Cincinnati	-6	24-52
–	at Memphis	+6	26-30
–	at TCU	-1	17-42
–	UAB	-1	26-21
–	California - #4	+24'	16-26

2005 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Alabama	+12'	21-30
–	McNeese St	NL	48-20
–	at East Carolina	-7'	33-7
–	Tulsa	-12'	17-34
–	UCF	-8'	52-31
–	at UAB	+2'	37-28
–	at NC State	+6'	17-21
–	at Marshall	-7	27-24 OT
–	at Houston	+2	24-27
–	Memphis	-7	22-24
–	Tulane	-21	26-7

2006 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Florida - #7	+20'	7-34
–	SE Louisiana	NL	45-0
–	NC State	-3	37-17
–	at UCF	-6	19-14
–	at Tulsa	+5	6-20
–	Houston	-2	31-27
–	at Virginia Tech	+16'	6-36
–	East Carolina	-6	17-20 OT
–	at Memphis	-7	42-21
–	at Tulane	-4'	31-3
–	UAB	-14'	25-20
–	Marshall	-6	42-7
–	at Houston	+5'	20-34

MEMPHIS TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Danny Wimprine was a 4 year starter and became the school's career leader in passing yards in just his junior season and threw for another 2,892 (56.5%) as a senior in '04. Patrick Byrne was his backup and also handled KO's (38 TB). With 4.52 speed, he was the fastest QB ever here and he beat out good-sized Will Hudgens (6'4", PS#112) for the starting job in '05. After waiting 3 years to become the starter, Byrne broke his leg on just the third play of the season and unfortunately the offense was based around his mobility. Hudgens (drop back passer, strong arm) was forced to start the next two and West took the redshirt off of true frosh Billy Barefield. He was a stark contrast to Hudgens at 5'10". Hudgens was also lost for the season (broken leg) vs Tulsa. Barefield started 2 but West opted to go with Maurice Avery. Avery was leading the team with 170 rec yards after 3 before moving to QB. He was 5-2 as a starter throwing for 894 (56.8%) and 664 rush. Byrne, Hudgens and Barefield all returned last year but I projected SEL transfer Martin Hankins as the starter. Hankins threw for 7,777 (63%) with a 65-31 ratio in 2 years at SEL. Hudgens won the backup job but broke his leg again vs UTC and Byrne was 2nd string. Hankins worst game came vs S Miss in the 2H when he hit just 3 of 19 for 27 yards but he threw for 303 vs UAB and 322 vs Marshall. For the season he had 2,550 (59.9%) with an 18-13 ratio. Byrne played in 7 (1 st, 6 att) and now departs. Battling Hudgens for the #2 spot is Matt Malouf (6'3" 212 rFr, PS#60) and Brett Toney (6'1" 190 So). Hankins passing numbers should be markedly improved in '07.

RUNNING BACKS - DeAngelo Williams had a storied 4 year career ('02-'05). He left as the NCAA's career leader in all-purpose yards (7,573) and finished #4 all-time in rushing. He was CUSA Off POY for 3 straight seasons and his thirty-four 100 yard games topped Archie Griffin (Ohio St) and Tony Dorsett (Pitt) who each had 33. He was the first 1st round DC from Memphis (CAR) since 1996. The offense changed last year to the spread so there was less emphasis on running the ball. Joseph Doss (PS#94), who is not only a tough runner but also a solid blocker, rushed for 910 (4.1) and had 25 rec (8.2). The #2 rusher was WR Earnest Williams with 130 (4.6). The #2 RB was soph TJ Pitts (PS#108) who had 98 (4.5). He had 40 in the season finale after escaping West's doghouse. Miguel Barnes (5'11" 200 So) was suspended early but played in six until injury. Jamarcus Gaither (5'10" 205 Sr) had 67 (3.0). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Chris Barnett (5'11" 190 Jr, PS#295JC), Curtis Steele (6'0" 185 Jr) and Henry Harris (5'8" 175 rFr). This year the entire unit returns including VHT Greg Hinds (PS#17DB) who moved to RB last year.

RECEIVERS - Heading into 2006 HC West called the WR's the strength of the team. Ryan Scott led in '05 with 37 (15.6) and Maurice Jones (6'4" 225) was #4 with 15 (10.5). Much was expected of Carlton Robinzine who is 6'3" and one of the fastest players on the team. Robinzine (8 rec in '05) was lost (knee inj) for the season in the opener. True frosh Dave Thomas played in 6 but was also lost for the year (8, 14.5). Thomas was a HS QB and had a TD pass in the first game. Antonio McCoy tore his ACL (7 gm, 11 rec). Carlos Singleton is one of NCAA's tallest WR's (6'8") and had 22 (13.6). Maurice Jones was susp for 5 and had 10 (7.0). In 2006 Ryan Scott led again with 47 (11.1) and true frosh Duke Calhoun (CUSA All-Frosh Tm) had a team high 681 yards (16.2) and Earnest Williams had 26 (12.0). This year they must replace Scott and may lose Mario Pratcher (9 st, 14 rec) who is applying for a 6th year. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Brian Hall (5'11" 181 So, PS#198QB), Turner West (6'3" 185 rFr) and Lucian Godwin (6'0" 178 So). This is the 2nd year of the system plus the unit will most likely have better health and I see an extremely deep group.

WR Duke Calhoun

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Tigers OL (270 lb avg) paved the way for 5.1 ypc rushing while allowing a minuscule 5 sacks (1.2%). In 2005 they had to replace four starters and two key backups but got back a 2 year starter who missed 2004. It was a much larger group (300 lb avg) and they were nicknamed the "Pit Crew" in reference to Williams' Heisman campaign (race car). The switch to a more mobile QB always helps the OL stats and they improved to 5.4 ypc with just 9 sacks (3.8%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and had 8 players back with starting experience. In the more pass-oriented offense, the numbers dropped to 3.6 ypc rush but with just 14 sacks (4.3%). This year they lose C Stephen Schuh (10 st) and 3rd Tm CUSA LG Blake Butler (12 st, 3Y st'r). West wanted the line to be bigger and more powerful and brings in three good-sized JUCO's as well as Tenn transfer Malcom Rawls (PS#46). It is now the 2nd year of the new offense and this group is more talented, bigger and experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Ex-DC Joe Lee Dunn's defenses emphasized the LB position as they ran a 3-4 and at times even a 2-5 front. Tommy West took over the defense midyear last season and attempted to run a 4-3 front with 3-4 personnel. At first the results were a disaster but they improved as the season went on. Still, the Tigers allowed 4.5 ypc rush, their highest in over 15 years and the D had just 17 sacks. West expects this year's DL to be the best he's fielded. The only losses this year are DT Rubio Phillips (8 st, 26 tkl, 1 sk) and DL Van Houston (3 st, 13 tkl). Eight players return with starting experience and I feel (like West does) that this will be a much improved defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Tigers had 3 starters back including six with starting experience. Mike Snyder started the opener at OLB but was lost for the season (neck). Jeremy Rockette only played in the last 4 (foot). The only losses are Snyder (1 st, 2 tkl) and Michael Spurlock (1 st, 20 tkl). Keep in mind they changed to a 3-man unit Mid '06. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Winston Bowens (6'0" 250 rFr, PS#314), John Hill (5'9" 200 rFr), David Sutton (6'0" 235 rFr) and Lester Lawson. They add some solid rFr and transfers. It may sound like a broken record with this team but this figures to be a much improved position.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Memphis was #64 in my pass D rankings in '05 and last year returned 3 starters. Injuries hurt the unit as 10 different players started in the secondary. West tinkered with moves between FS and CB all year and the most any player started at the same position was Brandon McDonald (6 st FS). This year they lose 3rd Tm CUSA McDonald (12 st - 4CB, 6FS, 2SS, 84 tkl, 4 int, #5DC CLE), Wesley Smith (8 st - 5FS, 3SS, 69 tkl), CB Jamaal Rufus (3 st, 13 tkl), CB Dustin Lopez (6 st, 14 tkl), SS Derek Clenin (15 tkl), CB Jermaine Chambers (5 tkl) and SS Sam Brewer (9 tkl). Thanks to the defensive chaos they went through, Memphis finished #117 allowing 65%. Not only do 2 starters return, but they get a couple of SEC transfers and WR Brandon Hunt moves in. The Tigers will improve greatly in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tigers used to have a reputation for blocking punts but have only blocked one in West's tenure. Their highest finish in my ST rankings in West's first four years was #86 (2004). In 2005 West signed P JC Michael Gibson who had a 44.6 avg and 39.2 net. Stephen Gostkowski crushed '92 Lou Groza award winner Joe Allison's career FG record and became CUSA's leading scorer in FG's and xp's. Gostkowski hit 22 of 25 FG's including 3 from 50+ and had 39 TB on 68 KO. They usually struggle on KR's and the 20.2 team avg in '05 was their highest under West. Memphis moved all the way up to #12 that year but had to replace Gostkowski (#4DC NE) in '06. Joseph Doss also relinquished his KR duties (22.3) when he became the feature RB. Michael Grandberry (24.6) helped the team have the best KR avg yet under West (21.1 tm avg in '06). After Trey Adams missed 2 FG's and an xp vs UTC, true frosh Matt Reagan (PS#78) took over. Reagan hit 12 of 17 FG's (long 42). Gibson avg 43.1 per punt (35.8 net). Reagan and QB Patrick Byrne combined for just 7 TB on 60 KO. Memphis did have a blocked FG for a TD vs Houston which forced OT but were affected by a large amount of injuries on defense depleting their coverage units. This year they lose their outstanding P Gibson, top PR McDonald (10.9) and LS Rusty Clayton. Clayton did not have a single bad snap in four years, which is remarkable. Memphis dropped to #69 in '06 and despite the losses, could improve with better health making the coverage units sounder.

COACHES - Chuck Stobart was let go in '94 after three straight 6-5 seasons. The team failed to achieve a winning record until '03 when Tommy West did it in his 3rd year. OC Randy Fichtner departs after 6 years to become the Steelers' WR coach and the new OC is Clay Helton. Helton moves up from receiver coach. Last year they let DC Joe Lee Dunn go after E Car, a game in which the Pirates had 2 defensive TD's as part of their 35 points. West tried to change the D from a 3-4 to a 4-3 but did so with 3-4 personnel and the unit struggled, especially at midseason. This year the new DC is Rick Kravitz, who is a 22-year coaching veteran. Last year Kravitz was NCSt's safeties coach and ST coord. Previously he spent 10 years as DC at USF. Five coaches have left the staff since last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going -14 in turnovers in 2002 and finishing with a 3-9 record, Memphis was the typical Turnovers=Turnaround (pg 312) team in 2003. They won 7 games for the first time since 1976, with their first bowl appearance since 1971. They outgained league foes in 2003 by 151.3 (CUSA best). They only lost 10 lettermen heading into in 2004 with 15 starters back including QB Wimprine and RB Williams. Unfortunately the defense struggled allowing 31.3 ppg and 417.8 ypg and they lost two games in the final minute (UAB and L'ville) but still had back-to-back 8+ win seasons (first time S/'63). That 2004 team appeared in the AP poll for the first time ever (was #14 in the UPI in '63 but the AP only counted the Top 10 that year). 2005 saw a radical shift in the offense as they had just 3 starters back and had to replace Wimprine. After throwing for 200+ passing yards 9 times in 2004, they had zero games of 200+ relying on RB DeAngelo Williams. Despite the changes, I called for Memphis to achieve their 3rd consecutive winning season. They did so for the first time since 1994 and knocked off Akron in the bowl despite losing their 1st and 2nd string QB's early in the season. They knocked off previously unbeaten UTEP 27-20 and nearly upset Tenn leading 16-14 in the 4Q despite RB Williams missing the game. They got their first win at S Miss since 1984 and after opening the season 4-5, won their last 3. Last year they had 11 returning starters (3rd fewest in the league). In 2005, Memphis benefitted from +7 in turnovers with 4 close wins and had to replace RB Williams. I shockingly called for them to finish last in the CUSA East on these pages and Memphis did just that. They not only went 1-7 in CUSA play (outgained by 68.2 ypg, 2nd worst), but were 2-10 overall. They had 20 different players miss games due to injury and their 10 losses were the most in any season since 1986. There were some good signs that bode well for 2007. First, they had an amazing six net close losses (see page 299). Even though they lost by 15 to EC, I ruled that a close loss (see Phil Steele's 2007 SEC Regional Magazine). They knocked off UTEP who needed a win to become bowl eligible and basically were 10 plays away from being bowl eligible. A best case scenario would have had them at 8-4! This year is the 2nd year of the new offense and Hankins should be one of the CUSA's top QB's. They only avg'd 23.4 ppg which was their worst since 2000. They also return top RB Doss and potentially 5 of the top 6 WR's. The D returns 8 starters and should have a much more stable season after last year's turmoil. They allowed 30.4 ppg and should be one of the most improved D's in the country. I give Memphis a shot at going from double digit losses to double digit wins and they are one of the most improved teams in the country!

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 13 MARTIN HANKINS SR. 6-2 205 PS#116. 7777 yd (63%) 65-31 ratio @SE Louis 2Y. 11 st here LY, 2550 (60%) 18-13. **7 Will Hudgens** (6-4 235 Jr) PS#112. 2 st 2Y (inj) 427 yd.

RB 5 JOSEPH DOSS SR. 5-9 196 PS#94. 5 st '04-'05. 623 (4.5). 11 st LY, 910 (4.1). Greg Hinds (6-1 233 Sr) **PS#17DB**. 18 tkl LB '04-'05. 2 st LY. TJ Pitts (5-10 203 So) PS#108 1 st, 98 yd rFr.

WR 2 Steven Black Jr. 6-3 208 PS#113. L'ville '05. JC. **12** Taz Knockum (6-2 220 Sr) PS#95RB. 4 st, 6 rec 2Y. **11** Billy Barefield (5-10 190 Jr) PS#63QB. 2 st QB '05, 322 ttl yard.

WR 22 DUKE CALHOUN SO. 6-4 185 PS#189. #1 rec true. 42 (16.2). **87** Carlton Robinzine (6-3 218 Jr) Tm fastest. 5 st, 8 rec '05. Inj LY. **9** Antonio McCoy (6-0 185 Jr) 19 rec 2Y.

WR 89 CARLOS SINGLETON SO. 6-8 215 22 (13.6) rFr. **14** Earnest Williams (6-0 192 Jr) PS#142DB. 14 st 2Y, 43 rec (10.3). Dave Thomas (5-11 195 So) PS#199DB. 3 st WR.

TE 85 BRETT RUSSELL JR. 6-3 235 PS#64. 5 st, 2 rec rFr. 6 st LY, 9 rec. **81** Deven Onarheim (6-7 235 rFr). **35** Stacy Jones (6-2 245 So) **PS#36**. 1 st in '06. No spring in '07.

C 57 Philip Beliles Jr. 6-5 270 PS#580. 2nd string as rFr. Last 2 st at C '06. **54** Terrence Echols (6-3 325 Jr) PS#445JC in for spring. **LS 95** Joe Burgan (6-1 260 So).

RG 69 ANDY SMITH SR. 6-4 307 PS#309. 140 plays rFr. 9 st RG '05 until ACL. 11 st RG LY. **72** Arron Bentley (6-3 290 Sr) PS#385DL. 1 st TE LY. Brent Todd PS#160JC. 650 squat.

LG 77 Malcom Rawls So. 6-5 315 PS#46. **Tenn trans**. **70** Michael Denning (6-4 275 Jr). JC. 1 st RG '05. RS LY. **64** Dominik Riley (6-4 300 rFr) PS#231. **67** Ken Anderson (6-3 280 rFr).

RT 71 BRANDON PEARCE JR. 6-6 280 PS#283. 8 st rFr, **CUSA Fr Tm**. 12 st RT LY. **3rd Tm CUSA**. **66** Cody Stubblefield (6-4 305 Jr) PS#166JC. In for spg. Paul Edwards (6-6 275 So) **PS#99**.

LT 65 ABRAHAM HOLLOWAY SR. 6-4 301 PS#317. 3 st '05, 12 gm. 12 st LT '06. **56** Eric Evans (6-4 300 So) PS#551. **51** Will Truitt (6-5 290 rFr). Michael Antonescu is PS#151.

K 43 MATT REAGAN SO. 6-1 210 PS#78. Hit 12 of 17 FG as true, long 42. 3 of 6 from 40+. 25-26 xp's. **42** Joey Mack (5-9 170 Sr). 4 of 8 FG. 22-22 xp at S Utah in 2005.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 41 COREY MILLS JR. 6-4 260 **PS#52. Ole Miss transfer**. 10 st LY, 29 tkl, 3 tfl. **96** Jada Brown (6-2 265 So) PS#377. **Ole Miss trans**. 2 st, 18 tkl, 1.5 tfl here in 2006.

DT 53 CLINTON McDONALD JR. 6-3 255 PS#178LB. 6 tkl true. 10 st at DT in '06, 41 tkl, 2 tfl. **62** Ryan Williams (6-2 278 Jr) PS#320. 2 st, 10 tkl '05. Steven Turner (6-3 240 So) PS#431. 1 st '06.

DT 99 Freddie Barnett Jr. 6-2 300 **PS#44 '04. Arkansas trans**. 37 tkl, 3.5 sk JUCO LY. **60 Brandon Douglas** (6-3 291 Jr) 4 st LY, 28 tkl, 3 tfl. Taylor Bradford (5-11 300 So) Samford trans.

DE 94 GREG TERRELL SO. 6-4 230 7 st rFr, 43 tkl, 5 sk, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. **CUSA Frosh Tm**. **90** Josh Weaver (6-3 210 So) PS#427. 14 tkl true. Dasmine Cathey is PS#123. 4.55 speed.

OLB 30 QUINTON McCRARY SR. 6-2 232 PS#124DB. 12 st '04, 82 tkl, 8 tfl. 2 st '05 ttl inj. 9 st LY, 70 tkl, 2 tfl. **25** Jeremy Rockette (6-3 200 So) 8 tkl rFr (miss 8). Jeremy Longstreet (6-1 200 rFr) PS#218.

ILB 37 HEATH GRANT SR. 6-1 230 PS#105. 5 st, 32 tkl, 2 tfl '05. 10 st LY, 81 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **45** Tommy Phelps (6-3 240 So) PS#298JC. **4.58 spd**. 225 bench 22x. In for spring.

OLB 59 GREG JACKSON JR. 6-2 205 PS#431DL. 9 st LY, 69 tkl, 7 tfl. **47** Jake Kasser (5-10 195 Sr) 4 st '05, 21 tkl. 3 st LY, 46 tkl, 3.5 sk. **48** Corderick Govan (6-2 200 rFr) PS#105.

CB 36 ROD SMITH JR. 6-1 215 PS#291. 9 st, 50 tkl, 3 tfl, 5 pbu '05. Miss 6 inj LY, 4 st, 24 tkl, 1 pbu. Michael Grandberry (5-10 171 Jr) PS#209WR. 28 tkl LY. Deante' Lamar (5-10 183 So) PS#245.

CB 18 LaKeitharun Ford Sr. 5-9 180 PS#260JC. 5 st LY, 16 tkl. **LeRico Mathis** (6-1 185 Jr) PS#211JC. 4.5 spd. **38** Bernard Key (5-11 181 So). **27** John McArthur (5-11 175 rFr).

SS 8 Tony Bell Jr. 6-2 215 **PS#18LB.** 13 tkl **Auburn** 2Y. Transfer. **6** Dontae Reed (6-2 210 Jr) 5 tkl '05. Mississippi trans. **32** Tyler Griffin (5-11 201 Jr). 5 tkl true in '05.

FS 2 BRANDON PATTERSON JR. 6-1 190 13 tkl as rFr, 2 int. 9 st in '06, 47 tkl, 3 int, 1 pbu. **40** Alton Starr (6-0 190 So) PS#250WR. 2 st rFr. 16 tkl, 2 pbu. **39** Malcolm Jones (6-2 210 rFr).

P 49 Brent Sutherland Jr. 6-4 200 PS#387JC. 43 avg in HS. 42.0 avg as Fr at JC. 36.6 avg as soph. In for spring. **43** Matt Reagan is PS#78. 40.1 avg on punts in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Freddie Barnett 6-2 300 PS#44 '04
OL	Brent Todd 6-3 320 PS#160JC
OL	Cody Stubblefield 6-4 305 PS#166JC
WR	Steven Black 6-3 208 PS#113 '05
DB	Darius Davis 6-0 180 PS#108
DB	LeRico Mathis 6-1 185 PS#211JC
DL	Dasmine Cathey 6-3 205 PS#123
LB	Terrence Thomas 5-11 230 PS#103
OL	Michael Antonescu 6-4 290 PS#151
LB	Tommy Phelps 6-3 240 PS#298JC
QB	Dallas Walker 6-5 215 PS#76
WR	Cam Baker 6-0 170 PS#147
P	Brent Sutherland 6-4 200 PS#387JC
RB	Curtis Steele 6-0 185 PS#422JC
OL	Terrence Echols 6-3 325 PS#445JC
DL	Lionel Henderson 6-4 275 PS#265OL
OL	Ronald Leary 6-4 345 PS#272
DB	Jermaine Richardson 6-1 190 PS#252
WR	Curtis Echols 6-3 190 PS#297 '06
RB	Mike Davis 5-11 230 PS#400
OL	Robbie Hardie 6-4 290 PS#485
DL	Tommy Walker 6-3 270 PS#485OL
LB	Lester Lawson 6-2 244 PS#422 '06
DL	Joel McCleod 6-3 310 PS#451
OL	Keenan Bratcher 6-2 235 PS#606

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#119

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	Mississippi	A						Memphis has gone 5-1 in home openers. Tigers have opened the season vs the Rebels 29 times. Memphis dropped the 1st 17 gms in this series & are 10-44-2 all-time vs Ole Miss.
Sep. 8	at Arkansas St	A						LY ASU snapped the ball w/:06 left & tossed a TD pass to break Memphis' 10 gm series win streak. Memphis is 3-9 the L12Y in road openers w/avg win by just 4 ppg & avg loss by 12 ppg.
Sep. 15	Jacksonville St	A						Jacksonville St was 6-5 last year & lost to lone Div IA foe Mississippi St 35-3. Memphis is 51-31-10 vs current Div IAA but just 27-18-9 vs the Ohio Valley Conf.
Sep. 22	at UCF	G						This will mark the 10th straight yr that Memphis will open conf play on the road including 6 straight losses. Memphis has dropped the L/2 meetings w/UCF kicking a late 4Q FG LY.
Sep. 29								
Oct. 2	Marshall (Tues)	A						The home team has won by an avg of 19 ppg in this series that started 2 yrs ago. Memphis posted a season high 469 yds in last year's loss at Marshall.
Oct. 13	Middle Tenn	A						The Tigers are 9-4 at home vs non-conference opponents coming into 2007. Memphis is 7-12-1 all-time vs Middle Tenn, but their last meeting was in 1954.
Oct. 20	at Rice	A						This will not only be the schools 1st CUSA meeting, but first overall matchup as well. Memphis is 4-1 in the state of Texas the last 6 yrs with an average score of 38-23.
Oct. 27	at Tulane	A						The Tigers are just 4-9 their last 13 trips to the Superdome. Memphis is 5-1 in second of back-to-back road games. Memphis has won 3 straight in this series.
Nov. 3	East Carolina	A						The home team is 7-3 in this series. Memphis had a 20-7 HT lead last year vs EC before the Pirates scored 28 unanswered pts in the 2H for the comeback win.
Nov. 10	at S Mississippi	A						The Tigers are 3-18 all-time in Hattiesburg (only wins in 1960, '84 & '05). Memphis is 5-1 in November road games since 2003 with the avg win by 14 ppg.
Nov. 17	UAB	A						Last yr vs UAB, Memphis scored 27 seconds into the gm (quickest score in 26 yrs). Memphis has dropped 7 straight to UAB with an avg loss of 9 ppg.
Nov. 24	SMU	A						SMU was 1 of 9 teams last year that was bowl eligible but did not receive an invite. Memphis is 4-9 in home finales the last 14 years but have won 2 of the last 3.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Danny Wimprine 10,215 '01-'04	1. DeAngelo Williams 6,026 '02-'05	1. Earnest Gray 2,123 '75-'78
2. Danny Sparkman 4,311 '83-'85	2. Dave Casinelli 2,636 '60-'63	2. Damien Dodson 2,096 '96-'99
3. Lloyd Patterson 4,201 '75-'78	3. Gerard Arnold 2,378 '97-'99	3. Russell Copeland 1,753 '89-'92

TOMMY WEST (Career 65-66) (Div IAA 4-7)
7th Year at Memphis West's Bowl Record: 3-4

West's records AT MEMPHIS

34-38	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
21-16	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
11-21	Away	2-9	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	6-5	Off A Bye
21-26	Vs Conference	15-19	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: **(2-10)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (26,20,1)
Lost: 24 (8,14,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32,440 (#71)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

QB Martin Hankins

STADIUM: LIBERTY BOWL MEMORIAL STADIUM (62,380) (#42)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	5-6	3-9	8-4	8-3	6-5	2-10	36-44
Home	2-4	4-2	3-3	5-2	4-1	4-2	1-6	23-20
Away	2-3	1-4	0-6	3-2	4-2	2-3	1-4	13-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-6	5-3	5-3	5-3	1-7	23-31
ATS	4-7	5-5	5-6	5-6	5-5	5-5	3-7-1	32-41-1
Home Fav (Rip Scherer)	1-1	2-2	2-2	1-4	2-1	1-3	0-1	9-14
Home Dog (Tommy West)	2-2	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-3	9-5
Away Fav	1-3	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-4	0-1	0-0	4-9
Away Dog	0-1	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-0	3-1	1-3-1	10-13-1
Favorite	2-4	3-2	2-3	2-4	3-5	1-4	0-1	13-23
Dog	2-3	2-3	3-3	3-2	2-0	4-1	3-6-1	19-18-1
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	3-5	23-31
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	0-2-1	9-10-1
Off SU Win	1-3	2-3	1-2	3-5	2-4	1-4	0-1	10-22
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-1	4-4	2-1	2-1	4-0	3-6	21-16

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
71	Pasadena		NL	San Jose St	28-9
03	New Orleans		-4	North Texas	27-17
04	GMAC		+3	Bowling Green	35-52
05	Motor City		-4	Akron	38-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Memphis' All-Time Bowl Record 3-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joseph Doss	224	957	47	910	7	4.1
Earnest Williams	28	146	16	130	1	4.6
TJ Pitts	22	99	1	98	1	4.5
Miguel Barnes	17	81	0	81	0	4.8
Jamarcus Gaither	22	74	7	67	2	3.0
Duke Calhoun	10	53	2	51	1	5.1
Martin Hankins	33	73	85	-12	0	-0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Martin Hankins	377	226	59.9	2550	18	13
Will Hudgens	4	2	50.0	14	0	0
Patrick Byrne	6	1	16.7	14	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Duke Calhoun	42	681	16.2	6	60
Ryan Scott	47	520	11.1	3	82
Earnest Williams	26	313	12.0	3	43
Carlos Singleton	22	300	13.6	3	37
Joseph Doss	25	205	8.2	2	37
Brett Russell	9	130	14.4	1	45
Dave Thomas	8	116	14.5	0	35
Mario Pratcher	14	97	6.9	0	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Michael Gibson	42	1812	43.1	6	35.8(t)	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Reagan	25-26	8-9	1-2	3-6	0-0	12-17	42
Trey Adams	5-6	1-1	2-4	0-0	0-0	3-5	30

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon McDonald	84	0	2	4	4
Heath Grant	81	1	1.5	3	2
Quinton McCrary	70	0	2	0	0
Greg Jackson	69	1.5	5.5	2	0
Wesley Smith	69	0	2	3	0
Brandon Patterson	47	0	0	1	3
Jake Kasser	46	3.5	0	2	0
GregTerrell	43	5	2	2	0
Clinton McDonald	41	0.5	1.5	1	0
Corey Mills	29	2	1	2	0
Brandon Douglas	28	1.5	1.5	2	0
Michael Grandberry	28	0	0	2	0
Rubio Phillips	26	1	0	0	0
Rod Smith	24	0	0	1	0
Mike Spurlock	20	0	1	0	0
Jada Brown	18	0	1.5	0	0
LaKeitharun Ford	16	0	0	2	1
Alton Starr	16	0	0	2	0
Derek Clenin	15	0	0	0	0
Josh Weaver	14	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon McDonald	14	152	10.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Grandberry	21	517	24.6	0
TJ Pitts	7	155	22.1	0

MEMPHIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	23.4	19	112	3.6	225	59.4	14.4	0	2006	5	30.4	20	178	4.5	231	65.1	13.4
3	27.2	20	268	5.4	130	56.5	14.6	+7	2005	7	23.0	21	126	3.6	280	55.0	17.6
10*	35.8	23	203	5.1	257	55.8	12.8	0	2004	5	31.3	23	142	3.7	276	57.0	13.4
4*	30.2	22	182	4.5	263	55.3	14.7	-4	2003	8	19.2	15	110	3.0	185	47.5	15.4
9*	25.3	20	116	3.6	239	53.3	14.1	-14	2002	7	27.3	21	197	4.4	166	60.1	13.3
7*	26.7	17	137	3.6	190	55.7	12.2	+7	2001	5	25.5	21	153	3.8	230	52.6	15.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Mississippi	24	37 - 149	4.0	23 - 31	225	2	20	45 - 240	5.3	7 - 16	97	1	-1
–	Chattanooga	22	32 - 99	3.1	21 - 32	328	1	12	28 - 138	4.9	15 - 27	111	0	-1
–	at East Carolina	22	30 - 95	3.2	25 - 46	296	2	19	39 - 177	4.5	18 - 27	236	1	-3
–	Tennessee	5	20 - 42	2.1	11 - 17	79	0	25	52 - 205	3.9	25 - 29	361	0	+1
–	at UAB	18	27 - 77	2.9	22 - 30	303	0	22	50 - 279	5.6	12 - 20	134	1	0
–	Arkansas St	19	31 - 127	4.1	13 - 28	215	1	27	51 - 216	4.2	12 - 23	219	4	+3
–	Tulsa	21	29 - 75	2.6	24 - 38	157	3	18	33 - 139	4.2	17 - 20	217	0	0
–	at Marshall	23	37 - 147	4.0	26 - 42	322	1	16	31 - 130	4.2	15 - 24	278	1	-2
–	S Mississippi	17	32 - 158	4.9	12 - 34	151	0	23	40 - 254	6.4	15 - 25	232	0	0
–	UCF	18	19 - 78	4.1	28 - 43	287	1	23	44 - 148	3.4	19 - 28	319	0	0
–	Houston	17	35 - 135	3.9	13 - 27	114	2	22	49 - 205	4.2	19 - 24	166	7	-1
–	at UTEP	16	43 - 158	3.7	16 - 26	218	1	17	16 - 5	0.3	26 - 44	398	2	+4
TOTALS		222	372 - 1340	3.6	234 - 394	2695	14	244	478 - 2136	4.5	200 - 307	2768	17	0
AVERAGES		18.5	31 - 112	3.6	20 - 33	225	1.2	20.3	40 - 178	4.5	17 - 26	231	1.4	0

2002 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Murray St	NL	52-6
–	at Mississippi	+8'	16-38
–	at S Mississippi	+11'	14-33
–	Tulane	-7	38-10
–	at UAB	-8'	17-31
–	Louisville	+10'	32-38
–	Mississippi St	-2'	17-29
–	at Cincinnati	+6'	10-48
–	Houston	-5	21-26
–	at USF	+16'	28-31
–	Army	-14'	38-10
–	at TCU	+14'	20-27

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	40-10
–	Mississippi	+8	44-34
–	at S Mississippi	+5	6-23
–	Arkansas St	-16	38-16
–	UAB	-9'	10-24
–	at Mississippi St	+4	27-35
–	at Houston	+5	45-14
–	at Tulane	-4'	41-9
–	East Carolina	-17'	41-24
–	at Louisville	+6'	37-7
–	Cincinnati	-10	21-16
–	USF	-10	16-21

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Mississippi	+4	20-13
–	Chattanooga	NL	52-21
#25	at Arkansas St	-23	47-35
–	at UAB	-2'	28-35
–	Houston	-13	41-14
–	Tulane	-23	49-24
–	at Cincinnati	-6	10-49
–	Louisville - #14	+13'	49-56
–	S Mississippi	-6	30-26
–	at East Carolina	-16'	38-35
–	at USF	-3'	31-15

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Mississippi	-2'	6-10
–	Chattanooga	NL	59-14
–	at Tulsa	+1'	31-37 OT
–	UTEP	+3'	27-20
–	at UCF	-1'	17-38
–	at Houston	+10'	35-20
–	East Carolina	-7'	27-24
–	UAB	-2'	20-37
–	at Tennessee	+18'	16-20
–	at S Mississippi	+7	24-22
–	Marshall	-10'	26-3

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Mississippi	+3	25-28
–	Chattanooga	NL	33-14
–	at East Carolina	+3	20-35
–	Tennessee - #13	+13	7-41
–	at UAB	+5	29-35
–	Arkansas St	-8'	23-26
–	Tulsa	+13'	14-35
–	at Marshall	+9'	27-41
–	S Mississippi	+7	21-42
–	UCF	+2'	24-26
–	Houston	+17	20-23 OT
–	at UTEP	+13	38-19

UCF KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - UCF has produced some fine QB's over the years including Daunte Culpepper. In 2003 due to injuries, they took the redshirt off of VHT Steven Moffett (PS#28) and he started the last 3. Moffett began '04 as the starter but eventually was replaced by true frosh Kyle Israel (PS#110) who O'Leary announced would be the starter for the rest of the year. Israel however, suffered a stress fracture so Moffett started the last 7. Israel threw for 129 (38.9%). Moffett kept the starting job and had an outstanding 2005 throwing for 2,925 (59.5%) with a 22-9 ratio. Israel had a rod inserted into his leg and O'Leary shockingly brought him in vs S Miss where he hit 9 of 17. It was his only game and it cost him a redshirt. Last year Moffett again began the year as the starter but O'Leary was not thrilled with the QB production. Israel started seeing more time then started 4 including a 327 yard effort vs Rice. Moffett returned to start vs Memphis (319 yd) but Israel got the bulk of the duties in the final 2 including a 19 of 22 for 270 effort vs UAB. This year they lose Moffett but Israel has plenty of experience. They bring in Mike Greco (a lefty) who played in two games at JC throwing for 612 yards before an injury. He was originally PS#39 and redshirted in '05 at NC State and could win the top job. Adding depth are Marquel Neasman (5'10" 187 So, PS#268), N Illinois transfer Chris Carr and this year's true frosh. UCF should have improved QB stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004, Alex Haynes missed 2 full games yet rushed for 854 (4.0) and became the school's all-time career leading rusher. The top returnee in '05 was Dontavius Wilcox who had 215 (3.5). They added 230 lb JC Jason Peters but true frosh Kevin Smith, who did not even play RB as a senior in HS, emerged. He was the first frosh RB to start here in 13 years. He had 164 vs Memphis outrushing DeAngelo Williams and was named CUSA's Frosh of the Year. Smith had 202 in the bowl and finished with 1,178 (4.7). Jason Peters added 585 (5.6) while Wilcox had 274 (3.5) before a career ending knee injury in 2006. Smith had an even stronger 2006 topping 100 yards four times (all vs CUSA foes). He just missed the 1,000 yd barrier (934, 4.5) playing in just 9 games (inj). Peters and true frosh Phillip Smith (PS#166) combined for just 58 (2.1) vs Tulane and Peters rushed for 129 vs UAB in the finale. This year they must replace Peters (3 st) but have both Smiths back and adding depth are James Jamison (5'11" 217 rFr, PS#126), Curtis Francis (5'10" 189 Sr) and this year's true frosh. As long as Kevin Smith stays healthy, he should have his best year yet as a junior.

RB Kevin Smith

RECEIVERS - O'Leary called Mike Walker the team's best athlete prior to 2005 and he and Brandon Marshall formed a potent duo at WR. Walker hauled in 64 (13.4) in 9 gms before tearing his ACL while Marshall led with 74 (16.1) and the two combined for 20 TD's. Last year they had to replace Marshall (#4DC DEN) and Walker ended all questions about his knee finishing #3 in the NCAA in receptions with a school record 90 (13.1). Javid James was #2 early and had 24 (11.6) while Rocky Ross (PS#76) emerged late with 19 in the last 3, and finished with 36 (14.8). Willie Thornton was their fastest WR and had 19 (14.5) while true frosh TE Corey Rabazinski had 12 (12.1). This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA Walker (12 st, #3DC JAX), TE Sinclair Brown (1 st, 1 rec), WR Kenny Jackson (1 st, 5 rec) and WR Brooks Turner (3 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jamar Newsome (6'2" 193 rFr) and Chris Narsesian (6'0" 190 Sr, PS#97, 4.36 spd). They started two TE's a lot so basically three starters return and while I like the experience level, this group figures to be down a few notches with the loss of its star.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Two frosh and three soph started a good portion of the 2004 season giving them one of the youngest O-lines in the NCAA. It should come as no surprise that they struggled with a 2.5 ypc rushing and 50 sacks allowed. In 2005 everyone returned but three starters lost their jobs and once again two frosh started. The O-line improved to 3.9 ypc (37 sk). Last year everyone returned, but C Cedric Gagne-Marcoux, who played every snap the previous two years, was injured (6 st). Surprisingly the more experienced line opened holes for 28 ypg less rushing (3.8) but trimmed the sacks to 22. This year they have the most veteran unit in the CUSA with 124 combined starts returning. I look for significant improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 UCF had 3 starters returning up front but DT Emeka Okammor (8 st true) lost his starting spot. Surprisingly the ypc increased to 4.9. Last year three players who combined for 16 of the DL's 20.5 sacks departed. UCF allowed 30 ypg less rushing trimming the ypc to 4.5 (25 sk). This year they lose DE Chris Welsh (12 st, 4 sk, HM CUSA), DT Kareem Reid (1 st, 11 tkl) and DT Bryan Gabourel. Six players return with starting experience. Not only is this the most experienced front in years for UCF, but I expect them to greatly improve their ypc allowed. They have outstanding size (avg 296) with Leger Douzable (305 lbs) moving to DE at year's end and recording 7 sacks.

LINEBACKERS - UCF was inexperienced at LB in '04 and '05 but last year only had to replace one starter and had 3 of the top 6 back. Ronnell Sandy added 20 lbs of muscle but then lost his starting spot (11 tkl). Big things were expected from Steven Baker but he tore his ACL in March and only started 2. True frosh Chance Henderson had just 5 tackles in the first 8, but started the last 4 averaging 7 tpg. OLB's Jordan Richards and Cory Hogue missed 4 & 2 starts. This year the only losses are OLB Randy Dozier (12 st, 52 tkl) and Sandy (1 st, 11 tkl). Five players return with starting experience making this a much stronger unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UCF had a CB drafted #2 in 2002 and #4 in 2003. They were inexperienced in 2004 and ranked #110 in my pass D rankings. In 2005, they had 2 starters returning but four frosh saw plenty of action. They managed to climb to #89 (19 int). The star was Joe Burnett who was a FWAA Frosh AA with 5 int and 9 pbu. CB Johnell Neal was called the hardest hitter on the team. Last year the unit returned intact although CB Travonti Johnson was suspended for 5 games. Surprisingly UCF dropped to #97. This year they lose Johnson (4 st, 24 tkl), SS Renford Parkes (7 tkl) and CB Domenik Kelly (5 tkl). Seven players return with starting experience and not listed in the 3 deep below are Chad Cummings (5'10" 175 Sr) and EJ Moore (5'10" 180 So, PS#238). UCF should greatly improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UCF finished #40 in my ST rankings in '02 and #13 in '03 thanks to Matt Prater who led the NCAA in punting (47.9). Surprisingly he concentrated on FG's and the unit dropped to #61 in '04. It rose to #24 in '05 thanks to true frosh Joe Burnett who was the CUSA's top PR (16.5). Last year they surprisingly dropped to #73. Burnett had just 11 PR's (12.0). P Aaron Horne saw his net drop from 34.8 to 33.8. They used UMass transfer Michael Torres at kicker. Torres actually hit just 1 of his first 4 FG's (from 22 yds) and he missed a crucial 23 yarder vs S Miss, very nearly losing his job. He rebounded to hit 17 of 24 FG's with a long of 51 although he had another crucial miss vs Tulane with 3:00 left costing them the game. Curtis Francis became the sixth player in school history to top 1,000 yards in KR for his career (20.7). Tulane transfer Nick Beucher had 8 TB on 55 KO. This year they lose Horne and Beucher but should move up in my ST rankings.

COACHES - George O'Leary was on top of the world after leading Georgia Tech to a 52-33 record and five bowls in 7 years. He took the HC job at Notre Dame but then a resume snafu knocked him out of that job and he was banished to being an NFL asst prior to UCF. His OC is Tim Salem who was the OC at E Mich in 2003. He was also the QB coach at Ohio St from 1997-2000 and the OC at Purdue for three years. O'Leary shook up his defensive staff and the new DC is John Skladany. He had been Iowa St's DC the past 10 years and was the Ohio DC from 1985-'89.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into 2003 UCF's program appeared on the rise coming off three straight winning seasons and playing in the player-rich state of Florida. HC Mike Kruczek had been given a three year contract extension but his final year was filled with injuries and suspensions. He was let go with two games left in a 3-9 year when they had the talent to contend in the MAC. George O'Leary inherited a tough non-conf schedule (first 3 foes-BCS). There was a large amount of attrition over the summer with the new HC and when the season started they had just 73 scholarship players. UCF finished the year with the nation's longest losing streak going 0-11. In 2005 I did not make a lot of friends in Greenville, NC or Huntington, WV when I forecast UCF to finish ahead of East Carolina and Marshall in the CUSA East standings. I picked the Knights higher than any other preseason magazine as most had them pegged for last. Nine of their top 68 players were walk-ons but UCF, after extending their losing streak to 17 with an 0-2 start, became the 7th team in NCAA history to go from being winless to bowl-eligible. They had the biggest turnaround in the NCAA in 2005 finishing the regular season 8-3 before dropping the CUSA Title game and their first ever bowl in their 10 year history. With an enrollment of 47,000, they are the 6th largest university in the nation. They had 51,978 on hand for the CUSA Title game at home. Last year I pointed out that despite their 7-1 record in 2005 in CUSA play, they only outgained league foes by 2.9 ypg. They also benefitted from +12 turnovers (pg 312) and 3 net close wins (pg 299). Despite having the second most returning starters (17), those factors had UCF pointed towards a disappointing 2006 season which they finishing just 4-8. Numerous factors have me thinking UCF will be back in the post season this year. They had 3 close losses and another couple of games decided by double digits that were closer than the final score (see Hardcore). They were -7 in turnovers and also qualify for both the offensive and defensive ypp positives (pg 299). UCF once again has 17 returning starters. The offense, despite losing Moffett, has Israel and their top rusher back and should easily improve upon last year's 19.3 ppg (did average 373 ypg, see ypp). The defense has allowed over 4 TD's per game in each of the last 4 seasons and with 9 starters back, I will call for them to have their best ppg allowed since 2001. Another positive is UCF will be excited to break in their brand new on-campus stadium. I'll call for the Knights to get to their 2nd bowl in school history.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 7 **Kyle Israel Sr.** 6-2 223 PS#110. 5 st 3Y (finale 2 '06) 1657 (59.8%) 7-6, 254 rush. **Mike Greco** (6-3 220 So) **PS#39QB NCSt '05**. 4.45 spd. JC. 14 Chris Carr (6-3 190 Jr).
RB 24 **KEVIN SMITH JR.** 6-1 211 2nd **Tm CUSA** '05-'06. 1178 (4.7), 11 st true. 9 st LY (inj) 934 (4.5) 23 rec. Phillip Smith (6-1 188 So) PS#166. 176 (3.6). James Jamison (5-11 217 rFr) PS#126.
TE 84 **COREY RABAZINSKI SO.** 6-3 243 PS#119TE. 8 st true, 12 rec (12.1). 81 JR Sandlin (6-4 247 So) PS#88. **FB** 88 Shane Smith (6-3 235 So) PS#329. 3 rec, 9 games LY.
WR 16 **Javid James Sr.** 6-3 197 PS#276JC. 4 st, 24 rec (11.6) LY. 12 **Willie Thornton** (5-10 175 Jr) fastest WR, 3 st, 19 (14.5). 6 Brian Watters (6-2 183 rFr) PS#275QB.
WR 5 **ROCKY ROSS JR.** 6-2 198 PS#76. 3 st true, 17 (9.1). 6 st LY, 36 (14.8). **HM CUSA.** 13 Jevaughn Reams (6-2 185 rFr). 11 Ereck Plancher PS#224RB. In for spg.
TE 85 **MIKE MERRITT SR.** 6-3 270 PS#56. 7 gm rFr. 4 st '05, 2 rec. 11 st LY, 3 rec. 87 Cody Minnich (6-3 291 So) PS#328DL. 1 st LY. Adam Nissley (6-6 235 Fr) PS#128.
C 79 **KYLE SMITH SR.** 6-2 301 7 st RG true. 13 st LG '05, 12 st LY (5C, 7LG) **HM CUSA**. 62 Mike Lavoie (6-5 294 Jr) PS#327. **LS** 61 **Michael Buscemi** (6-0 196 Sr) **2nd Tm CUSA**.
RG 63 **LJ ANDERSON JR.** 6-3 292 PS#217. 12 st RG rFr, **CUSA Fr Tm**. 10 st RG LY. 73 Ian Bustillo (6-2 304 So) PS#127. 2nd string rFr. 65 Richard Clark (6-4 300 So) PS#48.
LG 65 **Jeramy DeVane So.** 6-3 290 **PS#92**. Last 3 st LG true. 65 Dominic Ignelzi (6-4 275 Sr) PS#306. 11 st LG true. 2nd string '05. 3 st LG LY. Billy Offutt is PS#300.
RT 70 **JOSH SITTON SR.** 6-3 324 PS#334DL. 4 st RG true. 13 st RT '05. 12 st RT LY. Added 19 lbs. 76 Jah Reid (6-7 313 rFr) PS#363. Nick Pieschel is PS#520.
LT 78 **PATRICK BROWN JR.** 6-5 290 PS#375. 12 st LT, CUSA Fr Tm '05. 12 st LT LY, **HM CUSA.** 75 Mike Buxton (6-8 317 rFr) PS#326. 68 Garrett Gibbons (6-2 329 Jr). Miss Valley St trans.
K 6 **MIKE TORRES SR.** 5-9 229 55 yd FG in HS. 9 of 15 FG UMass '03, long 46. 2 of 5 FG UMass '04. 17 of 24 FG here LY, long 51. 0-2 from 40-49. 10 Jake Howard (6-0 180 Jr).

DE 91 **LEGER DOUZABLE SR.** 6-4 305 17 tkl '05. 9 st LY, 32 tkl, 7 sk, 3.5 tfl. 71 **Emeka Okammor** (6-0 252 Sr) 7 st LY. 45 tkl, 4.5 tfl 3Y. Clarence Howard (6-3 260 Jr) PS#374LB. 3 tkl true.
DT 93 **TORELL JOHNSON SO.** 6-3 335 PS#141. 3 st true, 2 tkl. 94 Wes Tunuufi Sauvao (6-3 304 rFr) PS#138. 33 **Neal Bittong** (6-0 263 Sr) 3 st, 5 tkl. 92 Rex Hill (6-2 310 Sr) **PS#177JC.** 5 tkl LY.
DT 74 **KEITH SHOLOGAN SR.** 6-2 290 HS 4x Canadian Hvywt Wrestling Champ. 11 st true. 10 st '05, 12 st LY. 99 tkl, 6.5 tfl 3Y. 85 Travis Timmons (6-4 306 So) PS#164. 6 tkl true.
DE 44 **Antonio Wallace Jr.** 6-2 250 4 tkl true. 12 tkl, 1.5 sk LY, 6 gm. 51 Jared Kirksey (6-2 247 Jr) 1 st LY, 23 tkl, 3 sk. 49 Bruce Miller (6-2 245 rFr) PS#409LB. 48 David Williams (6-2 236 rFr).
WLB 55 **Jordan Richards Jr.** 6-2 220 **CUSA Frosh Tm**. 6 st true (inj out L/4), 41 tkl, 5 tfl. 5 st LY (inj out L/4), 31 tkl, 3 tfl. 10 Blake Carter (6-2 217 Sr) PS#283WR. 4 tkl LY.
MLB 54 **CHANCE HENDERSON SO.** 6-1 241 PS#167. L/4 st MLB true, 32 tkl, 2 sk. 14 Steven Baker (6-3 239 Sr) 21 tkl 2Y, 2 st LY, ACL. 47 TJ Harnden (6-3 228 So) PS#364. Josh Linam PS#112.
SLB 59 **CORY HOGUE JR.** 6-1 230 PS#303. 6 st true. 34 tkl, 3 tfl. 10 st LY, 50 tkl, 2.5 sk. 58 Kyle Fowler (6-2 218 So) PS#325DB. 2 st rFr. 21 tkl. **Alex Thompson** (6-2 230 So) **PS#65QB** 9 tkl rFr.
CB 18 **JOE BURNETT JR.** 5-11 183 **1st Tm CUSA true.** 12 st, 63 tkl, 5 int. 9 pbu '05. 8 st LY (inj) 50 tkl, 3 pbu. **Darin Baldwin PS#67** in '06. Augustus Ashley (5-11 192 Jr) 3 st, 25 tkl rFr.
CB 31 **JOHNELL NEAL JR.** 5-10 177 Tm's hardest hitter. 13 st rFr, 69 tkl, 7 pbu. 12 st LY, #1 tkl'r (66) 2 int, 6 pbu. 22 Emery Allen (5-9 172 So) 2 st true. Kamar Aiken is PS#87.
SS NA **ALPHONSO BRYANT FR.** 6-0 190 **PS#17**. 4.5 spd, Bench 225 21x. **Sha'Reff Rashad** (6-0 197 Jr) 6 st '05, 29 tkl, 12 st LY, 53 tkl, 4 int, 10 pbu, **HM CUSA**. Keith Williams Jr (5-11 205 Jr) 3 tkl rFr.
FS 45 **JASON VENSON JR.** 5-10 208 PS#163. 9 st SS rFr, 85 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. 7 st FS LY, #2 tkl'r, 6 pbu. 34 Marlon Williams (5-11 199 Sr) PS#220JC. 2 st, 14 tkl. Breon Rogers (6-3 198 Jr) 2 st 2Y.
P NA **Blake Clingan Fr.** 6-3 220 PS#66. Avg 47.0 as a HS senior. 4 Mike Torres is also kicker. 15 Parker Langley (5-11 176 rFr). 4 Jack Baumgartner (6-0 200 So) PS#73.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Alphonso Bryant 6-0 190 PS#17
QB	Michael Greco 6-3 220 PS#39 '05
WR	AJ Guyton 5-11 184 PS#42
DB	Darin Baldwin 5-11 191 PS#67 '06
DB	Kamar Aiken 6-2 205 PS#87
WR	Sidney Haynes 6-4 210 PS#108
QB	Joe Weatherford 6-4 200 PS#75
LB	Josh Linam 6-2 235 PS#112
DB	Darnell Williams 6-1 180 PS#143
LB	Troy Kelly 6-1 221 PS#140
DB	Reggie Weams 6-0 190 PS#189
DB	Chad Keys 6-1 170 PS#199WR
DB	Derrick Hallman 6-0 191 PS#234
QB	Nate Tice 6-4 205 PS#145
WR	Ereck Plancher 5-10 181 PS#224RB
TE	Jake Goray 6-5 250 PS#82
OL	Billy Offutt 6-6 306 PS#300
LB	Lawrence Young 6-0 195 PS#264
DL	Patrick Hanse 6-3 271 PS#281
RB	Muhammed De'Reese 6-1 210 PS#301
WR	Khymest Williams 5-10 165 PS#319RB
TE	Adam Nissley 6-6 235 PS#128
DL	Jackie Carter 6-2 225 PS#365
K	Blake Clingan 6-3 220 PS#66
DB	Justin Boddie 6-2 180 PS#288QB
WR	Chad Alexander 6-2 185 PS#406
DL	Jason Pierre-Paul 6-5 223 PS#381
DL	Darius Nall 6-3 226 PS#426
OL	Nick Pieschel 6-7 295 PS#520

UCF KNIGHTS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#83

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UCF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at NC State	G					
Sep. 8							
Sep. 15	Texas	G					
Sep. 22	Memphis	G					
Sep. 29	Louisiana-Lft	G					
Oct. 6	at East Carolina	G					
Oct. 13	at USF	G					
Oct. 20	Tulsa	G					
Oct. 28	at S Mississippi (Sun)	A					
Nov. 3	Marshall (HC)	G					
Nov. 10	at UAB	G					
Nov. 17	at SMU	A					
Nov. 24	UTEP	G					
Dec. 1							

The Knights are 1-10 since 1996 in road openers & the only win was in '98. UCF is 0-8 all-time vs current ACC teams, being outscored on average 37-17.

UCF used to play its HG's at the Citrus Bowl, but TY opened up an on campus stadium, Bright House Networks Stadium. UCF has gone 6-1 in home openers.

UCF has won the first 2 meetings since joining CUSA in 2005. QB Moffett threw for a season high 319, missing his career record by 3 yds.

UCF is 3-0 vs ULL & in their last meeting ('05), UCF snapped a 15 gm road losing streak. This marks the 2nd yr in a row & 2nd time in school history that UCF plays 3 HG's in Sept.

UCF is 5-11 the last 4 years in conf road games. The visitor has won the first 2. The win in Greenville marked UCF's 1st vs EC & their 1st CUSA road victory.

Including 0-2 vs USF (all-time), UCF is 1-5 S/'95 vs instate opp's (only win vs FAU). These universities are about 96 miles apart on I-4. Third largest crowd at UCF LY w/46,708.

Tulsa (WAC) & UCF (MAC) played in the 1st CUSA Title gm in their inaugural season. After 2 or more B2B away games, UCF is 12-3 at home the following week.

UCF is 0-2 vs S Miss in their only matchups in school history. The Knights are just 6-15 since 2000 on artificial turf. UCF had 325-273 edge but int ret'd for TD cost them.

UCF hit a 22 yd FG w/:07 (converted on a 4th & 4 from its own 25) to win last year. In their 5 meetings, they have averaged just 36 ppg (1st game in 2002).

UCF is 4-0 all-time (1st gm in 1996) vs UAB with the average victory by 14 ppg. Both football programs started off as D3 Independent's (UAB in '91 & UCF '79).

Along with UTEP & SMU, UCF will play each for the 1st time in school history. UCF is 4-5 in their first game vs current CUSA members.

Both HC's began w/their tms in '04 after a combined 135-111 at GT (O'Leary) & WSU (Price). The Knights won last year's home finale but had lost 3 straight prior.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Daunte Culpepper 11,412 '95-'98	1. Alex Haynes 3,359 '01-'04	1. David Rhodes 3,618 '91-'94
2. Ryan Schneider 10,976 '00-'03	2. Willie English 3,131 '89-'91, '93	2. Mark Nonsant 2,809 '95-'98
3. Darin Hinshaw 9,000 '91-'94	3. Marquette Smith 2,569 '94-'95	3. Mike Walker 2,561 '03-'06

GEORGE O'LEARY (Career 64-57)

4th Year at UCF (O'Leary's Bowl Record: 2-3)

O'Leary's records AT UCF

12-24	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
6-11	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
6-12	Away	0-8	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
10-15	Vs Conference	5-16	Off A Loss

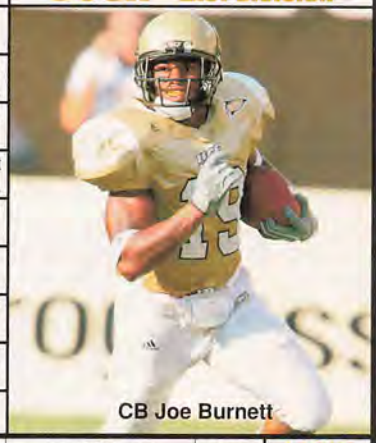
2006 RECORD: **(4-8)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (15,23,3)
Lost: 19 (6,8,5)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,569 (#73)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION



CB Joe Burnett

STADIUM: BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS STADIUM (45,000) (#34)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	7-5	3-9	0-11	8-4	4-8	35-46
Home	4-1	5-0	4-2	3-2	0-5	4-1	2-5	22-16
Away	3-3	1-5	3-3	0-7	0-6	4-3	2-3	13-30
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–	–	6-2	2-6	0-8	7-2	3-5	18-23
ATS	4-4	6-4	6-5	2-9	3-8	7-5	4-7	32-42
Home Fav (Mike Kruczek)	1-0	3-0	1-4	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	8-7
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	2-2	3-1	1-3	7-9
Away Fav (George O'Leary)	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	4-9
Away Dog	2-1	1-3	3-1	1-4	1-4	3-2	2-2	13-17
Favorite	2-2	4-1	3-4	1-3	0-2	1-2	1-2	12-16
Dog	2-2	2-3	3-1	1-6	3-6	6-3	3-5	20-26
vs Conf	1-2	1-0	5-3	1-7	3-5	6-3	4-4	21-24
vs Non-Conf	3-2	5-4	1-2	1-2	0-3	1-2	0-3	11-18
Off SU Win	3-4	1-3	3-3	1-2	0-0	4-4	1-2	13-18
Off SU Loss	0-0	4-1	2-2	1-6	3-7	2-1	3-5	15-22

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kevin Smith	206	954	20	934	7	4.5
Jason Peters	109	486	18	468	2	4.3
Phillip Smith	49	188	12	176	0	3.6
Kyle Israel	43	137	45	92	2	2.1
Willie Thornton	2	14	0	14	0	7.0
Steven Moffett	31	82	89	-7	0	-0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kyle Israel	166	108	65.1	1420	6	5
Steven Moffett	215	119	55.3	1385	8	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Mike Walker	90	1178	13.1	7	54	
Rocky Ross	36	531	14.8	2	55	
Javid James	24	278	11.6	1	43	
Willie Thornton	19	275	14.5	3	37	
Kevin Smith	23	158	6.9	0	26	
Corey Rabazinski	12	145	12.1	0	28	
Jason Peters	8	76	9.5	0	13	
Brooks Turner	3	54	18.0	0	42	
Kenny Jackson	5	47	9.4	0	23	
Shane Smith	3	26	8.7	1	14	
Mike Merritt	3	20	6.7	0	12	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Aaron Horne	44	1742	39.6	17	33.8	2	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Michael Torres	25-25	9-10	7-11	0-2	1-1	17-24	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Johnell Neal	66	0	0.5	6	2
Jason Venson	63	0	3	6	1
Sha'reff Rashad	53	0	0	10	4
Randy Dozier	52	1	1.5	1	0
Cory Hogue	50	2.5	1.5	0	0
Joe Burnett	50	0	2	3	1
Keith Sholagan	40	0.5	3	0	0
Chris Welsh	33	4	3	2	0
Leger Douzable	32	7	3.5	1	0
Chance Henderson	32	2	0	0	0
Jordan Richards	31	1	2	1	0
Emery Allen	26	0	2	2	0
Travonti Johnson	24	0.5	1	1	1
Jared Kirksey	23	3	1	0	0
Kyle Fowler	21	1	1	2	0
Emeka Okammor	18	0	3.5	1	0
Steven Baker	15	0	1	0	0
Marlon Williams	14	0	0.5	2	0
Antonio Wallace	12	1.5	3.5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Joe Burnett	11	132	12.0	0	
Brooks Turner	5	67	13.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Curtis Francis	21	434	20.7	0	
Kenny Jackson	9	147	16.3	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	Hawaii	+2'	Nevada (OT)	48-49

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UCF's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

UCF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	19.3	19	139	3.8	234	59.6	19.3	-7	2006	9	28.8	21	149	4.5	249	62.2	13.8
9*	28.7	22	167	3.9	234	59.1	14.0	+12	2005	7	28.7	22	179	4.9	242	59.2	14.7
6	15.9	16	97	2.5	183	58.3	17.6	-3	2004	6	32.9	20	186	4.5	217	60.5	12.3
4*	18.7	17	98	3.3	222	61.6	17.1	-22	2003	8	31.1	22	192	4.2	211	65.4	13.0
7*	32.6	22	116	3.9	320	61.1	13.4	-6	2002	3	26.3	20	150	3.6	204	56.8	13.5
4*	30.3	21	101	3.3	308	56.5	13.5	-2	2001	6	18.5	17	129	3.5	178	55.6	16.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

UCF 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	OFF SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	DEF SKS BY	DEF TURN
–	Villanova	18	38-105	2.8	15-20	199	3	16	31-81	2.6	22-32	241	2	+1
–	at Florida	11	24-21	0.9	17-36	132	2	27	36-204	5.7	25-38	433	0	+4
–	USF	20	34-140	4.1	19-44	219	3	20	38-100	2.6	22-32	333	5	-1
–	S Mississippi	16	39-134	3.4	18-31	191	3	14	29-89	3.1	15-31	184	1	-2
–	at Marshall	24	43-275	6.4	16-26	213	1	20	35-230	6.6	14-22	136	1	+1
–	Pittsburgh	19	42-110	2.6	18-29	210	4	26	45-261	5.8	13-17	206	0	-4
–	Rice	24	35-155	4.4	27-42	327	2	21	35-250	7.1	16-29	170	1	-2
–	at Houston	24	47-248	5.3	18-31	282	0	22	33-211	6.4	22-34	305	1	-3
–	East Carolina	15	26-58	2.2	18-34	205	2	24	46-170	3.7	16-30	135	5	0
–	at Memphis	23	44-148	3.4	19-28	319	0	18	19-78	4.1	28-43	287	1	0
–	at Tulane	14	32-74	2.3	22-35	230	1	18	26-28	1.1	26-43	267	4	+1
–	UAB	23	38-205	5.4	20-25	278	1	25	27-89	3.3	25-41	289	4	-2
TOTALS		231	442-1673	3.8	227-381	2805	22	251	400-1791	4.5	244-392	2986	25	-7
AVERAGES		19.3	37-139	3.8	19-32	234	1.8	20.9	33-149	4.5	20-33	249	2.1	-0.6

2002 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Penn St - #24	+13'	24-27
–	at Arizona St	+3	13-46
–	at Marshall	+11	21-26
–	Liberty	NL	48-17
–	at W Michigan	-1'	31-27
–	Toledo	-4	24-27
–	Akron	-19	28-17
–	Syracuse	-5	35-38
–	at Buffalo	-17	45-21
–	Kent St	-25	32-6
–	at Miami, Oh	+3'	48-31
–	Ohio	-16'	42-32

2003 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Virginia Tech - #9	+20'	28-49
–	Florida Atlantic	NL	33-29
–	at Syracuse	+4'	14-38
–	at Kent St	-8'	16-36
–	Buffalo	-23'	19-10
–	at Ohio	+1'	0-28
–	at Akron	+6'	24-38
–	C Michigan	-7	31-13
–	at West Virginia	+20'	18-36
–	at E Michigan	-7	13-19
–	Marshall	+11'	7-21
–	Miami, Oh - #15	+24	21-56

2004 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Wisconsin - #21	+23	6-34
–	West Virginia - #10	+21	20-45
–	at Penn St	+23	13-37
–	at Buffalo	-7'	20-48
–	N Illinois	+18	28-30
–	Akron	-2'	21-26
–	at Miami, Oh	+22	7-43
–	at Marshall	+26	3-20
–	Ohio	+3	16-17 OT
–	at Ball St	+3'	17-21
–	Kent St	+8'	24-41

2005 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at South Carolina	+21	15-24
–	at USF	+7'	14-31
–	Marshall	+3'	23-13
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-3'	24-21
–	Memphis	+1'	38-17
–	at S Mississippi	+8'	31-52
–	Tulane	-6	34-24
–	at East Carolina	+1'	30-20
–	Houston	+2	31-29
–	at UAB	+7'	27-21
–	at Rice	-11	31-28
–	Tulsa	+2'	27-44

2006 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Villanova	NL	35-16
–	at Florida - #7	+23	0-42
–	USF	+1'	17-24
–	S Mississippi	+6	14-19
–	at Marshall	+3'	23-22
–	Pittsburgh	+10'	7-52
–	Rice	-5'	29-40
–	at Houston	+17	31-51
–	East Carolina	+5'	10-23
–	at Memphis	-2'	26-24
–	at Tulane	+2	9-10
–	UAB	-3'	31-22

EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - E Carolina has had some fine QB's including David Garrard, Jeff Blake and Marcus Crandall. In 2003 when the starting QB was injured, rFr James Pinkney started the final three. In 2004 Pinkney threw for 2,195 (56.0%) with an 18-15 ratio (252 rush). He was not enrolled in the spring of 2005 (acad) so Davon Drew (PS#64) and Patrick Pinkney (PS#88, no relation) were #1 and #2. James Pinkney did return but Drew was susp and Patrick Pinkney was banged up. Therefore true freshmen Brett Clay (PS#159) and Rob Kass (PS#197) took the #2 and #3 spots. Pinkney showed little rust as he was CUSA's Off POW in his first game. He had a school record of 8 straight games of 200+ passing and threw for the 2nd most yards in school history with 2,773 (60.7%) with a 14-8 ratio. None of the backups threw a pass. LY Pinkney threw for 2,783 (58.4%) but with just a 12-10 ratio (418 rush) as he struggled at times due to a young O-line. Rob Kass got in 4 games (4 of 11) then in the bowl was 10-19 for 138 yards after Pinkney was injured. He was the frontrunner for the job coming out of spring. Battling Pinkney and Clay for the backup job is Miss St transfer Taylor Mazzone and Air Force transfer Wayne Hunter (5'11" 189 So). Naturally, with the loss of a 4 year starting QB, this unit will go through some growing pains.

RUNNING BACKS - Because of injuries in 2004 the top rusher turned out to be true frosh Chris Johnson (561, 4.2). By taking away an 86 yd run vs WF he did just avg just 3.6 ypc. In 2005 the top 3 backs were all on the small side. Brandon Fractious (180 lbs), who has 4.3 speed, was #2 with 261 (5.6) with Dominique Lindsay rushing for 210 (5.1). Johnson, who runs the 100m in 10.62, had 259 (86.3 ypg) in the first 3 but just 267 (44.5) over the next 6 to finish with 684 (3.9) while adding 356 (10.2) receiving. Johnson missed the spring of 2006 and Lindsay, who bulked up to 212 lbs, was the power back. Lindsay, who was injured vs UAB and missed 7, rushed for 192 (4.9). Johnson suffered a turf toe injury and was limited to 314 (4.0). Fractious led with 660 (4.3) and QB J Pinkney was the #3 rusher. Brandon Simmons is a bigger back (6-1 223) bringing some power to the unit and had 17 carries against Virginia but just 88 yds (2.1) for the year. This year they must replace Fractious (9 st) as well as FB's Kort Shankweiler (7 st) and Patrick Dosh. They add in 3 true frosh and JR Rogers who rushed for 2,162 yards at JC with 25 TD's in the last 2 years. When the team uses a FB, they have Ryan Onofrio (6'0" 249 Jr), Jason Simmons (6'0" 227 Jr), Justin Lee (5'8" 170 rFr), Melvin Elam (6'2" 203 Jr), Kevin Gidrey (6'2" 250 rFr) and Norman Whitley (5'9" 185 rFr). Both Johnson and Lindsay should be healthier and with the newcomers, EC's rush numbers should improve.

TB Chris Johnson

RECEIVERS - Almost everyone returned in '05 and they added JUCO AA Aundrae Allison. Allison had more than double the catches of the #2 man (RB Johnson 35, 10.2) and set a school record with 1,024 receiving yards. Walk-on soph Philip Henry was #2 with 25 of his 28 rec (15.3) in the last 6. Bobby Good missed 5 (hamstring) but avg a team high 19.5 on 15 grabs. Last year they had to replace their top 2 TE's (8 st, 12 rec) but had everyone else back. They also added former Georgia signee Jamar Bryant (PS#35). Allison was injured (missed 2) but he snagged 13 rec in his return vs SMU as Pinkney threw for a career high 391 yards. Good broke his foot in pregame warm-ups vs Tulsa but took a pain shot and had 7 rec but missed the next 5 games. Bryant had thumb & hamstring injuries and played in just 10 (11, 9.8). Henry had 34 (14.2) and Steven Rogers (PS#109) added 22 (17.2). This year they must replace Allison (#5DC MIN, 11 st, 62, 11.4), Good (6 st, 26, 15.1) and Kevin Roach (3 st, 24, 15.7). Bryant should have a much bigger impact. They also add rFr Dwayne Harris (PS#60QB), 2nd Tm AA JUCO TJ Lee and Illinois transfer TE JR Kraemer (PS#21). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Ricky Johnson (6'5" 202 Jr), Erik Nowell (5'9" 160 So), Michael Hickman (6'1" 212 Sr), Anthony Green (6'2" 180 rFr), DeMorio Waymon (6'3" 185 Fr, GS), JUCO Melvin Moore (6'1" 186 So) and TE Stanley Bryant (6'5" 265 Jr). While this unit is less experienced, their production might not drop as much as expected.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Pirates had to replace 5 players who combined for 44 starts and the OL struggled mightily only opening holes for 2.8 ypc rushing. In Holtz's first year they had to learn a brand new system but only had to replace two starters. After shifting the lineup in Wk 2, the starters played the vast majority of every game (70-80 snaps) and the ypc improved to 3.8. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups. The group hit the weight room hard with many OL's gaining size and strength as Holtz felt they could not run the ball when they had wanted to in 2005. Their 3 new starters (RG Coffman, RT Campbell and C Wingenbach) had just a combined 26 career snaps on the O-line coming into '06 and later true frosh Cory Dowless took over a starting spot. Another true frosh, Sean Allen, started the last 2. Those frosh are now soph and they add two DL's in Fred Hicks and Brandon Setzer who have a combined 16 career starts on defense. This year they lose 2nd Tm CUSA LT Eric Graham (34 career st), C Thomas Wingenbach (4 st) and backup Lance Neisz (39 snaps). Not even listed in the 3 deep below are G's Travis Bastin (6'1" 304 rFr), Matthew Rukasuwan (6'1" 278 Jr) and T's Paul Walsh (6'5" 324 Jr, PS#115) and Andrew Farr (6'4" 285 rFr, PS#214). Even with a mobile QB, EC only averaged 3.3 ypc rushing and allowing 27 sk (6.0%) and this group looks much stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 EC had their worst rush D since 1992 (233, 4.9) thanks in part to a young D-line (4 career st ret). In 2005 with everyone back they only showed mild improvement (218, 4.8) despite adding NC transfer Marcus Hands (PS#34). He was leading the CUSA in sacks with 5.5 when he was lost in the 8th game. Last year they had to replace 3 players (7 combined st) and the unit allowed 73 fewer rush ypg and 4.0 ypc. This year the only losses are DT's Brandon Setzer (5 st, 8 tkl) and Fred Hicks (2 st, 15 tkl) who both move to the OL, DT Dontre' Brown (1 st, 6 tkl) and DE Shauntae Hunt (1 tkl). Not only do 7 players return with starting experience, but they add another NC transfer in Khalif Mitchell (2 st at UNC) who drew comparison to Julius Peppers! Not listed in the 3 deep below are James Graham (6'1" 255 Jr), Nweike Osemene (6'5" 285 Sr), Ray Tyson (6'2" 230 So), Doug Palmer (6'3" 315 So) and Travis Melvin (6'6" 265 rFr). This unit will not conjure up images of the Purple People Eaters but should be one of CUSA's top D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - The Pirates had to replace their top four LB's in 2006 then lost projected starter Orlando Farrow (PS#218JC) in August. The 3 starters combined for just 2 starts (30 tkl). SLB Quentin Cotton was the #1 tackler until an ankle injury and finished #2. WLB Pierre Bell missed the first 2 but finished #3 and Fred Wilson was #4. True frosh Nick Johnson took off his RS due to injuries and had 27 tkl. This year OLB Van Eskridge (6 st, 60 tkl) moves to SS but 5 of the top 6 are back and Farrow returns from injury. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Lorenzo Osborne (6'3" 188 So), AJ Johnson (6'2" 245 rFr), Dalvon Mack (6'0" 243 Jr) and Brock Haldeman (6'0" 239 Jr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - EC had 3 starters back in the secondary in 2005 and finished #80 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 5 of their top 8 who combined for 21 starts but did get Jamar Flournoy back (11 st LB '04). The Pirates moved up to #71. This year the losses are heavy, FS Flournoy (#1 tkl'r, HM CUSA, 9 st), CB Kasey Ross (13 st, HM CUSA, 4 int), S Pierre Parker (8 st, HM CUSA), SS Kyle Chase (9 st, 48 tkl) and CB Markeith McQueen (1 st, 10 tkl) all depart. They will benefit with OLB Eskridge moving to SS and some HT rFr stepping in. With an improvement in the front seven, this unit should climb in my pass D rankings despite having less experience than 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Holtz inherited a ST unit that finished #85 in '04 with Ryan Dougherty who avg'd 44.5 per punt as a rFr (net 40.6). Dougherty's net slumped to 33.2 and 33.9 the next 2 years. Travis Williams was the team's top PR (7.4) and Chris Johnson the top KR (21.9, 1st Tm CUSA ST). EC was just #72 in '05 despite the presence of JUCO Robert Lee who hit 17 of 19 FG's with a long of 51. With everyone back last year, they moved up to #57. Dougherty improved his avg to 43.6 (35.3 net). Lee made just 6 of his first 11 FG's and lost his job to Ben Hartman for 2 games. He did connect on 8 of his last 12 with a long of 48 (Hartman 3 of 5). Lee also set a school record for consecutive xp's (52). Travis Williams (4.3 spd) avg 17.7 on PR's in '04 but was used sparingly last year (5 ret, 11.8) although he did return 3 in the bowl. Johnson improved his KR to 23.0. They are deep at LS with Wilson Raynor (HM CUSA) and Miss St trans Corey Bass (6'0" 240 Jr). They must adequately replace both Lee and Dougherty (17 TB on 62 KO) to move up in the rankings.

COACHES - Louis "Skip" Holtz is EC's 19th all-time head coach and took over for John Thompson who was here for just 2 years (3-20). Holtz had success as a HC at Connecticut ('94-'98) with final Top 25 IAA rankings his last 4 seasons and a 34-23 overall record. Holtz was the OC at S Carolina from '99-'03 and it was thought he was being groomed for that HC spot. He has done a fine job here and was given a contract extension thru 2012. His OC is Steve Shankweiler, who had been a high school HC in Georgia from '95-'97 and the OL coach at EC from '98-'02. He was the OL coach at Cincy in '03 and at S Car in '04. A co-OC has been added this year in Todd Fitch who had been the QB coach at Iowa St ('04-'06) and worked with Holtz the 10 years prior. He was Holtz's OC at Connecticut and will take over most of the play calling. Greg Hudson is now in his 3rd year as DC and was the DC at Minnesota from '02-'04.

PHIL'S FORECAST

E Carolina had a streak of 4 straight winning seasons snapped in 2002 and surprisingly fired the school's all-time winningest head coach Steve Logan while bringing in John Thompson. When a team changes HC's generally it means a rebuilding phase due to attrition and it takes a year or two to adjust to the new systems on both offense and defense. In 2004 EC was outgained in league play by a CUSA worst 128.8 ypg and Thompson was let go after just 2 years! Holtz did inherit a veteran squad with 17 starters returning and got the unexpected return of QB James Pinkney prior to the season. Holtz brought discipline into the program, suspending numerous players, including two for the season. EC showed great improvement in CUSA play only being outgained by 6.4 ypg and finishing 4-4 in the league (5-6 overall). Last year they had a tough non-conf slate including 3 BCS schools and Navy but Holtz did another fine job getting them to 5-3 in CUSA play and their first bowl bid since 2001. While they did lose to USF by 17, it was basically a redzone game as they had 22-12 FD and 317-286 yard edges. They had been picked #6 in CUSA East by the media but finished 2nd and outgained CUSA foes by 16.3 ypg (6th best). Had Rice not hit a FG with :03 left, they would have been in the CUSA Title game! Last year's squad did have 22 seniors. Surprisingly the offense, with 7 starters back including QB Pinkney, only avg 21.5 ppg. This year they have 6 starters back but must replace their top QB, RB and WR. The D has 8 starters back and has shown great improvement in each of Holtz's first two years trimming the ppg allowed by 11.1 in '05 and another 8.0 in 2006 (20.8 ppg, best s/'99). They held WV's potent attack to just 153 rush yards (2nd lowest). I rate the Pirates as having the #2 D in CUSA and if they get good QB play, they have a shot at a 2nd straight bowl.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE	JERSEY # IN PURPLE
QB	14 Rob Kass So. 6-4 250 PS#197. 184 yd (46.7%) 0-1 ratio. 15 Patrick Pinkney (6-0 195 Jr) PS#88. 11 Brett Clay (6-0 207 So) PS#159. Taylor Mazzone (6-1 195 So) Miss St trans.
RB	5 Chris Johnson Sr. 5-11 200 7 st true, CUSA Fr Tm. 1559 rush (4.0) 3Y, 88 rec (8.7), 79 KR (21.6). Dominique Lindsay (5-10 212 Jr) PS#166. 402 rush (5.0) 2Y. JR Rogers PS#222JC.
WR	10 Jamar Bryant So. 6-2 205 PS#35. Hargrave. '05 UGA signee. 11 rec (9.8) true (inj). 27 Dwayne Harris (6-0 190 rFr) PS#60QB. 82 Juwon Crowell (6-2 190 Sr) PS#180.
WR	83 Steven Rogers Sr. 6-0 186 PS#109. 2 st '05, 4 rec. 8 st in '06, 22 rec (17.2). 88 Kyle Johnson (6-3 209 So) PS#355. Javon Brumsey (6-4 190 rFr). Colton Miller (5-10 183 rFr).
WR	32 PHILLIP HENRY SR. 6-0 180 8 st, 28 (15.3) '05. 2 st LY, 34 (14.2). TJ Lee 2nd Tm AA JUCO, 34 rec (21.6) JC LY. 81 Alex Taylor (6-4 215 So). 85 Martin Tanski (6-3 257 So).
TE	3 DAVON DREW JR. 6-4 247 PS#64QB. 6 st TE LY, 16 (11.7). JR Kraemer (6-5 237 Jr) PS#21 Illinois trans. 91 Jay Sonnhalter (6-5 262 Sr) 6 st TE 2Y, 4 rec LY.
C	68 MATT BUTLER SR. 6-4 309 8 gm rFr. 11 st LG in '05. 13 st LY (9C, 4LG). 67 Fred Hicks (6-0 306 Jr) PS#163DL. 3 st DT, 23 tkl '04-'05. LS Wilson Raynor (6-2 229 Jr).
RG	76 JOSH COFFMAN SR. 6-7 300 PS#68TE. 3 st TE '03, 4 rec. CUSA Fr Tm. 13 st (11 RG, 2 RT) LY, 3rd Tm CUSA, 61 kd. 54 Sean Allen (6-3 303 So) PS#200. 2 st as true.
LG	75 CORY DOWLESS SO. 6-5 313 PS#259. 8 st true, 446 plays, 24 kd, CUSA Fr Tm. 66 DJ Scott (6-6 307 rFr). 63 Doug Polochak (6-4 283 rFr). 72 Stephen Heis (6-5 292 So).
RT	74 TERENCE CAMPBELL SO. 6-5 332 13 st rFr, (11RT, 2LT), 880 snaps, CUSA Fr Tm. Heart surg, ? for '07. 71 Jonathan Battle (6-3 307 So) PS#151DL. 70 Doug Palmer (6-3 315 So).
LT	93 Brandon Setzer Jr. 6-6 303 PS#157DL. 13 st DT 2Y, 36 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 69 Willie Barton (6-5 350 Jr) PS#366JC. 73 Josh Stahl (6-4 333 So). 57 Paul Walsh (6-5 324 Jr) PS#115.
K	30 Ben Hartman So. 5-11 195 Hit 3 of 5 FG, long 47, 9-9 xp rFr. Jon-Michael Broyles (6-0 179 Fr). Paul Neimeister (6-0 165 Jr). Charles Paderick (5-11 200 rFr).

DEFENSE	JERSEY # IN PURPLE
DE	95 CJ WILSON SO. 6-4 265 7 st true, 29 tkl, 6 tfl. 41 Zach Slate (6-5 227 Jr) 5 st rFr, HM CUSA, 24 tkl, 1.5 sk. 56 Chris Atkins (6-3 222 rFr). 89 Craig Harper (6-4 265 Sr).
DT	96 MARK ROBINSON SR. 6-3 286 PS#249. 11 st '05, 32 tkl, 2 tfl. 13 st LY, HM CUSA, 47 tkl, 2.5 sk. 90 Jay Ross (6-3 315 So) 2 st, 7 tkl true. 79 Matt Newman (6-4 290 So).
DT	98 KHALIF MITCHELL JR. 6-6 320 2 st N Carolina '04-'05, 28 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 97 Wendel Chavis (6-2 280 Sr) 5 st LY, 39 tkl, 7 tfl. 43 Joe Council (6-4 230 rFr). Luke Danso (6-6 338 So).
DE	92 MARCUS HANDS JR. 6-5 277 PS#34. N Car signee. 3rd Tm CUSA LY. 13 st 2Y (inj) 51 tkl, 7 sk, 4 tfl. 53 Scotty Robinson (6-4 247 So) 6 st LY, 23 tkl. Willie Smith (6-6 242 rFr).
WLB	34 PIERRE BELL JR. 6-2 238 PS#274RB. 2 st rFr, 28 tkl, 3 tfl. 11 st LY, 66 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 44 Nick Johnson (6-1 226 So) 27 tkl, 3 tfl true. 49 Jeremy Chambliss (6-0 222 So) 4 tkl rFr.
MLB	51 FRED WILSON SR. 6-2 250 PS#243. PS#262JC. 13 st '06, HM CUSA, 64 tkl. 25 Orlando Farrow (6-3 221 Sr) PS#218JC. Proj st'r until inj LY. Danny Muhwezi (6-3 233 Sr) JC. 8 tkl LY.
SLB	50 QUENTIN COTTON JR. 6-2 224 PS#146. 9 st LY, 68 tkl, 8 tfl, 3rd Tm CUSA. 52 Jarrett Wiggins (6-5 225 Jr) PS#175DL. 26 tkl 2Y. 48 Durwin Lamb (6-1 245 Sr) 1 st, CUSA Fr Tm, 25 tkl '04.
CB	8 TRAVIS WILLIAMS SR. 5-10 182 PS#213. 1 st WR true. 10 st CB LY, HM CUSA. 79 tkl, 3Y, 2 int, 12 pbu. 766 ret yd 3Y. 20 JJ Milbrook (5-9 203 Jr) 4.47 spd. Travis Simmons (5-10 175 Fr).
CB	23 Dekota Marshall rFr. 6-1 189 PS#163RB. 4.4 spd. 33 Leon Best (6-0 200 Jr) 2 st LY, 20 tkl, 1 int. 26 Stacy Walls (5-9 186 Jr) PS#167. 10.6 in 100m. 8 tkl '05. Inj spring.
SS	37 Van Eskridge So. 6-0 206 PS#173WR. 6 st OLB, 60 tkl, 7.5 tfl, HM CUSA rFr. 35 Jerek Hewett (5-11 184 Jr). 100 m champ HS. 2 tkl LY. 229 all-purp 2Y. Kris Bell (6-0 195 So).
FS	9 Melvin Patterson rFr. 6-3 215 PS#87WR. 10.8 in 100m. Recruited by Fla & FSU. 38 Chris Mattocks (6-0 206 So). 24 Ronald Wright (6-1 187 So) 1 tkl rFr. Jeremy Bullock (6-0 182 So).
P	NA Matt Dodge So. 6-2 203 Avg 39.6 at JUCO in '06. 30 Ben Hartman (5-11 195 So). 5 Nathan Przestrzelski (6-5 175 rFr). Stephen Stackhouse (5-10 181 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	TJ Lee 6-0 200 PS#122JC
QB	Rodney Cox 6-6 230 PS#47
RB	JR Rogers 5-11 190 PS#222JC
DL	Linval Joseph 6-6 308 PS#136OL
RB	Tyrell Worthington 6-0 180 PS#97
RB	DaRonte McNeil 6-2 217 PS#102
RB	Jonathan Williams 6-1 190 PS#117
QB	DJ McFadden 6-2 210 PS#81
DB	Derek Blacknall 5-11 168 PS#197
DB	Emanuel Davis 5-11 190 PS#199
WR	Nick Adams 6-1 184 PS#232DB
TE	DeMorio Waymon 6-3 185 PS#250WR '06
DB	Matt Thompson 6-2 195 PS#283
WR	Darryl Freeney 5-11 185 PS#278
RB	Ben Herlocker 6-0 206 PS#328
DB	Julian Carter 6-2 180 PS#364
TE	Michael Byrd 6-4 226 PS#121
DL	Steven Baker 6-8 315 PS#336
DB	Travis Simmons 5-10 175 PS#391WR '06
DL	Maurice Mercer 6-5 245 PS#365
LB	Steve Spence 6-2 221 PS#404
LB	Austin Haynes 6-2 210 PS#404
LB	Cliff Perryman 6-1 218 PS#404
DB	DeAndre Jones 6-1 180 PS#443
DB	Devon Wallace 6-2 195 PS#443
DL	Antonio Allison 6-4 300 PS#398
DL	Antwan Jones 6-6 320 PS#394
WR	Colton Miller 5-10 183 PS#463DB
LB	Juan Quintanilla 6-0 241 PS#520JC
LB	Tyler Stull 5-10 178 PS#520JC
TE	Will Towery 6-5 255 PS#186
WR	Ryan Weymann 5-11 178 PS#495

EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

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SKIP HOLTZ (Career 12-12) (Div IAA 34-23)
3rd Year at E Carolina Holtz's Bowl Record: 0-1

Holtz's records AT EAST CAROLINA

12-12	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
7-4	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
5-7	Away	3-4	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
9-7	Vs Conference	6-5	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN
Returning: 52 (25,25,2)
Lost: 20 (11,7,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,168 (#63)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#67

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score EC	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at Virginia Tech	G					
Sep. 8	North Carolina	G					
Sep. 15	S Mississippi	G					
Sep. 22	at West Virginia	A					
Sep. 29	at Houston	G					
Oct. 6	UCF	G					
Oct. 13	at UTEP	A					
Oct. 20	NC State	G					
Oct. 27	UAB (HC)	G					
Nov. 3	at Memphis	A					
Nov. 10	at Marshall	A					
Nov. 17							
Nov. 24	Tulane	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. David Garrard 9,029 '98-'01
2. James Pinkney 8,173 '03-'06
3. Marcus Crandell 7,198 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Junior Smith 3,745 '91-'94
2. Leonard Henry 3,089 '98-'01
3. Carlester Crumpler 2,889 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Troy Smith 1,982 '95-'98
2. Mitchell Galloway 1,754 '93-'96
3. Aundrae Allison 1,732 '05-'06

East Carolina is 3-11 in road openers having lost 5 straight. This is the 1st of 3 gms vs the ACC TY & EC is just 26-57-1 all-time vs current conf tms & 4-8 vs VT.

EC is just 1-8-1 all-time vs NC with their only win coming in 1975 (38-17). These instate universities are about 110 miles apart (2 hr drive).

LY EC upset SM in OT after scoring a TD w/:13 left on 4th & goal from the SM2. East Carolina is 1-5 being outscored on avg 32-14 the last 6 yrs vs S Mississippi.

Pirates are 0-11 all-time in Morgantown with the average loss by 19 ppg. EC has held WV potent rush offense (avg 288 yds, 6.0 ypc) to just 140 yds rush (3.2 ypc) L2Y.

East Carolina is 3-1 in the 2nd of back-to-back road games. The Pirates are 7-14 the last 21 games on the CUSA road.

Pirates are 5-1 vs the Knights with the visitor winning last 2 by double digits. UCF started in DIA (FBS) in '96 & had been an Ind/MAC member before joining CUSA in '05.

This will be the 1st meeting & EC will now have faced each current CUSA member. In their 1st meetings w/current CUSA tms, EC is 8-2. The Pirates are 5-2 traveling to Texas.

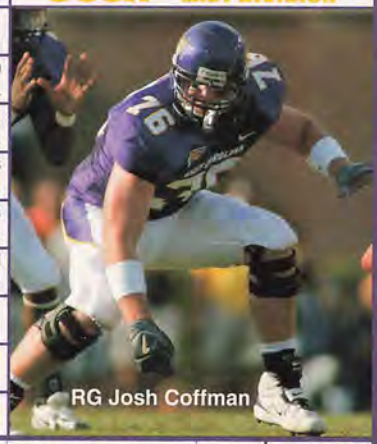
This will be the 25th meeting for these instate opp's, but only 2nd in Greenville ('99 EC 23-6). With the win LY vs NC St, EC secured a bowl berth snapping its 4 yr post season drought.

The home team is 5-1 all-time in this series that started in 1998. East Carolina is 42-10 on Homecoming. EC fumbled at the UAB 1 yd line w/1:12 remaining last year.

These tms have played 15 times & the winner has won by an avg of 14 ppg. HT is 5-1.EC is 7-15 in their L/22 Nov/Dec reg season games, but are 5-2 the last 2 yrs.

EC is 6-2 vs Marshall including 2-0 the last 2 years. Last year East Carolina held Marshall to a season low 35 yds rush & held conf leader Bradshaw to just 26 yds.

The Pirates are 2-8 after a bye since 2002, but were 10-4 from 1988-2001. East Carolina is 14-7 since 1986 in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium finales.



STADIUM: DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (43,000) (#72)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	4-8	1-11	2-9	5-6	7-5	32-48
Home	4-2	2-3	3-2	0-6	2-3	3-2	4-2	18-20
Away	3-2	4-2	1-6	1-5	0-5	2-4	3-3	14-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	5-2	5-2	4-4	1-7	2-6	4-4	5-3	26-28
ATS (Steve Logan)	5-6	5-5	3-8-1	(John Thompson) 5-7	5-6	(Skip Holtz) 8-3	10-2	41-37-1
Home Fav	2-3	1-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-0	9-9
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-5	4-0	2-1	1-1	9-10
Away Fav	1-2	3-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	6-6
Away Dog	2-0	1-1	1-3-1	3-2	1-4	5-1	4-0	17-11-1
Favorite	3-5	4-4	1-3	1-0	0-1	1-1	5-1	15-15
Dog	2-1	1-1	2-5-1	4-7	5-5	7-2	5-1	26-22-1
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	5-3	6-2	28-26
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	0-3-1	2-2	1-2	3-0	4-0	13-11-1
Off SU Win	2-4	2-3	0-4	0-1	1-1	4-0	4-2	13-15
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-1	3-3-1	5-5	4-4	3-3	5-0	25-18-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Liberty	+3'	Stanford	19-13
99	Mobile Alabama - #20	-4'	TCU	14-28
00	galleryfurniture.com	+1	Texas Tech	40-27
01	GMAC	-2	Marshall (2OT)	61-64
06	Papajohns.com	+5	USF	7-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
E Carolina's All-Time Bowl Record 7-6

EAST CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	21.5	20	116	3.3	233	57.7	16.2	+4	2006	6	20.8	19	145	4.0	184	59.0	15.9
9*	24.3	20	137	3.8	256	60.5	16.2	0	2005	8	28.8	21	218	4.8	185	59.2	14.0
4*	21.0	17	93	2.8	216	54.2	14.7	-4	2004	6	39.9	21	233	4.9	224	60.1	11.4
7*	18.1	18	138	3.3	173	58.6	17.2	-12	2003	4	35.7	21	210	4.8	200	58.1	11.5
6	27.9	19	124	3.4	215	48.8	12.1	-10	2002	6	33.2	22	207	4.6	239	53.8	13.4
6*	35.1	21	213	5.4	210	55.5	12.1	-9	2001	9	30.0	24	142	3.1	287	58.2	14.3

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Fractious	155	725	65	660	4	4.3
Chris Johnson	78	346	32	314	4	4.0
James Pinkney	105	418	202	216	4	2.1
Dominique Lindsay	39	197	5	192	0	4.9
Brandon Simmons	42	106	18	88	3	2.1
Michael Hickman	5	22	1	21	0	4.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
James Pinkney	397	232	58.4	2783	12	10
Rob Kass	30	14	46.7	184	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Aundrae Allison	62	708	11.4	4	53	
Phillip Henry	34	484	14.2	2	56	
Bobby Good	26	392	15.1	1	48	
Steven Rogers	22	378	17.2	1	51	
Kevin Roach	24	376	15.7	1	28	
Davon Drew	16	187	11.7	3	21	
Chris Johnson	21	176	8.4	0	17	
Jamar Bryant	11	108	9.8	0	25	
Brandon Fractious	9	72	8.0	0	26	
Jay Sonnhalter	4	59	14.8	1	22	
Brandon Simmons	6	29	4.8	0	11	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ryan Dougherty	51	2226	43.6	14	35.3	1	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Robert Lee	22-22	5-7	4-6	5-9	0-1	14-23	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jamar Flournoy	73	0	0	0	1
Quentin Cotton	68	2	6	1	1
Pierre Bell	66	0.5	3	3	0
Fred Wilson	64	0	2	3	0
Van Eskridge	60	1.5	6	3	0
Pierre Parker	59	0	0.5	3	4
Travis Williams	55	0	1.5	8	2
Kyle Chase	48	0	2	3	1
Kasey Ross	48	0	3.5	9	4
Mark Robinson	47	2.5	2	1	0
Wendell Chavis	39	2	5	1	0
Marcus Hands	30	1.5	0.5	0	0
CJ Wilson	29	4	2	0	0
Nick Johnson	27	0	3	2	0
Zach Slate	24	1.5	0	3	1
Scotty Robinson	23	1.5	2.5	1	0
Leon Best	20	0	0	1	1
Jarrett Wiggins	10	0	1	0	0
Markeith McQueen	10	0	0	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Travis Williams	5	59	11.8	0	
Steven Rogers	5	31	6.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chris Johnson	21	482	23.0	1	
Jerek Hewett	7	125	17.9	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

EC 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Navy	19	25-76	3.0	24-35	283	1	27	70-403	5.8	2-6	6	0	+1
–	at UAB	20	27-96	3.6	20-38	280	1	22	42-124	3.0	17-23	199	0	0
–	Memphis	19	39-177	4.5	18-27	236	1	22	30-95	3.2	25-46	296	2	+3
–	West Virginia	20	24-41	1.7	22-47	276	0	22	42-153	3.6	17-24	216	1	0
–	Virginia	25	48-208	4.3	17-30	224	3	16	27-153	5.7	16-32	145	3	0
–	Tulsa	14	26-126	4.8	14-28	115	0	22	54-234	4.3	15-21	124	1	-1
–	SMU	24	29-36	1.2	32-41	402	1	21	34-89	2.6	22-33	224	4	+1
–	at S Mississippi	20	41-102	2.5	20-33	197	2	9	28-101	3.6	13-20	79	2	-1
–	at UCF	24	46-170	3.7	16-30	135	5	15	26-58	2.2	18-34	205	2	0
–	Marshall	20	40-74	1.9	23-31	310	3	17	14-35	2.5	25-46	305	0	+1
–	at Rice	17	35-218	6.2	10-17	83	1	24	37-179	4.8	23-45	279	2	0
–	at NC State	20	38-124	3.3	14-29	220	3	13	29-107	3.7	17-28	186	0	+1
–	† USF	22	32-54	1.7	18-44	263	6	12	43-156	3.6	12-18	130	1	-1
TOTALS		264	450-1502	3.3	248-430	3024	27	242	476-1887	4.0	222-376	2394	18	+4
AVERAGES		20.3	35-116	3.3	19-33	233	2.1	18.6	37-145	4.0	17-29	184	1.4	0.3

2002 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Duke	-14'	16-23
–	at Wake Forest	+5	22-27
–	Tulane	-8'	24-20
–	at West Virginia	+7'	17-37
–	Army	-20	59-24
–	USF	E	30-46
–	at Louisville	+14'	20-44
–	at Houston	+1	54-48 (OT)
–	at UAB	-3'	29-36
–	TCU - #22	+8'	31-28
–	at S Mississippi	+9'	7-24
–	Cincinnati	+7'	26-42

2003 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Cincinnati	+8	3-40
–	West Virginia	+9'	7-48
–	at Miami, Fl - #2	+41	3-38
–	at Wake Forest	+19'	16-34
–	Houston	+1'	13-27
–	North Carolina	+7'	17-28
–	at Army	-5'	38-32
–	Louisville	+15'	20-36
–	at Memphis	+17'	24-41
–	USF	+11	37-38 (OT)
–	at Tulane	+9	18-28
–	S Mississippi	+14'	21-38

2004 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at W Virginia - #10	+28'	23-56
–	Wake Forest	+14'	17-31
–	Cincinnati	+11'	19-24
–	at Louisville - #22	+30	7-59
–	Tulane	-3'	27-25
–	at S Mississippi	+19'	10-51
–	Army	+3	38-28
–	at Houston	+16'	24-34
–	at USF	+13	17-41
–	Memphis	+16'	35-38
–	† NC State	+21	14-52

2005 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Duke	+3	24-21
–	at Wake Forest	+13	34-44
–	at West Virginia	+22'	15-20
–	S Mississippi	+7'	7-33
–	Rice	-4	41-28
–	at SMU	+2	24-17
–	at Memphis	+7'	24-27
–	UCF	-1'	20-30
–	at Tulsa	+9	13-45
–	at Marshall	+5'	34-29
–	UAB	+5'	31-23

2006 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Navy	+12'	23-28
–	at UAB	+7	12-17
–	Memphis	-3	35-20
–	West Virginia - #4	+21	10-27
–	Virginia	-6'	31-21
–	Tulsa	+2'	10-31
–	SMU	-5	38-21
–	at S Mississippi	+6	20-17 (OT)
–	at UCF	-5'	23-10
–	Marshall	-7'	33-20
–	at Rice	-2'	17-18
–	at NC State	+3	21-16

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - The Thundering Herd has had a couple of special QB's in Byron Leftwich and Chad Pennington (both #1 NFL DC's). Since Leftwich departed in 2002 they have struggled. Jimmy Skinner (PS#84) appeared in 8 with just four att in '03 & '04. His advantage in '05 was complete knowledge of OC Larry Kueck's system. Bernard Morris has a cannon for an arm and is also mobile (1 att '04). JUCO Derek Devine was the most mobile of the 3 QB's but joined in the fall. Skinner opened '05 as the starter but Morris took the job over. He took every snap in four straight games. Morris threw for 1,121 (52.8%) with a 6-6 ratio (#2 rusher, 356). He suffered foot and ankle injuries down the stretch. Skinner threw for 1,135 (62%) with a 6-8 ratio. Devine had just 5 att. Those 3 returned last year and the job was Morris' as he got stronger and faster and studied a lot of film. When he enrolled, he was just 197 lbs and could not bench his own weight but now he benches 375. He became the first QB to rush for over 100 yards (151 vs Hofstra) since 1978 (Danny Wright). Foot and ankle injuries shelved him again as over the final 6 he missed one and played in parts of others (just 43 att's). Morris threw for 1,346 (61.7%) with an 8-12 ratio (451 rush). Skinner threw for 878 (59.6%) with an 8-4 ratio. Devine had 3 att's. Both Skinner and Devine depart. Wesley Beardain (PS#91) completed 10 of 16 for 63 yds vs Hargrave (JV gm). Battling him for the backup role is Brian Anderson (PS#105), Andy Elcess (6'3" 190 So) and the 2007 true frosh including VHT Chris Smith (PS#28). Provided Morris stays healthy, I look for him to be one of CUSA's top QB's.

CB Zearrick Matthews

RUNNING BACKS - Heading into last year Marshall had only had one 1,000 yard rusher since Doug Chapman in 1998 and that was JC transfer Earl Charles (2003). Virginia transfer Ahmad Bradshaw (PS#34) nearly hit that mark in 2005 with 997 (4.7) and led the team with 56 rec (6.8). Bradshaw had a much stronger year in '06. He rushed for 242 vs UAB, which was the most ever for a MU RB vs a IA school. He then topped that with 261 vs UTEP. He was just the 5th RB to top 200 yards rushing in 2 different games and had 1,523 (6.1), but his rec total dropped to 17 (7.6). Chubb Small (PS#101) made the CUSA All Frosh Tm with 197 (3.4) but only had 193 (4.6) as a soph. True frosh Kelvin Turner (PS#131) only played in 2 (17, 3.4). Unfortunately this year Bradshaw declared early for the NFL draft (#7DC NYG) so Small, Turner, true frosh Darius Marshall (PS#51) and Jo Jo Cox figure to battle for the job. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Tyler Shick (5'8" 185 rFr), Darius Lewis (6'0" 215 rFr) and Antoine Cabarrus (5'11" 205 Sr). Naturally it will be tough for this group to replace an NFL-caliber player that was highly productive.

RECEIVERS - Marshall has always had great receivers including their most famous alumni, Randy Moss. In 2004 they had to replace the MAC's all-time career leader in rec and yards in Darius Watts. Josh Davis topped those totals finishing #2 all-time in the NCAA in career rec. In '05 all the top WR's were lost including Emmanuel Spann who was #3 with 27 (8.6) as he was lost with an injury. Marcus Fitzgerald, who was the top returning WR (just 12 rec), had 9 starts and 41 (10.9). Hiram Moore (PS#67) led with 630 yards (11.9). They both returned last year. BIG (6'6") things were expected from Shawn Lauzon who had 31 (9.5) in '05 but he dislocated his hip and only played in one game. Spann, who runs a legitimate 4.4, had 38 (10.1). Moore had some trouble with routes dropping to 18 (13.4). Matt Morris had 20 (16.1). RFr Cody Slate led CUSA TE's in rec yards (43,15.9) and also was the top frosh TE in the NCAA in rec. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Marcus Broadwater (6'2" 185 rFr), Kyle Echols (5'10" 191 Sr), William Barber (6'4" 205 So), Antonio Smith (6'2" 170 rFr), Odiamehi Oziegbe (5'10" 182 Jr), Lyndl Jones (5'9" 175 So), TE's Nick Newell (6'4" 215 rFr, PS#192QB) and David Redick (6'4" 235 rFr, PS#112). This year they only lose Moore (3 st) and Morris (7 st) so they have the makings of a very fast and formidable group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Herd O-line paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing. They had to replace three starters in 2004 including a 1st Tm MAC player and dropped to 3.4 ypc while allowing 34 sacks. Their new strength coach had the OL lose a combined 147 lbs over the summer of '05. They had to replace three starters and a backup but surprisingly managed to improve to 3.7 ypc. Last year they replaced one starter and one backup and starting RG John Inman lost his job. It was a deeper O-line in 2006 as they actually had a 3rd string. The veteran front opened holes for 4.9 ypc rushing, their best since 1996 and allowed just 19 sacks (6.4%). This year they lose LT Seth Cook (12 st, 3Y st'r), RT Wesley Jones (9 st) and RT Chris Barnes (3 st). Jones missed the start of the season so Barnes filled in. Inman is slated as the #1 LT giving them four players who have been full-time starters and there are plenty of HT's in the 3 deep I list below. It will be tough to top last year's stats without RB Bradshaw but this O-line is just as strong as 2006.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After having an experienced defensive front for three straight years, Marshall had to replace all four starters in 2005 including a 2nd Tm AA. They were small in the middle but still allowed just 162 ypg rushing (4.0). Last year they only had to replace three players who combined for 10 starts but then lost DT Adrian Davis over the summer. The other starting DT, Juan Underwood, got into the coaches doghouse and only started 5. Backup Chris Terrell (1 st, 15 tkl) was ruled ineligible. Albert McClellan was by far the star of the unit and after the Tennessee game, Phil Fulmer asked "Who is #96?". He was 1st Tm CUSA and led the conf with 11.5 sacks and 7.5 tfl. The Thundering Herd allowed 139 ypg rush (4.1) and increased the sack total to 30. This year they lose DE Shavar Greer (11 st, 38 tkl, 4.5 sk, 2Y st'r), DT Underwood (5 st, 16 tkl) and 2nd string DT Jason Kaminski (1 tkl). Five of the top 8 return including their star so they look stronger.

LINEBACKERS - The Thundering Herd had to replace all 3 LB starters in '05. Last year they only had to replace two players who combined for 6 starts and got the huge addition of transfer Josh Johnson (PS#17) who originally signed with Georgia. Dennis Thornton (#1 tkl'r '05) surprisingly had just 1 start (35 tkl). Good-sized Maurice Kitchens with 17 tackles was the talk of Aug and got in started one game as a soph. Johnson, in just 8 starts, had 72 tackles and Snyder calls him "an SEC LB". Ian Hoskins (27 tkl) started 10 until an injury. This year they lose WLB Matt Couch (12 st, 96 tkl, 6.5 tfl, HM CUSA), MLB Brandon Souder (4 st, 34 tkl, 2 tfl) and Thornton. This group is in even better shape but I'm not wild about the depth even though they moved in FB Will Albin mid-spring.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Marshall was #50 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and with 3 starters back in 2005 finished #60 despite an inexperienced front 7. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and dropped to #93. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA SS Curtis Keyes (#1 tkl'r, 11 st), FS Geremy Rodamer (3 st, 15 tkl) and CB Jeremy Frazie (10 tkl). Five players return with starting experience and they should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Marshall had some solid ST finishes under former HC Pruett (Top 25 in '98 and '99). Snyder inherited a group that was #54 in 2004. He does put a priority on ST's, in fact he holds a scrimmage where they draft players for the ST's unit in August. Unfortunately, Emmanuel Spann (11.2 PR '04) missed the year. Marshall's ST won the UAB game for them, setting up all 3 scores. The unit, however, cost them the S Miss game when 2 FG's were blocked and a 27 yd'r in OT was missed. They dropped to #62. Anthony Binswanger was at Cal and hit 9 of 12 FG's at JUCO (long 51). Marty Biagi avg 38.4 on punts in '05 but K Ian O'Connor took over and avg 41.1 (33.7 net) last year. Spann was the top PR (12.0) and had 13 KR (22.9) and Chubb Small had 18 KR (20.1). He avg'd 25.9 in 2005. Binswanger missed 6 of his last 7 FG's but did nail a 50 yarder and 5 of his misses were from 40+. He had 15 TB on 52 KO and the team allowed a paltry 16.8 per KR. After being +4 in the TD/Blk category in Snyder's first season, they were -1 last year. They must replace O'Connor but should improve upon their #72 ranking.

COACHES - In 2005 Mark Snyder stepped into a tough situation, having to replace Marshall's revered HC Bob Pruett. Snyder was not even hired until after spring practice. He was a standout DB on Marshall's storybook 1987 team and his 10 int that season still remains a school record. He was Youngstown St's DC in 1996, Minn's DE coach from 1997-'00, Ohio St's LB coach from 2001-'03 and in 2004 their DC. OC Larry Kueck has been the QB coach since '02 and was the interim HC for 2005 spring practices. Steve Dunlap is the new DC. He comes here after being the DC at NC State in '05-'06.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The last time Marshall stepped up to a stronger conf was the move from IAA to the MAC. They stepped right in and dominated winning the MAC in five of the first 6 years. In 2004 Marshall appeared to have the MAC wrapped up but suffered some close losses. They stunningly fell to 6-6 after their bowl loss to Cincinnati. In 2005 Snyder stepped into the HC role for the first time in his career and admitted that in his first year as a Div IA DC (Ohio St '04), it was a huge learning experience. He also inherited a team that had just 5 returning starters, had to replace their entire defensive front 7 and did not take over until after spring practice. Marshall also removed their AstroTurf and the huge crown (elevation at midfield) was reduced from 20 to 6 inches which was a big part of their home edge. I didn't make a lot of fans in Huntington when I called for Marshall to finish LAST in the CUSA East, even below UCF which was 0-11 the previous year! They had a record of 102-7 at home in the history of Joan C. Edwards Stadium, but were just 3-3 in '05 with 6 senior starters (5th lowest in NCAA). The Herd trailed in all 11 games including IAA William & Mary (24-23 3Q). They had three very fortunate wins and managed a 4-7 record which actually shows that Snyder did a good job (see Hardcore). Last year the team had 15 returning starters but also had a tough non-conf road schedule (WV, Kan St, Tenn). They were 5-6 and needed a win vs S Miss to become bowl eligible but were thumped 42-7. The Herd finished 3rd in the CUSA East (4-4) although they were outgained by 15 ypg (#8). They did so despite being -9 in turnovers (pg 312). This year they have 7 starters back on offense including QB Morris and their top 2 WR's, but do lose outstanding RB Bradshaw. They also have 7 starters back on D after having just 3 and 5 in Snyder's first 2 seasons. The Herd should improve greatly upon 2006's 29.3 ppg allowed which was their highest total since 1977. Marshall is CUSA's northernmost team giving them a cold weather edge in Nov and they also moved into a new weight room in 2006. This is Snyder's best team yet but they draw all 3 bowl teams out of the CUSA West (Tulsa, Rice, Houston). They also play Miami, Fl, W Virginia and Cincy in non-conf play and will need to pull an upset or two to become bowl-eligible.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 14 BERNARD MORRIS SR. 6-4 211 7 st '05. 1121 (53%) 6-6, 356 rush. 11 st LY, 1346 (62%) 8-12, 451 rush. **9** Wesley Beardain (6-1 198 So) PS#91. **12** Brian Anderson (6-3 190 rFr) PS#105.

RB 28 Chubb Small Jr. 5-9 193 PS#101. 4.23 spd. 197 (3.4) true, 9 rec. 193 (4.6) LY. **34 Kelvin Turner** (5-10 190 Jr) **PS#131**. Jo Jo Cox **PS#48** LY, Fork Union. **Darius Marshall PS#51**.

TE 85 CODY SLATE SO. 6-4 212 PS#147. 4.47 spd. 1 st TE rFr but #1 w/43 rec (15.9). **3** EJ Wynn (5-11 156 Jr) PS#177WR. 7 rec LY. **FB 83** Matt Parkhurst (6-3 238 Jr) PS#45TE.

WR 24 EMMANUEL SPANN JR. 5-11 179 **4.4 spd.** 8 st true, 27 (8.6). RS '05. 12 st LY, 38 (10.1). **1** Marcus Fitzgerald (5-10 202 Sr) PS#91RB. 2 st, 12 rec true. 9 st '05, 41 (10.9). 7 st LY, 12 (13.3).

WR 88 Darius Passmore Jr. 6-3 180 **PS#85JC**. 4.39 spd. 6 **Shawn Lauzon** (6-6 204 Sr) 7 st, 31 (9.5) '05. Inj LY. **80** Courtney Edmonson (6-0 175 So). **23** Bryant Milligan (6-1 185 rFr) PS#235DB.

TE 13 BRIAN SHOPE SR. 6-5 248 PS#39. 2 st rFr. 8 games '05. 11 st LY 8 (14.4). **16 Lee Smith** (6-6 245 So) **PS#9. 82** Patrick Kouns (6-2 238 Jr) PS#162. **81** Travius Thompson.

C 66 DOUG LEGURSKY SR. 6-3 311 1 st true, 12 gm. 11 st '05. 12 st LY, **1st Tm CUSA**. **62** Matt Altobello (6-1 306 Jr). 2nd string '05-'06. **LS 39** Sean McClellan (5-11 240 So).

RG 65 BRIAN LEGGETT JR. 6-1 285 PS#232. 1 st C true. 12 st RG LY. **76** Marcus Moresea (6-1 241 Sr). Sergio Glenn is PS#285. James Burkes (6-1 285 So) PS#525DL.

LG 74 DAVID ZIEGLER SR. 6-5 296 PS#247. 4 gm rFr. 11 st LG '05. 12 st LG in '06. **61** Josh Evans (6-4 315 rFr) PS#148. **71** Chad Schofield (6-4 320 rFr) PS#127. CJ Wood is PS#114.

RT 79 Daniel Baldridge So. 6-9 315 Added 45 lbs as rFr, 6 gm. **50** Joe Bragg (6-4 263 Jr) PS#38TE. 7 game rFr. Branden Curry is PS#64DL. **75** Brett Traylor (6-3 280 rFr).

LT 63 John Inman Sr. 6-5 302 PS#179. 8 gm rFr. 8 st RG '05. 12 gm, 2nd string LY. Brandon Campbell (6-5 305 rFr) PS#429. Matt Baker (6-6 300 rFr) PS#291. Erik Vint (6-4 275 rFr).

K 41 ANTHONY BINSWANGER SR. 6-2 193 15 TB on 73 KO at Cal in '04. 9 of 12 FG at JC '05, long 51. 5 of 13 FG here LY, long 50, 5 miss 40+. Chris Desautels (6-4 183 So).

DE 96 ALBERT McCLELLAN JR. 6-2 225 PS#280. 6 st true, 40 tkl, 7 tfl. 12 st LY, **1st Tm CUSA**, 77 tkl, **11.5 sk**. 7.5 tfl. **98** Chad Clay (6-3 240 rFr). **58** Jeff Bush (6-3 248 Sr) 2 tkl LY.

DT 93 Ryland Wilson Sr. 6-3 248 PS#371JC. 3 st here LY, 11 tkl. **95** Montel Glasco (6-3 279 Jr) PS#315JC. In for spg. EJ Rascoe (6-0 252 Jr). Blake Merritt (6-4 250 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y.

DT 94 BYRON TINKER SR. 6-4 281 PS#492. 1 tkl '05 until ACL. 12 st LY, 39 tkl, 4.5 sk, 3.5 tfl. **92 Bilal El-Amin** (6-3 249 Jr) PS#181. 4 st LY, 13 tkl, 1 tfl. Delvin Johnson is PS#202.

DE 46 John Jacobs So. 6-3 240 PS#118RB. 17 tkl, 1 sk rFr. **90** Michael Janac (6-4 250 rFr). Bradley Roberts (6-1 264 Jr). Shane Moore PS#365. 4.6 spd. Johnny Jones is PS#373.

WLB 45 Maurice Kitchens Jr. 6-3 226 PS#211. 2 gm rFr. 1 st LY, 17 tkl. **48** Will Albin (6-3 243 Sr) **7 st at FB LY**. Move here spg. **57** Mahala Wiggins (6-2 224 Jr). Kellen Harris PS#234.

MLB 32 JOSH JOHNSON JR. 6-2 250 **PS#17. Georgia trans**. 8 st LY, 72 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Added 15 lbs. **54** Daniel Wells (6-1 236 So) PS#473. **47** Cody Tominack (5-11 216 Jr).

SLB 21 IAN HOSKINS JR. 6-2 245 PS#505DB. 4 st rFr, 15 tkl. 10 st LY, 27 tkl, 3 pbu. **56** Howard King (6-2 193 rFr) PS#440. Corey Hart is PS#173DB. **47** Clint Eakles (6-1 190 Sr).

CB 11 ZEARRICK MATTHEWS SO. 5-9 162 PS#150. 12 st rFr, 43 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. **37** Chuck Roberts (5-11 163 So) 1 tkl rFr. **26** Aaron Johnson (5-11 190 Jr) PS#477JC. In for spring.

CB 8 JJ JOHNSON JR. 5-11 180 PS#293. 2 st, 42 tkl true, 12 st LY, 66 tkl, 2 int, 10 pbu. **20** Ashton Hall (5-10 183 So) PS#285. 1 st, 16 tkl true. **40** DeNathian Robinson (5-10 161 rFr) PS#121.

SS 29 Phillip Gamble Sr. 5-11 217 PS#282. 8 tkl 2Y. **18** Jon Moravec (6-0 195 Jr) PS#145WR. 1 st LY, 5 tkl. DJ Wingate. Kevin Perry (5-10 162 rFr). Pete Culicerto (6-1 195 rFr).

FS 4 CJ SPILLMAN JR. 6-0 193 3 st true, 38 tkl, 3 pbu. 9 st FS LY, 79 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **19** John Saunders (6-0 192 So) PS#471RB. Franchez Pitts (6-3 198 Fr) is PS#331. 4.6 speed.

P 31 Marty Biagi Jr. 6-0 170 PS#54. 44.3 HS avg. 61 (38.4), net 33.7, CUSA Fr Tm '05. DNP LY, Inj out until Oct. **43** Jake Fields (6-2 205 Fr) PS#89. Hargrave. Elliot Boyd (6-0 180 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Chris Smith 6-3 220 PS#28
RB	Jo Jo Cox 5-10 209 PS#48 '06
RB	Darius Marshall 5-10 188 PS#51
OL	Branden Curry 6-6 292 PS#64DL
DB	DeQuan Bembry 5-10 185 PS#90
OL	Micah Carter 6-3 302 PS#101
OL	CJ Wood 6-5 295 PS#114
DL	Montel Glasco 6-3 279 PS#315JC
QB	Mark Cann 6-4 210 PS#85
RB	Terrell Edwards 6-2 205 PS#142
LB	Corey Hart 6-2 214 PS#173DB
DL	Brandon Bullock 6-3 305 PS#220OL
DL	Delvin Johnson 6-3 282 PS#202
OL	Sergio Glenn 6-6 325 PS#285
LB	Kellen Harris 6-3 200 PS#234
DB	Justin Footman 6-0 180 PS#275LB
DB	Franchez Pitts 6-3 198 PS#331
DL	Shane Moore 6-2 285 PS#365
DL	Johnny Jones 6-5 250 PS#373
OL	Ryan Tillman 6-5 265 PS#520
DB	Aaron Johnson 5-11 190 PS#477JC
RB	George Carpenter 5-10 200 PS#472DB
K	Jake Fields 6-2 205 PS#89
DL	Vinny Curry 6-5 246 PS#451
DB	TJ Drakeford 5-11 190 PS#540
OL	John Bruin 6-5 297 PS#606
DB	DJ Wingate 6-2 180 PS#560

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#81

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at Miami, Fl	G						Marshall has lost 7 straight road openers by an average of 18 ppg. This will be MU's 1st meeting w/Miami, Fl as they are 4-13 all-time vs current ACC tms.
Sep. 8	West Virginia	A						The Thundering Herd is 22-2 in home openers. WV gained 7.2 ypp in LY's 42-10 win. WV will be making it's 1st visit to Huntington in 92 yrs (instate schools 208 miles apart).
Sep. 15	New Hampshire	A						Wildcats were 9-4 last year making it to the 2nd round of the IAA playoffs. UNH QB Ricky Santos was named the '06 Walter Payton Award winner (Top IAA player).
Sep. 22	at Cincinnati	A						MU's L/2 gms vs Cincy were in bowls ('00 & '04) as their last reg season gm was in '46. These schools are 153 miles apart w/MU making it's 1st trip to OH since its LY in the MAC ('04).
Oct. 2	at Memphis (Tues)	A						LY Marshall was outgained by Memphis (469-408), but 4 TO's resulted in 14 pts. Marshall is 2-6 in CUSA road gms with the avg loss by 20 ppg & avg win by just 4 ppg.
Oct. 6								
Oct. 13	at Tulsa	A						The Thundering Herd is 4-2 (1-2 away) vs CUSA West Division schools. Along with Rice & Houston, Marshall will play Tulsa for the 1st time this season.
Oct. 21	S Mississippi (Sun)	A						Marshall has lost both games to S Miss with the 1st matchup in 2005. Last year in the season finale, SM eliminated Marshall from becoming bowl eligible.
Oct. 27	Rice (HC)	A						Coming into 2007, MU is 4-4 in their 1st ever matchup vs current CUSA members. Rice is 1 of 9 tms that Marshall plays TY that went to the post season LY (UNH included).
Nov. 3	at UCF	G						Marshall is 2-8 their L/10 Nov AG's. UCF kicked a 22 yd FG w/:07 left for the win LY. Mark Snyder was a graduate asst/LB coach for 2 seasons w/UCF (1989-'90).
Nov. 10	East Carolina	A						In the '01 GMAC Bowl, MU came back from 30 pts down (highest scoring bowl gm, NCAA history). Marshall moved up to Div IA status the same yr EC joined CUSA ('97).
Nov. 17	at Houston	G						The Thundering Herd will make just their 4th trip ever to the state of TX (0-3 prior). Marshall has lost their last 3 road finales by an average of 41-15.
Nov. 24	UAB	A						MU has won the only 2 meetings vs UAB by a combined 8 pts. Thundering Herd is 15-1 since 1991 in home finales. MU's Bradshaw rushed for 242 last year.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chad Pennington 13,143 '95-'99
2. Byron Leftwich 11,903 '98-'02
3. Michael Payton 9,411 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Chris Parker 5,924 '92-'95
2. Doug Chapman 4,016 '96-'99
3. Ron Darby 3,903 '86-'89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mike Barber 4,262 '85-'88
2. Darius Watts 4,031 '00-'03
3. Josh Davis 3,889 '01-'04

MARK SNYDER (Career 9-14)

3rd Year at Marshall Snyder's Bowl Record: 0-0

Snyder's records AT MARSHALL

9-14	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
7-4	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
2-10	Away	0-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
7-9	Vs Conference	6-6	Off A Loss

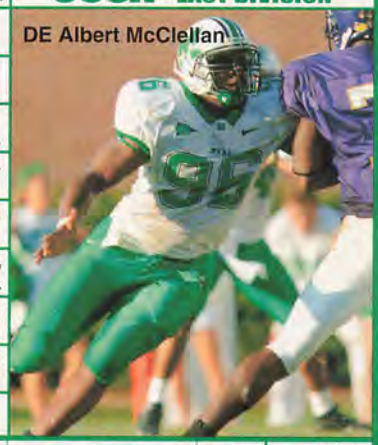
2006 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (21,16,1)
Lost: 24 (11,12,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,910 (#81)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: JOAN C. EDWARDS STADIUM (38,019) (#80)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	10-2	10-2	8-4	6-5	4-7	5-7	50-32
Home	5-1	6-0	7-0	4-1	4-1	3-3	4-1	33-7
Away	2-4	4-2	3-2	4-3	2-4	1-4	1-6	17-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	6-3	8-1	8-1	6-2	6-2	3-5	4-4	41-18
ATS	3-8	4-5-1	4-6-1	6-5	4-7	4-5-1	4-7	29-43-3
Home Fav (Bob Pruett)	2-2	1-2-1	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	0-2	3-1	12-14-2
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	5-0
Away Fav (Mark Snyder)	0-2	3-2	1-3	2-2	0-3	0-1-1	0-0	6-13-1
Away Dog	0-4	0-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-6	6-16
Favorite	2-4	4-4-1	3-5-1	4-4	2-6	0-3-1	3-1	18-27-3
Dog	1-4	0-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	4-2	1-6	11-16
vs Conf	3-6	4-4-1	4-4-1	4-4	2-6	2-5-1	4-4	23-33-3
vs Non-Conf	0-2	0-1	0-2	2-1	2-1	2-0	0-3	6-10
Off SU Win	1-5	4-4-1	3-5-1	4-3	1-4	3-1	2-3	18-25-2
Off SU Loss	2-3	0-0	1-1	2-2	3-2	1-4-1	2-3	11-15-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ahmad Bradshaw	249	1575	52	1523	19	6.1
Bernard Morris	82	451	127	324	2	4.0
Chubb Small	42	196	3	193	1	4.6
Derek Devine	1	18	0	18	0	18.0
Kelvin Turner	5	26	9	17	0	3.4
Jimmy Skinner	12	12	33	-21	0	-1.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bernard Morris	188	116	61.7	1346	8	12
Jimmy Skinner	104	62	59.6	878	8	4
Derek Devine	3	2	66.7	23	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cody Slate	43	684	15.9	6	75
Emmanuel Spann	38	383	10.1	3	28
Matt Morris	20	323	16.1	2	31
Hiram Moore	18	241	13.4	0	49
Marcus Fitzgerald	12	160	13.3	1	25
Ahmad Bradshaw	17	129	7.6	2	26
Brian Shope	8	115	14.4	0	27
Courtney Edmonson	5	104	20.8	1	42
EJ Wynn	7	49	7.0	0	13
Chubb Small	3	21	7.0	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ian O'Connor	37	1520	41.1	3	33.7	3	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Anthony Binswanger	36-40	1-1	0-3	3-7	1-2	5-13	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Curtis Keyes	104	0	4.5	0	2
Matt Couch	96	3	3.5	6	1
CJ Spillman	79	0	1.5	4	2
Albert McClellan	77	11.5	7.5	2	0
Josh Johnson	72	1.5	1	2	1
JJ Johnson	66	0	1	10	2
Zearrick Matthews	43	0	0	6	1
Byron Tinker	39	4.5	3.5	0	0
Shavar Greer	38	4.5	3.5	2	0
Dennis Thornton	35	2	1	3	2
Brandon Souder	34	1	1	0	0
Ian Hoskins	27	0	0.5	3	0
John Jacobs	17	1	0	1	0
Maurice Kitchens	17	0	0	1	0
Ashton Hall	16	0	0	1	1
Juan Underwood	16	0	3	1	0
Geremy Rodamer	15	0	1	0	0
Bilal El-Amin	13	0	1	1	0
Ryland Wilson	11	0	0.5	0	0
Jeremy Frazie	10	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Emmanuel Spann	12	144	12.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chubb Small	18	361	20.1	0
Emmanuel Spann	13	298	22.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Motor City - #11	-3	BYU	21-3
00	Motor City	+2'	Cincinnati	25-14
01	GMAC	+2	E Carolina (2OT)	64-61
02	GMAC	-2'	Louisville	38-15
04	Fort Worth	+1	Cincinnati	14-32

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Marshall's All-Time Bowl Record 5-2

MARSHALL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	25.9	18	167	4.9	187	61.0	13.7	-9	2006	5	29.3	21	139	4.1	252	63.8	13.4
2	18.5	20	127	3.7	205	56.0	17.9	-6	2005	3	25.9	18	162	4.0	178	56.2	13.1
5*	24.2	18	113	3.4	209	58.4	13.2	+2	2004	8	22.2	18	111	3.0	223	56.4	15.1
6	29.2	23	195	4.7	245	67.6	15.1	-19	2003	6	23.2	15	152	4.0	177	53.6	14.2
9*	35.2	25	126	3.9	370	66.6	14.1	-7	2002	6	24.2	18	173	4.2	161	47.8	13.6
6*	39.4	27	149	4.4	367	65.6	13.1	+4	2001	4	28.4	23	226	4.8	196	51.6	14.9

2006 STATS BY GAME

MU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at West Virginia	16	34 - 154	4.5	12 - 22	168	0	29	52 - 312	6.0	11 - 15	173	0	-1
–	Hofstra	26	38 - 313	8.2	25 - 33	206	2	15	18 - (-5)	-0.3	26 - 50	269	6	-2
–	at Kansas St	8	22 - 50	2.3	16 - 28	92	3	19	27 - 99	3.7	19 - 35	256	0	-1
–	at Tennessee	16	48 - 126	2.6	8 - 14	110	3	19	24 - 176	7.3	18 - 27	258	2	-1
–	UCF	20	35 - 230	6.6	14 - 22	136	1	24	43 - 275	6.4	16 - 26	213	1	-1
–	at SMU	17	27 - 107	4.0	19 - 32	192	0	25	45 - 135	3.0	23 - 29	231	5	-3
–	at UAB	21	46 - 317	6.9	9 - 12	156	2	19	28 - 137	4.9	18 - 30	205	3	0
–	Memphis	16	31 - 130	4.2	15 - 24	278	1	23	37 - 147	4.0	26 - 42	322	1	+2
–	Tulane	24	32 - 134	4.2	25 - 33	340	3	19	27 - 80	3.0	26 - 46	262	1	0
–	at East Carolina	17	14 - 35	2.5	25 - 46	305	0	20	40 - 74	1.9	23 - 31	310	5	-1
–	UTEP	17	48 - 259	5.4	5 - 15	135	1	20	21 - 15	0.7	34 - 48	386	6	+3
–	at S Mississippi	12	31 - 150	4.8	7 - 14	129	3	23	44 - 226	5.1	14 - 19	135	0	-4
TOTALS		210	406 - 2005	4.9	180 - 295	2247	19	255	406 - 1671	4.1	254 - 398	3020	30	-9
AVERAGES		17.5	34 - 167	4.9	15 - 25	187	1.6	21.3	34 - 139	4.1	21 - 33	252	2.5	-0.8

2002 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
#19	Appalachian St	NL	50-17
#16	at Virginia Tech - #11	+11	21-47
–	UCF	-11	26-21
–	at Kent St	-14	42-21
–	Buffalo	-31	66-21
–	Troy	-20	24-7
–	at C Michigan	-20'	23-18
–	at Akron	-17'	20-34
–	Miami, Oh	+2'	36-34
–	at Ohio	-15	24-21
–	Ball St	-15	38-14
–	at Toledo	-4	49-45

2003 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Hofstra	NL	45-21
–	at Tennessee - #12	+19'	24-34
–	Toledo	-5'	17-24
–	at Kansas St - #6	+19'	27-20
–	at Troy	-12'	24-33
–	Kent St	-20	49-33
–	at Buffalo	-29	26-16
–	at W Michigan	-8'	41-21
–	Akron	-14	42-24
–	at Miami, Oh - #23	+12'	6-45
–	at UCF	-11'	21-7
–	Ohio	-17	28-0

2004 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Troy	-14'	15-17
–	at Ohio St - #9	+16'	21-24
–	at Georgia - #3	+18'	3-13
–	Miami, Oh	-7	33-25
–	at Ohio	-8'	16-13
–	at Kent St	-13'	27-17
–	Buffalo	-25	48-14
–	UCF	-26	20-3
–	at Akron	-9	28-31
–	at Bowling Green	+10	35-56
–	W Michigan	-27	31-21

2005 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	William & Mary	NL	36-24
–	Kansas St	+9	19-21
–	at UCF	-3'	13-23
–	SMU	-11'	16-13 OT
–	at Virginia Tech - #3	+35	14-41
–	UAB	+2	20-19
–	at UTEP	+13'	3-31
–	at Tulane	-1	27-26
–	S Mississippi	+7	24-27 OT
–	East Carolina	-5'	29-34
–	at Memphis	+10'	3-26

2006 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at West Virginia - #5	+22	10-42
–	Hofstra	NL	54-31
–	at Kansas St	+9'	7-23
–	at Tennessee - #15	+21	7-33
–	UCF	-3'	22-23
–	at SMU	+4'	21-31
–	at UAB	+6	31-24
–	Memphis	-9'	41-27
–	Tulane	-4'	42-21
–	at East Carolina	+7'	20-33
–	UTEP	-3	49-21
–	at S Mississippi	+6	7-42

UAB BLAZERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Blazers had to replace Darrell Hackney (all-time career leading passer). In '03 Hackney was injured and Chris Williams had 3 starts. He played in just 3 games in '05 and was the shortest QB (5'11") on the roster last year but had the strongest arm. Sam Hunt was one of the team's fastest players. The two were dead even but Williams got the start. Williams struggled vs Okla and Hunt nearly led them to the upset. Hunt started the next week but struggled and Williams hit 12 of 16 vs EC. Williams was injured vs Miss St and Hunt started vs Troy. Hunt had a fine game but sprained an ankle and missed the next 4. Williams was lost for the year vs UTEP and in 10 games threw for 1,112 (56.5%) with a 9-7 ratio. HC Watson Brown did not play rFr Joseph Webb in the first 10. When Hunt went down with a concussion vs S Miss, Webb took over and hit 33 of 51 (64.7%) for 426. Hunt finished with 655 (58.5%). In two games Webb rushed for 122 gross yards. They must replace Williams but Webb is by far the team's most productive QB and will battle Hunt as well as rFr Anthony Speight (6'3" 205) and Rodney Bivens (6'0" 195 So). Hunt missed most of spring with a back injury giving Webb the 1st string snaps. Backup Seth Harkness transferred to Samford. Even when he was at UGA, new HC Callaway wanted true frosh Bryan Ellis, so I give him a shot. This unit if far more experienced, can only remain healthier and should be much more productive.

RUNNING BACKS - Brown liked to use a TB-by-committee approach and the unit was banged up in each of the last 4 years (see Hardcore). Last year the group was again injury-plagued but Dan Burks still finished as the school's #2 all-time leading rusher. Burks (7 st) had 432 (4.0), Corey White had 372 (8 st, 3.9) and Marculus Elliott added 312 (4 st, 6.1). This year all 3 depart as does Chaney (46, 3.5). True frosh Rashad Slaughter moved to WR midyear and had 16 rec (7.1). He moves back to RB and will be challenged by Tony Shepherd (5'11" 210 Sr), TJ Slaughter (5'10" 215 Jr), Jim Mitchell (5'10" 187 So), Citadel transfer Reggie Jones (5'9" 185 So), Brandon Alexander (5'11" 200 Jr) and this year's true frosh. Chris Evans (PS#120) was slated to challenge for the job but he transferred to Samford. The biggest addition is Alabama transfer Aaron Johns who had 914 (5.5) at JC last year. While this group is far less experienced, they should remain healthier and could actually be more productive.

RECEIVERS - Norris Drinkard (#3 rec) was the only one of the top 7 receivers returning in 2006. Drinkard saw his stats drop from 41 (9.5) in '05 to 22 (11.4) last year. Sylvester Mencer had 31 (12.9) and Willie Edwards (6'3") led with 39, and an outstanding 18.4 ypc. Steven Brown was #5 with 14 (14.3) and in a game he missed, Adam Bobo had 4 rec. This year they must replace Drinkard (9 st), Edwards (11 st), Brown (7 st) and TE Jordan Erwin (2 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Sayquan Jordan (6'1" 165 rFr) and Vernard Hoover (6'4" 205 Jr) PS#378. This group is about equal to last year in terms of experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UAB's O-line avg 313 lbs per man and produced 4.1 ypc in '04. In 2005 they had 4 starters returning and improved to 4.3 ypc with just 15 sacks allowed (3.9%). Having a mobile QB like Darrell Hackney helped. Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup and avg 314 lbs. Unfortunately the unit was hit hard by injuries with just one player starting all 12 games (C Jake Seitz). Returning starter RG Adam Truitt (11 st '05) lost his job (7 st 3 diff pos). UAB avg just 3.5 ypc and saw the sack total rise to 28 (9.2%). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are RG Quinton Harris (8 st, 3Y st'r), LG Tommie Keys (9 st), 2nd TM CUSA RT Julius Wilson (8 st, UFA MIA), LT Cornelius Rogers (11 st, 3Y st'r), RG Alan Leon (3 st) and RT Patrick Swoopes (1 st). While they lose 4 starters, I list them as having 2 starters returning with Truitt having 18 career starts. With 6 of the top 10 gone and learning a new offensive system, this figures to be a rebuilding year for the O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UAB's D was nicknamed "The Steel Shield" and allowed just 1.9 ypc rushing in 2001. That D-line included 1st and 2nd round DC's who were nearly impossible to replace and they've allowed 3.7, 4.4, 3.9, 3.9 and 4.3 the last five years. Last year they had 2 starters returning including 1st Tm CUSA DE Larry McSwain. After recording 13 sacks in 2004 McSwain had just 4 and 6 his final two years but was still 1st Tm CUSA. This year they must replace McSwain (10 st, 39 tkl, 6 sk), NT Clarence Respress (9 st, 20 tkl, 4.5 tfl), DE Jermaine McElveen (12 st, 35 tkl, 8 tfl, UFA TEN), NT Tony Haynes-Dalton (3 st, 20 tkl, 3 tfl), DE David Miller (1 st, 15 tkl), DE Jason Hamlin (9 tkl) and DE Kyle Bissinger (1 st, 14 tkl, 2 sk). Not only do they lose 6 of their top 8 but the starting front is light, avg just 251 lbs.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 UAB had one of the most veteran LB corps in the country with 5 seniors in their top 6. Naturally in 2005 it was a very inexperienced group as the top 2 returnees combined for just 19 tackles. The unit did have speed. Last year the unit returned basically intact. Orlandus King, who was the #1 tackler in 2005, missed 5 games but was still 2nd Tm CUSA. This year they must replace King (7 st, 28 tkl, 5 tfl), Mastaki Smith (12 st, 64 tkl, 2.5 tfl) and Marcus Mark (5 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl). Kris Guyton did not start but was still the #4 with 55 so two of the top 3 LB tacklers are back. They have 4 players back with starting experience and figure to be healthier but this unit is down a few notches.

C Jake Seitz

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 UAB finished #95 in my pass D rankings and actually had zero int's in the final 8 games (290 straight passes). In 2005 they had 3 starters back and had 7 int's in the first two games finishing with 16 but still only finished #97. Last year they had to replace two starters but seven players were back with starting experience. UAB finished #98. This year their top cover corner Kevin Sanders returns but they must replace CB Will Evans (8 st, 30 tkl, 1 int), SS Chris Felder (10 st, 36 tkl, 2 int) and FS Brandon Register (8 st, 36 tkl, 2 tfl).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year's #93 finish in my ST ratings was mostly due to the team being decimated by injuries. At one point Brown said he was missing both starting wings and both tackles on the unit. K Parker Mullins had a streak of 50 straight xp's end with 2 misses vs Rice which proved very costly in a 1 point loss. He was replaced by Swayze Waters (PS#59) who hit 9 of 12 FG's (long 42). Waters also had 17 TB on 47 KO. Mullins, due to coverage problems, had a punt net of just 33.4. Marculus Elliott was the top KR (23.6). LS Chris Barrett only played 2 plays all year tearing the ACL in his right knee and when he ret'd vs UTEP tore the ACL in his left knee. This year they must replace Mullins and Elliott but have everyone else returning and with better health should improve.

COACHES - Watson Brown was the team's second HC and when he showed up in January of 1995, they had just moved from Div III to Div IAA two years prior. They then moved up to IA as an Independent before joining CUSA in 1999. He had also spent time as the AD and gave up that post last year. The new AD let him go at the end of 2006. New HC Neil Callaway played for Bear Bryant back in 1977 and had asst coaching jobs at E Car, Wyo, Aub and Houston. He was the OL coach at Auburn from '81-'92, the OC at Alabama from 1998-2000 and the OC at UGA from '01-'06. He made a great hire in DC Eric Schumann who had been Tulane's DC from 2002-'06. Schumann was the DC at SMU and E Tenn St. Callaway also made an excellent hire in OC Kim Helton. Helton was the HC at Houston from 1993-'99 and also the OC at Miami, Fl from 1979-'82. He was a Toronto Argonauts RB coach in the CFL last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UAB did not have a football team until 1991. When Watson Brown showed up in January of 1995, they had only filled half of their allotted scholarships, had no football office or locker room. They joined CUSA eight years ago and have an amazing (for such a young program) record of 30-29 in conference play. In 2004 the Blazers only lost 9 lettermen and returned 18 starters including QB Hackney. They were picked 6th in CUSA by the media and managed to finish in a 4-way tie for second to earn their first ever bowl bid at 7-4. In 2005 they had 14 returning starters and were arguably the most talented team in CUSA. They actually led the conference with 5 players named 1st Tm CUSA. Even Coach Brown said at year's end that the team greatly underachieved. UAB finished just 3-5 despite outgaining CUSA foes by 60.3 ypg (3rd best). They had 5 close losses and only needed to win their season finale to get back to a bowl but lost on the road to E Car. Last year UAB had just 12 returning starters (2nd lowest CUSA). Things started out well as they almost upset #10 Oklahoma on the road. They won their first CUSA game but lost to a pair of BCS teams the next two weeks. After beating Troy and Memphis, they were still 3-3 and 2-0 in conf play. In their last six they suffered five tough losses and ended the season just 3-9. In my 2007 SEC Regional magazine (includes CUSA and SBC), I point out the best case scenario (pg 122) was an 8-4 season but they were just 2-6 in CUSA. They were outgained by 53.5 ypg (3rd weakest) in conf play. A huge key was injuries as 16 starters missed at least one game and by Wk 12, thirteen were out for the season. It turned out to be the worst season in UAB's short history. This team plays in antiquated Legion Field and must replace 27 scholarship seniors and 31 overall. They have just 4 starters back on offense and must replace their top 3 RB's but last year's 18.8 ppg was the weakest total in school history and they should improve. The defense losses 7 starters and figures to take a step back after allowing just 24.0 and 24.8 the last two years. The last season they had less than 4 starters returning on D was '02 when they allowed 30.8 ppg. UAB may not match 2006's 3 win total as they play in the rugged CUSA East and must face a top-notch non-conf schedule.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 5 JOSEPH WEBB SO. 6-4 210 1 st rFr. 426 pass. 3 Sam Hunt (6-3 215 Sr) PS#217. MTSt trans. 5 st LY, 655 pass, 262 rush. Bryan Ellis PS#273. 16 Anthony Speight (6-3 205 rFr).

RB NA Aaron Johns Jr. 5-10 190 PS#107 '04. 1 st Alabama, 185 (3.9). 914 yds (5.5) JC, 24 TD's LY. Rashad Slaughter (5-9 185 So) 1 st WR, 16 rec (7.1) LY. Darell Norman PS#122.

WR 83 Courtney Smith So. 6-4 205 PS#90. 1 st true, 6 rec. 7 Darryl Harris (5-10 170 rFr). 22 Mike Jones (6-1 180 rFr) PS#623. Antoine Powers (5-5 165 Jr). Paul Schoolar (6-2 200 So).

WR 35 David Sigler Sr. 6-3 250 6 st 3Y, 8 rec (7.4). 29 Nick Coon (6-2 185 Sr) 4.4 spd. 5 st '03, 10 (36.2). 3 rec L/3 years inj plagued. Frantrell Forrest (6-2 195 rFr) PS#381. DB LY.

WR 15 SYLVESTER MENCER JR. 5-11 180 PS#339QB. 2 st LY, 31 rec (12.9). 80 Blake Thackston (6-1 180 Sr). 12 Adam Bobo (6-3 205 Jr) 4 rec '06. Justin Johnson is PS#196.

TE 86 Jeffrey Anderson rFr. 6-3 220 PS#52. 17 Cory Powers (6-5 245 Fr) PS#67, GS '06. 82 Justin Cofer (6-5 255 rFr) PS#157. 84 Zach Lankford (6-4 245 So) PS#166. 12 gm LY, 1 rec.

C 53 JAKE SEITZ SO. 6-2 300 2x hvywt wrest champ HS. 12 st rFr. 65 Daniel Turner (6-2 300 Sr) 2nd string LY. LS 62 Jeff Hamby (6-1 205 Jr). 66 Chris Barrett (6-0 235 Sr).

RG 78 JaMarius Dismuke Sr. 6-5 320 PS#276. 2nd string rFr. 12 gm, 2nd string in both '05 & '06. 56 Joseph Arnold (6-3 300 Sr) ULM trans. DNP LY. Terence Edge is PS#271.

LG 68 Adam Hollifield rFr. 6-3 300 #1 LG in spring. 72 Logan Creel (6-5 285 rFr). Caleb Thomas is PS#163. Jamaal Lewis (6-4 280 rFr) PS#491. Barrett Devault (6-5 275 Sr).

RT 61 ADAM TRUITT SR. 6-3 310 PS#147. 9 gm rFr. 11 st RG '05. 7 st LY (3 RT, 3 RG, 1 LT). 70 LaDarrius Stanley (6-3 310 Sr) PS#588DL. 2 gm DL '03. Move OL '05. 3 st TE LY, 1 rec.

LT 63 Willie Thompson So. 6-6 285 PS#420. Letter rFr. 67 Joseph Waller (6-4 290 rFr). Greg Calhoun (6-5 300 Fr). Mike McCants (6-7 295 Fr). 60 James Butgereit (6-3 297 Jr).

K 94 SWAYZE WATERS Jr. 6-0 170 PS#59. 7 TB on 61 KO as true. 9 of 12 FG LY, long 42. Charlie Edwards (6-0 190 Fr) PS#53. 42 career FG in HS, long 50. 240 bench, 315 squat.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 92 BRANDON JEFFRIES SR. 6-4 250 7 tkl '04-'05. 12 LY, 22 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 95 Richard Carter (6-6 240 Jr) PS#467. 4 tkl 2Y. Tim Davis is PS#322. Adam Arthur PS#323LB.

NT 99 JERRICKUS SPEIGHTS SR. 6-5 255 PS#361. 7 tkl, 6 games in '05. 13 tkl, 2 sk last year. 76 Todd Howanitz (6-7 260 So). 96 Xavier Smith (6-0 270 Jr). DJ Reese is PS#341.

DT NA Antonio Forbes So. 6-4 265 PS#225 '05, orig at Alabama. JC '06, inj. 89 Cortlin Johnson (6-2 255 Sr) 6 tkl LY. 58 Brandon Madden (6-2 285 So) 1 tkl rFr. Sean Dailey PS#320.

DE 87 Bryant Turner rFr. 6-2 235 PS#171LB. 90 Joe Happe (6-4 250 So) PS#387. 75 Kelvin Quarles (6-2 227 So) Connecticut transfer. 48 Nick Foster (5-10 275 Jr)

WLB 51 JOE HENDERSON JR. 6-2 220 PS#382. 35 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. 8 st LY, 63 tkl, 8.5 tfl. 3rd Tm CUSA. 9 Stanley Lykes (6-2 205 Sr) 62 tkl, 7 sk JC '05. 5 tkl LY. 40 Henry Blackmon (6-0 220 Sr).

MLB 45 BJ Steed So. 6-1 220 PS#274RB. 1 st, 21 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 93 Larry Blanchard (6-0 230 Jr). Tye Huff (6-0 220 Fr) 171 tkl as HS Sr. 26 Gerod Condry (6-2 220 Sr) 2 tkl, 10 gm '05.

SLB 57 Kris Guyton Jr. 6-3 230 PS#269. 3 st rFr, 43 tkl, 2 tfl. 0 st LY but #4 tkl'r w/55, 1 int and 3 pbu. 52 Jeffery Williams (6-0 225 Sr) PS#208. 8 tkl '05. 3 st, 13 tkl in '06.

CB 21 KEVIN SANDERS JR. 5-11 185 5 st rFr, 15 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu. 12 st LY, 32 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu. Brandon Carlisle (5-10 180 So) PS#316. Michael McRae (5-11 175 rFr). Keon Harris PS#443.

CB 31 Zach Britten Sr. 5-10 180 PS#428JC. 3 st LY, 18 tkl, 3 tfl. 6 Carnell Williams (6-1 205 Sr) PS#370. 5 st 2Y, 33 tkl. 25 Gershom Bigham (6-0 190 So). No spg-inj.

SS 32 Durrell Fuqua Sr. 5-11 185 PS#165RB. 1 st 3Y, 44 tkl. Marquis Coleman is PS#124. 48 Anthony Davis (6-0 195 rFr) PS#347. Jeff Witt (5-11 170 Fr). Corey Jones (5-9 180 So).

FS 18 WILL DUNBAR SR. 6-1 195 35 tkl, 1 int '05. 6 st LY, 65 tkl, 3 int, 1 pbu. 43 Matt Taylor (5-11 185 Sr) 1 st, 17 tkl, 1 sk 2Y. 49 Todd Tate (5-11 180 Jr). 47 Rowdy Wade (6-2 215 So).

P NA Charlie Edwards Fr. 6-0 190 PS#53. Avg 41.8 ypp as HS Sr. 94 Swayze Waters PS#59 in '05. #2P in '06, zero punts. 42.1 avg in HS. 50 Matt Terwilliger (6-2 180 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Aaron Johns 5-10 190 PS#229JC
DB	Marquis Coleman 6-1 185 PS#124
OL	Caleb Thomas 6-3 280 PS#163
RB	Darell Norman 5-10 195 PS#122
WR	Justin Johnson 6-3 195 PS#196
RB	Jae Fitzgerald 5-11 195 PS#127
TE	Corey Powers 6-5 245 PS#67 '06
DL	Antonio Forbes 6-4 265 PS#423JC
OL	Terence Edge 6-3 265 PS#271
RB	Dexter Barnett 5-10 175 PS#236
OL	Kevious Watkins 6-4 335 PS#322
DL	Adam Arthur 6-2 260 PS#323LB
DL	Sean Dailey 6-3 245 PS#320
DL	Tim Davis 6-0 260 PS#322
K	Charlie Edwards 6-0 190 PS#53
DL	DJ Reese 6-4 280 PS#341
DB	Broderick Ferguson 6-2 200 PS#405
QB	Bryan Ellis 6-2 200 PS#273
OL	Rolando Brown 6-5 305 PS#485
DB	Keon Harris 5-11 195 PS#443
DL	JaBari Williams 6-3 220 PS#381
OL	Matt McCants 6-7 295 PS#520
OL	Greg Calhoun 6-5 300 PS#534
RB	Reggie Jones 5-9 185 PS#484 '05
LB	Tye Huff 6-0 220 PS#500
DB	Ugonna Amarikawa 6-0 180 PS#540
WR	Mario Wright 6-5 200 PS#495
RB	Jimmie Blair 6-0 180 PS#506
LB	Mike Tashman 6-0 210 PS#485
DB	Jeff Witt 5-11 170 PS#560

UAB BLAZERS

Birmingham, Alabama
Weather (205) 945-7000

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#89

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UAB	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	at Michigan St	G					UAB has dropped their L/7 AG's (last win on the road vs UTEP in '05). First gm vs a B10 opp. UAB is just 1-15 in their 1st road game since starting football in '91.
Sep. 8	at Florida St	G					UAB is 0-7 all-time vs current ACC members with the avg score 37-6. Blazers are 2-5 in second of back-to-back road games.
Sep. 15	Alcorn St	G					UAB Blazers are 10-1 since 1996 in home openers. The Braves finished 6-5 last year in the SWAC, including losing to ULM 24-6.
Sep. 22							
Sep. 29	at Tulsa	A					UAB is 7-13 the last 5 years in conference away games. This will be the school's first meeting & UAB was 4-6 vs the other current CUSA teams 1st game.
Oct. 6	at Mississippi St	G					New HC Neil Callaway cch'd in the SEC w/Georgia (OC) & 'Bama (OC/OL) the past 10 yrs & also was at Auburn for 11 seasons. UAB is 2-9 vs SEC teams all-time being outscored by 17 ppg.
Oct. 13	Tulane (HC)	G					In their 5 all-time meetings (1999-'04) these schools have averaged 66 ppg. Blazers are 6-2 since joining CUSA in 1999 in the 1st conf home game of the season.
Oct. 20	Houston	G					Neil Callaway was an assistant HC/OC at Houston from 1993-1996. The HT is 4-1 in this series that started in 1999. UAB is 8-4 in 2nd of B2B HG's.
Oct. 27	at East Carolina	G					Callaway was on the EC coaching staff for 2 seasons in '78 & '79. LY EC on 4th & 15 (E43), was about to score w/1:12 left, but UAB stripped the ball from behind for a TB & the win.
Nov. 3	S Mississippi	G					LY vs SM QB Webb made his debut coming off the bench going 8-12 (67%) 137 yds adding 72 rush yds. The Blazers have lost 7 games to the Golden Eagles by an average of just 5 ppg.
Nov. 10	UCF	G					UAB is 11-5 in home finales. UAB has dropped all 4 in series history. LY UAB tied the gm mid-4Q on a 2 pt conv, but the play was nullified by a penalty.
Nov. 17	at Memphis	A					These tms play for the "Battle for the Bones" Trophy (honor's the tasty barbecue between the cities). Blazers had a pair of 100 yd+ rushers in the same game LY for 1st time since 2001.
Nov. 24	at Marshall	A					UAB & Marshall both competed in DIAA from 1993-'95 (Marshall 1982-'96). Last gm in WV ('05, 1st meeting), UAB was short on a 51 yd FG as time expired.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Darrell Hackney 9,886 '02-'05
2. John Whitcomb 7,420 '92-'94
3. Daniel Dixon 3,085 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Pat Green 2,817 '91-'94
2. Dan Burks 2,277 '02-'06
3. Jegil Dugger 1,979 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Derrick Ingram 3,379 '91-'94
2. Roddy White 3,112 '01-'04
3. Cedrick Buchannon 1,694 '92-'95

NEIL CALLAWAY (Career 0-0)

1st Year at UAB

Callaway's Bowl Record: 0-0

Callaway's records AT UAB

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

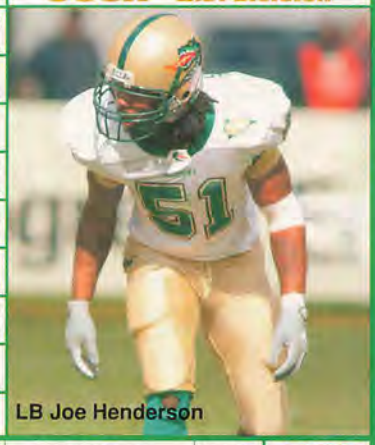
2006 RECORD: **(3–9)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (17,16,2)
Lost: 31 (17,13,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 23,139 (#83)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION


LB Joe Henderson

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (72,000) (#26)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (SureTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	5-7	5-7	7-4	5-6	3-9	38-42
Home	4-2	4-1	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-3	3-3	23-15
Away	3-2	2-4	1-5	3-4	3-3	3-3	0-6	15-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	5-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	3-5	2-6	26-28
ATS	7-3	6-4	5-6-1	5-7	6-5	5-5	4-8	38-38-1
Home Fav	1-2	2-2	1-1	0-3	3-1	1-3	2-4	10-16
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	3-0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	7-1-1
Away Fav	1-0	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-2	0-1	4-9
Away Dog	3-1	3-1	1-3	4-2	1-2	3-0	2-3	17-12
Favorite	2-2	3-3	1-3	0-4	4-3	2-5	2-5	14-25
Dog	5-1	3-1	4-3-1	5-3	2-2	3-0	2-3	24-13-1
vs Conf	4-2	5-2	4-3-1	4-4	4-4	3-5	2-6	26-26-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-2	1-3	1-3	2-1	2-0	2-2	12-12
Off SU Win	3-3	5-1	2-2-1	2-3	3-4	1-3	1-2	17-18-1
Off SU Loss	4-0	1-3	3-3	3-3	2-1	3-2	2-6	18-18

Watson Brown

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dan Burks	108	476	44	432	1	4.0
Corey White	96	390	18	372	6	3.9
Marculus Elliott	51	328	16	312	1	6.1
Sam Hunt	**69**	**262**	**103**	**159**	**1**	**2.3**
Chris Williams	57	227	99	128	3	2.2
Trey Chaney	13	48	2	46	1	3.5
Joseph Webb	**24**	**122**	**84**	**38**	**1**	**1.6**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Williams	168	95	56.5	1112	9	7
Sam Hunt	**82**	**48**	**58.5**	**655**	**2**	**5**
Joseph Webb	**51**	**33**	**64.7**	**426**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Willie Edwards	39	719	18.4	2	71
Sylvester Mencer	**31**	**400**	**12.9**	**3**	**38**
Norris Drinkard	22	251	11.4	1	35
Steven Brown	14	200	14.3	2	49
Dan Burks	7	145	20.7	0	37
Rashad Slaughter	**16**	**113**	**7.1**	**0**	**22**
Corey White	13	96	7.4	2	24
Marculus Elliott	7	59	8.4	0	28

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Parker Mullins	58	2314	39.9	20	33.4	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Swayze Waters	**7-7**	**4-4**	**3-5**	**2-3**	**0-0**	**9-12**	**42**
Parker Mullins	15-17	0-0	2-4	0-0	0-0	2-4	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Dunbar	**65**	**1**	**1.5**	**1**	**3**
Mastaki Smith	64	1	1.5	1	0
Joe Henderson	**63**	**1**	**7.5**	**2**	**0**
Kris Guyton	**55**	**0**	**2.5**	**3**	**1**
Larry McSwain	39	6	3.5	1	0
Chris Felder	36	0	0.5	1	2
Branson Register	36	1	1	2	0
Jermaine McElveen	35	2	6	0	0
Kevin Sanders	**32**	**0**	**0.5**	**8**	**3**
Will Evans	30	0	1	1	1
Orlandus King	28	2	3	1	0
Brandon Jeffries	**22**	**0**	**5.5**	**1**	**0**
BJ Steed	**21**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Clarence Respress	20	1	3.5	0	0
Tony Haynes-Dalton	20	1	2	3	0
Zach Britten	**18**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Marcus Mark	16	0	3	2	0
David Miller	15	1	1	0	0
Kyle Bissinger	14	2	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Sanders	**10**	**61**	**6.1**	**0**
Rashad Slaughter	**6**	**12**	**2.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marculus Elliott	27	638	23.6	0
Rashad Slaughter	**8**	**193**	**24.1**	**0**

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Hawaii	+4	Hawaii	40-59

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UAB's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

UAB'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	18.8	18	126	3.5	185	58.2	16.5	+6	2006	7	24.8	19	147	4.3	213	63.1	14.5
8*	27.9	22	143	4.3	292	63.0	15.6	+5	2005	6	24.0	21	148	3.9	224	61.0	15.5
8*	31.0	21	147	4.1	256	55.1	13.0	0	2004	10	29.3	21	142	3.9	270	60.1	14.1
7*	20.4	16	132	3.6	217	48.7	17.1	-5	2003	6	23.9	20	178	4.4	208	57.9	16.1
8*	22.3	18	130	3.4	185	48.7	14.1	+1	2002	2	30.8	20	154	3.7	228	56.4	12.4
6*	24.1	17	161	3.7	142	48.3	12.6	+3	2001	9	18.7	16	57	1.9	209	54.7	14.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

UAB 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Oklahoma	14	40-135	3.4	11-17	169	1	14	29-143	4.9	14-24	227	1	+3
–	East Carolina	22	42-124	3.0	17-23	199	0	20	27-96	3.6	20-38	280	1	0
–	at Georgia	15	36-69	1.9	12-21	94	4	18	38-146	3.8	11-19	125	2	-1
–	Mississippi St	14	32-94	2.9	12-26	116	1	19	44-166	3.8	14-23	115	1	0
–	Troy	18	42-140	3.3	11-16	145	4	14	32-58	1.8	18-32	144	6	0
–	Memphis	22	50-279	5.6	12-20	134	1	18	27-77	2.9	22-30	303	0	0
–	at Rice	18	32-175	5.5	16-29	309	0	23	36-230	6.4	21-33	191	4	+1
–	Marshall	19	28-137	4.9	18-30	205	3	21	46-317	6.9	9-12	156	2	0
–	at SMU	17	34-89	2.6	18-36	133	3	14	26-110	4.2	18-23	148	0	+1
–	UTEP	15	31-94	3.0	16-27	266	2	20	22-1	0.0	25-40	455	3	-2
–	at S Mississippi	12	38-82	2.2	9-18	155	5	19	44-212	4.8	8-18	128	2	+2
–	at UCF	25	27-89	3.3	25-41	289	4	23	38-205	5.4	20-25	278	1	+2
TOTALS		211	432-1507	3.5	177-304	2214	28	223	409-1761	4.3	200-317	2550	23	+6
AVERAGES		17.6	36-126	3.5	15-25	185	2.3	18.6	34-147	4.3	17-26	213	1.9	+1

2002 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Florida - #6	+32	3-51
–	Troy	-1'	27-26
–	Pittsburgh	+6'	20-26
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	0-34
–	Memphis	+8'	31-17
–	Houston	-3'	51-34
–	at Tulane	+4'	14-35
–	at Army	-8	29-26
–	S Mississippi	+7	13-20
–	East Carolina	+3'	36-29
–	at Louisville	+18	21-41
–	at Cincinnati	+17	23-31

2003 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Baylor	-9	24-19
–	S Mississippi	+3	12-17
–	Troy	-11'	9-20
–	at South Carolina	+14	10-42
–	at Memphis	+9'	24-10
–	Cincinnati	+5'	31-14
–	at TCU - #16	+10'	24-27
–	at Georgia - #4	+29	13-16
–	Army	-21'	24-9
–	Tulane	-13'	24-38
–	at USF	+6'	22-19
–	at Houston	+1	28-56

2004 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Baylor	-14	56-14
–	at Florida St - #8	+23	7-34
–	Memphis	+2'	35-28
–	at Cincinnati	+1	30-27
–	at Mississippi St	-12	27-13
–	TCU	-7	41-25
–	at Tulane	-18	55-59
–	USF	-19	20-45
–	Houston	-9'	20-7
–	at Army	-11'	20-14
–	at S Mississippi	+1	21-26

2005 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Tennessee - #3	+21'	10-17
–	at Troy	-9'	27-7
–	Jacksonville St	NL	35-28
–	Rice	-17'	45-26
–	SMU	-20	27-28
–	at Marshall	-2	19-20
–	S Mississippi	-2'	28-37
–	at Memphis	+2'	37-20
–	UCF	-7'	21-27
–	at UTEP - #24	+7'	35-23
–	at East Carolina	-5'	23-31

2006 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Oklahoma - #10	+22'	17-24
–	East Carolina	-7	17-12
–	at Georgia - #10	+17	0-34
–	Mississippi St	-10	10-16 OT
–	Troy	-5'	21-3
–	Memphis	-5	35-29
–	at Rice	-5	33-34
–	Marshall	-6	24-31
–	at SMU	+5	9-22
–	UTEP	-2	17-36
–	at S Mississippi	+14'	20-25
–	at UCF	+3'	22-31

WAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 WAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Colt Brennan, Hawaii	Chase Holbrook, NMSt	Adam Tafralis, SJSt	Tom Brandstater, Fresno St
RB	Ian Johnson, Boise St	Patrick Jackson, L Tech	Brian Flowers, Idaho	Justine Buries, NMSt
RB	Yonus Davis, SJSt	Lonyae Miller, Fresno St	Leon Wright-Jackson, Hawaii	Brandon Fragger, Nevada
WR	Davone Bess, Hawaii	Chastin West, Fresno St	Jeremy Childs, Boise St	Marko Mitchell, Nevada
WR	Chris Williams, NMSt	Ryan Grice-Mullen, Hawaii	Kevin Robinson, Utah St	Josh Wheeler, LTech
WR	David Richmond, SJSt	Jason Rivers, Hawaii	AJ Harris, NMSt	Derek Dubois, NMSt
TE	Bear Pascoe, Fresno St	Nick Cleaver, NMSt	Ryan Putnam, Boise St	Brent Keaster, Nevada
C	Jeff Cavender, Boise St	Ryan Wendell, Fresno St	Adam Korby, Idaho	Justin Paysinger, SJSt
G	Cole Popovich, Fresno St	Hercules Satele, Hawaii	Andrew Woodruff, Boise St	Ryan Considine, LTech
G	Tad Miller, Boise St	John Booker, SJSt	Pace Jorgensen, Utah St	Charles Manu, Nevada
T	Ryan Clady, Boise St	Tyler Miller, LTech	Bobby Lepori, Fresno St	Adam McDowell, Fresno St
T	Bradis McGriff, SJSt	Mike Martinez, NMSt	Dominic Green, Nevada	Kris Anderson, Idaho
DL	Tyler Clutts, Fresno St	Ben Calderwood, Utah St	David Veikune, Hawaii	Maurice Murray, NMSt
DL	Michael Lafaele, Hawaii	D'Anthony Smith, LTech	Joshua Muse, LTech	Joe Bozikovich, Boise St
DL	Jason Shirley, Fresno St	Matt Hines, Nevada	EJ Reid, Utah St	Frank Maile, Utah St
DL	Nick Schlekeway, Boise St	Justin Cole, SJSt	Jason Roberts, Fresno St	Mike T. Williams, Boise St
LB	David Vobora, Idaho	Solomon Elimimian, Hawaii	Marquis McBeath, LTech	Ahijah Lane, Fresno St
LB	Matt Castelo, SJSt	Brannon Jackson, LTech	Jake Hutton, Utah St	Marcus Riley, Fresno St
LB	Ezra Butler, Nevada	Jeremy Engstrom, Nevada	Demetrius Jones, SJSt	Devon Hall, Utah St
LB	Adam Leonard, Hawaii	Paul Igboeli, Utah St	Quin Harris, LTech	Kyle Gingg, Boise St
CB	Dwight Lowery, SJSt	Orlando Scandrick, Boise St	Christopher Owens, SJSt	Ryan Mouton, Hawaii
CB	Stanley Franks, Idaho	Alex Bernard, NMSt	Kyle Wilson, Boise St	Damon Jenkins, Fresno St
SS	Marty Tadman, Boise St	Mark Dillard, LTech	Caleb Taylor, Utah St	Brad Kalilimoku, Hawaii
FS	Jacob Patek, Hawaii	Shiloh Keo, Idaho	Derrick Richardson, NMSt	Antonio Taylor, Utah St
K	Dan Kelly, Hawaii	Kyle Hughes, NMSt	Jared Strubeck, SJSt	Clint Stitser, Fresno St
P	Jared Kaufman, NMSt	Waylon Prather, SJSt	Leon Jackson, Utah St	TJ Conley, Idaho
KR	Dwayne Sanders, Nevada	Patrick Jackson, LTech	Derek Dubois, NMSt	Chastin West, Fresno St
PR	Chris Williams, NMSt	Kevin Robinson, Utah St	Clifton Smith, Fresno St	Marty Tadman, Boise St

Fresno St
WR Chastin West

Boise St
SS Marty Tadman

Louisiana Tech
OT Tyler Miller

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 WAC FORECAST

1. HAWAII - Last year I called for Boise St not only to run the table, but to get to a BCS bowl. This year I make the same forecast for Hawaii. They have 14 returning starters and outgained WAC foes by a league best 162 ypg last year. They may have the most explosive offense in the country as Colt Brennan turned down a shot at the NFL, and the D continues to improve. They get both Boise St and Fresno St at home and all 8 sets of my power ratings call for an undefeated season. The toughest test appears to be a night game at Nevada on a short week in the cold of mid-November. The Warriors are quite capable of being the 2nd consecutive WAC team to make it to a BCS bowl.

2. BOISE ST - In 2003 Boise St had the fewest amount of returning starters in the WAC (10) and had to face Fresno St and Hawaii on the road yet rolled to a 12-1 season and another WAC Championship. This year they have just 11 returning starters (tied for the fewest in WAC), benefitted from +11 in turnovers last year, and have both Fresno St and Hawaii on the road. Boise St has won or shared a WAC Title five straight seasons. Last year I picked Boise St to appear in a BCS bowl however this year I'll call for their conference streak to end as in the season finale they will face a loaded Hawaii team on the Islands on a short week.

3. FRESNO ST - Check out my Snapshot Article (on page 300) as Fresno St was 9-2 and almost upset #1 ranked USC in 2005 but little has gone right since. I look for the Bulldogs to rebound big this year, despite the fact they have just 11 returning starters (tied for the fewest in the WAC). After their first lower division finish last season, it's back to the upper half of the league in 2007. I look for Pat Hill's squad to get back to normal and knock off a ranked team or two this year.

3. NEW MEXICO ST - NMSt is one of the most improved teams in the country and now in the 3rd year of the Mumme system. They have the 2nd most potent offense in the WAC and will have a much improved D. Their 17 returning starters are the 2nd most in the league and they were -10 in turnovers last year (see Turnovers=Turnaround pg 312). They also fit my Injury System (pg 314). They have recorded just 2 wins in the WAC the past two years but I'll look for them to at least double that total this season.

3. SAN JOSE ST - The Spartans overachieved last season as they benefitted from +9 in turnovers and three close wins. This year they have their best team yet under Tomey with 15 returning starters and perhaps the best defense in the WAC as well as a top-notch special teams. While they will not match last year's 9 win total, I'll call for them to bag their second straight 3rd place finish in the WAC.

6. NEVADA - It's very difficult to pick Nevada here but it is a much improved WAC and the Wolf Pack have just 12 returning starters (3rd fewest in the WAC) and benefitted from +12 in turnovers last year. They have to play Boise St, New Mexico St and SJSt on the road and have 2 tough home games vs Hawaii and a much improved Fresno St. Nevada has a great situational edge vs Hawaii as they are off a bye week, while UH will be on a short week (Fri), will have to travel, and may be affected by the weather. Nevada could easily finish much higher in the standings.

7. IDAHO - Idaho has just 12 returning starters and must replace 24 lettermen (league high). They were also outgained by 49.1 ypg in league play (3rd worst). The Vandals also have their 3rd HC in just a 4 year span and must once again learn new schemes on both offense and defense. Still, they have a large home field edge and get both Utah St and Louisiana Tech at home, teams who they are on par with.

8. UTAH ST - The Aggies were outgained by 142.2 ypg (2nd worst) in league play last year and outscored by 24.4 ppg (WAC worst). They do have 19 returning starters, the most in the league and lose just 11 lettermen (fewest). This is a much stronger team but they have a lot of ground to make up and unfortunately most of their winnable games are on the road as they host Boise St, Nevada and SJSt. Utah St finished in the basement last year and I'll call for them to escape the cellar this season.

9. LOUISIANA TECH - LT has a lot of good factors going in its favor (see pg 299 and 314). After having just two starters back on defense last year, they have 10 returning this year, and one of the most improved D's in the country. They do have a new coaching staff and must learn new schemes and unfortunately, most of their winnable games are on the road in conference play. Louisiana Tech was outgained by 157.5 ypg (league worst) in WAC play last year. The schedule has me calling for them to finish in the basement for a second straight year.

WAC Notes: The WAC became the 2nd non-BCS conference to land a BCS bid and just like Utah from the MWC back in '04, Boise St WON the Fiesta Bowl with some trickery. Boise St was the ONLY major unbeaten team in the country last year and did it with a first year head coach in Chris Petersen. Last year I called for Boise to land a BCS bid and this year I am calling for the WAC to land a SECOND STRAIGHT bid as all 8 sets of my power ratings call for Hawaii to have an unbeaten season led by Colt Brennan. I do wonder why the WAC allowed Nevada to have a great scheduling edge which could net the conference a few hundred thousand in TV money for a Friday Night game, but could cost the WAC millions if Nevada upsets Hawaii. Hawaii is a warm weather team traveling to cold weather Nevada in mid-November and must make the long flight and play in altitude on a short week after facing Fresno St on Saturday night the week prior. The WAC was 17-21 vs non-conf teams but 7 wins were vs 1AA foes. They were 6-7 vs non-BCS schools and 4-14 vs BCS conf teams. That 29% win percentage vs BCS teams was a better record than the MWC, CUSA, MAC and Sun Belt. The WAC also did well in NFL draft picks this year with 17 which is the 6th best of all the conferences, more than the Big East (BCS member) had and the most ever in the WAC since the draft was limited to 7 rounds in 1992 (16 in 1998). The WAC also had an impressive bowl season as they not only landed 4 bowl bids, they won 3 of them. They were 1 point away from perfection as Nevada lost by that margin to Miami, Fl with Boise St, Hawaii and San Jose St all delivering wins. Their 75% win percentage in the bowls tied them for 2nd best among the conferences. The last national champ from the WAC conference was BYU back in 1984 and Boise St finished #5 last year.

2006 WAC vs WAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
1	Hawaii	54.8	1	558.3	1	116.3	8	5.85	1	442.0	1	72.5	1	10.2	1	12	1	10	3
15	Boise St	41.6	2	451.6	2	229.9	1	5.27	3	221.8	3	68.7	3	10.8	2	12	1	9	2
36	New Mexico St	28.8	4	445.3	3	67.3	9	2.68	9	378.0	2	70.7	2	15.5	6	21	8	24	9
51	Nevada	32.5	3	375.8	4	185.6	4	4.76	5	190.1	6	61.1	4	11.6	3	18	7	15	6
61	Fresno St	25.4	5	359.3	5	200.6	2	5.42	2	158.6	9	57.8	5	14.2	4	14	3	6	1
64	San Jose St	24.0	6	349.6	6	189.6	3	4.93	4	160.0	8	56.3	6	14.6	5	15	4	12	4
87	Louisiana Tech	19.1	7	348.0	7	149.9	5	4.44	6	198.1	4	51.8	8	18.2	8	23	9	22	8
109	Idaho	18.6	8	317.5	8	119.5	7	3.58	7	198.0	5	48.5	9	17.0	7	16	5	18	7
113	Utah St	15.4	9	291.9	9	129.1	6	3.51	8	162.8	7	55.5	7	19.0	9	16	5	13	5

2006 WAC vs WAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
27	Boise St	20.0	2	313.9	1	84.5	1	3.30	1	229.4	6	60.6	2	15.7	4	16	4	20	2
48	Nevada	17.8	1	334.1	2	138.8	3	4.29	4	195.4	1	61.9	5	18.8	1	23	1	21	1
71	San Jose St	21.5	3	361.5	3	135.0	2	3.79	2	226.5	4	64.3	9	16.8	2	13	7	13	6
73	Hawaii	24.5	4	396.3	6	143.3	4	3.92	3	253.0	7	56.3	1	16.2	3	20	2	18	4
76	Fresno St	26.8	5	375.1	5	148.0	6	4.57	6	227.1	5	63.2	7	14.0	5	11	9	19	3
106	Idaho	34.0	7	366.6	4	147.3	5	4.46	5	219.4	2	61.7	4	10.8	9	20	2	14	5
114	New Mexico St	32.8	6	410.0	7	185.9	8	4.78	7	224.1	3	60.6	3	12.5	6	15	6	8	8
116	Utah St	39.8	8	434.1	8	179.8	7	5.08	8	254.4	8	64.3	8	10.9	8	13	7	9	7
119	Louisiana Tech	43.1	9	505.5	9	225.4	9	6.05	9	280.1	9	62.8	6	11.7	7	16	4	7	9

Louisiana Tech RB/KR Patrick Jackson

Fresno St C Ryan Wendell

2006 WAC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2006	2005	2004
Boise State	8	0	333	160	13	0	516	229	+137.7	+70.1	+191.3
Hawaii	7	1	438	196	11	3	656	337	+162.0	+79.3	-67.8
San Jose St	5	3	192	172	9	4	324	270	-11.9	-74.4	-108.0
Nevada	5	3	260	142	8	5	391	249	+41.7	+59.6	-42.7
Fresno St	4	4	203	214	4	8	276	339	-15.8	+137.0	+62.2
Idaho	3	5	149	272	4	8	203	417	-49.1	-82.7	-20.2
New Mexico St	2	6	230	262	4	8	374	369	+35.3	-124.2	+104.5
Louisiana Tech	1	7	153	345	3	10	242	542	-157.5	-11.1	+33.5
Utah State	1	7	123	318	1	11	130	462	-142.2	-54.4	-43.7

Coach of the Year: June Jones, Hawaii

New Mexico St Mike Martinez

Idaho CB Stanley Franks

Utah St LB Paul Igboeli

Boise St RB Ian Johnson

2005 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Nevada	7	1	297	224	9	3	410	383
Boise St	7	1	339	178	9	4	469	317
Louisiana Tech	6	2	259	192	7	4	316	281
Fresno St	6	2	292	143	8	5	491	292
Hawaii	4	4	264	244	5	7	368	428
San Jose St	2	6	173	241	3	8	248	357
Utah St	2	6	167	270	3	8	208	360
Idaho	2	6	180	313	2	9	243	419
New Mex St	0	8	147	313	0	12	198	465

Coach of the Year: Chris Ault, Nevada

2004 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Boise State	8	0	401	196	11	1	587	308
UTEP	6	2	315	227	8	4	429	301
Fresno State	5	3	338	165	9	3	482	253
Louisiana Tech	5	3	260	220	6	6	308	382
Hawaii	4	4	238	324	8	5	467	499
Nevada	3	5	236	318	5	7	356	413
Tulsa	3	5	272	303	4	8	345	398
SMU	3	5	182	290	3	8	202	420
Rice	2	6	236	321	3	8	272	377
San Jose St	1	7	256	377	2	9	312	469

Coach of the Year: Mike Price, UTEP

2006 WAC CONF LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Colt Brennan, Hawaii	**559**	**406**	**72.6**	**12**	**5549**	**9.9**	**58**	**186.0**
Jared Zabransky, Boise St	288	191	66.3	8	2587	9.0	23	162.6
Adam Tafralis, SJSt	**276**	**181**	**65.6**	**7**	**2284**	**8.3**	**21**	**155.1**
Chase Holbrook, NMSt	**567**	**397**	**70.0**	**9**	**4619**	**8.2**	**34**	**155.1**
Jeff Rowe, Nevada	266	172	64.7	8	1907	7.2	17	140.0
Zac Champion, LTech	**364**	**190**	**52.2**	**18**	**2466**	**6.8**	**14**	**111.9**
Tom Brandstater, FSU	**268**	**146**	**54.5**	**14**	**1490**	**5.6**	**13**	**106.7**
Steven Wichman, Idaho	319	155	48.6	14	2158	6.8	8	104.9
Leon Jackson III, Utah St	**150**	**73**	**48.7**	**7**	**694**	**4.6**	**3**	**84.8**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Chris Williams, NMSt	**12**	**92**	**1415**	**12**	**117.9**	**7.7**	**15.4**
Davone Bess, Hawaii	**14**	**96**	**1220**	**15**	**87.1**	**6.9**	**12.7**
Jason Rivers, Hawaii	**14**	**72**	**1178**	**10**	**84.1**	**5.1**	**16.4**
James Jones, SJSt	13	70	893	10	68.7	5.4	12.8
Derek Dubois, NMSt	**12**	**53**	**800**	**7**	**66.7**	**4.4**	**15.1**
AJ Harris, NMSt	**12**	**71**	**789**	**7**	**65.8**	**5.9**	**11.1**
John Broussard, SJSt	13	52	844	7	64.9	4.0	16.2
Nate Ilaoa, Hawaii	13	67	837	5	64.4	5.2	12.5
Nick Cleaver, NMSt	**12**	**50**	**684**	**4**	**57.0**	**4.2**	**13.7**
Ross Dickerson, Hawaii	14	54	726	7	51.9	3.9	13.4
Drisan James, Boise St	13	36	650	4	50.0	2.8	18.1
Ian Sample, Hawaii	14	54	690	10	49.3	3.9	12.8
Kevin Robinson, Utah St	**12**	**36**	**582**	**5**	**48.5**	**3.0**	**16.2**
Jerard Rabb, Boise St	13	37	586	4	45.1	2.9	15.8

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeAngelo Wilson, Nevada	**16**	**228**	**0**	**14.2**
Marty Tadman, Boise St	**16**	**143**	**0**	**8.9**
Clifton Smith, Fresno St	**19**	**139**	**0**	**7.3**
Myron Newberry, Hawaii	**22**	**130**	**0**	**5.9**
Wes Williams, Idaho	**15**	**53**	**0**	**3.5**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kyle Stringer, Boise St	13	47	2097	44.6
Waylon Prather, San Jose St	**13**	**63**	**2771**	**44.0**
TJ Conley, Idaho	**12**	**67**	**2640**	**39.4**
Zacary Whited, Nevada	**11**	**40**	**1564**	**39.1**
Chris Keagle, Louisiana Tech	**13**	**66**	**2534**	**38.4**
Leon Jackson III, Utah St	**12**	**74**	**2791**	**37.7**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Anthony Montgomery, Boise St	13	13	14	93.0	40
Dan Kelly, Hawaii	**14**	**13**	**17**	**76.4**	**52**
Jared Strubeck, SJSt	**12**	**9**	**12**	**75.0**	**48**
Brett Jaekle, Nevada	**13**	**8**	**11**	**73.0**	**44**
Tino Amancio, Idaho	**12**	**12**	**17**	**71.0**	**49**
Clint Stitser, Fresno St	**12**	**11**	**16**	**68.8**	**43**
Danny Horwedel, LTech	**12**	**8**	**12**	**66.7**	**38**
Matt Pratt, NMSt	**12**	**3**	**8**	**38.0**	**41**

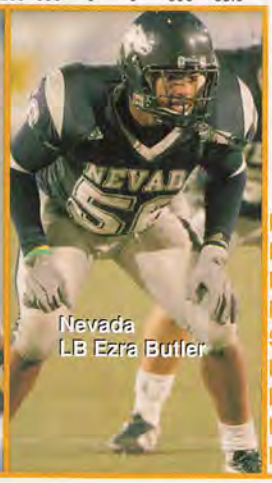
RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Ian Johnson, Boise St	**12**	**277**	**1713**	**6.2**	**25**	**142.8**
Dwayne Wright, Fresno St	12	261	1462	5.6	11	121.8
Robert Hubbard, Nevada	12	209	996	4.8	6	83.0
Yonus Davis, SJSt	**13**	**163**	**1007**	**6.2**	**6**	**77.5**
Nate Ilaoa, Hawaii	13	131	990	7.6	13	76.2
Patrick Jackson, LTech	**12**	**170**	**854**	**5.0**	**7**	**71.2**
Marcus Cross, Utah St	**11**	**176**	**650**	**3.7**	**3**	**59.1**
Brian Flowers, Idaho	**12**	**128**	**561**	**4.4**	**4**	**46.8**
Jayson Bird, Idaho	**12**	**137**	**506**	**3.7**	**7**	**42.2**
Jeremiah Williams, NMSt	**11**	**95**	**426**	**4.5**	**4**	**38.7**
Daniel Porter, LTech	**12**	**82**	**464**	**5.7**	**2**	**38.7**
Luke Lippincott, Nevada	**12**	**94**	**456**	**4.9**	**9**	**38.0**
Patrick Perry, SJSt	**13**	**102**	**454**	**4.5**	**7**	**34.9**
Miller Lonyae, Fresno St	**10**	**54**	**287**	**5.3**	**2**	**28.7**
Brett Denton, Boise St	13	69	348	5.0	3	26.8
Colt Brennan, Hawaii	**14**	**86**	**366**	**4.3**	**5**	**26.1**
Vinny Perretta, Boise St	**13**	**55**	**316**	**5.7**	**3**	**24.3**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Colt Brennan, Hawaii	**14**	**86**	**366**	**559**	**5549**	**5915**	**422.5**
Chase Holbrook, NMSt	**12**	**80**	**-78**	**567**	**4619**	**4541**	**378.4**
Jared Zabransky, Boise St	13	98	197	288	2587	2784	214.2
Zac Champion, LTech	**13**	**68**	**88**	**364**	**2466**	**2554**	**196.5**
Adam Tafralis, SJSt	**13**	**89**	**230**	**276**	**2284**	**2514**	**193.4**
Steven Wichman, Idaho	12	52	33	319	2158	2191	182.6
Jeff Rowe, Nevada	12	93	208	266	1907	2115	176.2
Tom Brandstater, FSU	**11**	**32**	**86**	**268**	**1490**	**1576**	**143.3**
Ian Johnson, Boise St	**12**	**276**	**1714**	**0**	**0**	**1714**	**142.8**
Dwayne Wright, Fres St	12	261	1462	0	0	1462	121.8
Robert Hubbard, Nevada	12	209	996	0	0	996	83.0

San Jose St LB Matt Castelo


Nevada LB Ezra Butler

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ross Dickerson, Hawaii	26	650	1	25.0
Dwayne Sanders, Nevada	**22**	**550**	**0**	**25.0**
Patrick Jackson, Louisiana Tech	**29**	**702**	**1**	**24.2**
Chastin West, Fresno St	**24**	**527**	**1**	**22.0**
Kevin Robinson, Utah St	**31**	**641**	**0**	**20.7**
Quinton Jones, Boise St	24	483	0	20.1
Raymond Fry, Idaho	**26**	**475**	**0**	**18.3**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Ezra Butler, Nevada	**18**	**84**
David Vobora, Idaho	**15.5**	**64**
Melila Purcell, UH	15.5	47
JJ Milan, Nevada	13.5	72
Andrew Browning, BSU	10.5	54
Damaja Jones, SJSt	10.5	46
Ikaika Alama-Francis, UH	10	51
Justin Cole, SJSt	**9.5**	**34**
Demetrius Jones, SJSt	**9**	**25**
Paul Igboeli, Utah St	**8**	**41**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Melila Purcell, Hawaii	9.5	39
JJ Milan, Nevada	9	56
Andrew Browning, BSU	8.5	49
Ezra Butler, Nevada	**7.5**	**55**
Colt Brooks, Boise St	6.5	27
Jarron Gilbert, SJSt	**5**	**27**
Tyler Clutts, Fres St	**5**	**23**
Ikaika Alama-Francis, UH	4	28
Nathan Nuttall, NMSt	4	25
Mike T Williams, BSU	**4**	**24**

*Numbers come from WAC final statistics.

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Matt Castelo, SJSt	**13**	**78**	**87**	**165**	**12.7**
David Vobora, Idaho	**12**	**84**	**50**	**134**	**11.2**
Korey Hall, Boise St	13	57	54	111	8.5
Tim McManigal, NMSt	12	28	63	91	8.2
Adam Leonard, Hawaii	**14**	**62**	**52**	**114**	**8.1**
Christopher Vedder, SJSt	13	53	48	101	7.8
Damaja Jones, SJSt	13	49	50	99	7.7
Rakine Toomes, SJSt	12	41	47	88	7.3
Quin Harris, LTech	**13**	**36**	**59**	**95**	**7.3**
Dwayne Andrews, Fres St	**12**	**43**	**45**	**88**	**7.2**
Solomon Elimimian, Hawaii	**13**	**51**	**38**	**89**	**6.8**
Josh Sherley, Frenso St	**12**	**38**	**44**	**82**	**6.8**
Eric Carrie, NMSt	**12**	**34**	**47**	**81**	**6.8**
Antonio Taylor, Utah St	**11**	**43**	**31**	**74**	**6.7**
Paul Igboeli, Utah St	**11**	**34**	**35**	**69**	**6.3**

PHIL'S WAC UNIT RANKING

	OB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Hawaii	1	5	1	3	5	1	2	4	3
Boise St	5	1	4	1	3	7	1	7	5
Fresno St	4	6	4	2	1	7	6	2	2
New Mexico St	2	8	2	6	4	9	9	1	6
San Jose St	3	4	4	3	2	4	2	3	1
Nevada	8	7	3	5	6	1	4	6	3
Idaho	8	2	8	9	8	3	5	9	8
Utah St	6	9	4	8	6	4	7	8	7
Louisiana Tech	7	3	9	7	8	4	7	5	9

HAWAII WARRIORS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Hawaii had to replace Timmy Chang who left as the only passer in NCAA history to top 17,000 yards. There was a host of QB's battling for the job but Colt Brennan came off the bench and hit 23 of 31 for 219 in the 2H vs Mich St and the Brennan era began. He would lead the NCAA in TD passes, finishing with 4,301 yards (68%) and a 35-13 ratio. He set 9 school records including ypg passing (358.4) breaking Nick Rolovich's 2001 mark of 336.1. Surprisingly the UH record for completion % in a season was just 60% (Chang) and he thrashed that. Brennan was the best QB in college football last year and is the perfect fit for this offense. Not only did he break his own school record with 396.4 ypg, he completed 72.6% with an NCAA record 58 TD's (57- David Klingler 1990) with just 12 int's while leading the NCAA in pass efficiency (186.0)! Tyler Graunke did well when called upon throwing for 501 (74.4%) with a 4-0 ratio and his passer rating was even higher than Brennan's. Inoke Funaki (5'11" 195 So) threw for 128 yards and may have the strongest arm of the QB's. Adding depth is Kiran Kepo'o (6'1" 218 Fr, PS#130). Brennan turned down a shot at the NFL and has a shot at winning the Heisman Trophy.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005, Nate Ilaoa showed up in August at 248 lbs and did not complete the 10x220 conditioning sprints. HC June Jones was furious and said he also had a problem blocking. Jones added that he had NFL potential but needed to show more desire. Numerous backs handled the feature role but Ilaoa led with 643 (7.6). Everyone returned last year and Ilaoa showed the desire that Jones wanted improving his 40 speed to 4.65 and benching 225 thirty times. Ilaoa suffered a conc vs Alabama and an injury limited him to 8 carries vs Oregon St. He very nearly became Jones' first ever 1,000 yard rusher (990, 7.6). In the UH offense, the RB gets so many catches which are like runs, that Ilaoa approached 2,000 total yards as he had 837 (12.5) receiving. Former DL Reagan Mauia rushed for 153 (4.9). This year both Ilaoa (#7DC PHI) and Mauia (#6DC MIA) depart and the top RB figures to be a rare VHT in Nebraska transfer Leon Wright-Jackson (PS#8DB). Not listed in the 3 deep below are David Farmer (6'0" 231 Jr, 42 ttl yd), Khevin Peoples (5'11" 202 Jr, 2 tkl LB '05, 7 yd '06), Mario Cox (5'11" 250 So, PS#180) who had 1 st and 71 yards as a true in '05, David Matautia (5'11" 233 Jr), Jazen Anderson (5'10" 221 Sr, Jamal's brother), Mikhail Kefentzis (5'7" 180 So, 4.38 spd, 11 yd, 1 st '05), Jayson Rego (5'9" 214 So), Barry Batts (5'7" 194 So, Alcorn St trans) and Cannon Berrong (5'7" 229 Jr). It will be very difficult to match Ilaoa's overall numbers from last year but Wright-Jackson has a shot at being Jones' first 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - The Warriors use 4 WR's, rarely using a FB or TE, and naturally their WR's put up big stats like Ashley Lelie (#1DC) who had 1,713 yards (20.4) with 19 TD's in 2001. They had to replace their top six receivers in 2005 but true frosh Davone Bess emerged with 89 rec (12.6) and rFr Ryan Grice-Mullen had 85 (14.4) with the two combining for 26 TD's. Ross Dickerson had 51 (14.2) and Chad Mock had 42 (12.0). All four returned last year. Grice-Mullen was injured and only started 9 (46, 16.7). Bess led the nation with 96 (12.7). Jason Rivers, who had 80 (12.2) in '04 and missed '05, had 72 (16.4) including an amazing 308 yards vs Ariz St in the bowl (NCAA bowl rec). Dickerson had 54 (13.4) and Ian Sample had 54 (12.8). This year they lose Dickerson (7 st, Tm MVP), Mock (2 st, 26, 14.5) and Sample (11 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Alonzo Chopp (6'0" 245 Sr), Jonathon Medeiros (5'9" 191 So), Rick Taylor (5'9" 169 rFr) and Dylan Linkner (6'0" 202 Jr, 4 rec 2Y). Also added to the mix this year is Jason Ferguson who was expected to be the top WR in 2005 but was injured missing both '05 & '06. This is clearly one of the top receiving corps in the country and returns its top 3 WR's with all 3 having 80 or more rec in a single season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Jones has done an outstanding job developing the line and in the last 8 years has had 7 OL's drafted. The '03 O-line paved the way for 4.6 ypc rush and allowed just 3.4% sacks. The entire line returned in '04 and while it suffered injuries, still improved to 4.7 ypc and a minuscule 2.7% sacks. In 2005, they only had to replace one starter and one backup but surprisingly the ypc dropped to 4.0 and the sacks rose to 38 (6.6%). Last year they had to replace two starters but one of the keys to their offensive resurgence was C Samson Satele turning down a shot at the NFL. With 3 NFL caliber OL's last year they opened holes for 5.5 ypc rush, their best since 1993, and allowed 28 sacks (4.6%). This unit is my biggest concern on the offense this year as gone are 1st Tm WAC C Satele (14 st, 4Y st'r, #2DC MIA), 2nd Tm WAC RT Dane Uperesa (14 st, 2Y st'r), 1st Tm WAC LT Tala Esera (14 st, 4Y st'r) and backup C Marques Kaonohi (bench 225 42x's). Jones will produce another solid group with this year's unit but those are three huge losses.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003, UH had their best rush D in six years allowing 3.8 ypc and the team recorded 46 sacks. In 2004 they had to replace all 4 starters, 2 backups and a projected starter. The D was abysmal allowing 253 ypg rushing (5.4) with just 29 sacks. In 2005 they switched to a 3 man front and while having to replace 2 starters, they still had two back. Michael Lafaele won the NG spot and was probably the nastiest player on the D-line. They improved some allowing 188 ypg (4.7) with 25 sacks. Last year the unit returned intact and was deep. This year they lose 1st Tm WAC DE Melila Purcell (#6DC CLE, 14 st, 60 tkl, 9.5 sk) and 1st Tm WAC DE Ikaika Alama-Francis (#2DC DET, 13 st, 39 tkl, 4 sk) as well as Renolds Fruean (7 tkl, 1.5 sk) and Lawrence Wilson (7 tkl, 1.5 tfl). They also switch alignments so they will have 3 new starters in their 4 man front. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jared Lene (6'3" 222 rFr), Clayton Laurel (6'3" 255 Fr), Paul Harmon (6'2" 260 So), Marshall transfer Cameron Allen-Jones (6'2" 255 So), Francis Maka (6'1" 242 Sr) and Victor Clore (6'2" 225 So). UH's veteran DL allowed just 3.9 ypc rush while recording 30 sacks and while this year's unit has potential, it is perhaps the biggest question mark on the entire team.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Warriors had to replace 3 players who combined for 26 starts and 168 tackles. They of course ran a 4 man LB unit. As a true frosh Solomon Elimimian called all the plays and was to be the lone veteran. They moved LB Brad Kalilimoku back to SS in the spring but he returned to LB in the fall. Seven different LB's earned starts last year and the great news is that all 7 return. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Sebastian Siaki (6'2" 208 rFr), RJ Kiesel-Kauhane (5'11" 222 So, 4 tkl), Joshua Rice (5'11" 206 So, 1 tkl, 1 sk) and Kiel Dela Pena (6'1" 221 Sr). While Kalilimoku played LB in the spring, I expect him to move back to SS in the fall. This unit still has four players who had 3 or more starts returning to fill the 3 spots. DC Greg McMackin says this is the best set of LB's he has ever been around.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UH had two starters back in 2005 but still finished #105 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 23 starts and 177 tackles. They then lost CB Keao Monteilh (5 st '05). They did get back Leonard Peters who was the #1 tackler in 2004 (inj'd '05) and managed to move up to #60. This year they must replace 1st Tm WAC FS Peters (14 st, 74 tkl, 7 pbu), CB Kenny Patton (4 st, 18 tkl, 3 pbu) and FS Michael Malala (17 tkl). I project LB Kalilimoku to move back to SS and if that happens, they will have 7 players who have 3 or more career starts. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Guyton Galdeira (5'7" 163 Jr), Daniel Libre (5'8" 179 Jr), Ryan Perry (5'9" 175 Jr), Waikoloa Noa (6'1" 202 Sr), Davin Iwata (5'11"197 So), Kenji Hollaway (5'9" 184 rFr) and Spencer Smith (5'11" 185 rFr). UH should have their best finish in my pass D rankings since 2002.

SPECIAL TEAMS - ST are usually a strength under Jones, even recording a #4 finish in my ST rankings in 2001. They had a myriad of problems in 2005 and dropped down to #90. True frosh John Fonoti was one of the top ST players in the country (kick coverage). Unfortunately, he was ineligible in '06. They had some trouble with long snaps early and vs Alabama P Kurt Milne was tackled for a safety. Jones said that Bess was his top PR but would not return punts until the second half of the year. He only had 5 (16.6). The top KR was Dickerson (25.0). Milne, in his 4th year, had a net of 34.3 only punting 17 times (8 in the first 3). Dan Kelly hit 13 of 17 FG's with a long of 52. This year they lose Milne and top KR Dickerson but should improve upon last year's #56 finish.

COACHES - Jones enters his 9th season at Hawaii and was the 1999 NCAA Coach of the Year. He was the San Diego Chargers HC and has complied a 64-40 record here. He is his own OC. In 2005, he brought in Jerry Glanville as the DC and after a year of learning his "Gritz Blitz," they improved greatly last season. This year Glanville moves on to be the HC at Portland St so the new DC is Greg McMackin. He has been an associate HC with Texas Tech from 2000-'03 and the 49ers from 2003-'05 and took off last year (still on SF payroll). He was UH's DC in 1999 and 2000 with the '99 D allowing 26.8 ppg, the 2nd best total in the last 9 years. Prior to that he was DC with the Seahawks from 1995-'98, Miami Fla '93-'95, Navy '92-'93 and Utah '90-'92. George Lumpkin, the 2004 DC, is also on the staff as the LB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I called for UH to have the most improved team in the NCAA and they did not disappoint going from 0-12 to 9-4, the biggest single season turnaround in NCAA history. They had a rebuilding year in 2000 (3-9) but rebounded with 4 consecutive winning seasons and 3 straight bowls. In 2002, they were ranked in the Top 25 for the first time since 1992 and went 10-4 despite being -14 in turnovers. In 2003, Hawaii upset Alabama 37-29, had a 26-21 FD edge in their loss to USC, and finished 9-5. In 2005, they had to replace the NCAA's all-time career leading passer in Chang and lost the highest amount of lettermen in the league (26). UH was much better statistically at +79.3 ypg (2nd best) but finished the same 4-4 in the conference. Last year they had 9 starters back and I called for them to have their best ppg since 2001 (40.3) which they easily topped with 46.9 ppg (#1 NCAA). The defense was much better in Glanville's second season allowing 11.6 less ppg. The biggest news for UH is that Brennan turned down a shot at the NFL and returns with his top 3 WR's as well. The offense has 6 starters back and he should be one of the NCAA's best. Last year UH had to play Boise and Fresno on the road and this year get them both at home. Their 11 wins matched a school record for wins in a year (1992, 11-2). I will call for the Warriors to break the school record for wins as all 8 sets of my power ratings call for an undefeated season. My major question mark on the schedule is Nov 16th when they have to play Nevada at night, in the cold on a short week. If they survive that test, they will live up to my expectation of making a BCS bowl this season.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GREEN

QB 15 COLT BRENNAN SR. 6-3 196 10 st '05, 4301 (68%) 35-13 ratio. 14 st LY, **5549 (72.6%) 58-12 ratio, 2nd Tm AA.** 6 Tyler Graunke (6-0 182 Jr) 807 (61%) 6-1 ratio 2Y.

RB 23 Leon Wright-Jackson So. 6-2 210 **PS#8DB**. Scout Tm POY @ **Neb '05**. 21 Kealoha Pilares (5-10 187 Fr) PS#280. AForce prep '06 trans. **45** Jason Laumoli (5-11 284 Sr) PS#477JC.

WR 1 RYAN GRICE-MULLEN JR. 5-11 179 11 st in '05, **85 rec** (14.4). 9 st LY (inj), 46 (16.7). **88** Eric Shaffer PS#74 LY. **80** Antwan Mahaley (6-4 200 So) PS#273. **83** Mitch Farney (5-11 188 rFr).

WR 7 DAVONE BESS JR. 5-10 195 **1st Tm WAC 2Y.** 12 st true. 89 (12.6). 14 st LY, 96 (12.7). 5 Michael Washington (5-7 165 Jr) **4.27 spd**. 16 rec 2Y. **36** Greg Salas (6-1 186 rFr).

WR 84 JASON RIVERS SR. 6-2 192 4.45 spd. 6 st true, 48 (12.4). 13 st '04, **80** (12.2). 12 st LY, 72 (16.4), 308 yds bowl! **85** Aaron Bain (5-9 183 Jr) 12 rec 2Y. Marquez Jackson (5-8 148 So).

WR 19 CJ Hawthorne Sr. 5-11 161 PS#428JC. 4.45 spd. 5 st at CB last yr, 16 tkl. **2 Jason Ferguson** (5-5 170 Sr) 4.5 spd. 1 st, inj '05. **89** Malcolm Lane (6-1 181 So) 3 rec true.

C 51 Lafu Tuioti-Mariner Jr. 6-0 279 1 tkl true, Inj RS. Squad '05. **570 squat**. 2 gm OLLY. **63** Brysen Ginlack (6-1 296 rFr). **58** Joey Lipp (6-3 261 rFr). **LS 57** Jake Ingram (6-4 268 Jr) 22 gm 2Y.

RG 55 JOHN ESTES SO. 6-2 290 14 st RG rFr. **73** Larry Sauafea (6-2 313 Sr) PS#478. 1 st '05. 2nd string LY, 11 gm. **50** Laupepa Letuli (6-3 287 So) PS#205. 1 tkl DL LY.

LG 65 HERCULES SATELE SR. 6-2 288 PS#103. 2 st LG rFr. 10 gm '05. 14 st LG LY. **74** Raphael Ieru (6-3 340 So) PS#317DL. 3 gm '06. **69** Daniel Johnson (6-4 297 So) PS#262.

RT 64 Ray Hisatake Jr. 6-3 328 PS#144JC. 3Y football on DL. **78** Keoni Steinhoff (6-3 269 Jr) 2nd string, 11 gm LY. **66** Adrian Thomas (6-5 340 rFr). **76** Nathan McKay (6-2 280 So).

LT 77 Aaron Kia So. 6-4 283 PS#530. 2nd string rFr, 10 gm. **62** Keith Ah-Soon (6-1 294 Jr) 2nd string '05-'06, 22 gm. **68** Kavan "3 plus" Bannigan (6-6 376 Jr) 225 17x's.

K 86 DAN KELLY JR. 6-3 202 10 of 15 FG's as true, long 46. 13 of 17 FG's LY, long 52. **40** Briton Forester (5-9 171 So) 28-31 xp's true. **95** Jeremy Shibata (5-8 246 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GREEN

DE 12 KARL NOA SR. 6-4 238 **4.55 spd**. 6 tkl '04-'05. 2 st LB LY, 15 tkl, 1 sk. **Chris Leatigaga PS#92JC**. 12 tfl JC '06. **58** John Fonoti (6-2 247 So) 7 tkl, 10 gm true. RS LY.

DT 67 MICHAEL LAFAELE SR. 6-0 302 PS#261OL. 9 gm C rFr. 9 st '05, 23 tkl, 5 tfl. 14 st LY, **2nd Tm WAC**, 32 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **97** Saive Seti (6-0 281 Sr) PS#295JC. **92** Rocky Savaiigaea (6-3 321 So).

DT 93 Keala Watson Jr. 6-3 328 2 tkl true until inj, MedRS. 1 st, 7 tkl '05. 1 st, 7 tkl LY. **Joshua Leonard is PS#43JC. 21 sk at JC! 96** Fale Laeli (6-2 285 Jr) 3 tkl, 8 gm 2Y.

DE 94 David Veikune Jr. 6-3 258 PS#297. **Colorado** '04. JC '05. 11 tkl, 2 sk here LY. 455 bench. **54 Amani Purcell** (6-3 257 Sr) **Penn St** tran. 11 tkl, 1 sk here LY. Elliott Purcell (6-3 240 rFr).

OLB 53 BLAZE SOARES SO. 6-1 224 PS#282. 14 tkl, 2 sk LY. **8** Tyson Kafentzis (6-1 230 Jr) 16 tkl rFr. 8 st SLB LY, 23 tkl, 2 tfl. **52** Rustin Saole (5-11 239 Sr) 25 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y.

ILB 17 SOLOMON ELIMIMIAN JR. 6-0 224 10 st as true, 83 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st BLB LY, 89 tkl, 2 tfl. **33** CJ Allen-Jones (6-1 224 Jr) 6 st 2Y, 26 tkl. **10** Timo Paepule (6-2 255 Sr) PS#158DB. 1 st, 31 tkl 3Y.

OLB 44 ADAM LEONARD JR. 6-0 236 PS#76. 9 tkl true. 14 st LY, 114 tkl, 9 pbu, **2nd Tm WAC**. **26 Micah Lau** (5-9 218 Sr) 9 st WLB LY, 25 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **13** Brashton Satele (6-2 243 So) 1 st LY.

CB NA RYAN MOUTON JR. 5-10 185 PS#79JC. **4.28 spd**. **23 Gerard Lewis** (5-9 168 Sr) JC. 7 st here LY, 33 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. Keenan Jones (5-11 183 Sr). Ryan Keomaka (5-10 173 Sr) 3 st, 46 tkl 2Y.

CB 3 MYRON NEWBERRY SR. 5-8 164 PS#301JC. 8 st LY, 32 tkl, 2 int. **34 AJ Martinez** (5-10 179 Sr) **PS#68**. 4 st LY, 4 pbu, 17 tkl. **48** BJ Fruean (6-1 203 So) 6 tkl true. Erik Robinson PS#192JC.

SS 43 Brad Kalilimoku Sr. 5-10 213 425 bench. 4.62 spd. 5 st true. 12 st LB '05, 71 tkl. 6 st LY, 34 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **24** Desmond Thomas (6-3 171 Jr) PS#272WR. **30** Dane Porlas (5-10 179 Jr).

FS 31 JACOB PATEK SR. 6-0 202 PS#271JC. 14 st LY, 55 tkl, 1 int. **21** Kirk Alexander (6-2 201 Jr) 9 tkl true. **35** Keao Monteilh (5-11 181 Jr) 5 st '05. **28** Erik Pedersen (6-0 197 So) 7 tkl LY.

P 95 Jeremy Shibata So. 5-8 246 RS '05. DNP LY. **86** Dan Kelly (6-3 202 Jr) K last 2Y. Top candidate for P. **20** Kenji Hollaway (5-9 184 rFr) 41.6 avg HS. 7 Davone Bess WR/QB/P in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Leon Wright-Jackson 6-2 210 PS#8DB '05
DL	Joshua Leonard 6-4 275 PS#43JC
DB	Ryan Mouton 5-10 185 PS#79JC
DL	Chris Leatigaga 6-5 250 PS#92JC
OL	Ray Hisatake 6-3 328 PS#144JC
DB	Erik Robinson 5-11 195 PS#192JC
DL	Francis Maka 6-1 242 PS#396JC
LB	Kevin Konrath 6-3 230 PS#164
QB	Kiran Kepo'o 6-1 218 PS#130QB '06
DL	Korey Reynolds 6-3 250 PS#185
DL	Vaughn Meatoga 6-2 280 PS#226
RB	Kealoha Pilares 5-10 187 PS#280 '06
OL	John Manu-Olevao 6-3 315 PS#313
RB	Gabe Tuata 5-6 170 PS#275
QB	Bryce Kalauckaaea 6-1 190 PS#317QB '06
WR	Jeremiah Ostrowski 5-9 170 PS#414
LB	Mana Lolotai 6-0 235 PS#520JC
WR	Eric Shaffer 5-8 188 PS#74 in '06
DB	Kenny Estes 6-0 193 PS#540
OL	Austin Hansen 6-4 285 PS#606
OL	Matagisila Lefiti 6-1 290 PS#606
OL	Levi Legay 6-3 270 PS#606
OL	Drew Uperesa 6-2 245 PS#606
WR	Elijah Lesu 5-10 180 PS#495

HAWAII WARRIORS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#116

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1							
Sep. 8	at Louisiana Tech	G					
Sep. 15	at UNLV	A					
Sep. 22	Charleston Southern	A					
Sep. 29	at Idaho	A					
Oct. 6	Utah St	A					
Oct. 12	at San Jose St (Fri)	G					
Oct. 20							
Oct. 27	New Mexico St	A					
Nov. 3							
Nov. 10	Fresno St	A					
Nov. 16	at Nevada (Fri)	A					
Nov. 23	Boise St (Fri)	A					
Dec. 1	Washington	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Timmy Chang 17,072 '00-'04
2. Colt Brennan 9,850 '05-Present
3. Dan Robinson 6,038 '97-'99

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Gary Allen 3,451 '78-'81
2. Michael Carter 2,528 '90-'93
3. Travis Sims 2,311 '89-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ashley Lelie 3,341 '99-'01
2. Chad Owens 3,031 '01-'04
3. Justin Colbert 2,905 '99-'02

*As of presstime Hawaii had not finalized their schedule.

Hawaii leads the all-time series vs LT 4-1 with the average score UH 36-27. The first game in the series was played in 2000. UH has dropped 7 straight road openers.

Hawaii leads the series 11-6 but has lost 3 of L/4. Hawaii led 42-0 in LY's meeting prior to 2 garbage TD's. UH is 0-5 in non-conf AG's under Jones (avg loss 16 ppg).

1st meeting. Charleston Southern went 9-2 in IAA in '06 & lost to Coastal Carolina in the Big South Championship, 31-17. UH beat IAA Eastern Illinois 44-9 LY.

Hawaii leads the series 6-1. The Warriors have outscored the Vandals the last 3 meetings by an avg of UH 48-10. Their only trip to Moscow was a shutout in '05.

Since becoming WAC opponents, UH is 2-0 & has outscored USU 113-33 L2Y. QB Brennan passed for 5 TD's in LY's gm. UH has won 10 of 12 home conf games.

SJSt leads series 15-14-1 but UH has won the last 6. Since '88 (13 gms) these 2 schools have avg'd 67 ppg combined. UH held SJSt to a season low 192 yds LY.

Hawaii leads the all-time series vs New Mexico St, 3-0 with an avg score of 44-26. The Warriors only led 28-24 after 3Q's LY prior to scoring 21 straight 4Q pts.

Hawaii trails the series vs Fresno State 20-18-1 but the Warriors have won 4 of 6. Each of the L/5 gms have been decided by 10 or more pts with an avg win of 28 ppg.

Hawaii trails the series vs Nevada 6-5 & the home team has won 8 straight. No game in series history has been decided by less than 7 pts.

Hawaii has lost all 6 meetings vs Boise St since they joined the WAC. Boise St was lucky to win here in '05 as UH had a 556-430 yd edge & BSU had THREE return TD's.

Series tied 1-1. The Warriors are 12-33 vs teams from the Pac 10 including 1-2 the L2Y. Hawaii is 4-2 in season finales but just 1-6 in finales vs a BCS team. UH is 4-1 after facing Boise St.

JUNE JONES (Career 64-40)

9th Year at Hawaii — Jones' Bowl Record: 4-1

Jones' records AT HAWAII

64-40	Straight Up	1-2	Vs Top 10
49-20	Home	2-9	Vs Top 25
15-20	Away	6-10	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	7-5	Off A Bye
39-24	Vs Conference	23-12	Off A Loss

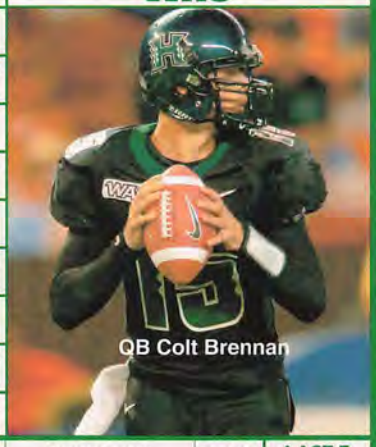
2006 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 70 (29,39,2)
Lost: 19 (9,9,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,588 (#65)

WAC


QB Colt Brennan

STADIUM: ALOHA STADIUM (50,000) (#63)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

June Jones	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	9-3	10-3	8-5	7-5	5-7	10-3	52-35
Home	3-5	7-2	7-1	6-1	7-1	3-4	7-1	40-15
Away	0-4	2-1	3-2	2-4	0-4	2-3	3-2	12-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	7-1	5-3	4-4	4-4	7-1	34-22
ATS	7-4	7-4	6-6	4-8	6-6	7-5	8-4	45-37
Home Fav	2-0	3-3	2-4	2-2	4-2	3-0	4-3	20-14
Home Dog	3-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	1-3	0-0	10-6
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-3	0-1	1-0	2-1	6-7
Away Dog	2-2	1-0	2-1	0-2	0-3	2-2	2-0	9-10
Favorite	2-0	4-4	3-5	3-5	4-3	4-0	6-4	26-21
Dog	5-4	3-0	3-1	1-3	2-3	3-5	2-0	19-16
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	5-3	6-2	29-27
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	2-2	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-2	16-10
Off SU Win	2-1	6-2	4-5	2-6	3-3	2-2	6-4	25-23
Off SU Loss	5-3	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-2	5-2	1-0	19-12

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Oahu	+9	Oregon St	23-17
02	Hawaii	-14	Tulane	28-36
03	Hawaii	-10'	Houston (3OT)	54-48
04	Hawaii	-4	UAB	59-40
06	Hawaii	-7	Arizona St	41-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Hawaii's All-Time Bowl Record 5-2

HAWAII'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	46.9	27	118	5.5	441	72.2	11.9	+1	2006	5	24.1	21	136	3.9	242	54.7	15.7
4	30.7	26	92	4.0	384	65.6	15.5	-3	2005	6	35.7	24	188	4.7	251	62.1	12.3
10*	35.9	22	96	4.7	339	58.2	12.1	-2	2004	3	38.4	25	253	5.4	235	55.8	12.7
7*	34.7	24	104	4.6	384	58.9	14.1	-8	2003	7	30.5	21	158	3.8	239	56.7	13.0
6*	35.9	24	110	5.0	386	55.7	13.8	-14	2002	8	27.8	22	169	4.0	226	51.1	14.2
9*	40.3	24	81	3.4	381	57.4	11.5	+9	2001	6	26.5	24	182	4.0	250	54.6	16.3

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Nate Ilaoa	131	1006	16	990	13	7.6
Colt Brennan	86	504	138	366	5	4.3
Reagan Mauia	31	156	3	153	2	4.9
Jason Laumoli	4	34	0	34	0	8.5
Inoke Funaki	10	46	12	34	0	3.4
Tyler Graunke	9	46	16	30	1	3.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Colt Brennan	559	406	72.6	5549	58	12
Tyler Graunke	43	32	74.4	501	4	0
Inoke Funaki	12	6	50.0	128	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Davone Bess	96	1220	12.7	15	49
Jason Rivers	72	1178	16.4	10	79
Nate Ilaoa	67	837	12.5	5	60
Ryan Grice-Mullen	46	770	16.7	11	60
Ross Dickerson	54	726	13.4	7	50
Ian Sample	54	690	12.8	10	63
Chad Mock	26	378	14.5	3	46
Malcolm Lane	3	120	40.0	0	58
Reagan Mauia	10	109	10.9	1	29
Aaron Bain	7	69	9.9	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kurt Milne	17	646	38.0	5	34.3	0	3

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dan Kelly	47-50	5-6	4-5	3-4	1-2	13-17	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Adam Leonard	114	1	2.5	9	1
Solomon Elimimian	89	0	2	1	0
Leonard Peters	74	1	2	7	3
Melila Purcell	60	9.5	6	1	0
Jacob Patek	55	1	0	3	1
Ikaika Alama-Francis	39	4	6	2	0
Brad Kalilimoku	34	2	3.5	0	0
Gerard Lewis	33	0	0.5	5	3
Michael Lafaele	32	2	3.5	0	0
Myron Newberry	32	0	0	2	2
Micah Lau	25	0	1.5	0	0
Tyson Kafentzis	23	0	2	0	0
Kenny Patton	18	0	0	3	1
AJ Martinez	17	0	2	4	0
Michael Malala	17	0	0	2	0
Ryan Keomaka	17	0	0.5	0	2
Timo Paepule	17	0	1	0	0
Rustin Saole	17	0	0	0	0
CJ Hawthorne	16	0	0	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Myron Newberry	22	130	5.9	0
Davone Bess	5	83	16.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ross Dickerson	26	650	25.0	1
Malcolm Lane	6	87	14.5	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UH 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Alabama	18	15-22	1.5	30-44	350	3	20	36-125	3.5	16-29	253	1	-3
–	UNLV	30	31-214	6.9	33-45	369	2	18	28-39	1.4	18-47	232	3	-3
–	at Boise St	24	18-88	4.9	25-37	388	2	26	44-242	5.5	17-29	273	1	-2
–	E Illinois	26	17-42	2.5	35-51	529	2	16	40-234	5.9	8-21	57	1	+1
–	Nevada	28	24-160	6.7	36-47	419	3	25	25-108	4.3	26-36	364	1	0
–	at Fresno St	30	18-100	5.6	37-44	470	1	22	41-183	4.5	18-29	304	1	+3
–	at New Mexico St	26	33-155	4.7	23-34	353	1	28	30-118	3.9	32-46	330	4	+2
–	Idaho	29	15-78	5.2	40-51	497	1	19	31-141	4.5	14-37	193	0	+1
–	at Utah St	22	13-86	6.6	23-38	486	0	18	42-137	3.3	17-31	225	1	+3
–	Louisiana Tech	27	12-112	9.3	30-44	506	0	21	41-135	3.3	17-38	225	5	0
–	San Jose St	28	26-151	5.8	29-40	417	2	12	38-82	2.2	7-17	110	5	+1
#25	Purdue	33	20-219	11.0	33-48	434	1	28	27-90	3.3	30-43	382	1	0
#24	Oregon St	31	29-103	3.6	37-50	401	6	17	26-71	2.7	11-17	245	2	-2
–	† Arizona St	32	27-121	4.5	33-42	559	4	18	36-200	5.6	13-26	191	4	0
TOTALS		384	298-1651	5.5	444-615	6178	28	288	485-1905	3.9	244-446	3384	30	+1
AVERAGES		27.4	21-118	5.5	32-44	441	2.0	20.6	35-136	3.9	17-32	242	2.1	0.1

2002 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Rank Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	E Illinois	NL	61-36
–	at BYU	+11	32-35
–	at UTEP	-19'	31-6
–	SMU	-22'	42-10
–	at Boise St	+4	31-58
–	Nevada	-10	59-34
–	Tulsa	-30'	37-14
–	at Fresno St	+1'	31-21
–	San Jose St	-24'	40-31
–	at Rice	-8	33-28
–	Cincinnati	-3'	20-19
–	Alabama - #14	+11'	16-21
–	San Diego St	-14'	41-40

2003 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Rank Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Appalachian St	NL	40-17
–	at USC - #4	+21	32-61
–	at UNLV	+1	22-33
–	Rice	-21	41-21
–	at Tulsa	-9	16-27
–	Fresno St	-3	55-28
–	at Louisiana Tech	E	44-41
–	UTEP	-27'	31-15
–	at San Jose St	-13	13-10
–	at Nevada	-3'	14-24
–	Army	-26'	59-28
–	Alabama	+2'	37-29
–	Boise St - #18	+11	28-45

2004 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Rank Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Florida Atlantic	-21	28-35 OT
–	at Rice	-1'	29-41
–	Tulsa	-11	44-16
–	Nevada	-18'	48-26
–	at UTEP	+3'	20-51
–	San Jose St	-22	46-28
–	at Boise St - #18	+23'	3-69
–	Louisiana Tech	-3'	34-23
–	at Fresno St	+21	14-70
–	Idaho	-21	52-21
–	Northwestern	+6	49-41
–	Michigan St	+6	41-38

2005 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Rank Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	USC - #1	+36	17-63
–	at Michigan St	+31'	14-42
–	at Idaho	E	24-0
–	Boise St	+10'	41-44
–	at Louisiana Tech	+3	14-46
–	New Mexico St	-20	49-28
–	at San Jose St	-6	45-38
–	Fresno St - #22	+13	13-27
–	at Nevada	+5	28-38
–	Utah St	-16'	50-23
–	Wisconsin - #24	+7	24-41
–	San Diego St	-3	49-38

2006 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Rank Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Alabama	+15	17-25
–	UNLV	-13	42-13
–	at Boise St - #25	+14	34-41
–	E Illinois	NL	44-9
–	Nevada	-12	41-34
–	at Fresno St	-4	68-37
–	at New Mexico St	-20'	49-30
–	Idaho	-20'	68-10
–	at Utah St	-26	63-10
–	Louisiana Tech	-37'	61-17
–	San Jose St	-25	54-17
#25	Purdue	-18'	42-35
#24	Oregon St	-8	32-35

BOISE ST BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - HC Chris Petersen has had some fine QB's under his tutelage with Bart Hendricks being the Off MVP of the Big West in each of his final 2 years and Ryan Dinwiddie becoming the school's all-time leading passer (9,819). In 2003, Dinwiddie broke Danny Wuerffel's NCAA record for career pass efficiency. In 2004 Jared Zabransky won the starting job and turned the ball over more than Boise QB's normally do with just a 16-12 ratio throwing for 2,927 (63%) with 570 rush. In 2005 Zabransky was benched twice (Georgia and Idaho) and had 11 TO's in his first 3.5 games. He saw his pass yards decrease to 2,562 (59.1%) with an 18-16 ratio (462 rush). His backups were Taylor Tharp who threw for 271 (56.8%) with a 1-2 ratio and Bush Hamdan who attempted 8 passes. Last year Zabransky threw for 2,587 (66.3%) and dropped his int total to 8 while throwing 23 TD's. He had some mediocre games but over the final 5, he hit 93 of 124 (75%) for 232 ypg with a 10-4 ratio. He also set the school record for completion % in a game by hitting 21 of 23 (91.3%) vs Utah St. Zabransky (2nd Tm WAC) departs and Tharp and Hamdan will battle Nick Lomax (6'6" 220 So, PS#134), who was the Scout Tm Off POY in '05, and Michael Coughlin (6'5" 215 rFr, PS#74). Petersen always finds a top-notch QB but the numbers will probably be down after losing a 3-year starting senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005, no RB topped 100 yards rushing until the 9th game. Lee Marks had 7 starts and led with 759 (5.7). RFr Ian Johnson (PS#181) led in rushing 7 times finishing with 663 (5.6) with Antwaun Carter rushing for 440 (4.4) and Jeff Carpenter 306 (6.0). Last year 3 of the top 4 departed so the unit figured to be down a few notches. Johnson however burst onto the scene vs Oregon St with 240 yards rushing and was the Walter Camp Off POW. His 5 rushing TD's tied the school record set by Jon Helmandollar in 2004. Johnson went on to have a spectacular season setting the school record for rushing yards in a season (1,713, 6.2!). Johnson missed the Utah St game with a partially collapsed lung and Brett Denton stepped in and rushed for 125 with Vinny Perretta adding 51. This year they lose Denton (348, 5.0) and solid blocking FB Brad Lau (9 st, 28, 4.0). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Max Davis (5'10" 173 So) and this year's true frosh. TE Richie Brockel will also see time at FB. While it will be tough for Johnson to improve much upon last year's numbers, he is the best RB in the WAC.

RECEIVERS - Boise had a streak of 4 straight years in which they produced a 1st or 2nd Tm All Conf TE but did not have one for the next 4 years until Derek Schouman was 1st Tm WAC in 2006. Last year the top 3 WR's were all back. Jerard Rabb (PS#22JC) led in '05 with 38 (15.1) and had 37 (15.8) last year. Drisan James had 34 with a team high 15.2 ypc in '05 and led the team again in '06 in ypc with 18.1 on 36 rec. Converted QB Legedu Naanee (PS#98QB) despite only starting 2, had 35 (15.5). Derek Schouman was #4 with 29 (9.5). This year they lose James, Rabb, Schouman (#7DC BUF) and Naanee (#5DC SD) as well as Jovan Hutchinson (2 rec) so the unit is very inexperienced. Jeremy Childs is a rare VHT (PS#39) and should have a huge impact. Not listed in the 3 deep below are JC walk-on WR Michael Choate (5'11" 190 So) and TE's Tommy Gallarda (6'6" 220 rFr, PS#132), Peter Elliott (6'4" 225 Jr) and this year's true frosh, many of whom I expect to play immediately. Petersen should uncover a good group despite the exodus of talent.

LT Ryan Clady

OFFENSIVE LINE - Three times in the last six years Boise has had to replace 3 starters on the O-line and still opened holes for 4.1, 4.8 and 4.6 ypc rushing. Surprisingly, with 3 starters back in 2003, they only avg'd 3.7 ypc. In 2005, they had 3 starters back and avg'd 4.7 ypc rush (4.9% sk). Last year they lost LT Daryn Colledge (#2DC GB), RG Pete Cavender (10 st '05, inj'd '06) and projected starting RT Ryan Keating (PS#77TE) missed the year. The unit paved the way for 5.1 ypc rush, their best IA total ever but the sack total did climb to 20 (6.5%). This year it is the premiere O-line in the WAC. The only losses are C Jadon Dailey (13 st), OT Tony Volponi (1 st) and C Paul Lucariello who tore his ACL in the spring. With Pete Cavender back, they actually return five OL's who have been full-time starters.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Most of this decade Boise has had excellent rush defenses, despite fielding inexperienced defensive fronts. In 2005, they returned a veteran unit with 7 of the top 8 back and allowed just 3.3 ypc rush. Last year they lost 1st Tm WAC DT Alex Guerrero but once again had 7 of the top 8 back. DE Mike T. Williams was a co-starter with Mike G. Williams but "T," who was the team's fastest DL, saw more action (22 tkl, 4 sk). Boise allowed just 89 ypg rush (3.2), their best since joining IA ball. This year they must replace DT Dennis Ellis (9 st, 46 tkl, 2 sk), 1st Tm WAC DT Andrew Browning (46 tkl, 8.5 sk), Mike G. Williams (6 st, 11 tkl), DE Mike Dominguez (5 tkl) and DT Tim Volk (2 tkl). Four of the top 8 are back and while this shapes up as a pretty good D-line, they are a few notches weaker.

LINEBACKERS - Korey Hall and Colt Brooks were both 3 year starters and it will be unusual to watch the Boise St D without them. The last 3 years Boise had returned two starters but this year lose their #1 tackler in Hall (13 st, 111 tkl, #6DC GB) and #3 tackler in Brooks (13 st, 56 tkl, 6.5 sk). They were perhaps the best LB duo in school history. Hall was the WAC Def POY and Brooks 2nd Tm WAC. Four of the top 6 do return. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Bryan Anderson (6'2" 218 Jr), Zac McNally (6'0" 224 So) and this year's true frosh including Aaron Tevis (PS#72TE). This has the makings of a decent group but it's clearly weaker with the loss of their two stars.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Boise finished #8 in my pass D rankings in 2002, #6 in 2003 and #15 in 2004. In 2005 they had to replace a 1st Tm WAC CB and two players who combined for 12 starts. The inexperienced secondary dropped to #52 allowing 31 TD's and 261.8 ypg. Last year all four starters returned. CB Austin Smith (13 st '05) lost his job and Quinton Jones lost his at the end of the season to Kyle Wilson. Boise moved up to #15 allowing just 195 ypg and a 17-20 ratio. This year they lose SS Gerald Alexander (13 st, 38 tkl, #2DC DET) and CB Jones (10 st, 27 tkl, 6 pbu). Not only are 6 of the top 8 back, but Wilson started the final 4 at CB and is backed by Smith. They also add in a top-notch JC at FS in Garcia Day (PS#58). As long as this unit stays healthy, it is actually more experienced and should finish near the top of my pass D rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Boise has always had a top-notch ST unit and in the last 8 years they have had rankings of #32, #23, #28, #28, #2, #4 and #19 until they surprisingly slid to #59 last year. While they have blocked 22 punts in that span, none came in '06. Anthony Montgomery hit 13 of 14 (long 40) last year and had 13 TB's on 78 KO's. P Kyle Stringer (2nd Tm WAC from '04-'06) had a phenomenal 4 years as P with nets of 35.7, 37.3, 36.1 and 36.6. Both must be replaced. Jones avg 24.7 on KR's in '05 but slipped to 20.1 LY. His PR avg also slipped from 20.9 in '05 to 10.2. Returning are PR Marty Tadman (16, 8.9) and KR Rashaun Scott (8, 20.1). The team's KR avg of 20.0 was their lowest in 8 years. I list the kicking replacements below and Boise could have their lowest finish in my ST rankings in 9 years.

COACHES - When Dirk Koetter left for Ariz St, asst Dan Hawkins took over as HC and did a fine job. In Hawkins' 5 years he went 53-11, achieving the school's then-highest finish ever in the AP poll in 3 consecutive years including being #12 in 2004. When he left for Colorado in '06, Petersen, who had been Boise's OC the previous 5 years, took over. Petersen had been a Broyles' finalist twice and his offenses, in one 3 year stretch from 2002-'04 avg'd 45.6, 43.0 and 48.9 ppg. In his first year Petersen achieved a 13-0 record and #5 finish in the final polls. His OC is Bryan Harsin who is in his 7th season as a member of the Bronco staff (TE coach) and played here from '95-'99. The DC is Justin Wilcox who served as the Cal LB coach from '03-'05. Brent Pease, who was Baylor's OC from '03-'05, is the WR coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Boise St dominated the WAC from 2002-2004 with a perfect 24-0 record in league play and outscored their foes by ridiculous margins. In 2002 they outgained WAC foes by 208.4 ypg and outscored them by 37.4 ppg. In 2003, despite having the fewest amount of returning starters (10) in the league and facing both Fresno St and Hawaii on the road, they went 8-0 outgaining WAC foes by 176.4 ypg (29 ppg). In 2004, they had just 10 starters back and had to replace their outstanding QB but outgained WAC foes by 191.3 ypg (25.6 ppg). In 2005 Boise had the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the league (13) so big things were expected. For the first time in history Boise was ranked in the preseason coaches' poll at #18. Not bad for a school that was a JUCO until 1968 and was in just their 10th year of IA ball. They had their streak of 31 straight WAC wins end at Fresno (27-7) and saw their home win streak end at 31 straight in their loss to BC in the bowl game. Their 4 losses were the most ever in 5 years with 3 coming vs ranked foes. They still won a share of the WAC Title and became the first team to win 4 straight WAC Titles since BYU (1989-'93). Boise outgained league foes by 70.1 ypg which was only #3. They were -8 in 2005 and last year I pointed out that the last time they were -8 in turnovers they rebounded with a 12-1 record (2002). **In last year's magazine I projected Boise St to earn a BCS bowl berth.** I had to sweat out a couple close games (Wyoming and San Jose St) but Boise ran the table and made it to the Fiesta Bowl. They then had their incredible hook-and-ladder play sending the game to OT and winning it. They finished #5 in the AP poll taking home the WAC Title for a 5th straight year and outgained WAC foes by 137.7 ypg. They are 45-3 in WAC play. After having 17 returning starters last year, Boise returns just 11, losing their top four receivers and QB. Ironically the last time they returned so few starters on offense while having to replace a QB was in 2004 when they averaged 48.9 ppg, their best mark in IA football. They do return RB Johnson but will have a tough time topping last year's 39.7 ppg. The defense loses 3 of their top 7 tacklers. They have the fewest amount of returning starters on D since 2001 when they allowed 23.3 ppg. Despite those factors, Boise is once again one of the top teams in the country.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 10 Taylor Tharp Sr. 6-2 210 PS#235. 14 gm 2Y (64%), 2-3 ratio. 3 Bush Hamdan (6-1 196 Jr) PS#182. 7 Michael Coughlin (6-5 215 rFr) **PS#74.** 15 Nick Lomax (6-6 220 So) PS#134.

RB 41 IAN JOHNSON JR. 5-11 194 **3rd Tm All American.** 1 st rFr, 663 (5.6), 12 st LY, 1713 (6.2), 25 TD's (#1 NCAA), 8 rec. 28 Jarvis Hodge (5-9 193 rFr). 27 Jeremy Avery (5-9 161 rFr).

FB 33 Jon Helmandollar Sr. 5-11 215 PS#334. 2 st FB '04, 232 (5.0) w/14 TD! Miss '05. 47 yd LY. 30 Michael Lose (5-10 227 Sr) 3 gm LY. 32 Andy Silsby (5-11 208 So) PS#423DL.

WR 19 Vinny Perretta Jr. 5-9 194 3 st WR rFr, 12 (14.1). RB LY, 316 rush (5.7), 17 rec (7.3). 21 Toshi Franklin (6-1 178 Jr). Aiona Key (6-4 194 So) PS#104. Evan Surratt (6-2 195 So) 4 gm rFr.

WR 9 Jeremy Childs So. 6-0 184 **PS#39!** 14 rec (10.9) rFr. 82 Julian Hawkins (6-3 231 Jr) PS#80TE. 87 Tanyon Bissell (5-10 189 Jr) 4 rec 2Y. 83 Nick Harris (5-11 170 Jr) 5 rec (8.0) 3Y.

TE 39 Ryan Putnam Sr. 6-2 244 PS#145. 7 st TE 3Y, 11 rec. 40 Richie Brockel (6-2 247 So) PS#71. 2 st, 2 rec rFr. 86 Sherm Blaser (6-3 247 Sr) PS#104. 88 Chris O'Neill (6-3 233 So).

C 54 JEFF CAVENDER SR. 6-2 286 PS#301. 12 st RT rFr. 13 st C '05. 13 st RG LY, **2nd Tm WAC.** 68 Mitch Rudder (6-2 292 rFr) PS#408. 76 Jon Gott (6-3 294 Jr) 2 gm So. Canadian.

RG 60 ANDREW WOODRUFF JR. 6-3 331 Canadian. 3 st RG rFr. 12 st RT LY. School record 465 hang clean. 64 **Pete Cavender** (6-2 293 Sr) **PS#128DL.** 3 st RG rFr. **10 st RG '05.** Inj LY.

LG 66 TAD MILLER SR. 6-4 304 PS#408. 12 st LG rFr. 13 st LG '05. 13 st LG LY. 62 Kevin Sapien (6-4 260 rFr). 61 Jeff Biedermann (6-3 303 Sr) 2 tkl true. 2nd string OG '05-'06.

RT 75 Dan Gore Sr. 6-5 300 PS#238. 6 tkl '04-'05. 9 gm OL LY. 72 Matt Slater (6-5 240 rFr) PS#392. 77 Ben Iannacchione (6-3 305 So) PS#224DL. W Virginia transfer.

LT 79 RYAN CLADY JR. 6-6 319 11 st RT rFr, Frosh AA. 13 st LT LY, **1st Tm WAC.** 73 Nate Potter PS#248, GS LY. In for spg '07. Garrett Pendergast is PS#161. Cory Yriarte is PS#195.

K 81 Kyle Brotzman rFr. 5-10 172 PS#102. Was impressive as frosh, live leg. 14 David Lowery (6-0 185 rFr) PS#65. Hit 11 of 17 FG, long 40 HS '05, 118 solo tkls on def.

DE 97 NICK SCHLEKEWAY SR. 6-4 262 PS#386. 15 tkl true. 12 st '05, 33 tkl. 12 st LY, 45 tkl. 53 Sean Bingham (6-3 254 Jr) PS#432. 4 tkl 2Y. 99 Steven Reveles (6-1 263 Jr) JUCO. 1 gm LY.

DT 90 Ian Smart Sr. 6-3 278 6 tkl 3Y. 95 **Sione Tavake** (6-1 270 Sr) **PS#166JC.** 1 gm here LY. JP Nisby is PS#180OL. Billy Winn is PS#121. Chase Baker is PS#365.

DT 67 Joe Bozikovich Jr. 6-1 294 PS#105. 2 st DT LY, 4 tkl. 94 Phillip Edwards (6-4 277 Jr) 2 st LY, 10 tkl, 1 sk. 59 Will Lawrence (6-2 260 rFr) PS#303. Johnny Tivao is PS#451.

DE 93 MIKE T. WILLIAMS JR. 6-4 238 PS#446. 8 tkl, 2.5 sk rFr. 7 st LY, 22 tkl, 4 sk, 2.5 tfl. 98 Ryan Winterswyk (6-1 230 rFr) PS#285DB. 48 Kapono Rawlins-Crivello (6-1 240 rFr) PS#355.

WLB 43 David Shields Jr. 6-1 225 PS#250RB. 9 tkl rFr. 4 st LY, 44 tkl. 55 Garrett Tuggle (6-1 225 Jr) PS#331JC. 7 tkl LY. 27 Ben Chandler (6-3 220 Fr) PS#128LB GS LY.

MLB 52 Derrell Acrey rFr. 6-2 235 PS#329. Scout Tm Def POY LY. 56 Josh Bean (6-2 231 Sr) PS#401. 45 tkl, 1 tfl 3Y. Dallas Dobbs (6-2 225 Jr) PS#235DB. 4 tkl. James Hurlburt (6-0 218 So).

SLB 44 KYLE GINGG JR. 5-11 215 PS#177DB. 1 start, 9 tkl rFr. 9 st LY, 50 tkl, 2.5 sk. 24 Tim Brady (6-1 221 Jr) PS#386QB. 10 tkl LY. 13 Mike Altieri (5-11 218 Sr) PS#193QB. 11 tkl '05.

CB 8 ORLANDO SCANDRICK JR. 5-11 187 PS#134WR. 11 st true, 50 tkl, 3 tfl, 11 pbu. 13 st LY, 52 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 6 pbu. 4 Keith McGowen (5-10 165 rFr). Antwon Murray PS#235. Shane Henry (5-9 180 rFr).

CB 22 KYLE WILSON SO. 5-10 186 PS#169. **4.43 spd.** Susp 1st 3 rFr, L/4 st, 41 tkl, 5 pbu. 6 Rashaun Scott (5-10 194 Sr) 28 tkl 3Y. Cade Hulbert (5-10 165 So) BYU trans. Ia Falo (5-7 167 Sr).

SS 20 MARTY TADMAN SR. 5-11 182 PS#71. **2nd Tm WAC '05-'06.** 13 st FS, 101 tkl, 5 int '05. 13 st LY, 67 tkl, 6 int. 18 Ellis Powers (5-10 205 Jr) PS#528. 1 st, 31 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y.

FS 2 Garcia Day Jr. 6-2 190 PS#58JC. 37 **Austin Smith** (5-9 173 Sr) 17 st 3Y, 100 tkl, 7 pbu. Jason Robinson (6-0 185 rFr) PS#410WR. Jeron Johnson (5-11 190 rFr). Cedric Febis PS#473.

P NA Brad Elkin Fr. 6-2 190 PS#45. 7-10 FG, long 51 and #4 in punt avg in HS LY. David Lowery (6-0 185 rFr) PS#65. 20 Kyle Brotzman, #1 P in spring. Tanyon Bissell (5-10 189 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB Garcia Day 6-2 190 PS#58JC
QB Kellen Moore 6-1 180 PS#25
DL Billy Winn 6-4 270 PS#121
OL Garrett Pendergast 6-3 275 PS#161
WR Austin Pettis 6-3 190 PS#128
LB Ben Chandler 6-3 220 PS#128 '06
LB Hunter White 5-11 205 PS#135WR
DL JP Nisby 6-2 288 PS#180OL
WR Titus Young 5-11 170 PS#154
DL Chuck Hayes 6-3 245 PS#162
OL Cory Yriarte 6-1 290 PS#195
WR Mitch Burroughs 5-10 185 PS#148RB
LB Dan Paul 6-0 235 PS#162
OL Nate Potter 6-6 285 PS#248 '06
LB Aaron Tevis 6-3 215 PS#72TE
DB Antwon Murray 5-11 180 PS#235
OL Thomas Byrd 6-0 290 PS#318
TE Kyle Efaw 6-4 225 PS#102 '06
RB DJ Harper 5-10 185 PS#289
DL Shea McClellin 6-4 230 PS#277
K Brad Elkin 6-2 190 PS#45
RB Doug Martin 5-10 193 PS#294
DL Jarrell Root 6-3 220 PS#342
DL Chase Baker 6-1 260 PS#365
RB Matt Kaiserman 5-11 185 PS#402
DB Cedric Febis 6-3 188 PS#473 '06
DB Brandyn Thompson 5-10 160 PS#406WR
OL Zach Waller 6-5 280 PS#520
DL Johnny Tivao 6-0 295 PS#451

BOISE ST BRONCOS

Boise, Idaho
Weather (208) 342-6569

Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#103

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BSU	Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	Weber St (Thur)	A					BSU leads the series 22-7 & won 24-13 the last meeting in '98. BSU is a former Big Sky Conf member with 7 league titles between '73-'94. BSU has won 5 straight home openers.
Sep. 8	at Washington	A					First meeting. BSU is 2-10 all-time vs P10 opponents with both wins vs Oregon St. HC Peterson was 4-2 vs Washington as an Oregon asst coach (1995-2000).
Sep. 15	Wyoming (HC)	A					BSU is 3-0 all-time vs Wyoming with an avg score of 28-13. Broncos have won 11 straight vs current MWC teams. Last yr's 17 pts vs the Cowboys was the season low.
Sep. 22							
Sep. 27	S Mississippi (Thur)	A					First meeting. Boise State is 13-1 all-time against current CUSA members. Coming into 2007, Boise St has won 11 straight non-conference home games.
Oct. 7	New Mexico St (Sun)	A					BSU leads the series with New Mexico St 7-0 including going 3-0 at home with an avg score of 51-14. Ian Johnson had 4 1H TD's LY & BSU jumped out to a 27-7 lead.
Oct. 14	Nevada (Sun)	A					Boise St leads the series, 21-12. They have 7 straight wins with an average score of 49-11. LY Boise St held Nevada to 4 FD's & the only score was an int return.
Oct. 20	at Louisiana Tech	G					Boise St leads the series 5-4 but has won last 5 by avg score of 44-18. Broncos are 11-1 in WAC road games. Boise St is 9-2 the last 11 games on grass.
Oct. 26	at Fresno St (Fri)	G					BSU is 5-4 in the series but has won 5 of the L/6. Every gm (but '01) has been decided by 14+ pts. The HT has won 4 of 5. LY Boise St scored 5 straight TD's for a 38-7 lead.
Nov. 3	San Jose St	A					BSU has won all 7 meetings. They are 6-0 after facing FSU winning by 39 ppg. Last year Boise St needed a 4Q TD, 2 pt conv & a last second FG for the win.
Nov. 10	at Utah St	A					Boise St won 6 straight & leads series 9-4. The last 4 have been by 24+ pts. Last year RB Denton had a careeer-high 125 in Johnson's absence (collapsed lung).
Nov. 17	Idaho	A					Boise State is 8-1 in the last 9 home finales. Boise has beaten Idaho 8 straight times. Last year Boise led just 28-26 with 7:05 left after Idaho failed on a 2 pt conversion.
Nov. 23	at Hawaii (Fri)	A					Boise State leads the series 6-2 while winning the last 6. These 2 have avg'd 79 ppg the L5Y. Boise St led 34-14 in 3Q. Boise St has won 8 straight reg season finales.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ryan Dinwiddie 9,819 '00-'03
2. Tony Hilde 9,107 '93-'96
3. Bart Hendricks 9,020 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Cedric Minter 4,475 '77-'80
2. Brock Forsey 4,045 '99-'02
3. Chris Thomas 3,437 '87-'91

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ryan Ikebe 2,751 '93-'96
2. Don Hutt 2,728 '70-'73
3. Lou Fanucchi 2,554 '99-'02

CHRIS PETERSEN (Career 13-0)
2nd Year at Boise St Petersen's Bowl Record: 1-0

Petersen's records AT BOISE ST

13-0	Straight Up	1-0	Vs Top 10
6-0	Home	1-0	Vs Top 25
6-0	Away	2-0	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	1-0	Off A Bye
8-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (13-0)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (20,18,0)
Lost: 19 (10,7,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,453 (#75)

WAC

DE Nick Schlekeway

STADIUM: BRONCO STADIUM (30,000) (#106)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Blue AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	8-4	11-1	12-1	11-0	9-3	12-0	72-11
Home	5-0	5-1	6-0	6-0	7-0	6-0	6-0	41-1
Away	4-2	3-3	5-1	6-1	4-0	3-3	6-0	31-10
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-0	6-2	8-0	8-0	8-0	7-1	8-0	50-3
ATS	7-2	7-4-1	9-3	7-5	6-5	6-4-1	6-5	48-28-2
Home Fav (Dirk Koetter)	3-0	4-1	4-2	2-3	5-2	4-1	4-1	26-10
Home Dog (Dan Hawkins)	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Away Fav (Chris Petersen)	3-2	1-2	5-0	4-2	1-3	2-1	1-4	17-14
Away Dog	1-0	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2-1	1-0	5-3-2
Favorite	6-2	5-3	9-2	6-5	6-5	6-2	5-5	43-24
Dog	1-0	2-1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2-1	1-0	5-4-2
vs Conf	4-1	6-2	7-1	5-3	4-4	5-3	4-4	35-18
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-2-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-1-1	2-1	13-10-2
Off SU Win	5-2	4-3	8-2	7-4	5-5	4-3	6-5	39-24
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-0-1	0-0	7-2-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ian Johnson	277	1755	42	1713	25	6.2
Brett Denton	69	364	16	348	3	5.0
Vinny Perretta	55	324	8	316	3	5.7
Jared Zabransky	98	363	166	197	6	2.0
Legedu Naanee	7	94	4	90	0	12.9
Drisan James	7	54	0	54	0	7.7
Jon Helmandollar	14	50	3	47	1	3.4
Taylor Tharp	4	8	20	-12	0	-3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jared Zabransky	288	191	66.3	2587	23	8
Taylor Tharp	13	11	84.6	88	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Drisan James	36	650	18.1	4	56
Jerard Rabb	37	586	15.8	4	46
Legedu Naanee	35	541	15.5	6	61
Derek Schouman	29	276	9.5	4	36
Jeremy Childs	14	152	10.9	1	33
Vinny Perretta	17	124	7.3	2	33
Ryan Putnam	6	77	12.8	1	27
Brett Denton	7	76	10.9	1	24
Ian Johnson	8	55	6.9	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Stringer	47	2097	44.6	9	36.6	1	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Anthony Montgomery	61-63	5-5	7-8	1-1	0-0	13-14	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Korey Hall	111	3.5	3.5	1	6
Marty Tadman	67	0	2	1	6
Colt Brooks	56	6.5	1.5	2	2
Orlando Scandrick	52	2	4.5	6	1
Kyle Gingg	50	2.5	1.5	2	0
Andrew Browning	46	8.5	2	0	0
Dennis Ellis	46	2	2.5	0	0
Nick Schlekeway	45	2	2.5	1	0
David Shields	44	0	5	1	0
Kyle Wilson	41	0	0.5	5	1
Gerald Alexander	38	0	1	4	2
Quinton Jones	27	0	0.5	6	2
Mike T Williams	22	4	2.5	1	0
Josh Bean	18	0	0	0	0
Ia Falo	14	0	0	0	0
Austin Smith	13	0	0	1	0
Ellis Powers	12	0	0	0	0
Mike G. Williams	11	0	0.5	0	0
JB Van Hoogen	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marty Tadman	16	143	8.9	0
Quinton Jones	13	132	10.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Quinton Jones	24	483	20.1	0
Rashaun Scott	8	161	20.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Humanitarian - #18	-12	Iowa St	34-16
03	Fort Worth - #18	-11	TCU - #19	34-31
04	Liberty - #10	+10'	Louisville - #7	40-44
05	MPC Computers	+2'	Boston College - #19	21-27
06	Fiesta - #9	+7	Oklahoma - #7 (OT)	43-42

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Boise St's All-Time Bowl Record 5-2

BOISE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	39.7	21	214	5.1	206	66.7	10.6	+11	2006	9	17.6	15	89	3.2	195	57.2	16.1
7*	36.1	22	202	4.7	222	57.9	11.8	-8	2005	7	24.4	19	108	3.3	262	54.8	15.2
4	48.9	26	230	4.6	263	62.3	10.1	+10	2004	6	25.7	17	104	3.3	254	53.2	13.9
3*	43.0	23	150	3.7	336	60.3	11.3	+10	2003	7	17.1	18	101	3.2	248	49.2	20.4
7*	45.6	24	209	4.8	293	64.4	11.0	+8	2002	7	18.5	19	109	3.4	231	51.7	18.5
7	34.3	23	169	4.1	275	60.5	13.0	-8	2001	3	23.3	19	118	3.3	252	56.6	15.8

2006 STATS BY GAME

BSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Sacramento St	22	42-215	5.1	15-24	212	1	3	28-50	1.8	6-15	32	0	+1
–	Oregon St	19	42-302	7.2	8-14	105	3	14	32-58	1.8	20-29	205	6	+2
–	at Wyoming	17	41-130	3.2	12-21	116	3	15	29-73	2.5	14-30	178	5	+2
#25	Hawaii	26	44-242	5.5	17-29	273	1	24	18-88	4.9	25-37	388	2	+2
#22	at Utah	18	42-188	4.5	15-22	210	1	8	29-127	4.4	8-27	51	0	+1
#20	Louisiana Tech	24	42-265	6.3	15-23	224	0	20	35-141	4.0	17-35	163	3	-1
#20	at New Mexico St	23	42-255	6.1	14-21	215	0	28	19-5	0.3	50-66	529	4	+1
#18	at Idaho	17	37-208	5.6	10-23	145	1	20	28-69	2.5	24-45	328	1	+1
#14	Fresno St	23	47-300	6.4	19-25	180	2	11	26-102	3.9	12-24	121	2	0
#14	at San Jose St	20	44-160	3.6	14-20	181	1	13	27-75	2.8	17-23	173	2	-1
#13	Utah St	24	41-231	5.6	25-27	257	1	7	30-90	3.0	9-19	98	2	-1
#12	at Nevada	25	52-178	3.4	20-27	299	3	4	22-106	4.8	6-15	35	4	+3
#9	† Oklahoma	16	35-110	3.1	20-30	267	3	23	38-174	4.6	19-32	233	2	+1
TOTALS		274	551-2784	5.1	204-306	2684	20	190	361-1158	3.2	227-397	2534	33	+11
AVERAGES		21.1	42-214	5.1	16-24	206	1.5	14.6	28-89	3.2	17-31	195	2.5	0.8

2002 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post #15 Score
–	Idaho	-23	38-21
–	at Arkansas	+7'	14-41
–	at Wyoming	-6	35-13
–	Utah St	-19	63-38
–	Hawaii	-4	58-31
–	at Tulsa	-26	52-24
–	Fresno St	-7	67-21
–	at San Jose St	-16'	45-8
–	at UTEP	-32'	58-3
–	Rice	-27'	49-7
–	Louisiana Tech	-28	36-10
#23	at Nevada	-18'	44-7

2003 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post #16 Score
–	Idaho St	NL	62-0
–	at Idaho	-23	24-10
–	at Oregon St	+5'	24-26
–	Wyoming	-23	33-17
–	at Louisiana Tech	-8	43-37
–	Tulsa	-22'	27-20
–	at SMU	-24	45-3
–	San Jose St	-27	77-14
–	at BYU	-8'	50-12
#24	UTEP	-40'	51-21
#20	at Fresno St	-8	31-17
#18	Nevada	-22	56-3
#18	at Hawaii	-11	45-28

2004 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
–	Idaho	-31'	65-7
–	Oregon St	-8	53-34
#23	at UTEP	-29'	47-31
#21	BYU	-22	28-27
#23	SMU	-38	38-20
#21	at Tulsa	-21	45-42
#19	Fresno St	-9	33-16
#18	Hawaii	-23'	69-3
#14	at San Jose St	-33	56-49 2OT
#13	Louisiana Tech	-24	55-14
#10	at Nevada	-25'	58-21

2005 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
#18	at Georgia - #13	+7	13-48
–	at Oregon St	+3	27-30
–	Bowling Green	-7'	48-20
–	at Hawaii	-10'	44-41
–	Portland St	NL	21-14
–	San Jose St	-30'	38-21
–	at Utah St	-19	45-21
–	Nevada	-20	49-14
–	New Mexico St	-33'	56-6
–	at Fresno St - #20	+9'	7-27
–	Idaho	-32'	70-35
–	at Louisiana Tech	-6'	30-13

2006 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
–	Sacramento St	NL	45-0
–	Oregon St	-7'	42-14
–	at Wyoming	-7'	17-10
#25	Hawaii	-14	41-34
#22	at Utah	+5	36-3
#20	Louisiana Tech	-36'	55-14
#20	at New Mexico St	-26'	40-28
#18	at Idaho	-21	42-26
#14	Fresno St	-22	45-21
#14	at San Jose St	-13	23-20
#13	Utah St	-37'	49-10
#12	at Nevada	-2'	38-7

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

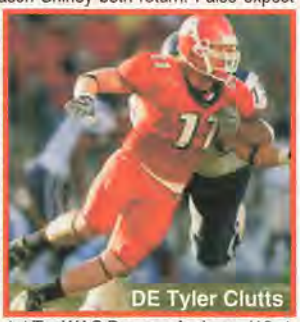
QUARTERBACKS - In Pat Hill's first five years as a HC, not a single QB missed a snap due to injury and David Carr was a 1st round NFL DC. That streak ended but former backup Paul Pinegar was 15-5 as a starter heading into his final season ('05). By midseason however, he had a 6-12 ratio and was booed by the home crowd. In the 2H of the season he had a 17-3 ratio including 5 TD's in the bowl and threw for 3,335 (63.7%) with a 30-15 ratio. Tom Brandstater is 6'5" 220 with a powerful arm and played in 8 (13 pass att). Sean Norton (PS#58) was 3rd string and Ryan Colburn grayshirted. Last year Brandstater struggled most of the year throwing for 124, 150, 140, 205 (3 int) and 155 in his first 5 while playing with bruised ribs suffered vs Oregon. Norton came in vs Hawaii and threw for 225 yards and won the starter's job. He had to start in 2 extremely difficult environments (LSU and Boise) then came down with mono and missed the rest of the year. Brandstater was 100% but still only threw for 99, 109, 142 and then a season high 215 vs SJSt in his final 4 starts. Unfortunately he had an 0-4 ratio vs the Spartans. For the season Brandstater threw for 1,490 (54.5%) with a 13-14 ratio. Norton opted to transfer and Brandstater will be working with a new OC. His competition is Colburn (PS#136), who ran the scout team in a RS year, and this year's true frosh. I expect Brandstater to be one of the WAC's most improved QB's with the strong-armed lefty Colburn being the QB of the future. Colburn will be ready if Brandstater struggles.

RUNNING BACKS - Pat Hill has done a great job developing the run game. In 2005 he basically had three 1,000 yard rushers returning and added Clifton Smith (PS#42DB). Unfortunately Dwayne Wright was not 100% and did not play, and Smith went down with a torn ACL. Wendell Mathis (1st Tm WAC) took over and rushed for 1,313 (5.3) though his production tailed off at the end of the year when FB Roshon Vercher was lost. Bryson Sumlin added 536 (4.5). Last year they lost both Mathis and Sumlin. The big question was if Wright and Smith would return to their old form. Smith did not but Wright had a better than expected season powering his way to 1,462 yards (5.6) while adding 29 rec (7.6). Wright set a school record with 295 vs LT (old record Larry Willoughby 252 in 1952). Wright opted to leave early for the NFL (#4DC BUF) and FB Vercher (10 st) also departs. True frosh Lonyae Miller (PS#54) was #2 with 287 (5.3) and Anthony Harding (PS#221) added 141 (4.7). Those two return and hopefully Smith can regain his speed and become the 3rd down back. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jamal Rashad (5'11" 195 Jr), Frank Padilla (6'0" 240 rFr) and Rich Owens (6'0" 220 So). Hill should uncover another solid RB but it will be tough to match Wright's outstanding season.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Fresno had to replace their top two WR's who combined for 103 rec while the #3 man had 23. Soph Joe Fernandez became the go-to man hauling in 38 (14.4). Paul Williams, an NFL caliber talent, looked great in practice showing size, speed and leaping ability but had just 8 catches in his first two years. In 2005 they had to replace their top 3 TE's but had their top 3 WR's back. Williams finally emerged and led with 729 yards (45 rec). Fernandez led in rec with 46 (12.2) despite missing 2. Last year they did have to replace a #6DC but the unit looked in great shape with Fernandez, Williams and Jaron Fairman (26, 13.4) returning. Fairman was leading in rec with 12 (8.4) when he was lost for the year vs Wash. Williams and Fernandez were both injured and Fernandez played at less than 100% and Williams missed 6 games. The top receiver on what looked to be a veteran unit was rFr Chastin West with 33 (11.1). Fernandez was #2 with 24 (11.7) and good sized TE (ex-QB) Bear Pascoe emerged with 22 (14.0). This year they must replace Williams (#3DC TEN, 7 st, 21, 10.9), Fernanadez (11 st) and Fairman (1 st). The WR's have good size with the top four all topping 6'. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR Darren Newborne (5'11" 185 So) and TE Norman Davis (6'6" 210 So). I look for VHT TE Michael Stuart (PS#10) to have a big impact and for Pascoe to emerge as one of the WAC's top TE's. This unit suffered from dropped passes and injuries last year and looks stronger despite the losses.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Hill used to be an OL coach so this unit is always a priority. In 2004 they paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing (18 sk). In 2005 they had to replace a first round DC but had 4 starters back. They wanted a trimmer O-line and avg'd just 288 lbs (smallest in WAC). The ypc dropped to 4.5 but they only allowed 14 sacks (3.3%). Last year they had 9 of the top 10 returning but did have to replace a 1st Tm WAC LT. Their top OL, Cole Popovich, missed 4 games and then starting C Kyle Young was dismissed after 8. Bobby Lepori missed the final 3 games and despite using 5 different starting combos, the unit paved the way for 5.0 ypc rush while allowing a WAC best 12 sacks. This year they lose 1st Tm WAC RT Chris Denman (12 st, 4Y st'r, #7DC TB), C Kyle Young (8 st, 4Y st'r) and LG Robin Kezirian (3 st). Lepori is questionable but if he returns they have 4 players who started 7 or more last year including five with starting experience. They should once again be one of the WAC's top O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Fresno had to replace 3 starters up front but still allowed a respectable 149 ypg rush (4.2) while recording 34 sacks. Their lone returning starter was DT Garrett McIntyre who was the WAC's Def POY (7 sk) despite only starting 8. Last year they had to replace McIntyre but had 6 of the top 8 back. The stats were similar as they allowed 141 ypc rush (4.2) with 28 sacks. This year they lose DT Louis Leonard (7 st, 26 tkl, 3 sk) and DE Marlon Brisco (12 st, 38 tkl, 4 sk). Six of the top 8 are back again but this group is in better shape as their top two, Tyler Clutts and Jason Shirley both return. I also expect bigger contributions from the Wash St and Miami Fl transfers I list in the 2 deep below.


DE Tyler Clutts

LINEBACKERS - Last year they had all 3 starters returning. Unfortunately Marcus Riley, who was leading the team in tackles in 2005 after 10 starts, was not fully recovered from an ACL and played in just 4. This year they must replace a pair of 3 year starters. Gone are 1st Tm WAC Dwayne Andrews (12 st, 88 tkl, 6.5 tfl) and Alan Goodwin (10 st, 65 tkl, 3 tfl). This group is more experienced than you would think and Riley should have a much bigger impact. Trevor Shamblee earned 2 starts before suffering a knee injury. I also like the 3rd string and an intriguing player is Robert Schenck who is 250 lbs but perhaps the fastest LB. Not listed below are Todd Chisom (6'1" 220 So) and Tommie Gatta (6'1" 215 So). Despite the losses this unit has depth and could come close to 2006's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Fresno finished #23 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and had 4 IR TD's. In 2005 they had to replace a #4DC but had 3 starters back and surprisingly dropped to #44. Last year they had to replace #2 and #6 DC's. There were high expectations for CB Marcus McCauley (4.31 spd) but he did not snag an int and was even benched in a couple of games. Just one DB had an int last year and that was Damon Jenkins who had 3. Fresno dropped to #99 allowing 63.8% with a 26-5 ratio while taking on the toughest slate of opposing QB's in the country! Departing this year are CB McCauley (11 st, 56 tkl, 7 pbu, #3DC MIN), 2nd Tm WAC SS Josh Sherley (12 st, 82 tkl), FS Vincent Mays (9 st, 46 tkl) and CB Elgin Simmons (4 st, 27 tkl, 6 pbu). While this group is less experienced, I would expect Fresno to climb back up in my pass D rankings after underperforming in '06.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Pat Hill's lowest finish in my ST rankings in 9 of the first 10 years was #36. Since 1997 they have blocked more kicks than any other team in the NCAA (70). John Baxter, their ST coach has had his units finish #14 in 2003, #24 in '04 and #5 in '05. Last year they had to replace their top returnman, Adam Jennings (29.0 KR, 12.4 PR). Clifton Smith, who had 2 TD on 3 PR's before tearing his ACL in '05, returned but wasn't 100% while Chastin West was the top KR (22.0). P Mike "The Leg" Lingua missed the season with a back injury and his replacement, Robert Malone, suffered a knee injury. Kyle Zimmerman avg just 36.8 (long 54) and the team's 30.0 net was #115 in the NCAA. Clint Stitser had 21 TB on 56 KO and hit 11 of 16 FG's (long 43). The ST actually cost them a win vs Oregon. The Dawgs botched a blocked FG which turned into a TD for the Ducks and UO also turned a fake FG into a TD. Washington blocked an xp and Fresno missed a FG in a 1 point loss to the Huskies. The ST plummeted to #105 and instead of being a force to win games, Hill hoped that the unit would not lose them. After four years of not allowing a TD, they gave up 3 last season. I look for Baxter to get this group turned around, especially with Smith another year removed from his ACL. Fresno should have one of the most improved ST units in the country.

COACHES - I like Pat Hill's attitude, as he's willing to take on any team, anywhere, to build his program and has pulled some big upsets. He is now in his 11th year. OC Frank Cignetti led FSU to two consecutive top 10 finishes in the NCAA in scoring offense in '04 and '05 but left for N Car. Last year's OC was Steve Hagen who was the OC at Cal from 99-'00 and also departed for N Car after 2006. Hill brings in Jim McElwain, who was the Raiders' QB coach in '06, to be the new OC. He was a WR/ST Coach at Mich St the 3 years prior and the WR/ST Coach at L'ville from 2000-'02. He was also OC at Montana St from 1995-'99. Dan Brown is in his 6th year as the DC his 11th overall here. In 2005 he guided the #1 defense in the WAC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Fresno has garnered the most national notoriety of the WAC teams since Hill took over. One of the most surprising stats is that FSU has not finished higher than 2nd in the WAC since 1999 and their last outright conf title came in 1989 (Big West). In 2001 FSU was ranked #8 at one point and finished 11-3 including upsets of Colorado, Oregon St and Wisconsin in 3 straight weeks. The 2002 squad finished 6-2 in WAC play but only outgained league foes by 3.8 ypg. In 2003 they again were 6-2 in the WAC but outgained conf foes by 48.5 ypg. 2004's was one of Hill's most experienced squads with 15 starters returning. They beat BCS member Washington 35-16 before destroying (45-21) defending Big 12 champ Kansas St (#13) on the road. Surprisingly FSU lost 3 games in WAC play and finished 9-3 but did win their 3rd consecutive bowl game over a BCS foe. In 2005 they led Oregon 17-0 but ended up losing by 3. They then appeared to have clinched the WAC Title when they destroyed Boise St 27-7 to move to 8-1 and #16 in the polls. They travelled to face #1 USC and nearly came away with the upset but they suffered 4 int including 2 at the goal line and fumbled at their own 15. At that point FSU stood 9-2 and both of their losses were to teams that finished in the Top 10. There was talk that they were the greatest team in school history. They accepted the bid to the Liberty Bowl and it's been all downhill since then as they lost their last 3 that year (incl bowl) and failed to even win the WAC Title. Heading into 2006 they had won 4 of 6 vs BCS schools. FSU suffered their first losing season since 1998 and broke a streak of 7 straight years with a bowl game. The team suffered through 7 straight losses, their worst stretch in 77 years (since 1929). At that point Hill boldly stated that they would win their last 4 games to build toward 2007 and while they won the first 3, they dropped the finale at San Jose. Last year they had to replace their QB and top 3 rushers but it was still shocking with 6 starters back that they dropped from 37.8 ppg to just 23.0. The D had 8 starters back but surprisingly allowed 28.3 ppg. This year they have just 4 starters back on D and lose 6 of their top 7 tacklers but should still improve. Fresno makes my list of Most Improved Teams which means they have a 68% chance of going from a losing season to a bowl and will get to their 8th bowl in 9 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 7 TOM BRANDSTATER JR. 6-5 220 13 passes rFr. 10 st LY, 1490 (54.5%) 13-14 ratio, 149 rush. **15 Ryan Colburn** (6-3 220 rFr) PS#136. Big arm. Ran scout team last year.

RB 33 Lonyae Miller So. 5-11 205 **PS#54**. 287 (5.3) true, 3 rec. **22** Anthony Harding (6-0 215 So) PS#221. 141 (4.7) true. **2 Clifton Smith** (5-8 190 Sr) **PS#42DB**. 595 all-purp yds 3Y.

FB/TE 27 Michael Stuart Jr. 6-4 245 **PS#10. USC'04.** Isaac Kinter (6-1 240 So) PS#160LB. 10 rec (7.9) LY. Nate Adams (5-11 240 Sr) 2 st, 17 yd 2Y. **Reynard Camp** (5-11 270 So) PS#125LB.

WR 5 Marlon Moore So. 6-0 180 1 st rFr, 4 rec (26.2). **19** Seyi Ajirotutu (6-3 200 So) PS#261. Inj rFr, 4 rec, 9 gm. **25** Shannon Dorsey (6-1 205 Sr) 93 all-purp yds, 10 gm 3Y.

WR 6 CHASTIN WEST SO. 6-1 215 PS#238. 5 st rFr, #1 /33 rec (11.1). 527 KR yds. **13** Jason Crawley (6-2 185 So) PS#180. 40" VL. 3 rec. **87** Kevin Ciccone (5-11 175 Jr) PS#154. 3 rec.

TE 85 BEAR PASCOE JR. 6-5 260 PS#291QB. 2 st, 5 rec rFr. 12 st LY, 22 (14.0). **80** Drew Lubinsky (6-6 250 Jr) PS#127. **88** Jesus Tapia (6-6 250 Sr) PS#153. 7 gm 2 years.

C 77 RYAN WENDELL SR. 6-2 260 PS#170. 9 st LG true, **WAC Co-Fr Yr**, 13 st RG '05. 12 st LY (8RG, 4C). **74** Joe Bernardi (6-2 280 rFr) PS#191. **67** Cameron Harris (6-3 250 Jr).

RG 52 Richard Pacheco Jr. 6-2 285 **PS#122**. 7 games true. 2nd string in '06 but RS. **69** Andrew Jackson (6-5 260 rFr) PS#296DL. Played DL '06. **75** Chris Piligian PS#338.

LG 62 COLE POPOVICH SR. 6-6 265 PS#336. 2 st LG true (Inj RS). 12 st LG '05, **1st Tm Fr AA**. 8 st LG LY (inj). **65** Pierce Masse (6-4 285 Jr) 1 st LG LY. **61** Charley Robbins (6-2 270 rFr) PS#365.

RT 76 ADAM McDOWELL JR. 6-4 285 PS#329. 6 tkl rFr. 7 st OL LY (4 at RG, 3 at LT). **68** James Meeks (6-5 310 So) 4 games as rFr. **60** Kenny Wiggins (6-7 310 rFr) PS#462.

LT 72 BOBBY LEPORI JR. 6-5 285 PS#281. 2nd string rFr. 9 st LT LY. Inj & miss spg. **73** Kenny Avon (6-3 285 Jr) PS#456DL. 4 tkl rFr. 3 gm OL LY. Devan Cunningham PS#125.

K 39 CLINT STITSER SR. 6-1 200 **PS#22**. 10 of 12 FG '05, long 44. 11 of 16 FG LY, long 43. **35** Kyle Zimmerman 7 of 9 '05, long 38. **35** Dustin Abrams (6-0 170 rFr) PS#51.

DE 11 TYLER CLUTTS SR. 6-2 245 PS#260LB. 19 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 13 st '05, 52 tkl, 7 sk. 12 st LY, 37 tkl, 5 sk, **2nd Tm WAC**. **41** Ikenna Ike (6-1 255 Jr) 14 tkl, 4 sk rFr. 31 tkl, 2.5 sk LY.

NT 94 Jon Monga Jr. 6-2 280 370 bench. 5 tkl, 1 sk '05. 1 st LY, 17 tkl, 4 sk. **42** Charles Tolbert (5-11 265 Sr) 1 st, 13 tkl 04-05. 5 st LY, 16 tkl, 2 sk. Mark Roberts (6-2 275 rFr) PS#315.

DT 97 JASON SHIRLEY SR. 6-5 330 6 st '04-'05, 30 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 20 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **50** Cornell Banks (6-3 265 rFr) PS#440. **96** Wilson Ramos (6-4 270 So) 2 tkl, 5 gm rFr.

DE 99 Jason Roberts Jr. 6-5 250 PS#129LB. **Wash St** trans. 10 tkl LY. **93** Chris Lewis (6-3 245 rFr) **PS#81 Miami Fl** trans. **90** Taylor Smith (6-3 230 rFr) PS#254. 4.7 speed.

WLB 31 Marcus Riley Sr. 6-0 220 7 st rFr, 38 tkl, 3 tfl. 10 st '05, #1 tkl until ACL. 52 tkl, 2 sk. **32** Quaadir Brown (6-0 210 So) 16 tkl true, 2 sk. RS LY. **47** Ryan Machado (6-0 210 So) 7 tkl.

MLB 43 AHIJAH LANE SR. 6-1 225 PS#334RB. 1 st, 29 tkl, 5 tfl '04-'05. 12 st LY, 64 tkl, 3 tfl. **58** Ryan McKinley (6-2 220 Jr) PS#310. 20 tkl 2Y. **55** Nico Herron (6-3 240 rFr) PS#312.

SLB 34 Trevor Shamblee Sr. 6-1 220 PS#450JC. Track star JC. 2 st LY, 21 tkl, inj'd miss 6. Ben Jacobs (6-3 225 rFr) Scout Tm Def MVP. **56 Robert Schenck** (6-2 250 rFr) **4.5 spd**.

CB 22 DAMON JENKINS SR. 5-11 180 **PS#44**. 8 tkl, 2 pbu '05. 9 st LY, 32 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. **24** Damion Owens (5-11 185 So) 4 tkl, 12 gm true. **26** Jason Blackmon (5-10 170 rFr).

CB NA Sharrod Davis Jr. 5-11 190 **PS#166DB Oregon '04**. 4 int JC LY. **28** AJ Jefferson (6-0 180 So) 4 tkl true. **46** Will Harding (6-1 200 Sr) PS#222JC. Zak Hill PS#366.

SS 3 Moses Harris So. 6-1 200 PS#218. 9 tkl, 3 pbu rFr. **20** Lorne Bell (5-10 195 rFr) PS#340RB. **40** Brandon Gridiron (6-0 220 Sr). Terrance Dennis (5-11 170 Fr) is PS#203.

FS 19 Marvin Haynes So. 6-1 195 PS#339WR. 3 st rFr. 16 tkl, 1 sk. **23** Jake Jorde (6-1 195 Jr) 5 tkl rFr. 6 tkl LY. **48** Frank Manquero (6-1 190 So). JJ Stallworth is PS#405.

P 35 KYLE ZIMMERMAN SR. 6-1 200 7 of 9 FG '05. 42 punts in '06. 36.8 avg, team net 30.0. **42** Robert Malone (6-2 215 So) 39.7 avg in HS. 37.2 avg on 20 punts until injury.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Sharrod Davis 5-11 190 PS#137JC
OL	Devan Cunningham 6-6 315 PS#125
DL	Porter Hill 6-4 275 PS#135
LB	Chris Carter 6-2 220 PS#154
DB	Terrance Dennis 5-11 170 PS#203
OL	Eric Sproal 6-4 280 PS#287
DB	Jermaine Thomas 5-11 180 PS#272
K	Kevin Goessling 5-10 165 PS#36
QB	Matt Faulkner 6-2 185 PS#196
DB	Phillip Thomas 6-0 190 PS#339
DB	Zak Hill 6-2 190 PS#366
WR	Tim Lang 6-0 190 PS#367DB
TE	Ryan Skidmore 6-5 225 PS#117
OL	Bryce Harris 6-6 240 PS#333DL
DB	JJ Stallworth 5-11 185 PS#405
RB	Ryan Mathews 5-11 205 PS#388
LB	Austin Raphael 6-2 225 PS#404
WR	Matt Lindsey 6-0 185 PS#406
WR	Devon Wylie 5-9 170 PS#406
DL	Ken Borg 6-3 245 PS#381
RB	Bryson Hodges 5-10 200 PS#429
DB	Isaiah Green 5-10 180 PS#470
LB	Kyle Knox 6-1 215 PS#500
OL	Leslie Cooper 6-4 260 PS#606
OL	Kyle Rainer 6-5 265 PS#606

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#62

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	Sacramento St	G						The Bulldogs have won 8 straight home openers. The Hornets were 4-7 LY including a 45-0 loss to Boise St. Fresno St beat Sac St in 1972 in their only other meeting.
Sep. 8	at Texas A&M	G						First meeting. FSU is 2-9 all-time vs Big 12 teams but has won 2 of last 3 meetings. The Bulldogs are just 2-9 in opening road games with all 11 games vs BCS foes.
Sep. 15	at Oregon	A						FSU is 2-5 vs Oregon. All 7 gms have been decided by 7 pts or less & FSU has lost L/5 games by a combined 20 pts. A botched blocked FG cost FSU the game last yr.
Sep. 22								
Sep. 29	Louisiana Tech	G						FSU leads series 6-2 but has lost 2 of L/3 gms. LY RB Wright rushed for 295 yds & scored on a 33 yd TD w/:53 left for win. FSU is 4-1 at home w/avg score 33-20 vs LT.
Oct. 6	at Nevada	A						Fresno State leads the all-time series vs Nevada 23-14-1. The Bulldogs have won 7 of L/8 vs the Wolf Pack by a 22 pt avg margin. The home team has won 4 of 5.
Oct. 13	at Idaho	A						Fresno St has won 4 straight by an avg of 24 ppg. Fresno St shutout Idaho 34-0 in 2006. Last trip to the Kibble Dome FSU won 40-10 thanks to 4 TD's off the punt gm.
Oct. 20	San Jose St (HC)	G						FSU leads the series 35-33-3 & has won 12 of L/13 vs SJSt outscoring the Spartans by an avg of 39-16. Including bowls, FSU is 10-4 since 1999 vs instate teams.
Oct. 26	Boise St (Fri)	G						Fresno St is only 1-5 but did win at home last meeting. The average score is Boise St 36-22. Boise St led 35-0 last year scoring TD's on 5 straight drives.
Nov. 3	Utah St	G						The home team has gone 12-2-1 & Fresno St is 7-0-1 at home vs USU. They have outscored the Aggies by an avg of 40-15 in those games.
Nov. 10	at Hawaii	A						Fresno St leads the all-time series vs Hawaii 20-18-1 but is only 1-5 since '95 on the Islands. The home team is 18-5-1. No game has been closer than 10 pts the L5Y.
Nov. 17								
Nov. 24	Kansas St	G						Only the 2nd Big 12 tm to visit Fresno. Baylor won here 37-35 in '97. FSU defeated #13 KSU 45-21 in Manhattan in their only meeting in '04. FSU is 8-2 in home finales.
Nov. 30	at New Mexico St (Fri)	G						Fresno leads the series vs NMSt, 13-0 with an avg score of 37-12. Fresno St scored 17 pts last yr on 4 NMSt fumbles. FSU has dropped the last 2 season finales.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Kevin Sweeney 10,808 '83-'86
2. Paul Pinegar 10,136 '02-'05
3. Mark Barsotti 8,093 '88-'91

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ron Rivers 3,473 '91-'93
2. Michael Pittman 3,017 '93-'97
3. Dean Philpott 2,533 '54-'57

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Charlie Jones 3,344 '92-'95
2. Rodney Wright 3,274 '98-'01
3. Brian Roberson 2,956 '93-'96

PAT HILL (Career 76–51)

11th Year at Fresno St — Hill's Bowl Record: 3-4

Hill's records AT FRESNO STATE

76-51	Straight Up	1-2	Vs Top 10
46-11	Home	6-15	Vs Top 25
27-36	Away	10-19	Vs BCS Teams
3-4	Neutral	8-5	Off A Bye
54-25	Vs Conference	23-22	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (4–8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (23,21,3)
Lost: 17 (8,8,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,551 (#60)

WAC

QB Tom Brandstater

STADIUM: BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031) (#75)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	11-2	8-5	8-5	8-3	8-4	4-8	54-31
Home	5-0	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-1	5-1	3-3	32-8
Away	2-4	6-1	3-4	3-4	4-2	3-3	1-5	22-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	6-2	6-2	6-2	6-2	5-3	6-2	4-4	39-17
ATS	5-6	8-5	4-8-1	5-6-1	7-3	7-4	2-10	38-42-2
Home Fav (Pat Hill)	3-2	2-3	0-4-1	1-1-1	3-1	3-2	1-3	13-16-2
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-3
Away Fav	0-1	3-2	1-2	0-2	2-1	3-1	0-3	9-12
Away Dog	2-3	2-0	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	13-11
Favorite	3-3	5-5	1-6-1	1-3-1	5-2	6-3	1-6	22-28-2
Dog	2-3	3-0	3-2	4-3	2-1	1-1	1-4	16-14
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	1-6-1	2-5-1	5-3	5-3	1-7	21-33-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	4-1	3-2	3-1	2-0	2-1	1-3	17-9
Off SU Win	2-4	6-4	3-3-1	3-3	5-1	6-2	1-3	26-20-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-1	0-5	1-3-1	1-2	1-2	1-6	8-20-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Silicon Valley - #20	-4'	Michigan St	35-44
02	Silicon Valley	+6'	Georgia Tech	30-21
03	Silicon Valley	+3	UCLA	17-9
04	MPC Computers	+5	Virginia - #18 (OT)	37-34
05	Liberty	-7	Tulsa	24-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Fresno St's All-Time Bowl Record 9-7

FRESNO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	23.0	18	180	5.0	158	55.3	14.7	-6	2006	8	28.3	19	141	4.2	222	63.8	12.8
9*	37.8	22	165	4.5	260	63.0	11.3	-4	2005	7	22.5	20	149	4.2	198	59.0	15.4
8*	40.2	21	228	5.4	177	58.7	10.1	+7	2004	7	21.1	18	165	4.1	175	51.1	16.1
6*	23.0	18	160	4.3	192	56.8	15.3	+5	2003	6	22.6	19	175	4.6	206	55.7	16.8
6	27.0	20	132	3.6	242	55.1	13.9	+6	2002	5	27.1	22	160	3.9	245	55.2	14.9
9*	40.0	24	153	4.1	348	64.0	12.5	+21	2001	6	24.6	20	117	3.2	264	55.6	15.5

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dwayne Wright	261	1525	63	1462	11	5.6
Lonyae Miller	54	288	1	287	2	5.3
Anthony Harding	30	146	5	141	1	4.7
Tom Brandstater	32	149	63	86	1	2.7
Chastin West	10	71	13	58	0	5.8
Paul Williams	6	55	7	48	0	8.0
Sean Norton	17	55	31	24	0	1.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tom Brandstater	268	146	54.5	1490	13	14
Sean Norton	54	32	59.3	408	3	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chastin West	33	365	11.1	3	60
Bear Pascoe	22	307	14.0	2	75
Joe Fernandez	24	281	11.7	4	23
Paul Williams	21	229	10.9	1	38
Dwayne Wright	29	221	7.6	1	38
Marlon Moore	4	105	26.2	1	75
Jaron Fairman	12	101	8.4	1	19
Isaac Kinter	10	79	7.9	2	19
Kevin Ciccone	3	39	13.0	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Zimmerman	42	1546	36.8	11	30.0(t)	0	14
Robert Malone	20	744	37.2	4	--	0	5

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Clint Stitser	31-33	4-5	6-6	1-4	0-1	11-16	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dwayne Andrews	88	0	6.5	2	0
Josh Sherley	82	0.5	2	2	0
Alan Goodwin	65	0	3	1	1
Ahijah Lane	64	1.5	1.5	0	0
Marcus McCauley	56	0	3	7	0
Vincent Mays	46	0	0.5	6	0
Marcon Brisco	38	4	2.5	0	0
Tyler Clutts	37	5	0	2	1
Damion Jenkins	32	0	0	5	3
Ikenna Ike	31	2.5	1	1	0
Elgin Simmons	27	0	0	6	0
Louis Leonard	26	3	3	1	0
Trevor Shamblee	21	0.5	2	0	0
Jason Shirley	20	2	2.5	0	0
Jon Monga	17	4	1	0	0
Charles Tolbert	16	2	2	0	0
Marvin Haynes	16	1	0	0	0
Jason Roberts	10	0	1	0	0
Ryan McKinley	10	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Clifton Smith	19	139	7.3	0
Joe Fernandez	8	73	9.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chastin West	24	527	22.0	1
Joe Fernandez	12	229	19.1	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

FSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Nevada	19	38-212	5.6	16-24	124	0	21	34-168	4.9	18-34	183	1	0
–	Oregon	20	41-206	5.0	16-33	150	1	21	34-139	4.1	23-36	240	0	-1
–	at Washington	17	37-157	4.2	11-21	140	1	16	35-128	3.7	15-26	151	1	-1
–	Colorado St	16	23-115	5.0	19-42	205	0	16	44-54	1.2	15-23	248	5	-1
–	at Utah St	15	34-164	4.8	13-27	155	0	11	36-147	4.1	9-19	120	2	0
–	Hawaii	22	41-183	4.5	18-29	304	1	30	18-100	5.6	37-44	470	1	-3
–	at LSU	11	33-77	2.3	13-20	134	4	18	32-184	5.8	15-19	210	3	0
–	at Boise St	11	26-102	3.9	12-24	121	2	23	47-300	6.4	19-25	180	2	0
–	New Mexico St	14	41-164	4.0	11-19	99	1	22	22-9	0.4	39-51	367	5	+4
–	Idaho	23	42-290	6.9	14-23	109	0	11	30-107	3.6	10-30	92	4	-1
–	at Louisiana Tech	19	38-336	8.8	14-23	142	1	22	36-166	4.6	18-31	189	3	-1
–	at San Jose St	23	36-154	4.3	21-37	215	1	17	36-187	5.2	15-27	216	1	-2
TOTALS		210	430-2160	5.0	178-322	1898	12	228	404-1689	4.2	233-365	2663	28	-6
AVERAGES		17.5	36-180	5.0	15-27	158	1.0	19.0	34-141	4.2	19-30	222	2.3	-0.5

2002 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Wisconsin - #25	+9'	21-23
–	San Diego St	-17	16-14
–	at Oregon - #13	+16'	24-28
–	at Oregon St	+11'	19-59
–	at Rice	-7	31-28
–	Colorado St - #25	+5'	32-30
–	SMU	-23'	30-7
–	at Boise St	+7	21-67
–	Hawaii	-1'	21-31
–	Tulsa	-26	31-12
–	Nevada	-8	38-30
–	at San Jose St	-6	19-16
–	at Louisiana Tech	-1'	45-13

2003 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Tennessee - #12	+20	6-24
–	Oregon St	+8'	16-14
–	at Oklahoma - #1	+28'	28-52
–	Louisiana Tech	-10	16-6
–	Portland St	NL	42-16
–	at Colorado St	+5	10-34
–	at Hawaii	+3	28-55
–	Rice	-20	31-28
–	at SMU	-14'	20-11
–	at Nevada	+2'	27-10
–	San Jose St	-14	41-7
–	Boise St - #20	+8	17-31
–	at UTEP	-20'	23-20

2004 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #22 Score
–	at Washington	+1'	35-16
–	at Kansas St - #13	+12'	45-21
#18	Portland St	NL	27-17
#17	at Louisiana Tech	-14	21-28
–	UTEP	-17'	21-24
–	at Boise St - #19	+9	16-33
–	SMU	-27'	42-0
–	at Rice	-7	52-21
–	Hawaii	-21	70-14
–	Nevada	-26	54-17
–	at San Jose St	-26	62-28

2005 RESULTS

FSU Pre #24 Rank	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#24	Weber St	NL	55-17
#23	at Oregon	+2'	34-37
–	Toledo	-14	44-14
–	at New Mexico St	-28	37-7
–	Utah St	-33	53-21
#24	at Idaho	-29'	40-10
#22	at Hawaii	-13	27-13
#21	San Jose St	-33	45-7
#20	Boise St	-9'	27-7
#16	at USC - #1	+23	42-50
#16	at Nevada	-15	35-38
#23	Louisiana Tech	-23'	28-40

2006 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Nevada	-12	28-19
–	Oregon - #20	+3'	24-31
–	at Washington	-3'	20-21
–	Colorado St	-13'	23-35
–	at Utah St	-27	12-13
–	Hawaii	+4	37-68
–	at LSU - #14	+33	6-38
–	at Boise St - #14	+22	21-45
–	New Mexcio St	-12	23-18
–	Idaho	-11	34-0
–	at Louisiana Tech	-12'	34-27
–	at San Jose St	+4'	14-24

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - NMSt ran an option offense under former HC Tony Samuel but started to transition away from that at the end of the 2004 with 31 passes per game. When HC Hal Mumme arrived in 2005, Joey Vincent (187 career yds) was the most experienced QB and battled good-sized JUCO Royal Gill (6'5" 215). The two split time and combined for 3,149 yards (56.7%) with a 17-21 ratio. Keep in mind that in Mumme's system for the offense to be effective, the QB should complete at least 64%. Chase Holbrook, who has good size (6'5") and played in Mumme's offense in '04 at SEL, was my favorite to win the job last year. Both Vincent and Gill left the team and backup QB Scott Grantham suffered a non-football injury and had to give up the sport after throwing for 319 yds in the spring game. The backup was true frosh walk-on Alex Gibson. Holbrook set the NCAA record for passing yards by a soph throwing for 4,619 while hitting 70% with a 34-9 ratio. Naturally he broke all of Cody Ledbetter's single season passing records (1995) despite missing time vs Hawaii, Nevada and Utah St due to injuries. Gibson threw for 176 (60.5%) with an 0-3 ratio but tore an ACL in the spring and is out for 2007. Holbrook will contend for the NCAA's passing leader crown this season. Adding depth are true frosh JJ McDermott (PS#366), Matt Parsons (6'6" 200 rFr) and Baer Philipbar (5'11" 197 rFr).

QB Chase Holbrook

RUNNING BACKS - Justine Buries rushed for 260 (3.3) in two starts as a true frosh and took over the starting duties early in Mumme's first season. Buries had four 100 yard games and rushed for 779 (4.2) with 23 rec (6.1). He rushed for 107 vs Cal when the Bears had not allowed a 100 yard rusher in 8 straight games. True frosh Jeremiah Williams was #2 with 56 (4.7). Buries was the leading returning rusher in the WAC in 2006, but tore his ACL in Wk 2 after rushing for 133 (4.0). Williams took over but only rushed for 426 (4.5). He did have 106 yards and 4 total TD's (NM rec) vs Texas Southern. Chris Nwoko bounced back from injuries in his first 2 years and rushed for 159 (4.0). They moved backup CB Tonny Glynn (5'8" 170 So) to RB and he had 107 total yards vs SJSt. Surprisingly, Glynn had just six carries for 1 yard in the final 3. FB David Romaka rushed for 131 (5.0). This year they lose Romaka (2 st) but have everyone else back. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Brandon Perez (5'9" 230 So) who had 15 yds as a rFr and true frosh Randell Bell (PS#103 '06) who rushed for over 800 yards at Hargrave. Buries returns so the Aggies should have significant improvement in the RB's production.

RECEIVERS - In Mumme's first year, ex-QB Paul Dombrowski set a school record with 78 rec (10.2) and he was the only loss last year. AJ Harris was #2 with 39 (11.5), Derek Dubois was #3 with 28 (13.3), Brandon Allen #4 (33, 11.0) and Tim Tolbert had 31 (11.5). TE Nick Cleaver had 16 (14.1). Chris Williams, who is the fastest player on the team, was only #8 with 12 (8.1). Last year the team got a significant addition in Akieem Jolla (PS#5) who transferred from Miami, Fl. Unfortunately, Jolla (knee) was never 100% (23, 5.9). Williams had a huge year with 92 rec and 1,415 yards (15.4) breaking Dombrowski's school records. Harris had 71 (11.1) while Dubois had 53 (15.1). In 1991, Todd Cutler set the TE mark with 43 rec but Cleaver broke that with 50 (13.7). Surprisingly Tolbert only had 9 rec. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Barry Huntley (6'0" 180 rFr), Doug McDaniel (5'10" 194 Jr), Drew Thatcher (5'10" 192 Jr), Jordan Fry (5'11" 170 rFr), Jacob Ferda (6'0" 185 rFr) and Wes Neiman (5'10" 190 rFr). This year they lose Tolbert and Jolla (7 st) but have everyone else back making this one of the WAC's top receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - One of the units most affected by a shift from the option to a pass attack is the O-line. As you would expect, after having a Samuel era low of just 3.6 ypc rushing in 2004, Mumme's first O-line which had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups only opened holes for 78 ypg rushing (2.7), the fewest in school history while allowing 45 sacks (8.2%). Last year just one OL returned with Div IA starting experience and that was LT Mike Martinez (2Y st'r). They had even fewer yards (910, 2.8) but trimmed the sack total to 39 (6.4%). This year the only loss is LG Maveu Hemuli (12 st) who left on a mission. They may even get back Roberto Davis who had 9 starts at RT as a true ('05) and also Alex Gottlieb who had 6 total starts in '04 and '05 (inelg '06). Not even listed in the 3 deep below is Patrick Blount (6'5" 280 rFr, PS#290). This group is vastly more experienced than the 2006 version and now are in the 3rd year of Mumme's offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - It's pretty startling to see a team nearly allow the same rush ypg and ypc in two straight years under 2 different HC's but that's what the Aggies did in '04 and '05. In Samuel's last year they allowed 221 ypg rush (5.0). In Mumme's first year, they had to replace 2 starters but moved starting TE Jeremy Weeks to NT and allowed 217 ypg rush (4.9). Last year they had to replace two starters but moved starting LB Brandon McKinney (8 st '05) and JUCO Maurice Murray to the DL. Unfortunately, Weeks was lost after 6 starts but they did improve allowing 4.5 ypc and 61 ypg less. This year they lose DE David Niumatalolo (7 st, 37 tkl, 3 tfl) and Weeks (6 st, 10 tkl). DE Jared Naylor (10 st '05) is back as is DE Kyle Smith (10 st '05 at LT). Seven players with starting experience have combined for 74 career starts. They also add in Alcorn St transfer Oren Long (6'2" 250 Jr) and JUCO EJ Cannon (6'0" 290). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kawika Shook (6'3" 280 So, 5 tkl) and Scooter Heim (6'1" 267 rFr). Last year they also moved huge OL Mark Pole (6'7" 340) to the DL. He had 10 tackles and is now in his 2nd year. This is a deep, veteran group that should be one of the WAC's better units.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Aggies had to replace Jimmy Cottrell who became the first player in school history to lead the team in tackles for four straight years and set the school single season tackle record with 179 (Sam Dickey 169 in 1989). He led the NCAA in tackles and was 1st Tm WAC. Also gone were two other starters and McKinney (8 st) moved to the D-line. The unit then suffered a tragic loss when Shana Leaupepe was killed prior to the year. True frosh Tarik Perry (PS#131) quit and SLB Mike Hernishin was lost (knee) after 6 starts. This unit had a combined 6 career starts heading into the year. This year they lose their #1 tackler again in 2nd Tm WAC Tim McManigal (12 st, 91 tkl, 9 tfl) as well as Nathan Nuttall (12 st, 55 tkl, 4 sk). Six of the top eight are back including 4 with starting experience making this unit much more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Mumme's first year, the Aggies only had to replace one starter but finished #114 in my pass D rankings. Last year they lost FS Matt Griebel who set a school record for tackles in a season by a DB (149) as well as a starting CB. CB Courtney Bryan was #5 in the NCAA in passes defended. He helped the Aggies move up to #95. This year they lose 2nd Tm WAC CB Bryan (4 int, 14 pbu), SS Eric Carrie (12 st, 81 tkl, 9 tfl) and Spencer Moore (1 st, 17 tkl). Three players return with starting experience and they bring in some JUCO's so this group could move up in my pass D rankings despite the loss of their top guy.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Mumme did have a #8 finish in my ST rankings while at Kentucky. In '05, he had to break in a new K and P and the unit still rose from #92 to #53 despite FG problems. In 2005, Brad Evans became the first NMSt P to avg over 41.0 since Andy Kohl ('99) and he had an amazing net of 38.8. KR Chris Williams avg'd 29.6 in '05 and Alabama transfer Dubois avg 24.1. Last year they had to replace Evans as well as their K and top PR. Matt Pratt hit just 3 FG's with 4 being blocked and he also missed 5 xp's. Pratt had 6 TB on 64 KO. Ryan Bowling hit 1 of 2 with a long of 25 and they even tried WR Doug McDaniel who hit 3 of 4 xp's. At one point Mumme said, "we don't have a kicker." Jared Kaufman did a fine job punting (38.3 net) while C. Williams was the top KR (23.2) and PR (15.3). This year basically everyone returns so I look for significant improvement in my ST rankings (#85 '06) and kicking coach Roy Gerela gets a big addition with new K Kyle Hughes.

COACHES - Mumme was the head man at Kentucky in 1997 and led them to bowl games in 1998 and 1999. He also led UK to its first win over Alabama in 75 years. He resigned after the 2000 season with an NCAA investigation pending. In 2003, he took over at IAA SE Louisiana and guided them to 5-7 and 7-4 records in his two years. Mumme is his own OC. His SEL team led the IAA in total offense with 537 ypg (408 pass) in 2004. He made an excellent hire in DC Woody Widenhofer who was the DC for the Steelers for two of their Super Bowl Titles. He later was HC at Missouri and DC at Vanderbilt before becoming the HC there in 1997. His 1999 Vandy D ranked 24th in the NCAA. He also was the DC for Mumme in 2003 and 2004 at SEL.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As I have been saying throughout the years, when you shift from an option attack to a pass offense, it is generally a 3 to 4 year process. Samuel ran the old school Nebraska option offense and Mumme brought in his pure pass offense in 2005. As expected, the team struggled and in fact had the worst record in the NCAA at 0-12 achieving their first winless season since 1989. A good portion of their points early in the year came on garbage drives at the end of games when they trailed big. The Aggies were outgained by a WAC worst 124.2 ypg and the closest they came to victory was a 2 OT loss to Idaho. That team was -23 in turnovers (see pg 312). Last year everything pointed to a much better season and the Aggies could have actually achieved a winning record as they had 3 net close losses (see Best Case Scenario in Pac 10 Regional magazine). Two games almost fit the criteria of net close losses in Idaho (lost by 8) and San Jose St (gave up a late TD after being SOD). Still, the Aggies' only wins were over IAA teams until they won their final two games by a combined 92-43 margin. The big difference between 2005 and 2006 was their QB play. Holbrook, who ran the Mumme system at SEL, thrived in that offense. The 2005 QB's combined for a 17-21 ratio and 56.7% while Holbrook threw for 70% completions and a fine 34-9 ratio. The Aggies' offense averaged 475 ypg and nearly doubled their point production to 31.2 ppg. This year 10 starters return and they should have one of the most explosive offenses in the NCAA. The defense allowed 8 ppg less aided by the drop in offensive turnovers. Still the Aggies were -10 in turnovers last year which qualifies them for my "Turnovers=Turnaround" (pg 312). They have 7 starters back on defense and despite replacing 4 of their top 6 tacklers, should show improvement again. Mumme has noted that when he arrived they had two guys who could squat 500 lbs but they had a great year in conditioning and now have 25 guys who can squat over 500 lbs and five over 600. The Aggies will play 7 home games for just the 2nd time in school history. NMSt made my list of Most Improved Teams (see page 19) which means I think they can go from a losing record to bowl-eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 12 CHASE HOLBROOK JR. 6-5 235 SE Louis trans. 12 st LY, 4619 (70%), most ever soph NCAA, 34-9 ratio, 153 rush. **16** JJ McDermott PS#366. **14** Matt Parsons (6-6 200 rFr).

RB 34 JUSTINE BURIES JR. 6-0 220 2 st, 260 (3.3), true. 11 st '05, 779 (4.2), 23 rec. 2 st, ACL '06. **25** Jeremiah Williams (6-0 205 Jr) 6 st, 482 rush (4.5), 47 rec (6.9) 2Y.

WR 28 CHRIS WILLIAMS JR. 5-8 155 3 st '05, 12 rec. 12 st LY, **#1 NCAA yds rec,** 92 (15.4) **1st Tm WAC. 81** Kenneth Buckley (5-11 185 Jr) 17 rec 2Y. **35 FB** Chris Nwoko (6-0 220 Jr) 2 st, 222 ttl yd.

WR 19 DEREK DUBOIS SR. 5-9 170 Alabama trans. 2 st, 28 (13.3) '05. **53 rec** (15.1) LY. **8** Christopher Buckner (6-0 188 So) PS#307. 3 st true, 23 (6.6) **10** Chris West PS#295.

WR 18 AJ HARRIS JR. 6-1 210 6 starts true, 39 (11.5). 12 st LY, **71 rec** (11.1). **7 Brandon Allen** (6-2 195 Sr) **16 st** 3Y, 85 rec (10.6). Jahmeel Hobson (5-10 165 So) 8 rec true.

TE 40 NICK CLEAVER SR. 6-3 235 5 st '05. 16 (14.1). 12 st LY, School TE rec. 50 rec (13.7). **82** Ryan Franzoy (6-4 242 So) 1 rec LY. **17** Brian Blake (6-2 227 Jr) PS#239DB.

C 63 Richie Bolin Jr. 6-1 270 12 tkl, 1 tfl true DL. Moved OL LY, 5 gm but **last 4 st at C. 77** Joel Buschmann (6-4 300 rFr) PS#309. **62** Zach Monono (6-2 268 Sr) 5 tkl DL 3Y.

RG 65 POLO GUTIERREZ JR. 6-1 296 14 tkl, on DL true. 12 st RG LY. 415 bench, **675 squat. 76** Chuck Taylor PS#484 in spring. **64** Phil Fry (6-2 290 rFr). **LS Dan White (6-1 201 Sr).**

LG 68 RAY ZIELINSKI JR. 6-2 313 PS#485. 7 gm rFr until inj. First 8 st at RT LY. **67** Joseph Palmer (6-2 309 So) 4 gm true. **61** JR Saulietis (6-1 291 So). Lettered as true.

RT 55 JAMES FARRELLY SR. 6-3 294 PS#482JC. 12 st here '06. (8C, 4RT). **78** Kyle Smith (6-7 330 So) PS#118. 10 gm true. **76** Roberto Davis (6-5 265 Jr) PS#170. **9 st '05.**

LT 69 MIKE MARTINEZ SR. 6-4 335 PS#237. 11 st as rFr. 12 st C '05. 12 st at LT LY. **54** Brett Leeds (6-2 292 Jr) **PS#122JC.** RS LY. **71** Alex Gottlieb (6-4 296 Sr) PS#214. 6 st '04-'05. Inelg.

K 4 Kyle Hughes Fr. 6-1 190 PS#88 LY. 51 yd FG, 22 of 24 in HS & did not use a tee. 10 of 11 FG at Hargrave, long 51 LY. **7** Doug McDaniel (5-10 194 Jr) 3 of 4 xp LY.

DE 45 MAURICE MURRAY SR. 6-3 290 PS#178OL. JC. 8 st here LY, 24 tkl. **91 Jared Naylor** (6-2 280 Sr) **PS#103. 29 st 3Y.** 63 tkl, 7 tfl. RS LY. **74** Adam Honaker (6-2 280 Sr) 3 st OL '05.

NT 50 Ray Manumaleuna Sr. 6-3 310 PS#516JC. Last 5 st LY, 9 tkl, 2 sk. **70** Mark Pole (6-7 340 Sr) JC. OL. Moved to DL LY, 10 tkl. **72** Sioeli Fakalata (6-4 295 So) PS#427. 1 st, 17 tkl true.

DE 44 BRANDON McKINNEY SR. 6-3 290 PS#383. 8 st OLB '05. 33 tkl, 8 tfl. 9 st LY. 16 tkl, 2 sk. **98** Skyler Sargent (6-0 270 Sr) 41 tkl, 6 tfl, 2Y. **75** Kyle Smith (6-3 265 Sr) **12 st** OL 3Y.

WLB 24 Kramer Winingham Sr. 6-2 230 PS#516JC. 90 tkl at JC '04. 10 gm here LY, 3 tkl. **51** Ross Conner (5-11 211 So) 12 tkl, 1 sk rFr. **56** Sam King (6-0 225 So) 2 tkl rFr. **Jeff Lucas PS#114.**

MLB 42 DANTE FLOYD JR. 6-0 232 PS#420JC. Last 5 st LY. 66 tkl, 6 tfl. **53 Mike Hernishin** (6-1 245 Sr) 19 tkl 3 tfl '05. First 6 st (inj) LY, 28 tkl, 6 tfl. **52** Nick Ply (6-3 238 Sr) 8 tkl.

LLB 11 LA'AULI FONOTI JR. 6-4 250 PS#158TE. 1 rec, 8 tkl true. 10 st LY, 38 tkl, 3 tfl. **43** Dylan Moss (5-11 245 So) 25 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **N Colorado '05. 37** Ka'ua Adolpho (6-1 225 rFr).

RLB 59 Michael Brewer Sr. 6-2 224 29 tkl, 3 tfl true. 9 tkl '05. 1 st last year, 18 tkl, 1 tfl. **57** Jamar Cotton (6-1 219 So) PS#433. 5 tkl rFr. **49** JDDowling (5-10 220 rFr) PS#126.

CB 20 Marvin Betts Sr. 5-11 180 PS#229JC. 1 start, 16 tackles, 3 pbu last year. **25** Vince Butler (5-11 177 Jr) PS#210JC. **32** Chris Woods (5-11 175 So). RS last year.

CB 36 ALEX BERNARD SR. 5-11 190 23 tkl rFr. 3 st '05, 39 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu. 12 st LY, 50 tkl, 2 int. **31** Alphonso Powell PS#540. In spring. **46** Aaron Williams (5-10 190 Sr) 5 tkl LY.

SS 22 DERRICK RICHARDSON JR. 5-11 190 PS#433. Last 7 starts FS LY. 71 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu. **30** Kenny Evora (6-3 220 rFr). **58** Chris Alvarado (6-0 220 Jr) RS LY. **47** Oran Gonzales (6-0 180 rFr).

FS 29 Cole Marton Sr. 6-0 195 PS#266JC. 10 tkl '05. Inj'd foot Gm 1, out for yr in '06. **21** Brennan Baiamonte (6-0 195 Jr) 2 rec WR '05. 8 tkl LY. 4.48 spd. **15** Junior Fasavalu PS#316JC.

P 5 JARED KAUFMAN SR. 6-1 186 8 rec '05. Moved to full-time punter last year. 31 punts, 41.8 avg and **net 38.3, #1 WAC!** Now in 2nd year as punter. No backup in spring.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Vincent Butler 5-11 177 PS#210JC
RB	Randell Bell 5-8 191 PS#103 '06
LB	Jeff Lucas 6-3 215 PS#114
DB	Junior Fasavalu 6-2 185 PS#316JC
LB	Russell Wantowski 6-2 215 PS#172DL '06
DL	EJ Cannon 6-0 290 PS#423JC
WR	Chris West 6-1 200 PS#295
OL	Michael Grady 6-3 300 PS#422
OL	Chuck Taylor 6-3 320 PS#484 '06
K	Kyle Hughes 6-1 190 PS#88 '06
LB	Boyblue Aoelua 5-11 220 PS#500
DB	Kenny Evora 6-3 220 PS#540
DB	Alphonso Powell 5-11 180 PS#540
OL	Wallace Jennings 6-3 310 PS#606
OL	Eddie Tautolo 6-5 300 PS#606
OL	Ana Tuiasosopoa 6-1 275 PS#606
RB	Julius Fleming 5-9 175 PS#506
RB	Ronald Opetaia 5-10 205 PS#506
QB	JJ McDermott 6-4 220 PS#366

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

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3rd Year at New Mexico St (Div II 40-17-1) (NAIA 25-10) Mumme's Bowl Record: 0-2

Mumme's records AT NEW MEXICO ST

4-20	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
3-10	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
1-10	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
2-14	Vs Conference	2-17	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (24,22,1)
Lost: 17 (9,7,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,596 (#101)

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#99

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NMSt	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	SE Louisiana (Thur)	G					
Sep. 8	at New Mexico	G					
Sep. 15	UTEP	G					
Sep. 22	at Auburn	G					
Sep. 29	Arkansas Pine-Bluff	G					
Oct. 6	at Boise St	A					
Oct. 13	at Louisiana Tech	G					
Oct. 20	Idaho (HC)	G					
Oct. 27	at Hawaii	A					
Nov. 3	Nevada	G					
Nov. 10	at San Jose St	G					
Nov. 17	Utah St	G					
Nov. 24							
Nov. 30	Fresno St (Fri)	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cody Ledbetter 7,480 '91-'95
2. Joe Pisarcik 5,770 '71-'73
3. KC Enzminger 5,416 '98-'01

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Dennis Manns 4,692 '95-'98
2. Ron "Po" James 3,885 '68-'71
3. James Pilot 2,971 '61-'63

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Lucious Davis 2,769 '92-'95
2. Duane Gregory 2,641 '94-'97
3. Ryan Shaw 2,315 '96-'99

NMSt ended the nation's longest losing streak (13 gms) w/a 30-15 win over SEL last year. Hal Mumme was the HC at SE Louisiana in '03 & '04 & QB Holbrook played there in '04.

NMSt trails the series 28-64-5 including losing 4 straight in the "Battle of I-25" for the Maloof Trophy. NMSt committed 5 TO's that led to 20 pts in a 34-28 loss to Lobos LY.

New Mexico St trails the series 49-33-2. Aggies have lost 7 of 9 but have won 4 of last 5 at home. Holbrook passed for 253 yds in the 2Q last year.

NMSt lost its only meeting with the Tigers 55-14 at Auburn in '93. Aggies are 0-13 vs current SEC opponents. New Mexico St has lost 15 straight non-conf road gms.

First meeting. Two of NMSt's 4 wins last year were vs Div IAA teams. Arkansas Pine-Bluff went 8-4 & lost to Alabama A&M in the SWAC Champ game in '06.

NMSt trails the series with Boise St, 7-0. Avg score in series in Boise: BSU 51-14. Holbrook set a school record with 50 completions (including16 straight) & 529 yds.

New Mexico St leads the series 4-2. The home team has won all 6 games in the series. The last 3 have all been decided by 20+ ppg.

The Aggies trail the all-time series vs Idaho, 10-3 including losing 3 straight. Each of the last 6 games have been decided by 8 pts or less.

New Mexico State trails the all-time series 3-0. Last year they were tied at 14 but Hawaii pulled away behind 5 TD passes by Brennan.

New Mexico St is 1-9 all-time vs Nevada. New Mexico St's lone victory was a 48-45 win in '98. Aggies were held to a season low 295 yds in last year's loss.

New Mexico St trails the series 12-2 including losing 3 straight. The visitor has won 7 of 8. The Aggies led in the 4Q & then had a punt blocked for a TD.

New Mexico St trails the series 25-6. NMSt is 3-7 prior to a bye. The Aggies snapped a 21 game Div IA losing streak. QB Holbrook sat out the 2H with blurred vision.

The Aggies have lost all 13 games in this series. New Mexico St led in the 4Q but 4 fumbles led to 17 pts for the Bulldogs. They got to the FSU 14 on final possession.

FS Derrick Richardson

STADIUM: AGGIE MEMORIAL STADIUM (30,343) (#101)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-7	7-5	3-9	5-6	0-12	4-8	27-55
Home	2-3	2-2	5-0	2-3	4-1	0-6	3-4	18-19
Away	1-5	3-5	2-5	1-6	1-5	0-6	1-4	9-36
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	1-4	4-2	5-1	2-5	4-3	0-8	2-6	18-29
ATS	6-5	5-7	3-9	6-5	6-5	2-10	7-3	35-44
Home Fav (Tony Samuel)	2-2	0-3	1-3	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	5-11
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	1-4	3-1	12-6
Away Fav (Hal Mumme)	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	4-7
Away Dog	2-2	3-3	1-3	3-2	2-3	1-5	2-2	14-20
Favorite	3-3	1-4	1-6	1-3	1-1	0-1	2-0	9-18
Dog	3-2	4-3	2-3	5-2	5-4	2-9	5-3	26-26
vs Conf	3-2	2-4	0-6	3-4	4-3	0-8	5-3	17-30
vs Non-Conf	3-3	3-3	3-3	3-1	2-2	2-2	2-0	18-14
Off SU Win	3-0	2-3	0-6	2-1	2-3	0-0	3-0	12-13
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-3	2-3	4-3	4-1	2-9	4-3	22-26

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jeremiah Williams	95	444	18	426	4	4.5
Chris Nwoko	40	173	14	159	4	4.0
Justine Buries	33	145	12	133	1	4.0
David Romaka	26	131	0	131	2	5.0
Tonny Glynn	21	83	7	76	0	3.6
Alex Gibson	12	39	13	26	1	2.2
Chase Holbrook	80	153	231	-78	4	-1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chase Holbrook	567	397	70.0	4619	34	9
Alex Gibson	38	23	60.5	176	0	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Williams	92	1415	15.4	12	96
Derek Dubois	53	800	15.1	7	65
AJ Harris	71	789	11.1	7	67
Nick Cleaver	50	684	13.7	4	60
Jeremiah Williams	38	275	7.2	2	29
Brandon Allen	26	240	9.2	1	27
Chris Buckner	23	151	6.6	0	18
Akieem Jolla	23	135	5.9	0	13
Tim Tolbert	9	79	8.8	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Kaufman	31	1296	41.8	8	38.3(t)	1	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Pratt	30-35	0-0	2-6	1-1	0-1	3-8	41
Ryan Bowling	9-10	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	25

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tim McManigal	91	1.5	7.5	1	1
Eric Carrie	81	0	9	1	2
Derrick Richardson	71	0	3	2	2
Dante Floyd	66	0	6	0	1
Courtney Bryan	56	0	4	14	4
Nathan Nuttall	55	4	3	2	1
Alex Bernard	50	1	4	9	2
La'Auli Fonoti	38	0	3	0	0
David Niumatalolo	37	0.5	2.5	0	0
Gerald Gurrier	32	0	2	1	1
Michael Hernishin	28	0.5	5.5	1	0
Maurice Murray	24	0	2	0	0
Michael Brewer	18	0	1	0	0
Sioeli Fakalata	17	1.5	0.5	1	0
Spencer Moore	17	0	1	1	0
Brandon McKinney	16	2	1	0	0
Marvin Betts	16	0	0	3	0
Skyler Sargent	14	0	3	1	0
Ross Conner	12	1	0	0	0
Jeremy Weeks	10	1	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Williams	6	92	15.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Williams	13	301	23.2	0
Derek Dubois	8	197	24.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
35	Sun	NL	Hardin-Simmons	14-14
59	Sun	NL	North Texas	28-8
60	Sun - #17	NL	Utah St	20-13

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NEW MEXICO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	31.2	25	76	2.8	399	69.4	15.2	-10	2006	4	30.8	19	156	4.5	234	58.7	12.7
8	16.5	19	78	2.7	266	56.7	20.9	-23	2005	6	38.8	25	217	4.9	264	62.1	12.5
3*	24.8	20	131	3.6	245	61.6	15.1	+5	2004	9	32.3	21	221	5.0	197	63.5	13.0
6*	21.8	21	212	4.3	198	61.8	18.8	-8	2003	7	28.4	18	153	4.1	200	55.6	12.4
5	27.3	22	215	4.5	195	61.2	15.0	0	2002	4	27.3	19	160	4.5	201	61.9	13.2
6*	23.8	21	208	4.5	153	51.6	15.1	-5	2001	5	33.3	23	177	4.4	240	57.1	12.5

2006 STATS BY GAME

NMSt 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	SE Louisiana	25	44 - 134	3.0	29 - 40	381	3	12	26 - 88	3.4	17 - 28	130	2	-2
–	New Mexico	29	30 - 60	2.0	37 - 57	472	6	15	26 - 109	4.2	12 - 28	317	1	-5
–	Texas Southern	27	26 - 111	4.3	33 - 50	409	2	12	24 - 64	2.7	14 - 29	148	3	+2
–	at UTEP	33	23 - 67	2.9	48 - 73	506	5	20	27 - 123	4.6	18 - 26	414	0	+1
–	at Idaho	14	17 - 31	1.8	24 - 41	307	3	23	42 - 151	3.6	19 - 27	298	3	-1
–	Boise St	28	19 - 5	0.3	50 - 66	529	3	23	42 - 255	6.1	14 - 21	215	0	-1
–	Hawaii	28	30 - 118	3.9	32 - 46	330	4	26	33 - 155	4.7	23 - 34	353	1	-2
–	at Nevada	14	23 - 17	0.7	29 - 47	278	5	23	41 - 236	5.8	20 - 33	230	0	-1
–	San Jose St	21	25 - 65	2.6	34 - 49	364	4	22	50 - 256	5.1	9 - 16	105	0	0
–	at Fresno St	22	22 - 9	0.4	39 - 51	367	5	14	41 - 164	4.0	11 - 19	99	1	-4
–	at Utah St	22	39 - 160	4.1	22 - 29	331	0	18	33 - 135	4.1	15 - 31	197	1	0
–	Louisiana Tech	32	26 - 133	5.1	43 - 57	518	0	22	29 - 135	4.7	23 - 40	296	2	+3
TOTALS		295	323 - 910	2.8	421 - 607	4792	39	230	414 - 1871	4.5	195 - 332	2802	14	-10
AVERAGES		24.6	27 - 76	2.8	35 - 51	399	3.3	19.2	35 - 156	4.5	16 - 28	234	1.2	-0.8

2002 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at South Carolina - #22	+23'	24-34
–	at California	+12'	13-34
–	New Mexico	+6	24-13
–	at Georgia - #8	+27	10-41
–	UTEP	-17	49-14
–	Louisiana-Lft	-12'	31-28
–	ULM	-18	34-21
–	at Arkansas St	-7	26-21
–	Middle Tenn	-6'	24-21
–	at Utah St	-3	30-32
–	at North Texas	+6	27-38
–	at Idaho	-4'	35-31

2003 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Texas - #5	+29	7-66
–	W New Mexico	NL	48-3
–	at Oregon St	+21'	16-28
–	at New Mexico	+10	17-24
–	Idaho	-10	31-35
–	at Middle Tenn	+4	18-35
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	24-26
–	at ULM	-4	21-14
–	Arkansas St	-15	24-28
–	Utah St	+2'	26-21
–	at Arkansas	+30	20-48
–	North Texas	+8	10-13

2004 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Arkansas	+21	13-63
–	at California - #12	+34'	14-41
–	Troy	+10	22-18
–	New Mexico	+6	3-38
–	at UTEP	+7'	0-45
–	Louisiana-Lft	+3	35-32
–	at North Texas	+8	26-36
–	Florida Int'l	-10	56-31
–	Middle Tenn	+3	44-10
–	at Florida Atlantic	+7	35-7
–	at Utah St	-5'	25-34

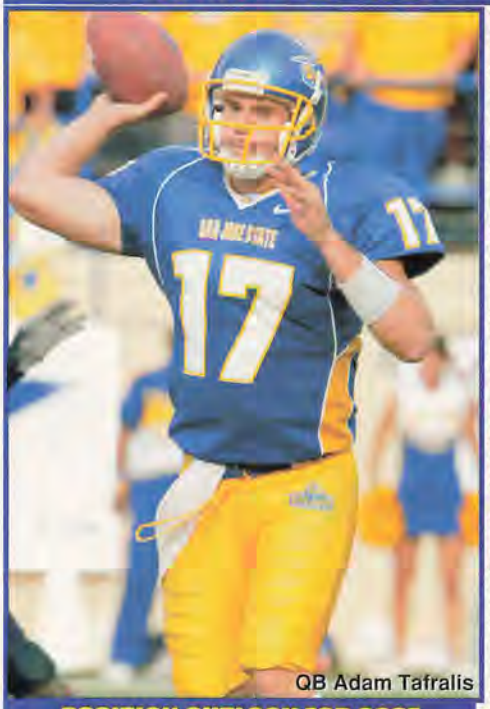
2005 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	UTEP	+9'	17-34
–	at Colorado	+24	0-39
–	at New Mexico	+21'	21-38
–	California - #13	+29	13-41
–	at Louisiana Tech	+10'	14-34
–	Fresno St	+28	7-37
–	at Hawaii	+20	28-49
–	Idaho	-5'	37-38 2OT
–	at Boise St	+33'	6-56
–	Nevada	+10	24-48
–	at San Jose St	+8	10-27
–	Utah St	+2'	21-24

2006 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	SE Louisiana	NL	30-15
–	New Mexico	+6'	28-34
–	Texas Southern	NL	48-14
–	at UTEP	+16'	38-44
–	at Idaho	+1	20-28
–	Boise St - #20	+26'	28-40
–	Hawaii	+20'	30-49
–	at Nevada	+17'	21-48
–	San Jose St	+6'	21-31
–	at Fresno St	+12	18-23
–	at Utah St	-6'	42-20
–	Louisiana Tech	-12'	50-23

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS


QB Adam Tafralis

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Adam Tafralis, a mobile passer who had the strongest arm of the QB's, began 2004 as the starter but after throwing for 432 (44.6%) with a 2-1 ratio, was replaced by Dale Rogers who started the rest of the season. In '05, Tafralis battled true frosh Chad Bozzo (6'0" 215, So PS#214) and JUCO JP Greco. Bozzo appeared on his way to winning the starting job but suffered a torn labrum in Wk 3 and redshirted. Tafralis started the final 2 and actually led the QB's, completing 49.7% with Greco hitting 40% and Bozzo 39.4%. Tafralis threw for 1,810 yards with an 11-10 ratio (184 rush). Last year he battled JUCO Sean Flynn as Bozzo was still not 100% recovered. Flynn (6'4" 215) was #1 until an August injury, so Tafralis started the opener. Tafralis (#89 in pass eff in the NCAA in '05) was #16 after the first 4 games hitting 76.7% with a 6-2 ratio. Bozzo redshirted as did Flynn, who was injured again vs Stanford, so the backup was Myles Eden (6'1" 185 So, PS#382). Tafralis completed just 9 of 18 for 68 vs Nevada and failed to top 200 yards passing in 6 straight until the regular season finale. Over the final 8 Tafralis completed 60% and set a SJSt single season record for comp % (65.6%). Eden played in 4 hitting 3 of 7. This year 5 QB's return including Jordan LaSecla (6'4" 180 rFr, PS#235). Tafralis will have to continue to step up his play to hold on to his starting job. The Spartans' QB's are more experienced but the passing stats might be down with the loss of 2 NFL DC WR's.

RUNNING BACKS - Yonus Davis began 2005 as a starter but lost his job mid-year before regaining it. He had 490 of his 638 rushing yards in the final 5 games and avg 6.7 ypc. Last year he added 10 lbs of muscle to his 5'7" frame. Al Guidry (4.3), the #2 rusher in 2005 did not rejoin the team until midyear and had just 3 rush att's. Davis rushed for 184 vs Stanford, 199 vs LT and 177 vs New Mexico St. After 9 games he was avg 101.3 ypg and 7.2 ypc. He struggled vs Hawaii and Idaho (35 yd, 1.5) and was injured vs Fresno (37 yd). In the bowl he topped the 1,000 yard barrier for the season with 1,007 (6.2). True frosh Cameron Island (5'9" 187) led vs Hawaii with 38 and Patrick Perry led twice (SDSt & Idaho). This year the only loss is Guidry (10 yds) as everyone else returns including solid blocking FB James T. Callier (199, 4.1) who is also the leading returning receiver (12). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Brandon Minor (5'6" 189 So, PS#226), Jacob French (5'10" 205 Sr, PS#82JC) who had one start and 299 all-purp yards, and this year's true frosh. I look for continued improvement.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace their top 2 receivers including 1st Tm WAC TE Bryan Watje. John Broussard was one of the fastest players in the WAC and was the top returning WR (26, 13.9). Broussard and the speedy James Jones hauled in the lion's share of receptions (65%). Jones (#3DC GB) injured his ankle and did not catch a pass vs Hawaii but led with 70 (12.8). Broussard (#7DC JAX) had 52 (16.2). Both must be replaced and also departing is #3 WR Chester Coleman (5 st, 19, 10.5) and the team's #4 receiver was FB Callier. The top returnee is TE Jeff Clark (8, 10.6). I list the receivers below and this is the most inexperienced receiving crops the Spartans have fielded in years. With that said, they could be better than expected if David Richmond lives up to his VHT potential. This is just Richmond's 3rd year of playing organized football and he even turned down an offer from Oregon.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In HC Dick Tomey's first year they had to replace two starters but had 8 of the top 10 back. They shook up the O-line vs SDSt and got better as the season went on opening holes for 200 ypg the last 5. The season ypc was 4.1 and they allowed the fewest sacks in the WAC (14). Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 19 starts but basically had four starters back. They improved to 4.6 ypc rush with just 18 sacks (6.1%). This year they lose 2nd Tm WAC LT Matt Cantu (13 st, 3Y st'r) and LG Marcel Burrough (10 st, 2Y st'r). Not only do 8 of the top 10 return but 7 have starting experience including Ariz St transfer Bradis McGriff (PS#43) who injured his knee last August and was limited to five starts. They also add in good-sized JUCO Steve Lightsy (6'4" 320) and Cal transfer Isaac Leatiota. This unit could be even stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Prior to Tomey, the rush D had been a problem area as 6 times in the 10 years before his arrival, the team allowed 5.0 ypc rushing or more. Tomey's first unit was lightly experienced but still allowed 107 ypg less rushing and just 3.5 ypc. Last year they had to replace all four starters and DT Freddy McCutcheon (PS#57JC) missed the first four games and only started 3. The ypc rose to 4.1 and the sack total dropped to 17. This year the only losses are McCutcheon (16 tkl, 2 sk) and DT Shane Lapka (5 st until inj, 18 tkl). SJSt returns 10 of its 12 rotating DL and 6 have starting experience. This is Tomey's most experienced D-line and despite a tough schedule, could have the best ypc allowed since becoming a IA team (under 3.5).

LINEBACKERS - In the Spartans' first year of the "Desert Swarm" defense they returned all 3 LB. Last year they had to replace their #1 tackler and another starter but did have 4 of the top 6 returning including Matt Castelo who was the top returning tackler in the WAC. Castelo outdid himself and simply led the entire NCAA in tackles with 165 but only earned 2nd Tm WAC honors! Not listed in the 3 deep below are Braden Storaasli (6'0" 190 rFr) and Charles Ohaeri (5'11" 230 rFr). This year they lose Damaja Jones (13 st, 99 tkl) but have 7 of the top 9 back giving Tomey his best LB corps he has fielded in San Jose.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - I would estimate that over half of the JUCO's signed do not contribute meaningful minutes in their first season with a major college team. Dwight Lowery does not fall into that category. Lowery, who had 13 int's in 15 games at JUCO and 20 int in HS, simply came in and tied for the lead in the NCAA for int's (1st Tm WAC). He had 9 int's, including 7 in the first 4 games, breaking Leroy Zimmerman's 1939 school record of 8 (also tied by Don Peterson in 1966 and Gerald Jones in 2002). Lowery became SJSt's first 1st Tm AA since 1971 (Dave Chaney). The Spartans had an experienced secondary in Tomey's first season and finished just #92 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had just 1 starter back but thanks to Lowery, moved up to #52. Lowery and CB cohort Christopher Owens combined for 13 int, the most of any CB combo in the NCAA. This year those two return but the entire 2 deep at S departs. Gone are 2nd Tm WAC S Christopher Vedder (101 tkl, 13 st), Rakine Toomes (11 st, 88 tkl), JP Greco (3 gm), Donald Richardson (1 st, 9 tkl), Marcus Harper (2 gm), Jason Evans (1 st, 21 tkl) and CB Trae Jackson (9 tkl). Despite the losses, this unit should continue to move up the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Top-notch coaches usually have top-notch special teams. Tomey had 4 top 20 ST finishes at Arizona with his units blocking 14 kicks in '98 and '99. He inherited a team that finished #93 in my ST rankings and brought in Keith Burns (Tulsa HC 2000-'02) as his ST coach. They had a depth-shy squad in his first year and only moved up to #75. Last year everyone returned and the unit improved (#46). The last K to make four 40+ yd FG's in a single season was Joe Nedney in '92 and Jared Strubeck tied that mark last season. Strubeck had hit 11 of 18 FG's with a long of 46 in '05 and improved to 9 of 12 with a long of 48 in '06. Waylon Prather had a net of just 33.9 as a soph but improved to 36.9 with better coverage units in '06. Broussard was the top KR (21.5) and James Jones the top PR (11.0). Strubeck had 10 TB on 61 KO and the Spartans have recovered 5 onside kicks in his 2 seasons. Both K's are back but the top returnmen must be replaced. Despite the losses, I still look for another solid finish in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Tomey guided Arizona to a 95-64-4 record, the second most victories of any Pac 10 school in the '90's, and they had seven bowl appearances. He is not only the all-time winningest HC at Arizona but also #2 at Hawaii. He took a 3-8 UH team with dwindling attendance to avg crowds of 44,651 at Aloha Stadium when he left 10 years later with a 63-46-3 record. He spent 2003 with the 49ers and 2004 as a DC with Texas. Tomey had his contract extended to 2010 after last season. OL coach Steve Morton became the OC in 2006. This year his co-OC is Marcus Arroyo. Tomey ran the "Desert Swarm" D in Arizona and his DC is Dave Fipp. Fipp was the co-DC at Nevada in 2004. He played FS at Arizona under Tomey from '94-'97 and was the co-DC at Cal Poly in 2002 and 2003. The defense allowed 42.6 ppg prior to Tomey's arrival, but just 32.5 and 20.8 (less than 1/2 of 2004) in his first two years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tomey inherited a SJSt team that was 2-9 in 2004 and only had 13 returning starters. He had never had an 8 loss season until he suffered one in 2005 as the team finished 3-8. He did install an electric atmosphere at home where they went 3-2 but had their streak of 7 straight road losses increase to 13. Their win over Idaho was their first season finale win since 1997. They were -3 in net close losses (see pg 299) and could have been a 6-5 team. Last year they benefitted from playing 7 home games, their most since 1948, and went 6-1 (with 33 of Fitz Hill recruits). The most home games Hill ever had was 5 and in 2002 even had 9 road games. They had 9 returning starters including just 2 on defense and it was amazing that their defense allowed 20.8 ppg which was their best mark since 1990! SJSt faced three IA teams that finished with a winning record and lost all 3 of those games. The Spartans also had three big comebacks. The biggest comeback came after opening up the season 0-1 as they trailed rival Stanford 27-7. They then trailed NMSt 21-8 in the 2Q and also Idaho 10-7 at the half. This year they have 7 starters back on offense including QB Tafralis and RB Davis. They do lose their top 3 WR's but bring in PS#6JC Richmond and have a veteran O-line. The D now has 8 starters back and while they lose 3 of their top 4 tacklers, they are much more experienced than the 2006 version. A couple of concerns I have for this year is that the schedule is tougher (see pg 317), with only 5 home games and they benefitted from +9 in turnovers. This is Tomey's best team yet but they won't match last year's 9-win total. Still, the Spartans should earn bowl-eligibility for a 2nd straight year.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 17 ADAM TAFRALIS SR. 6-2 215 3 st rFr. 10 st '05. 224 2 (49%) '04-'05. 13-11 ratio. 13 st LY, 2284 (66%) 21-7 ratio, 363 rush. **2** Sean Flynn (6-4 215 Jr) 2006 pass yd JC '05. RS LY.

TB 34 YONUS DAVIS SR. 5-7 180 PS#212. **2nd Tm WAC '05-'06.** 20 st 4Y, 1760 rush (5.8) 26 rec. **21** Patrick Perry (5-10 205 Jr) PS#118. 2 st, 693 (4.1) 2Y. WAC ST POW vs NMSt.

FB 42 JAMES T. CALLIER SR. 6-0 218 5 st '05, 213 ttl yd. 9 st LY, 199 rush (4.1), 12 rec (8.2). **43** James Callier Jr (6-0 226 Jr) PS#369LB. **38** Donte Collins (5-10 205 Sr) 3 rush (22.0!) LY.

WR NA David Richmond Jr. 6-4 200 **PS#6JC!** 54 rec (15.6) JC LY. **4** Michael Hooper (5-9 163 Sr) 4 rec 2Y. **6** Kevin Jurovich (6-0 190 Jr) 2 st S 2Y, 21 tkl. Jalal Beauchman (6-4 200 So) 2 rec.

WR NA Kyle Flynn Jr. 6-2 205 PS#197JC. Ryan Lauderdale (5-11 195 Sr) PS#266JC. **5 Chad Bozzo** (6-0 215 So) PS#214QB. 217 ttl yd QB '05. Terrance Williams (6-5 225 So).

TE 9 JEFF CLARK SR. 6-6 235 PS#257JC. 45 rec JC '05, 7 st here LY, 8 rec (10.6). **82** Nick Marchini (6-3 272 Sr) PS#511OL. 4 tkl DT '05. 2 st TE LY. **87** John Konye (6-4 270 rFr).

C 68 JUSTIN PAYSINGER JR. 6-1 290 2nd string as true. 8 st '05. 10 st C LY. **61** Ryan Simone (6-3 306 Sr) 1 st '04. 4 gm '05. 6 st (3RG, 3C) LY. **LS 40** Grant Izokovic (6-1 227 Sr) PS#179LB.

RG 69 JOHN BOOKER SR. 6-4 315 PS#461. 3 st as true. 9 st '05. 13 st LY. **71** Jibri Sharp (6-4 335 Sr) JUCO. 3 st LY. **63** Brian Ybarra (6-4 300 rFr) PS#530. Andres Vargas PS#606.

LG 79 RONNIE CASTILLO SO. 6-0 277 PS#500. 6 st (3RG, 3LG) rFr. **Fred Koloto PS#150. 70** Robbie Reed (6-3 290 rFr) PS#562. **67** Norman Romero (6-1 265 rFr). Scout Tm POY.

RT 77 Bradis McGriff Jr. 6-6 335 **PS#43. Ariz St trans.** 5 st RT LY (inj). **66** Chris Danser (6-5 280 Jr) PS#371. 1 st, 5 gm LY. **74** David Giesen (6-2 298 Sr) PS#527. 5 gm LY.

LT 72 Isaac Leatiota rFr. 6-4 295 **PS#121DL. California trans.** Steven Lightsy (6-4 320 Jr) PS#146JUCO. 1st TM JCAA. **64** Joseph Zusin (6-5 310 So) PS#454. +10 lbs.

K 10 JARED STRUBECK JR. 5-8 162 11 of 18 FG as true, long 46. 9 of 12 FG in '06, 4-5 from 40+, **2nd Tm WAC**, 36-40 on xp. David Eisenhauer (5-11 203 Sr) 1-1 xp's LY.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 93 JUSTIN COLE SO. 6-3 235 11 st rFr, 32 tkl, 4 sk. **95** Carl Ihenacho (6-3 235 So) PS#145TE. 3 st true, 28 tkl. **89** Jason Pulu (6-3 237 So) PS#150TE. Ryan McHale (6-2 225 Sr).

DT 96 ADONIS DAVIS SO. 6-2 290 PS#335OL. 6 st true, 11 tkl, 1 tfl. **91** Jerome Pulu (6-3 281 Sr) 8 st LY, 15 tkl, 1 sk. **75** Charlie Kaine (6-2 300 Sr) PS#261JC. 1 gm LY.

DT 94 KALVIN CRESSEL SO. 6-3 278 5 st rFr, 24 tkl, 2 tfl. **65** Justin Willis (6-1 305 So) PS#414. 6 tkl, 8 games as true. **60** Aaron Gilbert (6-3 275 So) 2 tkl LY. Moa Ngatuvai is PS#451.

DE 53 JARRON GILBERT JR. 6-5 260 5 st true, 22 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl. 10 st LY, 32 tkl, 5 sk, 2.5 tfl. **54** David Lomu (6-2 235 Sr) PS#321JC. 11 tkl LY. **26** Mohamed Marah (6-0 242 So).

OLB 55 Brian Elledge Jr. 6-3 210 PS#160. 16 tkl as rFr. 1 st LY, 8 tkl. **48 Ryno Gonzalez** (6-1 215 So) 12 games, 28 tkl as true. **57** Jason Swisher (6-0 215 rFr) PS#284.

MLB 35 MATT CASTELO SR. 5-10 210 4 st true. 10 st '05, 91 tkl. 13 st LY, **165 tkl, #1 NCAA. 2nd Tm WAC. 14** Travis Jones (6-2 200 So) 17 tkl rFr. **45** John Smith (5-11 217 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y.

OLB 46 DEMETRIUS JONES SR. 6-0 222 1 st DE true, 19 tkl. 4 tkl '04. RS '05. 11 st LY, 78 tkl, 9 tfl. **51** Chris Reese (5-9 205 Jr) 16 tkl 2Y. **59** Eric Bucholz (6-1 225 rFr). Scout Tm POY.

CB 25 DWIGHT LOWERY SR. 6-1 185 13 int, 15 gm JC. **1st Tm AA. Tie #1 NCAA LY w/9 int,** 48 tkl, 7 pbu. **20** Jonathan Hardaway (6-0 175 rFr). **30** David Sullivan (5-9 165 Jr).

CB 29 CHRISTOPHER OWENS JR. 5-9 161 2 st rFr, 35 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 13 st LY, 50 tkl, 1 sk. **23** David Bowen (6-0 185 Sr) 33 games, 21 tkl 3Y. **24** Devin Newsome (5-10 165 rFr).

SS 33 Dominique Hunsucker So. 5-10 190 PS#155RB. 5 tkl, 1 KR true as backup CB. Jonathan Harris (6-0 195 Jr) PS#216JC. Colin Maher (6-1 192 So). WR in spg. **3** Patrick Luke (5-11 165 Jr).

FS NA Joe Bates Jr. 6-1 190 PS#139JC. **31** Dimitrous Chattman (5-11 189 Jr) 6 tkl '06. Duke Ihenacho (6-1 200 Fr) PS#280. **32** Pompey Festejo (6-1 187 rFr) PS#473.

P 15 WAYLON PRATHER SR. 6-3 220 44 punts (36.8) rFr. 74 punts '05 (39.3). 63 punts, 44.0 avg, net of 36.9 LY. **10** Jared Strubeck (5-8 162 Jr). David Eisenhauer (5-11 203 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Jeff Schweiger 6-4 255 PS#3 in '04
WR	David Richmond 6-4 200 PS#6JC
DB	Joe Bates 6-1 190 PS#139JC
OL	Steve Lightsy 6-4 320 PS#146JC
WR	Kyle Flynn 6-2 205 PS#197JC
DB	Jonathan Harris 6-0 195 PS#216JC
OL	Isaac Leatiota 6-4 295 PS#121DL'06
OL	Fred Koloto 6-3 290 PS#150
WR	Josh Harrison 5-11 170 PS#171DB
WR	Terrance Williams 6-5 225 PS#398JC
RB	Brandon Rutley 5-10 190 PS#182
LB	Kyler O'Neal 5-11 200 PS#223
DB	Duke Ihenacho 6-1 200 PS#280
WR	Mike Avila 5-9 165 PS#253
DL	Moa Ngatuvai 6-2 325 PS#451
RB	Davell Brumfield 6-1 185 PS#500LB
DB	Alex Germany 5-9 160 PS#540
OL	Andres Vargas 6-4 280 PS#606

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#77

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SJSt	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	at Arizona St	G				
Sep. 8	at Kansas St	A				
Sep. 15	at Stanford	G				
Sep. 22	at Utah St	A				
Sep. 29	UC Davis	G				
Oct. 6	Idaho (HC)	G				
Oct. 12	Hawaii (Fri)	G				
Oct. 20	at Fresno St	G				
Oct. 27						
Nov. 3	at Boise St	A				
Nov. 10	New Mexico St	G				
Nov. 17	at Louisiana Tech	G				
Nov. 24	Nevada	G				
Dec. 1						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ed Luther 7,190 '76-'79
2. Steve Clarkson 6,842 '79-'82
3. Jeff Garcia 6,545 '91-'93

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Deonce Whitaker 3,515 '98-'01
2. Sheldon Canley 2,513 '88-'90
3. Gerald Willhite 2,364 '80-'81

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Stacey Bailey 2,223 '78-'81
2. Edell Shepherd 2,207 '00-'01
3. Guy Liggins 2,191 '86-'87

San Jose St is 2-16 in its L/18 road openers. The Spartans are 11-18 all-time vs the Sun Devils but ASU has won the L/12. SJSt lost 53-15 in their last meeting in '01.

Second meeting ('63). SJSt is only 1-9 S/'01 in its 2nd consecutive away game. SJSt last played a Big 12 school in '01 & lost 51-15 at Colorado & is 3-9 vs the Big 12.

San Jose St rallied from a 34-14 deficit. RB Davis had 184 yds rushing as SJSt stopped a 4 game Stanford series win streak. San Jose St is 14-46-1 vs Stanford.

San Jose St leads the series vs Utah St 18-10-1 & has won 9 of 10. Five of the last 6 games in the series have been decided by 7 pts or less.

UC Davis went 6-5 in the Great West Conference including a 46-13 loss to TCU. SJSt is 28-7-2 vs Div IAA & has won 6 straight non-conference home games.

San Jose State leads the series 10-7-1. The Spartans have won 4 of L/5. The Spartans trailed 10-7 at the half & Patrick Perry rushed for 3 second half TD's.

San Jose St leads the series 15-14-1 but has lost the last 6. The Spartans were held to a season low 192 yds & were sacked 5 times LY & allowed a season high 54 pts.

SJSt is 3-6 the L4Y prior to a bye week. SJSt ended a 12-gm losing streak to FSU w/a 24-14 win LY. SJSt has lost the L/9 gms in Fresno, last win there was in '87.

SJSt is 4-9 after a bye. SJSt trails the series vs BSU 7-0. LY SJSt led 20-12 in 4Q before BSU won 23-20 on a last sec FG. SJSt has lost all 4 in Boise by 15+ pts.

San Jose St leads the series 12-2 with an avg score of SJSt 37-14. A 4Q blocked punt gave San Jose St the 4Q lead. It was the Spartans first road win since 2003.

SJSt leads the series 4-2. The Spartans had the 3rd highest total in NCAA history with 476 yds rushing. Davis had career high 199. The home team has won 5 of 6.

San Jose St is 4-11 in home finales but won the last 2. The Spartans have lost the last 5 vs the Wolf Pack by an avg of 16 ppg. Nevada had a 39:58-20:02 TOP edge.

DICK TOMEY (Career 170-122-7)

3rd Year at San Jose St — Tomey's Bowl Record: 5-3

Tomey's records AT SAN JOSE ST

12-12	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
9-3	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
2-9	Away	1-2	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	3-1	Off A Bye
7-9	Vs Conference	4-8	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,21,2)
Lost: 17 (9,8,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,854 (#99)

WAC

CB Dwight Lowery

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (30,456) (#98)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	3-9	6-7	3-8	2-9	3-8	8-4	32-50
Home	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-3	3-2	6-1	20-15
Away	4-3	1-7	4-5	1-5	0-6	0-6	2-3	12-35
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	4-4	2-6	1-7	2-6	5-3	22-34
ATS	8-3	5-7	9-4	4-6	5-5	3-6-1	8-3	42-34-1
Home Fav (Dave Baldwin)	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0-1	2-1	8-4-1
Home Dog (Dr Fitz Hill)	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-2	3-0	10-7
Away Fav	3-1	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	8-1
Away Dog (Dick Tomey)	3-0	3-5	4-3	0-5	3-3	2-4	1-2	16-22
Favorite	4-3	2-1	3-0	2-0	0-0	1-0-1	4-1	16-5-1
Dog	4-0	3-6	6-4	2-6	5-5	2-6	4-2	26-29
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-4-1	5-3	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-3	3-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	3-0	11-10
Off SU Win	4-2	1-2	5-1	0-3	1-1	0-1-1	4-2	15-12-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-5	3-3	4-3	4-3	3-5	3-1	23-21

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
81	California Raisin	NL	Toledo	25-27
86	California Raisin	NL	Miami, Oh	37-7
87	California Raisin	NL	E Michigan	27-30
90	California Raisin	-14	C Michigan	48-24
06	New Mexico	+3	New Mexico	20-12

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

San Jose St's All-Time Bowl Record 5-3

SAN JOSE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	24.9	17	175	4.6	182	63.6	14.3	+9	2006	2	20.8	19	149	4.1	206	61.5	17.1
6	22.5	17	145	4.1	201	47.5	15.3	+1	2005	7	32.5	24	145	3.5	296	62.9	13.6
2	28.4	18	162	4.0	176	51.3	11.9	-2	2004	6	42.6	23	252	5.1	189	59.2	10.3
8*	23.5	20	104	3.2	282	59.0	16.4	+5	2003	8	35.1	22	187	4.9	272	60.2	13.1
4*	28.9	19	112	3.6	263	60.0	13.0	+6	2002	2	35.9	25	193	4.8	300	57.9	13.7
9*	24.6	21	153	4.1	276	54.9	17.5	-8	2001	4	38.4	24	204	5.1	297	59.5	13.0

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Yonus Davis	163	1077	70	1007	6	6.2
Patrick Perry	102	464	10	454	7	4.5
Adam Tafralis	90	363	139	224	2	2.5
James T Callier	48	202	3	199	2	4.1
Cameron Island	30	153	23	130	1	4.3
James Jones	11	87	11	76	1	6.9
Donte Collins	3	66	0	66	0	22.0
Jacob French	15	65	3	62	0	4.1
Myles Eden	7	40	9	31	0	4.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Adam Tafralis	276	181	65.6	2284	21	7
Myles Eden	7	3	42.9	15	1	1
James Jones	6	2	33.3	57	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
James Jones	70	893	12.8	10	50
John Broussard	52	844	16.2	7	85
Chester Coleman	19	199	10.5	1	21
James T Callier	12	99	8.2	3	16
Yonus Davis	7	86	12.3	1	33
Jeff Clark	8	85	10.6	0	30
Jacob French	8	70	8.8	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Waylon Prather	63	2771	44.0	5	36.9(t)	0	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jared Strubeck	36-40	1-1	4-6	4-5	0-0	9-12	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Castelo	165	0	4	2	1
Chris Vedder	101	0	2.5	2	1
Damaja Jones	99	2	8.5	5	0
Rakine Toomes	88	0	0	2	1
Demetrius Jones	78	0	9	1	0
Chris Owens	50	1	0.5	5	4
Dwight Lowery	48	0	0.5	7	9
Jarron Gilbert	32	5	2.5	6	0
Justin Cole	32	4	5.5	1	0
Carl Ihenacho	28	1	2	1	0
Ryno Gonzalez	28	0	0	2	0
Kalvin Cressel	24	0	2	0	0
Jason Evans	21	0	1	2	0
Shane Lapka	18	0	1	0	0
Travis Jones	17	0	0	0	0
Freddy McCutcheon	16	2	4	0	0
Jerome Pulu	15	1	0.5	0	0
Domingo Homes	13	1	0	2	0
Adonis Davis	11	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
James Jones	11	121	11.0	0
Dwight Lowery	5	42	8.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Broussard	11	236	21.5	0
Jacob French	10	167	16.7	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

SJSt 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Washington	19	30-44	1.5	28-37	323	2	22	41-300	7.3	16-25	168	1	+3
–	Stanford	25	49-342	7.0	15-17	115	0	23	43-185	4.3	18-28	233	0	+1
–	Cal Poly	17	39-167	4.3	20-32	152	2	12	32-78	2.4	10-24	142	2	+2
–	San Diego St	20	36-136	3.8	19-23	282	1	10	39-163	4.2	10-16	76	0	+1
–	Utah St	19	30-123	4.1	15-28	252	1	16	44-156	3.5	21-24	145	1	-3
–	at Nevada	13	27-162	6.0	10-22	77	2	25	55-230	4.2	20-28	178	0	-1
–	Louisiana Tech	24	58-476	8.2	11-17	168	0	11	22-41	1.9	16-34	181	3	0
–	at New Mexico St	22	50-256	5.1	9-16	105	0	21	25-65	2.6	34-49	364	4	0
–	Boise St	13	27-75	2.8	17-23	173	2	20	44-160	3.6	14-20	181	1	+1
–	at Hawaii	12	38-82	2.2	7-17	110	5	28	26-151	5.8	29-40	417	2	-1
–	at Idaho	15	42-156	3.7	10-17	179	1	12	33-123	3.7	7-20	131	1	0
–	Fresno St	17	36-187	5.2	15-27	216	1	23	36-154	4.3	21-37	215	1	+2
–	† New Mexico	8	28-71	2.5	11-18	209	1	20	31-128	4.1	24-45	249	1	+4
TOTALS		224	490-2277	4.6	187-294	2361	18	243	471-1934	4.1	240-390	2680	17	+9
AVERAGES		17.2	38-175	4.6	14-23	182	1.4	18.7	36-149	4.1	18-30	206	1.3	0.7

2002 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Arkansas St	+1	33-14
–	at Washington - #14	+30	10-34
–	at Stanford	+18	26-63
–	at Illinois	+23'	38-35
–	UTEP	-17'	58-24
–	at SMU	-7	34-23
–	at Ohio St - #5	+28'	7-50
–	at Nevada	+5	24-52
–	Boise St	+16'	8-45
–	at Hawaii	+24'	31-40
–	Louisiana Tech	+4	42-30
–	at Tulsa	-10	49-38
–	Fresno St	+6	16-19

2003 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	Grambling St	NL	29-0
–	at Florida	+24	3-65
–	at Stanford	+12	10-31
–	Nevada	+1'	30-42
–	at Rice	+3'	24-28
–	SMU	-7'	31-14
–	at Boise St	+27	14-77
–	Hawaii	+13	10-13
–	at UTEP	-3	69-41
–	at Fresno St	+14	7-41
–	Tulsa	+7	32-34

2004 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Stanford	+17'	3-43
–	Morgan St	NL	47-28
–	at SMU	+1'	13-36
–	Rice	+14'	70-63
–	at Washington	+17'	6-21
–	at Hawaii	+22	28-46
–	UTEP	+14'	20-38
–	at Nevada	+14	24-42
–	Boise St - #14	+33	49-56 2OT
–	at Tulsa	+10'	24-34
–	Fresno St	+26	28-62

2005 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	E Washington	NL	35-24
–	at Illinois	+14	19-40
–	at San Diego St	+13'	21-52
–	Nevada	+3'	23-30
–	at Utah St	+5	17-24
–	at Boise St	+30'	21-38
–	Hawaii	+6	38-45
–	at Louisiana Tech	+19	14-31
–	at Fresno St - #21	+33	7-45
–	New Mexico St	-8	27-10
–	Idaho	-8	26-18

2006 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Washington	+20	29-35
–	Stanford	+9'	35-34
–	Cal Poly	NL	17-7
–	San Diego St	+2'	31-10
–	Utah St	-17	21-14
–	at Nevada	+12'	7-23
–	Louisiana Tech	-10	44-10
–	at New Mexico St	-6'	31-21
–	Boise St - #14	+13	20-23
–	at Hawaii	+25	17-54
–	at Idaho	-7	28-13
–	Fresno St	-4'	24-14

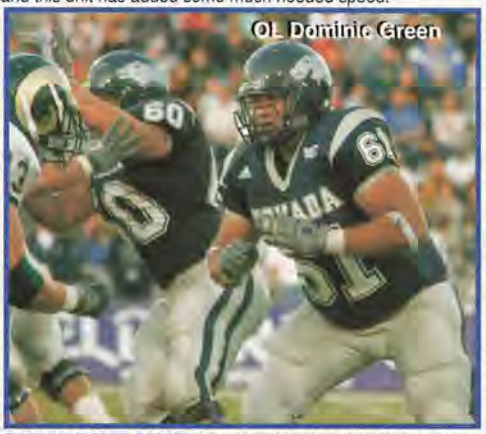
NEVADA WOLF PACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Rowe (6'5" 225) was the returning starter in 2005 and threw for 2,925 (62%) with a 21-10 ratio, earning 2nd Tm WAC honors. HC Chris Ault said that true frosh Nick Graziano was the team's future at QB and would have played had Rowe gone down with an injury. Travis Moore (481 yd '04) had just 16 att's. Last year was Rowe's second in the pistol offense and he had two poor games to start the season. Ault challenged him prior to game 3, and in the next 2 games Rowe hit 36 of 44. He hurt his neck in the 4Q vs NW and missed practice prior to UNLV and threw for just 119 yards (14 att). Rowe then hurt his hamstring vs Hawaii and Moore came off the bench to hit 6 of 10 for 121 leading the near comeback. Moore started the next week vs San Jose hitting 20 of 28 for 178 but hurt his ribs. Rowe returned to start vs NMSt but left with a 28-7 halftime lead. RFr Graziano hit 7 of 9 for 69 yards playing most of the 2H. Rowe returned to the lineup full-time but threw for just 162, 140, 138, and 35 in the final four. For the season, Rowe threw for 1,907 (64.7%) with a 17-8 ratio and he departs (#5DC CIN) along with Moore. Graziano and Colin Kaepernick (6'6" 205 rFr) will battle for the starting job. Ault referred to Kaepernick as a "big-time player" but Graziano has a firm grasp of the offense and is also mobile. Adding depth is Tyler Lantrip. A solid QB should emerge but this unit is a lot less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - BJ Mitchell had a fine 2005 season leading the WAC in rushing with 1,399 yards (5.4). Robert Hubbard was only 100% healthy for the last 2 games of '05 rushing for 272 vs Fresno and UCF and took over the starting job in 2006. True frosh Brandon Fragger was good enough to earn the backup spot. Ault says a "Nevada-back" is one that carries the ball 6 or 7 straight times without having to come out and Hubbard wanted to earn that title. Hubbard did not start vs Ariz St (knee) but had 32 carries vs N'western and Ault gave him the "Nevada back" title. Ault also said Fragger was going to be something special and after having just 23 yards in the first 4, he rushed for 146 vs UNLV with Hubbard injured. Hubbard had 2 fumbles vs Hawaii and was benched. When Fragger was lost for the season with an injured shoulder, Ault went to Luke Lippincott on the final drive. Hubbard returned and had 161 vs SJSt and 114 vs NMSt before re-injuring his ankle. Lippincott rushed for 93 vs Idaho and was the WAC Off POW vs Utah St with 144 (5.8). He added 122 vs LT but then Hubbard led with 105 vs Boise. In the bowl Hubbard gained 60 (3.0) getting 20 of the 22 RB carries. This year they lose Hubbard but welcome back Lippincott, Fragger, and Dwayne Sanders (82, 8.2). Added to the mix are rFr Vai Taua (5'10" 225, PS#289), Courtney Randall (5'10" 215 rFr) and Kevin Grimes (6'0" 190 rFr). Another possibility is Brylee Callender (PS#89JC) who signed at Minnesota last year and sat out '06. Even with the loss of Hubbard and Kyle Eklund (25 yd), this unit is just as experienced as '06 and should remain healthier.

RECEIVERS - The team lacked depth in 2005 and when 3 WR's were injured vs Utah St, they had few options. Speed was also lacking so Ault recruited for it heavily in '06. The unit was also a lot deeper with 12 players battling for 4 spots with the big addition of JC Marko Mitchell who has size (6'4") and speed and catches almost everything around him. The team did lose Kyle Sammons (#3 '05) to an injury prior to the season. Caleb Spencer was a HS QB and was learning the position in '04 but had 67 rec in both '04 and '05. Spencer led with 55 (10.3) in '06 and Mitchell added 39 (12.6). Soph Mike McCoy had 5 starts and 17 (13.5) in '05 and 2 starts and 23 (15.0) LY. TE Anthony Pudewell was an excellent blocker and 4 year starter who had 21 (9.4). This year they lose Spencer (13 st, 2nd Tm WAC), Pudewell (11 st, 2nd Tm WAC) and TE Travis Branzell (1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Matt Smith (5'9" 170 rFr) and Rocco Bene (5'11" 185 Jr) as well as two grayshirts in Josh Morrow (6'4" 190 Fr, PS#310) and Marshane Haynes (6'2" 190 Fr) along with TE Talaiasa Puloka (6'4" 231 So). They also get Sammons back from an injury, have a speedy rFr in Chris Wellington (PS#133) and add JUCO TE Brent Keaster. Three of the top four are back and this unit has added some much needed speed.


OL Dominic Green

OFFENSIVE LINE - The C position is a difficult one in the pistol offense with the amount of shotgun snaps. In 2005 they had a fairly inexperienced unit and were learning the new offense. At one point the top 3 centers were out and rFr Dominic Green started 8 at C, but the unit still opened holes for 4.5 ypc rush (30 sk). Last year they had to replace two starters including a #5DC and depth was a concern and dropped to 4.3, 26 sks. Their starting OT's were basically interior linemen but still Green earned 2nd Tm WAC honors at WT and Charles Manu, who battled an ankle injury all year, did well at ST. This year I project both to move back into the interior. They have two significant additions in John Romero (PS#53DL) and JUCO Clayton Johnson and I project both to start. The only losses are C Jimmy Wadhams (13 st, 2Y st'r) and G Barrett Reznick (8 st, 2Y st'r, 2nd Tm WAC '05). While the starting experience is about the same, this is a deeper group and should have increased production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolf Pack had an inexperienced D-line in 2004 and allowed 4.9 ypc rushing. In 2005, they switched to a 3-4 and had 5 of the top 6 back but did have to replace 1st Tm WAC DT Chris Berry. NG Matt Hines became the first player in UN history to bench over 500 lbs and the Wolf Pack improved by allowing 4.3 ypc. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups. Hines missed most of August with Mundrae Clifton getting the 1st string reps. Clifton played in 7 but missed part of the year (mono). JJ Milan earned 1st Tm WAC honors with 9 sacks. The Wolf Pack improved by allowing 128 ypg rush (4.0), their best total since joining IA, while the D increased their sack total to 37. This year they lose DE Milan (13 st, 38 tkl, UFA OAK) and DE Charles Wilson (6 st, 33 tkl, 4 sk). Hines (2nd Tm WAC) is back and I list them as having 2 returning starters even though Clark started 8, but in reality, Wilson was more productive. With the loss of their top sack man, this unit may be down a notch. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Thomas Flinn (6'3" 270 So).

LINEBACKERS - This unit figures to be the strength of the team with Jeremy Engstrom earning 2nd Tm WAC honors as a rFr in 2004, Joshua Mauga received scholarship offers from 2 Pac 10 schools and Ezra Butler earned 1st Tm WAC honors in 2006. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 7 back with starting experience. This year they lose Scott Garrison (1 st, 26 tkl), Jason DeMars (13 st, 56 tkl, 2 sk) and Selevasio Fauolo (1 tkl). The open spot could be filled by Oregon transfer Jerome Johnson (PS#86). This is one of the WAC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Pack was #73 in my pass D rankings in 2005. Last year they had to replace two starters and had four of the top eight back. CB Joe Garcia earned 1st Tm WAC honors with 6 int's and 7 pbu and Nevada climbed up to #27 with a 15-20 ratio. This year they lose Garcia (51 tkl, 2.5 sk, 13 st), FS Nick Hawthorne (10 st, 48 tkl, 4 int) and De'Angelo Wilson (3 st, 32 tkl) but have five of the top eight back and 8 have starting experience. Despite the loss of two players who combined for half of the team's int, this year's group could come close to 2006's numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Ault's first year they finished #94 in my ST rankings and despite the presence of All-WAC P Justin Bergendahl, were #99 in 2005. Last year they had to replace Bergendahl as well as their top PR. Hubbard was their top KR in '05 and only had 1 return last year. The Wolf Pack still improved to #71. RFr Brett Jaekle is capable of hitting 50% TB's but the Wolf Pack opted to sky kick on most KO's. JUCO Zacary Whited battled soph Thomas Barcia for the P job. Whited punted 40 times (39.1) and Barcia 12 (37.4). The team's net was just 32.5. Sanders had an 82 yard KR to open vs Utah St and avg'd 25.0 and PR Wilson (14.2) was the WAC ST POW with 125 yards on 3 returns vs LT. The team did block 3 FG's. Wilson, however, was dismissed from the team at the end of April. If they improve their net punting they could equal 2006's finish, even with the unexpected loss of Wilson.

COACHES - Ault led Nevada to seven conf titles and a 163-63-1 record from 1976-'92 and '94-'95. He is in the College Football Hall of Fame! Ault was the AD here from 1986-'03 and fired Chris Tormey despite an improving record each year. Ault took over as the head man in 2004 for his 3rd tenure here, vacating his AD duties. The new DC is Ken Wilson who was the LB coach last year. Chris Klenakis is now in his 4th year as OC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Chris Tormey got the team pointed in the right direction with win totals of 2, 3, 5 and 6 but was let go after the 2003 season. When Ault took over in 2004, 13 players left the team over the summer and he had just 70 scholarship players. They benefitted from playing a soft schedule (#109) and in fact, after 10 weeks, not a single one of their opponents had a winning record. Nevada was 5-1 at home, winning by an average of 41.5-26.7. On the road they were 0-6 losing by an avg of 42.2-17.8. In 2005, Nevada had a dream season getting their first winning year since 1998. Seventy-two of their 73 players stayed in school for summer workouts and Ault commented that they were bigger, stronger and faster. They ended a 5 game losing streak to rival UNLV and they won their final five, including victories over #16 Fresno St and UCF in the bowl game. Nevada finished with an outstanding 9-3 mark and #29 in the AP poll. They were 7-1 and co-Champs of the WAC but outgained foes by just 59.6 ypg, only the 4th best mark in the league. Nevada also benefitted from +4 in net close wins. Last year they had 13 starters back and got to another bowl game. They opened up the season 0-2 but got their first win over Colo St in 9 games. They stood at 8-3 but had a 10 game home winning streak snapped by Boise, 38-7. They went 5-3 in WAC play, finishing tied for 3rd, outgaining league foes by 41.7 ypg (3rd best). Then in the bowl game, they lost by 1 point despite a great effort where they outFD'd Miami 23-13. Nevada did benefit from +12 turnovers but also had two net close losses. This year they lose their top RB, top 2 QB's and top WR and have just 5 starters back on offense. The D recorded 2 shutouts last year and while they lose 3 of their top 5 tacklers, they have 7 starters back. They made great strides last season allowing 12.7 ppg less than in '05. The 19.2 ppg allowed was the best since 1991 (when they were a IAA team). Prior to the spring, Ault runs a grueling "Nevada Run." For the first time in Ault's career, every player made their designated time so he is very pleased with the gains the team made in strength and conditioning. The Wolf Pack are capable of earning their 3rd straight bowl bid.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 8 Nick Graziano So. 6-1 220 PS#196. Strong arm. 7 gm rFr, 92 yd (52.9%) 1 TD. **10** Colin Kaepernick (6-6 205 rFr) PS#153. Scout Tm LY. **15** Tyler Lantrip (6-4 210 rFr) PS#277.

RB 9 Brandon Fragger So. 5-9 195 PS#276. 2 st true (inj) 270 (4.9). **7** Luke Lippincott (6-2 215 Jr) 2 st, 456 (4.9). **34** Vai Taua (5-10 225 rFr) PS#289. Mike Kanellis (5-10 190 So).

WR 89 MIKE McCOY JR. 6-0 190 PS#280. 5 st rFr, 17 (13.5). 12 st LY, 23 (15.0). **16 Chris Wellington** (6-1 185 rFr) PS#133. 4.41 spd. **11** Andy McIntosh (6-0 185 Jr) 4 rec.

WR 84 MARKO MITCHELL JR. 6-4 195 PS#420JC. 8 st LY, 39 rec (12.6). **2** Dwayne Sanders (5-10 175 So) 4.4 spd. 721 all-purp LY. **81** Arthur King Jr (6-1 195 So) 7 rec (10.3).

WR 5 Kyle Sammons Sr. 5-11 195 PS#266JC. 6 st '05, 27 (13.9). Inj LY. **86** Jack Darlington (6-2 190 Jr) PS#103. 7 st 2Y, 31 rec (12.4). **80** Alex Rosenblum (5-9 185 Sr).

TE 82 Brent Keaster Jr. 6-5 255 **PS#55JC.** In for spring. **88** Adam Bishop (6-4 245 Sr) 6 st 3Y, 20 rec. **97** Brian Fusco (6-2 230 rFr). **85** Virgil Green (6-5 220 rFr) PS#705.

C 61 DOMINIC GREEN JR. 6-3 295 PS#386. 12 st rFr (8C, 4RG). 13 st LY WT, **2nd Tm WAC**. **66** Kyle Robertson (6-3 290 Sr) PS#148TE. 2 st, 14 gm 3Y. **65** Brad Eskew (6-3 295 Jr).

SG 75 CHARLES MANU SR. 6-3 300 PS#295JC. 8 st RG '05. 13 st ST LY, battle ankle inj all yr. **53** Fred White (6-1 280 Sr) PS#295JC. 2 st LY. 1 st '05. **64** Shawn Miller PS#410JC.

WG 60 GREG HALL JR. 6-3 285 2nd string rFr. 13 st WG LY. Miss spring inj. Chris Hegge (6-2 280 So) 3 gm rFr. Mike DeMars (6-2 305 So) PS#477JC. RS LY. Dain Lutz (6-5 260 rFr).

ST 68 John Romero Fr. 6-5 300 PS#53DL LY. GS. In for spring. **73** Alonzo Durham (6-4 290 So) PS#776DL. 2nd string rFr, 1 st, 6 gm. **63** Rob Sullivan (6-4 280 rFr) PS#199.

WT 76 Clayton Johnson Jr. 6-4 295 PS#71JC. In for spg. **62** John Bender (6-8 320 rFr) PS#530DL. Huge. **50** Mike Gallett (6-6 295 rFr) PS#630. **79** Josh Catapano (6-3 270 Jr) 1 tkl rFr.

K 13 BRETT JAEKLE JR. 6-4 210 Hit 12 of 15 FG rFr, long 40. Only 1-2 from 40+. Hit 8 of 11 FG LY, long 44. 2-4 from 40+. **14** Thomas Barcia (5-7 160 Jr) 3 gm last year.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 48 ERICS CLARK SR. 6-6 270 PS#236LB. 2 st, 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl '04-'05. 8 st LY, 19 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **99** Kevin Basped (6-6 235 rFr) PS#530. **43** Harry Powell (6-3 265 Jr) PS#517. 1 gm LY.

NT 57 MATT HINES SR. 6-1 285 505 bench. 12 st '05, 22 tkl, 2 tfl. 13 st, 33 tkl, 4.5 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **95** Nate Agaiava (6-2 285 So) PS#379. **96** Daniel Agaiava (6-3 270 So) PS#377OL.

DE 97 Jay Dixon Sr. 6-2 270 PS#74TE '03. PS#295JC. 6.5 sk at JC. 8 tkl, 2.5 sk LY. **94** Mundrae Clifton (6-2 292 Jr) PS#445JC. 7 tkl (miss 6 inj) LY. Brandon Walsh (6-4 260 Jr) JC.

SLB 44 JEREMY ENGSTROM SR. 6-1 247 12 st rFr, 97 tkl, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC**. 8 st '05, 35 tkl, 2 tfl. 12 st LY, 41 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **47** John Simpson (6-2 220 Sr) 18 tkl 3Y. **42** Chris Krainik (6-0 230 Jr) JC.

MLB 54 Jerome Johnson Jr. 6-1 265 **PS#86 '03 Oregon**. JC '05. 1 tkl LY. **31** Kevin Porter (6-1 240 Jr) PS#422. 1 st, 38 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y. **51** Jared Silva (5-11 220 rFr) PS#213.

WLB 30 JOSHUA MAUGA JR. 6-2 245 PS#333. 9 st true, 32 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st LY, 56 tkl, 3 int. **52** Nick Fuhr (6-3 245 Sr) PS#270. 2 st, 24 tkl 3Y. Joe Easter (6-1 235 Fr) PS#427.

BLB 56 EZRA BUTLER SR. 6-2 248 1 st rFr, 19 tkl. 12 st '05, 75 tkl, 5.5 sk, 10 tfl. 13 st LY, 71 tkl, 18 tfl, **1st Tm WAC**. **58** Ryan Coulson (6-3 220 rFr) PS#160. **38** Dontay Moch (6-1 220 rFr) PS#153DB.

CB 35 PAUL PRATT SR. 5-10 185 PS#164. 3 st as true, 13 tkl. 11 st in '04, 42 tkl, 3 pbu. 6 st LY, 6 pbu. **32** Ken Viser (6-1 195 rFr). GS in '05 (acad). Mose Denton is PS#376WR.

CB 20 Devon Walker Sr. 6-0 180 PS#445JC. 4 st, 18 tkl last year **18** Shannon Sevor (5-10 196 Sr) 5 st, 51 tkl 3Y. **34** Cameron Bayne (6-1 180 So). 2 gm LY. Jon Ott is PS#131.

SS 29 Justin Jackson Sr. 6-1 195 PS#358JC. 5 st LY, 22 tkl, 3 tfl. **6** Sergio Villasenor (6-1 200 Jr) 3 st '05, 18 tkl. Inj LY. **17** Uche Anyanwu (6-4 220 Jr) 4 st LY, 29 tkl, 1 int.

FS 49 JONATHAN AMAYA SO. 6-2 190 7 st true, 42 tkl, 1 int. Mike Samples (6-0 195 So) PS#171. 3 st true, 24 tkl. **26** Adam Liranzo (6-4 210 rFr) PS#226. **39** Luke Rippee (5-9 170 Jr) PS#348QB.

P 69 ZACARY WHITED SR. 6-2 190 All conf JUCO in '04. 40 punts here LY, 39.1 avg, 32.3 team net. **14** Thomas Barcia (5-7 160 Jr) 12 punts last year, 37.4 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

TE	Brent Keaster 6-5 255 PS#55JC
OL	Clayton Johnson 6-4 295 PS#71JC
OL	John Romero 6-5 300 PS#53DL '06
DB	Jon Ott 6-1 181 PS#131
WR	Shane Anderson 6-1 205 PS#168
OL	Shawn Miller 6-5 275 PS#410JC
WR	Travionte Session 6-3 175 PS#274
OL	Steve Haley 6-5 305 PS#347
LB	Brandon Marshall 6-1 220 PS#353
DL	Zack Madonick 6-2 285 PS#331
DB	Mose Denton 6-2 180 PS#376WR
OL	Jeff Meads 6-3 290 PS#485
RB	Lampford Mark 6-1 196 PS#420
LB	Joe Easter 6-1 235 PS#427
QB	Luke Collis 6-1 185 PS#308
WR	Brian Fludd 5-9 160 PS#477JC
DL	Scott Frisbie 6-4 255 PS#451
DL	Daryll Hill 6-3 240 PS#451
LB	Deantae Green 6-2 235 PS#500
LB	James-Michael Johnson 6-2 220 PS#500
OL	Chance Sigala 6-7 275 PS#606

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CHRIS AULT (Career 47-25) (Div IAA 138-53-1)
23rd Yr at UN ('76-'92, '94-'95, '04-'06) Ault's Bowl Record: 1-3

Ault's records AT NEVADA

47-25	Straight Up (Div IA)	0-1	Vs Top 10
31-5	Home	1-4	Vs Top 25
15-17	Away	1-3	Vs BCS Teams
1-3	Neutral	3-2	Off A Bye
32-11	Vs Conference	12-7	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (23,19,2)
Lost: 17 (7,10,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,728 (#104)

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#84

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UN	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at Nebraska	A					
Sep. 8	at Northwestern	G					
Sep. 15	Nicholls St	A					
Sep. 22							
Sep. 29	UNLV	A					
Oct. 6	Fresno St (HC)	A					
Oct. 14	at Boise St (Sun)	A					
Oct. 20	at Utah St	A					
Oct. 27	Idaho	A					
Nov. 2	at New Mexico St (Fri)	G					
Nov. 10							
Nov. 16	Hawaii (Fri)	A					
Nov. 24	at San Jose St	G					
Dec. 1	Louisiana Tech	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. David Neill 10,901 '98-'01
2. Eric Beavers 8,629 '83-'86
3. Fred Gatlin 8,312 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Frank Hawkins 5,333 '77-'80
2. Charvez Foger 4,484 '85-'88
3. Chris Lemon 4,246 '96-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Trevor Insley 5,005 '96-'99
2. Geoff Noisy 4,249 '95-'98
3. Bryan Reeves 3,408 '91-'93

First meeting. Nevada is 0-1 vs the Big 12 & is 9-53-4 all-time vs current BCS schools. The Wolf Pack have lost 11 straight road openers by an avg of 23 ppg.

Last year UN hosted & defeated a Big 10 team (NW) for the 1st time. The Wolf Pack took advantage of 5 TO's & 2 blocked FG's LY. Nevada is 2-5 in B2B road games.

This will be their first meeting. UN is 7-1 vs Div IAA Southland Conference. Nicholls St was 4-7 LY with losses to Nebraska (56-7) & Louisiana Tech (31-21).

The Wolf Pack have won 12 of 18 for the Freeman Cannon but lost 5 straight from 2000-2004. Fr Fragger rushed for a career-high 146 yds (7.7) & 2 TD's LY vs UNLV.

Nevada trails the series 23-14-1. UN has lost 7 of 8 games by avg of 26 ppg & UN has allowed 44 ppg the last 8 years. Nevada is just 1-6 the week after UNLV.

The Wolf Pack is just 12-21 in the series including 7 straight lossses. The average score the last 7 is Boise St 49-11 & no game has been closer than 31 pts.

Nevada leads the series 13-4 including both WAC meetings. Even with LY's shutout these two teams have averaged 68 ppg the last 10. UN has won 5 straight in Logan.

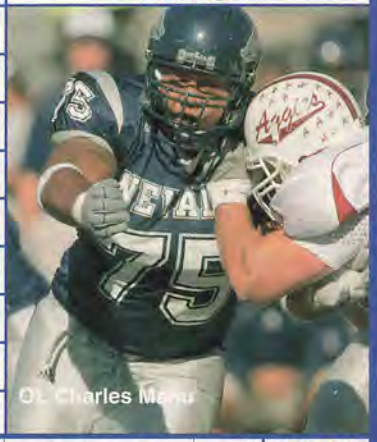
UN has won 4 of 5 with an avg margin of victory of 35 pts. The Wolf Pack had a 31-0 halftime lead & held Idaho to 24 rush yds. The L/5 gms in Reno have avg'd 68 ppg.

Nevada leads the series 9-1. UN's lone loss was a 48-45 defeat in '98. The Wolf Pack have won by an avg of 23 ppg. In LY's game Nevada had 3 QB's throw a TD pass.

The home team has won 8 straight. Nevada QB Rowe was benched down 20 pts LY. QB Travis Moore led the comeback & had 4 shots from the UH3 with less than 3:00 left.

Nevada leads the series 12-7-2 including the last 5 with an avg margin of victory of 16 ppg. The Wolf Pack has won 4 of 5 following Hawaii.

Nevada trails the series 4-3 but has won the L/2. They avg 74 ppg in their 7 all-time meetings. The Wolf Pack is just 3-7 in HG finales (3 of the losses were to Boise St).



STADIUM: MACKAY STADIUM (29,993) (#108)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-10	3-8	5-7	6-6	5-7	8-3	8-4	37-45
Home	1-4	2-3	4-2	3-3	5-1	5-1	5-1	25-15
Away	1-6	1-5	1-5	3-3	0-6	3-2	3-3	12-30
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	1-7	3-5	4-4	4-4	3-5	7-1	5-3	27-29
ATS (Chris Tormey)	4-8	6-5	7-4-1	6-5	(Chris Ault) 4-7	7-4	10-2	44-35-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-3	3-0	3-0	5-0	13-4
Home Dog	2-3	3-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	0-1	12-9
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-1	2-1	3-0	9-4
Away Dog	2-5	2-3	2-1-1	2-1	0-5	0-2	2-1	10-18-1
Favorite	0-0	1-0	3-2	2-4	3-1	5-1	8-0	22-8
Dog	4-8	5-5	4-2-1	4-1	1-6	2-3	2-2	22-27-1
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	7-1	30-25-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	3-1	14-10
Off SU Win	0-2	0-2	3-1-1	3-3	3-2	4-3	7-1	20-14-1
Off SU Loss	3-6	6-2	3-3	3-2	1-4	3-0	2-1	21-18

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Robert Hubbard	209	1015	19	996	6	4.8
Luke Lippincott	94	467	11	456	9	4.9
Brandon Fragger	55	294	24	270	3	4.9
Jeff Rowe	93	414	206	208	4	2.2
Mike Kanellis	18	113	5	108	1	6.0
Dwayne Sanders	10	97	15	82	0	8.2
Travis Moore	13	44	12	32	1	2.5
Nick Graziano	3	39	8	31	0	10.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Rowe	266	172	64.7	1907	17	8
Travis Moore	56	35	62.5	437	5	4
Nick Graziano	17	9	52.9	92	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Caleb Spencer	55	564	10.3	2	34
Marko Mitchell	39	493	12.6	4	53
Mike McCoy	23	346	15.0	9	79
Robert Hubbard	24	243	10.1	2	26
Jack Darlington	16	218	13.6	1	46
Anthony Pudewell	21	198	9.4	2	31
Adam Bishop	11	129	11.7	1	30

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Zacary Whited	40	1564	39.1	7	32.5(t)	1	14
Thomas Barcia	12	449	37.4	2	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brett Jaekle	47-51	2-3	4-4	2-4	0-0	8-11	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ezra Butler	71	7.5	10.5	1	1
Jason DeMars	56	2	2	2	0
Joshua Mauga	56	0	2.5	2	3
Joe Garcia	51	2.5	1.5	7	6
Nick Hawthrone	48	0	1.5	2	4
Jonathon Amaya	42	1	1.5	1	1
Jeremy Engstrom	41	0	1.5	1	1
JJ Milan	38	9	4.5	3	0
Matt Hines	33	1	3.5	1	0
Charles Wilson	33	4	1.5	0	1
De'Angelo Wilson	32	2.5	1	1	0
Uche Anyanwu	29	0	0	0	1
Scott Garrison	26	0.5	0	0	1
Paul Pratt	24	0	0	6	1
Justin Jackson	22	0	3	2	0
Erics Clark	19	2.5	2	2	0
Kevin Porter	18	0	0	0	0
Devon Walker	18	0	0	2	0
John Simpson	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
De'Angelo Wilson	16	228	14.2	0
Joe Garcia	6	71	11.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dwayne Sanders	22	550	25.0	0
De'Angelo Wilson	7	162	23.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	Las Vegas	NL	Bowling Green	34-35
95	Las Vegas	E	Toledo - #25	37-40
96	Las Vegas	-6'	Ball St	18-15
05	Hawaii	-2'	UCF (OT)	49-48
06	MPC Computers	+3'	Miami, Fl	20-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Nevada's All-Time Bowl Record 3-4

NEVADA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	30.1	21	171	4.3	187	63.2	11.9	+12	2006	7	19.2	17	128	4.0	198	59.6	17.0
6*	34.2	25	200	4.5	250	61.3	13.2	0	2005	6	31.9	22	141	4.3	269	55.9	12.9
6*	29.7	24	154	4.0	265	58.8	14.1	+1	2004	4	34.4	20	209	4.9	190	55.5	11.6
6	23.5	20	171	4.3	216	49.2	16.5	+5	2003	10	28.2	22	169	4.1	237	57.6	14.4
6	27.6	24	138	3.9	296	61.2	15.7	-6	2002	10	30.9	20	178	4.7	242	54.5	13.6
10*	26.0	25	206	4.8	248	55.2	17.5	-1	2001	6	39.2	23	224	5.4	271	61.6	12.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

UN 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Fresno St	21	34-168	4.9	18-34	183	1	19	38-212	5.6	16-24	124	0	0
–	at Arizona St	19	37-136	3.7	18-31	170	3	23	31-139	4.5	19-30	347	1	-2
–	Colorado St	23	41-171	4.2	19-22	210	2	10	24-64	2.7	14-26	113	5	+1
–	Northwestern	24	45-156	3.5	17-26	197	4	18	37-246	6.6	9-21	122	1	+4
–	at UNLV	14	37-180	4.9	9-15	131	2	13	31-74	2.4	18-32	153	5	+4
–	at Hawaii	25	25-108	4.3	26-36	364	1	28	24-160	6.7	36-47	419	3	0
–	San Jose St	25	55-230	4.2	20-28	178	1	13	27-162	6.0	10-22	77	2	+1
–	New Mexico St	23	41-236	5.8	20-33	230	0	14	23-17	0.7	29-47	278	5	+1
–	at Idaho	27	49-222	4.5	17-27	195	4	11	24-93	3.9	12-21	116	4	+3
–	Utah St	21	44-202	4.6	12-20	140	3	13	38-125	3.3	9-21	82	2	+1
–	at Louisiana Tech	19	42-213	5.1	13-23	196	1	16	33-163	4.9	14-27	168	2	+2
–	Boise St	4	22-106	4.8	6-15	35	4	25	52-178	3.4	20-27	299	3	-3
–	† Miami, Fl	23	38-90	2.4	21-32	207	1	13	31-28	0.9	11-19	272	4	0
TOTALS		268	510-2218	4.3	216-342	2436	26	216	413-1661	4.0	217-364	2570	37	+12
AVERAGES		20.6	39-171	4.3	17-26	187	2.0	16.6	32-128	4.0	17-28	198	2.8	0.9

2002 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Washington St - #12	+27	7-31
–	BYU	+14	31-28
–	Rice	-7'	31-21
–	Colorado St - #25	+11'	28-32
–	at UNLV	-1	17-21
–	at Hawaii	+10	34-59
–	San Jose St	-5	52-24
–	at Louisiana Tech	+4'	47-50
–	at SMU	-6'	24-6
–	UTEP	-27'	23-17
–	at Fresno St	+8	30-38
–	Boise St - #23	+18'	7-44

2003 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	S Utah	NL	24-23
–	at Oregon	+22	23-31
–	at San Jose St	-1'	42-30
–	SMU	-19	12-9
–	UNLV	+5'	12-16
–	at Washington	+17'	28-17
–	at Tulsa	E	28-21
–	Louisiana Tech	-4	34-42
–	at Rice	-6	42-52
–	Fresno St	-2'	10-27
–	Hawaii	+3'	24-14
–	at Boise St - #18	+22	3-56

2004 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Louisiana Tech	+5	21-38
–	Sacramento St	NL	59-7
–	Buffalo	-16	38-13
–	at San Diego St	+14'	10-27
–	at UNLV	+5'	13-48
–	at Hawaii	+18'	26-48
–	Rice	+8	35-10
–	Tulsa	-3	54-48 3OT
–	San Jose St	-14	42-24
–	at SMU	-7	20-38
–	at Fresno St	+26	17-54
–	Boise St - #10	+25'	21-58

2005 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	Washington St	+9	21-55
–	UNLV	+1'	22-14
–	at Colorado St	+17'	21-42
–	at San Jose St	-3'	30-23
–	Idaho	-8	62-14
–	Louisiana Tech	-2	37-27
–	at Boise St	+20	14-49
–	Hawaii	-5	38-28
–	at New Mexico St	-10	48-24
–	at Utah St	-9'	30-24
–	Fresno St - #16	+15	38-35

2006 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Fresno St	+12	19-28
–	at Arizona St - #25	+14'	21-52
–	Colorado St	-3	28-10
–	Northwestern	-7	31-21
–	at UNLV	-3'	31-3
–	at Hawaii	+12	34-41
–	San Jose St	-12'	23-7
–	New Mexico St	-17'	48-21
–	at Idaho	-10	45-7
–	Utah St	-29	42-0
–	at Louisiana Tech	-17'	42-0
–	Boise St - #12	+2'	7-38

IDAHO VANDALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Idaho has had some outstanding QB's with John Friesz, Doug Nussmeier, Ken Hobart, Ryan Fien and John Welsh all producing 3,000+ yard seasons. In 2004 Michael Harrington (Joey's brother) threw for 2,222 (65.8%) with a 12-11 ratio and Brian Nooy (PS#89) was his backup throwing for 253. They added JUCO Steven Wichman in 2005 and while Harrington started the opener, Wichman started the final ten, nearly joining the 3,000 yard club with 2,746 (56.4%) but just a 15-18 ratio. Of course, he was playing behind an O-line that was devastated by injury but did have the fourth best passing yardage game in school history (489) vs NMSt. Wichman's numbers as a senior were not as good as expected. He threw for 2,158 but completed just 48.6% with an 8-14 ratio. Twice he was pulled in games and Nooy played in six games throwing for 194. This year Wichman departs and battling Nooy for the #1 spot will be Nathan Enderle (PS#73), Luke Tracy (6'1" 204 Jr), Chris Joseph (6'3" 214 Jr, PS#192) and true frosh Quin Ashley. All but Ashley were in for the spring. Even with the loss of a veteran QB, Idaho's passing numbers could improve.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Idaho went with a pair of good-sized true frosh, Jayson Bird led with 859 (5.7) and Rolly Lumbala rushed for 614 (4.4). Unfortunately in 2005 Bird was lost for the year (3rd gm) and Lumbala, who would have a higher PS# but is from Canada, struggled behind an O-line that was devastated by injury. He led with just 472 (3.7). Late in the year, WR Tracy Ford became the feature back and had 49 vs LT and 79 (2 TD) vs Boise. Bird and Lumbala both returned LY but HC Dennis Erickson brought in Brian Flowers (PS#28JC) and true frosh Andre Harris (PS#44). Bird, a between-the-tackles power runner, had 506 (3.7) while Flowers has more speed and cutting ability and had 561 (4.4), as the two shared time. Ford (5'8" 166 Jr) rushed for 148 (4.5) and Lumbala added 95 (4.5). True frosh Raymond Fry had 37 (3.7). This year the entire group returns and not listed in the 3 deep below are Andre Harris (6'0" 217 rFr), Devon Sturdivant (5'10" 203 So), Deonte Jackson (5'8" 181 rFr), Yusuf Salahuddin (5'6" 176 So) and true frosh Corey White (PS#106). The Vandals have not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 2003 (Zach Gerstner 1,157) but have the possibility this year as they have one of the deepest and strongest RB corps in the WAC.

RB Brian Flowers

RECEIVERS - In 2004, Bobby Bernal-Wood led the SBC with 96 rec (9.8) as a possession receiver. In 2005, he departed along with the #2 but the #3 receiver returned. Holt brought in an impact JUCO in DJ Smith who led the WAC in receiving yards with 1,001 (14.9) despite playing in just 10. He set a school record with 269 yards vs NMSt. Last year Smith had to be replaced and the leading returnees were Wendell Octave with 33 (16.3) and TE Matt Askew who had 28 (11.8) in '05. Erickson was underwhelmed with the receiving corps in the spring and over the summer signed three JUCO's in Jomar Drake, Marlon Haynes and Tariq Ikharo. Haynes was not cleared and missed the opener but made quite an impact leading the team in yards (473, 17.5). This year however, he was ruled academically ineligible in the spring and his return is in question. Octave led the team in rec (34, 12.4), TE Smith-Anderson returned (8 st '04, inj '05) and had 26 (14.1), RFr Max Komar missed two and had 17 (18.4) and Lee Smith missed seven games (7, 19.9). This year Octave must be replaced (11 st) along with Luke Smith-Anderson (10 st) who left early for the NFL (UFA HOU), Askew (0 rec '06), DeAngelo Ramsey (1 st, 3 rec) and Keith Greer (4 st, 4 rec, UFA STL). Even with the top 3 departing, this unit should come close to last year's standards. Not listed below are TE Peter Bjorvik (6'4" 259 So, PS#121), Folau Tuione (6'3" 270 Fr, PS#134 '04 mission), WR's Drake (5'11 190 Sr), Cary Jensen-Madison (6'2" 195 rFr) and Steven Brown (5'10" 165 Fr, GS).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, Idaho returned 3 starters but had one of the most beat up O-lines in the NCAA with just one player starting all 11 as they only averaged 2.5 ypc while allowing 34 sacks (8.0%). Last year they had to replace a 3-year starter and one player who started 7. They had four players back who started 7 or more and opened holes for 114 ypg rush (36 more than '05) and 3.4 ypc while trimming the sack total to 24 (6.9%). This year they lose 1st Tm WAC LG Jade Tadvick (10 st, 4Y st'r) and LT Nate Vanderpol (12 st, 3Y st'r). Eight of the top 10 return and despite the losses of arguably their top 2 OL's, the Vandals should continue to show improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, the Vandals returned 2 starters but one of them, NT Siua Musika, tore his ACL after 7. Idaho still managed to allow 14 less ypg rushing than in 2004. Last year they had to replace 1 full-time starter and another DL that had 7 starts but had 6 of their top 8 back. Ben Alexander, who had 8 starts in '05, only started 4. The Vandals still allowed 18 ypg less rushing but the ypc rose to 4.9 and the sack total dropped to 17. This year they lose DE Charles Campbell (9 st, 28 tkl, 3 sk), DT Ryan Davis (7 st, 16 tkl, 1 sk) and DL Dan Aizpitarte (1 tkl) but once again have 6 of the top 8 returning and this time 5 players have 5 or more career starts. The Vandals should allow less than 4.7 ypc rush for the first time since 2002.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Vandals had to replace their #1 tackler, by far, in Cole Snyder (139 tkl, 7 tfl more than any other Vandal) as well as #4 tackler Mike Anderson. They did return 3 LB's who each had at least 9 career starts. David Vobora was #1 tackler and earned 1st Tm WAC honors with 62 tackles more than any other Vandal. JUCO Jo Artis Ratti had 32 tackles in just 6 games. This year they lose Jaron Williams (9 st, 40 tkl, 6 tfl) and Robert Davis (15 tkl). The Ratti/Vobora combo should be one of the WAC's best and this is a more experienced group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 and 2005, the Vandals had inexperienced units with just 1 starter back but still finished a respectable #72 and #76 in my pass D rankings. Last year it appeared they would have three starters returning but CB Jason Martin DNP and SS DJ Dykes transferred to Colorado so just one starter was back. They did get the addition of super JUCO Stanley Franks. Franks lived up to his billing tying the NCAA for the lead in int's (9) and earning 1st Tm WAC honors. Idaho only finished #77. This year they lose FS Tone Taupule (9 st, 34 tkl), CB Kiel McDonald (10 st, 31 tkl, 5 pbu) and CB Reggie Jones (2 st, 11 tkl) but the two starters back are the most they've had in four years and includes Franks. Not listed in the 3 deep below is GS Princeton McCarty (PS#206RB) who has 4.32 speed. The Vandals should make solid strides in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Mike Barrow (PS#31) is one of the best K's you have never heard of. He hit a school record 16 FG's (out of 19) in 2005 (long 53) and was 1st Tm WAC. The Vandals were #79 in my ST rankings in '05 and appeared in good shape but Barrow tore his ACL. JUCO Tino Amancio filled in and was WAC POW vs Utah St but missed 2 FG's the next week vs NMSt. He hit 12 of 17 (long 49). They had 6 TB on 42 KO. TJ Conley improved his net from 32.4 in '05 to 34.8. Wes Williams avg'd 5.0 per PR in '05 and 3.5 in '06. The top KR was true frosh Fry (18.3). Idaho dropped to #101 and with everyone back they should have solid improvement. The new ST coach is Roderick Plummer who was the ST coach at Cornell last year and that unit set five school records.

COACHES - Erickson, who coached here from 1982-'85, returned last season and has quickly moved on to the Pac 10. New HC Robb Akey was the DL coach at Wash St from 1998-'02 and the DC there from '03-'06. He is animated and loud in getting his message across. Prior to Akey, the last seven head coaches here at Idaho have either played or coached at the school prior to their hiring. While Akey breaks that streak, he is not foreign to the area as Wash St is just 10 miles away. His new OC is Steve Axman who was the QB coach last year at Montana and was Akey's boss at N Arizona in the 1990's. His offenses at N Ariz were among the top in IAA each year and Akey thinks his offenses will take advantage of being in a dome. Axman also had stops at UCLA, Wash, Minny, MD, Stanford, Ariz and Illinois and is 59. The new DC is Mark Criner who was the LB/ST coach at Minny last year and DC at MTSt, Cincy, Port St and the XFL's Las Vegas Outlaws. His father, Jim, was the coach at Boise St in the late '70's and early '80's.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Idaho has had just 8 losing seasons since 1982 but unfortunately they have suffered 7 in a row! Moscow, ID is the dry pea and lentil capital of the world and is an out-of-the-way location which gives them a solid home edge. Idaho plays its home games in the Kibbie Dome (104-51-1 there since 1975), which has a very rough turf (see Hardcore). In 2003, Idaho actually outgained SBC foes by 18.5 ypg but still finished 3-4 in SBC play. In 2004, Nick Holt inherited a rebuilding squad with just 8 starters back and 15 true frosh played (MOST in NCAA) but Holt managed to bag 3 wins. Despite a 2-5 SBC record, Idaho was only outgained by 20.2 ypg. Idaho joined the WAC in '05 and had 14 starters back and only lost 17 lettermen. They had some close losses and finished just 2-9 and Holt opted to leave and Erickson returned to coaching. Idaho played strong early in 2006 only losing to Mich St by 10. They actually won their first 3 WAC games and were 3-0 when they hosted Boise St. They only trailed Boise 28-26 with 7:05 left but their 2 pt conversion failed and the rest of the season they were outscored 189-30! Despite the poor finish, they managed to double the win total and finished 6th in the WAC being outgained by 49.1 ypg. Erickson opted to move on to Ariz St and Akey inherits 12 starters. He has 5 back on offense along with their top 3 RB's but must replace QB Wichman. Idaho is known for their high flying offenses but their 16.9 ppg last year was about half of what they used to average and their lowest since 1972 (15.0). The defense does return their top 6 tacklers and should have their best stop unit since '03 (26.2 ppg). Idaho falls into my ypp criteria on both offense and defense and had 59 starts last year lost to injury (pg 314). The Vandals must learn new schemes on both sides of the ball but have 6 home games this year. Since they have their 3rd HC in four years, they probably will not top last year's 4-win total.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 10 **Nathan Enderle rFr.** 6-5 223 PS#73. 5 Brian Nooy (6-2 199 Sr) PS#89. 447 (49.3%) 1-4 ratio 3Y. 11 Chris Joseph (6-3 214 So) PS#192. 17 Luke Tracy (6-1 204 Jr). In spg.

RB 4 **BRIAN FLOWERS SR.** 5-9 190 **PS#28JC**. 3 st, 561 (4.4), 18 rec LY. 44 **Jayson Bird** (6-0 221 Jr) 20 st 3Y, 1435 (4.6). Rolly Lumbala (6-2 241 Sr) 8 st 3Y. Tracy Ford (5-8 186 Jr, PS#184WR).

WR 12 **Corey Rhoane Jr.** 6-1 202 PS#311JC. 39 rec (15.2) JUCO LY. 25 Thomas Quarles (5-8 185 Sr) PS#452. Prairie View A&M trans. 82 Ryan Heacock (6-0 191 Sr) 4 st, 15 rec 3Y.

WR 22 **MAX KOMAR SO.** 5-10 185 5 st rFr, 17 rec (18.4). 23 Wes Williams (5-10 167 Jr) PS#379. 1 st, 624 all-purp yds 2Y. Daniel Hardy (6-2 198 rFr). Cary Jensen-Madison (6-2 195 rFr).

WR 86 **Lee Smith Jr.** 6-0 193 4 st in 2 years, 24 rec (16.4). 27 Raymond Fry (5-8 170 So) 1 st last year, 564 all-purpose yards. 2 Tariq Ikharo (6-4 190 Sr) JC. 1 st, 6 rec.

TE NA **Jim Reuber Jr.** 6-3 254 PS#131JC. 16 Eddie Williams (6-1 249 Jr) 3 st, 17 rec 2Y. 85 Rick Harrison (6-5 233 Jr) PS#241LB. 4 st WR, 1 rec '05. Kevin Small was PS#53 '04. JC LY.

C 72 **ADAM KORBY JR.** 6-2 292 PS#349. 11 st rFr C. 12 st C LY. 38 Irvin Stevens III (6-3 267 So) PS#530. 2nd string rFr. **LS** 35 Joel Jones (6-1 224 Jr) 7 games LY.

RG 62 **ADAM JURATOVAC SO.** 6-3 297 PS#564. 10 st RG rFr (miss 2). 79 Bryce Sinclair (6-5 345 So) Scout Tm rFr. 69 Kai Jensen (6-5 260 rFr). 51 Jeff Washburn (5-11 243 rFr).

LG 51 **Marcis Fennell Sr.** 6-1 304 PS#598. 2 st RG as true. 3 st RG '05. 4 st G LY. 74 Brandon Schulte (6-3 290 Jr) 2nd string all yr, 3 gm. 63 Luke Conklin (6-4 292 rFr) Scout Tm OFF POY.

RT 65 **KRIS ANDERSON JR.** 6-3 299 9 st as rFr (4LG, 5RG) miss 2. 12 st at RT LY. 75 Kellen Beam (6-7 254 rFr) PS#138TE. 2nd string true but RS. 66 Kurt Newboles (6-7 298 rFr).

LT 71 **Billy Bates Jr.** 6-5 271 PS#204. 3 st LT true until inj. 77 Mike Iupati (6-6 330 Jr) 3 gm LY. Tristan Turner (6-4 280 Fr) GS LY. 78 Spencer Towne (6-6 258 rFr).

K 18 **TINO AMANCIO JR.** 5-9 215 JC. 12 of 17 FG here LY, long 49. 2-5 from 40+. 70 Matt Gregg (5-11 178 Jr). Brown transfer. 99 Vincente Rico (6-1 201 Sr) 10-14 JC LY.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 98 **JOSH SHAW JR.** 6-2 254 PS#241LB. 5 tkl true. 6 st '06, 23 rec, 25 tkl, 3 tfl. 55 George Fa'avae (6-2 258 Sr) PS#270JC. 5 st LY, 14 tkl. 35 Aaron Lavarias (6-3 244 rFr) PS#305.

DT 91 **SIUA MUSIKA SR.** 6-1 293 11 st true, 21 tkl, 4 tfl. 7 st until ACL '05, 10 tkl, 2 tfl. 10 st LY, 24 tkl. 41 Jeff Ottele (6-3 237 rFr). Marvin Jones (6-2 301 So) PS#278OL. Legal ?? TY.

DT 84 **ALEX TOAILOA JR.** 6-1 299 PS#539. 4 tkl rFr. 7 st LY, 12 tkl, 1 sk. 30 Marcus Pedro (6-1 270 Jr) PS#453JC, in spring, 425 bench. 47 Jon Dominguez (6-3 252 Sr) 3 tkl, 1 sk.

DE 58 **Ben Alexander Sr.** 6-1 224 1 st true, 16 tkl. 8 st '05, 43 tkl, 4 sk, 3 tfl. 4 st LY, 32 tkl, 5 tfl. 81 Jonah Sataraka (6-2 243 rFr) PS#258. 57 Taylor Rust (6-2 232 Jr) PS#385.

SLB 43 **Jo Artis Ratti Sr.** 6-1 220 PS#125JC. 1 st, 32 tkl, 6 gm LY (inj). 31 Josh Bousman (6-2 228 Sr) PS#170RB. 1 st, 37 tkl rFr. 10 st '05, 75 tkl, 5 sk. 6 st LY (miss 3), 44 tkl.

MLB 5 **BRANDON OGLETREE SR.** 6-3 224 PS#312DB. 9 tkl '04-'05. 8 st last year, 48 tkl, 5 tfl. 42 Paul Senescall (6-1 215 rFr) PS#109. 34 Steven Cameron (6-1 220 So) 12 tkl, 1 tfl true.

WLB 40 **DAVID VOBORA SR.** 6-1 240 3 st, 17 tkl true. 6 st '05, 43 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st LY, 1st Tm WAC, 134 tkl, 15.5 tfl. 48 Andrew Blevins (5-11 222 Jr) JC. Scout Tm POY. Tyrone Turner (5-9 190 So).

CB NA **TJ Taylor Jr.** 5-11 187 PS#244JC. 8 int at JC LY. 30 General Parnell (5-9 175 rFr). 2nd string true but RS. 2 Terrance McCoy (5-7 160 rFr). 39 Eric Hunter (5-6 154 rFr).

CB 6 **STANLEY FRANKS SR.** 5-11 167 PS#115JC. 12 st LY, **1st Tm WAC**, 48 tkl, **9 int,** 7 pbu. 20 Keith Charles (5-10 163 So) Track Tm. Breyon Williams (5-9 183 Jr) PS#445JC.

SS 21 **Chris Smith Sr.** 5-9 179 JC. 3 st SS, 42 tkl, 3 int, 1 pbu here LY. 33 Brandon Nystrom (6-1 208 So) PS#195RB. 36 Rory Fawley (5-9 205 Jr). 19 David Gray (6-1 218 Jr) JC in spg.

FS 30 **SHILOH KEO SO.** 5-10 175 PS#465. 12 st true, 72 tkl, 6 tfl, 6 pbu, 1 int. 24 Lee Jones (6-2 204 Sr) PS#617. 2 tkl LY. 3 Jevon Butler (6-1 222 Jr) PS#236. 2 st, 33 tkl 3 years.

P 14 **TJ CONLEY JR.** 6-3 216 PS#252QB. 28 punts true, 40.0 avg until inj. 67 punts LY. 39.4 avg, 34.8 net. 20 Luke Hardwick (6-2 189 So) 56 yd FG HS. 16 Tino Amancio (5-9 215 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

TE	Kevin Small 6-3 261 PS#53 '04
TE	Jim Reuber 6-3 254 PS#131JC
DB	TJ Taylor 5-11 187 PS#244JC
RB	Corey White 5-9 199 PS#106
WR	Corey Rhoane 6-1 202 PS#311JC
LB	Andre Ferguson 6-3 205 PS#115
DB	Breyon Williams 5-9 183 PS#445JC
WR	Eric Greenwood 6-6 196 PS#197
DL	Marcus Pedro 6-1 270 PS#453JC
QB	Luke Tracy 6-1 204 PS#458JC
OL	Matt Cleveland 6-4 307 PS#422
LB	Justin Allen 5-11 207 PS#409
WR	Maurice Shaw 6-2 188 PS#443DB
DL	Michael Cosgrove 6-4 250 PS#553OL
LB	Kory Toomer 6-3 210 PS#461
OL	Bilal Liggins 6-2 249 PS#565
DL	Fonomanu Sekona 6-2 293 PS#451
LB	Joseph Dickson 6-1 202 PS#500
DB	Kenneth Patten 5-9 172 PS#540
OL	Tyrone Novikoff 6-7 306 PS#606
WR	Dewey Hale 5-10 173 PS#495
QB	Quin Ashley 5-11 192 PS#366

IDAHO VANDALS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#64

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at USC	G						Idaho is 2-10 in road openers with 7 straight losses. UI trails the series with USC 7-0 & has been outscored 215-20. USC DC Holt was Idaho's HC from 2004-'05!
Sep. 8	Cal Poly	A						Idaho won the lone meeting vs Cal Poly 38-33 in 1996 in Moscow. Cal Poly went 7-4 in Div IAA LY. They were ranked as high as #3 & lost at SJSt 17-7 in their lone IA gm LY.
Sep. 15	at Washington St	A						The Vandals have lost 6 in a row to the Cougars (2-20 L/22). The schools are just 10 miles apart. Robb Akey was the DC & DL coach at Wash St the last 4 years.
Sep. 22	N Illinois	A						This series is tied 2-2 & the Vandals are 4-6 vs MAC teams. Idaho is 2-4 in non-conference home games & only 2-7 the last 9 after Washington St.
Sep. 29	Hawaii	A						Idaho trails the series 6-1 including 3 straight losses all by 24 pts. The average score is UH 36-11. Hawaii scored the final 47 pts in last year's game.
Oct. 6	at San Jose St	G						Idaho is 5-15 in conference road games. The Vandals trail the all-time series vs San Jose St 10-7-1 & the tms avg only 38 ppg. Idaho held a 10-7 halftime lead last year.
Oct. 13	Fresno St (HC)	A						Idaho has lost 4 straight to Fresno St with the last 3 by an average of 28 ppg. Idaho was held to 14 second half yds in last year's shutout (their 2nd of the season).
Oct. 20	at New Mexico St	G						Idaho leads the series 10-3, including 3 straight wins. Each game in the last 6 years has been decided by 8 pts or less. Idaho had a season-high 449 yds last year.
Oct. 27	at Nevada	A						Idaho is 1-4 the last 5 vs Nevada & 9-15 all-time. The Vandals are 2-11 in back-to-back road games. HT is 1-3 the last 4 with a 33 pt average margin of defeat.
Nov. 3	Louisiana Tech	A						Idaho forced 8 TO's to post a 24-14 victory in Ruston in '06. The road team has won both games in the WAC's newest series. UI is 9-4 since '92 before the Boise St gm.
Nov. 10								Bonus: Idaho is 18-228-9 all-time vs the P10 including 17-69-3 vs Wash St.
Nov. 17	at Boise St	A						Idaho has dropped the last 8 meetings with Boise St. The Vandals missed a game tying 2 pt conversion with 7:05 left. It was Idaho's largest crowd since 1989.
Nov. 24	Utah St	A						The Vandals have won 5 of 7 since '98 & they've avg'd 24 ppg in those 7. Idaho scored 41 straight pts last year. Idaho is just 1-7 in season finales the last 8.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Doug Nussmeier 10,824 '90-'93
2. John Friesz 10,697 '86-'89
3. Ken Hobart 9,300 '80-'83

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Joel Thomas 3,929 '93-'98
2. Sherriden May 3,748 '92-'94
3. Willis Smith 3,029 '29-'32

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kasey Dunn 3,847 '88-'91
2. Jerry Hendren 3,435 '67-'69
3. Chris Lacy 2,368 '98-'01

ROBB AKEY (Career 0–0)

1st Year at Idaho
Akey's Bowl Record: 0-0

Akey's records AT IDAHO

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

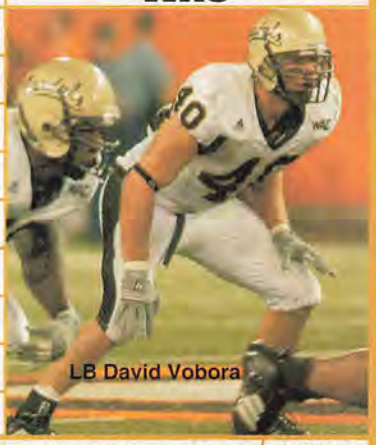
2006 RECORD: (4–8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (17,15,3)
Lost: 24 (10,13,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,543 (#116)

WAC


LB David Vobora

STADIUM: KIBBIE DOME (16,000) (#119)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	1-10	2-10	3-9	3-9	2-9	4-8	20-61
Home	3-1	1-3	2-3	1-4	2-1	1-3	2-3	12-18
Away	2-5	0-7	0-7	2-4	1-8	1-6	2-5	8-42
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	3-2	1-5	1-5	3-4	2-5	2-6	3-5	15-32
ATS	3-6	3-7	6-5	5-5	4-8	5-5-1	5-6	31-42-1
Home Fav (Tom Cable)	1-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-5
Home Dog (Tom Cable)	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	10-8
Away Fav (Nick Holt)	0-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-7
Away Dog (Nick Holt)	2-3	3-2	3-2	1-1	2-7	3-3-1	2-4	16-22-1
Favorite (Dennis Erickson)	1-3	0-3	0-3	1-2	0-0	0-1	2-0	4-12
Dog (Dennis Erickson)	2-3	3-4	6-2	4-3	4-8	5-4-1	3-6	27-30-1
vs Conf (Dennis Erickson)	1-4	2-4	3-3	3-4	3-4	3-4-1	4-4	19-27-1
vs Non-Conf (Dennis Erickson)	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-1	1-4	2-1	1-2	12-15
Off SU Win	1-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-1	7-11
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-5	4-4	3-4	4-4	3-4-1	1-5	20-28-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brian Flowers	128	580	19	561	4	4.4
Jayson Bird	137	539	33	506	7	3.7
Tracy Ford	33	156	8	148	0	4.5
Rolly Lumbala	21	98	3	95	2	4.5
Raymond Fry	10	39	2	37	0	3.7
Steven Wichman	52	178	145	33	1	0.6
Brian Nooy	4	2	22	-20	0	-5.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Steven Wichman	319	155	48.6	2158	8	14
Brian Nooy	24	12	50.0	194	0	1
Chris Joseph	3	1	33.3	1	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marlon Haynes	27	473	17.5	1	46
Wendell Octave	34	422	12.4	4	35
Luke Smith-Anderson	26	366	14.1	1	38
Max Komar	17	313	18.4	0	52
Brian Flowers	18	161	8.9	0	47
Lee Smith	7	139	19.9	1	33
Eddie Williams	7	116	16.6	1	46
Tariq Ikharo	6	75	12.5	0	17
Raymond Fry	5	58	11.6	0	40

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
TJ Conley	67	2640	39.4	10	34.8(t)	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tino Amancio	23-23	10-11	0-1	2-5	0-0	12-17	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Vobora	134	2	13.5	4	1
Shiloh Keo	72	0	6	6	1
Stanley Franks	48	0	0	7	9
Brandon Ogletree	48	2	3	1	0
Josh Bousman	44	0	2	0	0
Chris Smith	42	0	0	1	3
Jaron Williams	40	0	6	2	1
Tone Taupule	34	0	2	1	0
Jo Artis Ratti	32	3	1	1	0
Ben Alexander	32	2	3	1	0
Kiel McDonald	31	0	2	5	1
Charles Campbell	28	3	4	2	0
Josh Shaw	25	1	2	0	0
Siua Musika	24	1	2.5	0	0
Marvin Jones	19	0	1	0	0
Ryan Davis	16	1	2	0	0
Robert Davis	15	0	0	0	0
George Fa'avae	14	0	1	0	0
Steven Cameron	12	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Wes Williams	15	53	3.5	0
Reggie Jones	4	22	5.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Raymond Fry	26	475	18.3	0
Stanley Franks	14	293	20.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Humanitarian	+17	S Mississippi	42-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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IDAHO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	16.9	16	114	3.4	196	48.6	18.3	-1	2006	5	34.8	21	165	4.9	229	62.6	11.4
7*	22.1	18	78	2.5	257	56.5	15.2	-6	2005	7	38.1	21	183	4.8	238	59.5	11.1
5	20.4	19	132	3.5	208	63.3	16.7	-2	2004	3	39.4	22	197	5.0	232	56.4	10.9
6*	20.7	19	125	3.7	256	53.4	18.5	-5	2003	7	26.2	20	217	4.8	199	62.2	15.9
7	23.8	22	115	3.5	290	59.0	17.0	-14	2002	7	35.7	22	190	4.7	274	58.8	13.0
5*	28.5	25	115	3.4	348	62.2	16.3	-16	2001	5	45.0	25	200	4.8	278	64.0	10.6

UI 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Michigan St	16	36 - 113	3.1	17 - 31	155	2	19	36 - 175	4.9	16 - 25	225	1	-1
–	at Washington St	17	32 - 83	2.6	14 - 36	220	1	25	43 - 344	8.0	18 - 24	293	0	-1
–	Idaho St	19	40 - 161	4.0	19 - 29	266	0	19	27 - 109	4.0	24 - 37	274	1	+1
–	at Oregon St	7	24 - 57	2.4	8 - 23	128	3	23	38 - 174	4.6	20 - 35	206	1	-4
–	at Utah St	18	35 - 128	3.7	10 - 20	188	3	22	35 - 119	3.4	19 - 27	186	1	+2
–	New Mexico St	23	42 - 151	3.6	19 - 27	298	3	14	17 - 31	1.8	24 - 41	307	3	+1
–	at Louisiana Tech	17	44 - 144	3.3	14 - 27	238	2	15	27 - 74	2.7	11 - 26	137	3	+5
–	Boise St	20	28 - 69	2.5	24 - 45	328	1	17	37 - 208	5.6	10 - 23	145	1	-1
–	at Hawaii	19	31 - 141	4.5	14 - 37	193	0	29	15 - 78	5.2	40 - 51	497	1	-1
–	Nevada	12	24 - 93	3.9	12 - 21	116	4	27	49 - 222	4.5	17 - 27	195	4	-3
–	at Fresno St	11	30 - 107	3.6	10 - 30	92	4	23	42 - 290	6.9	14 - 23	109	0	+1
–	San Jose St	12	33 - 123	3.7	7 - 20	131	1	15	42 - 156	3.7	10 - 17	179	1	0
TOTALS		191	399 - 1370	3.4	168 - 346	2353	24	248	408 - 1980	4.9	223 - 356	2753	17	-1
AVERAGES		15.9	33 - 114	3.4	14 - 29	196	2.0	20.7	34 - 165	4.9	19 - 30	229	1.4	-0.1

2002 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Boise St	+23	21-38
–	at Washington St - #11	+27	14-49
–	at Oregon - #13	+32'	21-58
–	San Diego St	+7'	48-38
–	at Washington - #13	+30'	27-41
–	Montana	NL	31-38
–	at ULM	-10'	14-34
–	Middle Tenn	+3'	21-18
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-1	28-31
–	at North Texas	+14	0-10
–	Arkansas St	-3'	29-38
–	New Mexico St	+4'	31-35

2003 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	† Washington St	+28	0-25
–	E Washington	NL	5-8
–	Boise St	+23	10-24
–	at Washington - #19	+26'	14-45
–	at Montana	NL	28-41
–	at New Mexico St	+10	35-31
–	North Texas	+7	14-24
–	Middle Tenn	+3'	21-28 OT
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-3	20-31
–	at Arkansas St	-1'	23-24
–	at ULM	-1'	58-20
–	Utah St	+1	20-13

2004 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Boise St	+31'	7-65
–	at Utah St	+10'	7-14
–	at Washington St	+25	8-49
–	at Oregon	+35	10-48
–	at E Michigan	+7	45-41
–	ULM	+1	14-16
–	Louisiana-Lft	+3'	38-25
–	at Middle Tenn	+10	14-34
–	at Troy	+24'	7-47
–	Arkansas St	+2'	45-31
–	at North Texas	+18'	29-51
–	at Hawaii	+21	21-52

2005 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Washington St	+29	26-38
–	at UNLV	+12	31-34
–	at Washington	+13'	6-34
–	Hawaii	E	0-24
–	Utah St	+2'	27-13
–	at Nevada	+8	14-62
–	Fresno St - #24	+29'	10-40
–	at New Mexico St	+5'	38-37 OT
–	Louisiana Tech	+9	38-41
–	at Boise St	+32'	35-70
–	at San Jose St	+8	18-26

2006 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Michigan St	+29'	17-27
–	at Washington St	+17	10-56
–	Idaho St	NL	27-24
–	at Oregon St	+25'	0-38
–	at Utah St	-3	41-21
–	New Mexico St	-1	28-20
–	at Louisiana Tech	+3	24-14
–	Boise St - #18	+21	26-42
–	at Hawaii	+26'	10-68
–	Nevada	+10	7-45
–	at Fresno St	+11	0-34
–	San Jose St	+7	13-28

UTAH ST AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Leon Jackson (PS#82), who has 4.58 speed and a strong arm, had a 35-7 ratio in HS and was recruited by several Pac 10 schools. He is listed as 6'1" but is probably closer to 5'11". He threw for 404 (56.5%) as a rFr in '04 and also was the punter. HC Brent Guy wants a mobile QB, as they are the toughest to defend, and Jackson won the starting job in '05. His best game was LTech throwing for 372 but he injured his shoulder and missed the final two. He threw for 1,547 (57.6%) with an 8-6 ratio (523 rush). Jackson completed 64% with a 7-0 ratio at home but struggled on the road. Last year they signed local product and Parade AA Riley Nelson (PS#65) and he ran a similar offense in HS. Backup QB Jerod Walker started the final two in '05 but was lost over the summer so Nelson, who was going to GS, ended up playing. Jackson added 15 lbs of muscle but struggled vs Wyoming with just 74 yards passing, which is the lowest here for a QB since 1990. He had a lot of drops in his first two games and threw 6 int's in 5 games (5 were ret'd for TD's). Nelson led the team to a late TD vs Idaho and started in the upset of Fresno. On the 80 yard game-winning drive he had 37 yards rushing and 49 passing (pen yards). In his first road start he hit a school record 87.5% (21 of 24) for 145 yards vs SJSt. He also had 50 yards rushing but had a 47 yard run called back for holding. He struggled down the stretch and Jackson saw the majority of the time vs NMSt in the season finale. Nelson has gone on a two year mission so the job is between Jackson, JC Sean Setzer and Ariz St transfer Mike Affleck (PS#24). Setzer threw for 2,034 (57.5%) with 13 passing and 7 rushing TD's at JC last year. Adding depth are Jase McCormick (6'1" 191 So, PS#272) and Tom Mix (6'2" 224 rFr). Beside Nelson they also lose 3rd string QB Bryan Black (7 passes). Aggie QB's combined to hit 52% with a 9-14 ratio in '06 and should have improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Utah St had some excellent RB's from 1999-2002 with Demario Brown breaking the Utah St single season rushing record (1,536) in 1999. Emmitt White led the NCAA in all-purpose yards in 2000 and topped 1,000 rushing for two straight years. The team had a 100 yard rusher in 51 of their previous 77 games heading into 2002 but has had just 7 by a RB in the FOUR years from 2001-2005 (zero in '05). In 11 games in 2005, a RB led the team in rushing just TWICE! Last year Guy appeared to correct the problem by bringing in super JUCO Marcus Cross who was PS#62 in '03. Cross had a fine season including 103 vs Arkansas and 127 vs BYU but those were the only two games LY that a RB topped the 100 yard mark. Cross did have 164 total yards vs Fresno including 93 rushing and had at least 67 yards in 5 straight but was injured vs Hawaii and played little after that finishing with 650 (3.7). Antron McDaniel rushed for 236 (3.6) and Ryan Bohm had 20 (2.2). Both were injured late and they moved WR Aaron Lesue (51, 3.2) and Jacob Actkinson (6'0" 217 rFr) to RB. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jacob Whipple (6'0" 213 rFr) who transferred from Oregon and Lynwood Johnson (6'1" 235 Jr, 2 st, 12 yd LY). This year Cross opted to transfer and they lose McDaniel. Forbes did lead the team in rushing in 2004 but with only 396 (3.7). This area looks like a weak spot again.

WR Kevin Robinson

RECEIVERS - Kevin Robinson and Tony Pennyman combined for 87 rec (13.8) in 2004 and in '05 Pennyman had 63 (11.8) and Robinson 43 (15.4). They accounted for 57% of the team's rec's. Last year Pennyman had a streak of 10 straight games with 4+ rec snapped in the opener then was dismissed after two games. Robinson was now being double teamed, had just 8 rec in the first 5, but 28 over the last 7 and Otis Nelson added 27 (8.8). Walk-on TE Rob Myers was the talk of the spring with outstanding size and speed and he had 10 (12.5). Oregon transfer Tarell Richards (PS#127QB) has 8 starts and 25 rec in 3 years. He applied for a medRS and could return this fall. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Preston Robinson (6'3" 207 Sr), Brandon Schneider (6'4" 182 Sr), Tony Harkey (6'1" 188 rFr) and Chase Griffiths (6'1" 201 rFr). This year they only lose Pennyman (4 rec) and should be far more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - This has been a problem area for the Aggies recently. It was an injury-plagued unit in both 2004 and in 2005, Guy's first year. Guy said they would like to be a zone running team but since the unit was so light they were not able to incorporate those schemes. They had to use DL's and TE's to plug holes in the O-line. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but had 7 of the top 10 back. Unfortunately, Ryan Pahua and Justin Schlimgen, who combined for 11 career starts, both missed the year. Malik Cin missed the first 3 but still earned 2nd Tm WAC. The Aggies did improve to 3.2 ypc rush (2.9 '05) while allowing just 19 sacks. This year they lose RT Cin (9 st, 2Y st'r), C Brent DeLadurantey (12 st), OT Taylor Wallace (3 st), LG Ryan Wilson (also LS), Pahua and Schlimgen. Five players return with starting experience putting this unit in the best shape it's been under Guy.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Utah St has produced some great DL's like Merlin Olsen and Rulon Jones. In Guy's first year they moved to a 4-3 defense and went 3 deep with solid, experienced players up front. DE John Chick led the WAC in sacks (12.5) and the Aggies allowed just 144 ypg rush (3.9), their best since 1998 (123). Last year they had to replace Chick and two others who combined for 17 starts. They then lost DT Brian Soi (PS#44, 9 st '05) to academics, so basically just one starter returned. While the ypg was not bad (187), they allowed 5.0 ypc and the D had just 11 sacks. This year the only player lost from the 2 deep is DT Kerry Shepherd (4 st, 10 tkl). Eight players return with starting experience including 2nd Tm WAC DE Ben Calderwood and this unit should more resemble the 2005 edition.

LINEBACKERS - In Guy's first season the Aggies had to replace all three starters and their defensive leader turned out to be true frosh walk-on Jake Hutton who became the first frosh in school history to be the #1 tackler. He was also the #3 frosh tackler in the NCAA. Last year they had to replace four LB's who combined for 16 starts (incl #2 tkl'r) and three soph were the starters. Unfortunately Hutton, who was leading in tackles again, was lost after 4 starts (foot inj). Another true frosh, Paul Igboeli, became the WAC Frosh POY despite having just 8 starts (69 tkl). This year the entire 2 deep returns and they add in JUCO Deshon Benton who may battle Hall for a starting spot. Five of the top six are now upperclassmen.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies did finish as high as #48 in my pass D rankings in 2003. With an inexperienced secondary they dropped to #100 in 2004. A more experienced group in 2005 was still only #103. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups but had 4 back with starting experience. Despite the fact teams ran at will on the Aggies, they still finished a lowly #119 vs a killer slate of opposing QB's. This year they lose FS Terrance Washington (8 st, 58 tkl, 8 pbu). They have 7 of the top 8 back including 6 with starting experience. Antonio Taylor became the first non-LB to lead the Aggies in tackles since Rulon Jones in 1978 despite starting just 6. The Aggie should have their best finish in my pass D rankings since 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Utah St finished an outstanding #20 in my ST rankings in 2004. They had to replace their K and then the P Jackson (37.6 net) became a full-time QB in '05. They had the dangerous return combo of Robinson and Pennyman but dropped to #54. Last year with Robinson and Pennyman back, they figured to climb in the rankings. Unfortunately that was not the case. A struggling FG unit (low kicks and bad snaps) saw Guy opt to punt the ball from the Fresno 24 in the 6th game. At that point the team had att'd just 2 FG's. Justin Hamblin hit 6 of 14 FG's with a long of 50 in '05 and lost his job in '06 to Bryan Shields who hit 2 of 4 with a long of 46. Shields' first kick was a chip shot 24 yarder and he missed it. Leon Jackson reclaimed his punting duties and avg 37.7. Robinson, who avg 22.5 with 2 TD's on PR in '04, saw his avg slip to 10.0 in '05 and just 5.3 in '06. Pennyman had 2 KR TD's in '05 but was lost after Wk 2 so Robinson was the top KR (20.7). This year they must replace Hamblin and Shields and can only make significant improvement in the ST rankings after finishing #114 last year.

COACHES - This is Guy's first head coaching job and his second stint at Utah St. He was the LB coach here from '92-'94, the DC at Boise St from '98-2000 and at Ariz St from 2001-'04 before taking over in '05. Last year's OC Mike Santiago resigned after five games and WR Coach Greg Stevens was named the interim OC the rest of the year. This season Guy brings in a great hire in Darryl Dickey who was the HC at North Texas and compiled a 34-22 conf record in his seasons there. NT won four straight conf titles. Dickey was also OC at Memphis ('88-'89), UTEP ('94-'96) and SMU ('97). Dickey is 47 years old and was a QB at K-St leading that team to the 1982 Independence Bowl, the school's first ever bowl. The DC is Mark Johnson who was the LB coach at UC Davis from 2001-'04 and enters his third year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Brent Guy became the 7th coach in 21 years here and the last coach to leave with a winning record was Phil Krueger ('75). In Guy's first year they had to replace 22 lettermen and learn new schemes on both offense and defense. They also had less than 70 scholarship players. I thought it would be tough to top even 2004's 3-win total and for the 3rd consecutive year they finished with exactly 3 wins. Twelve frosh started at least one game which was the 3rd highest in the NCAA in 2005. WMich had 17 and Cincy had 13 and both of those teams went on to bowls in 2006. While they were 2-6 in WAC play in '05, which tied them for 6th, they had the best ypg in conf play of those three 2-6 teams at -54.4. They did have a 478-276 yd edge vs LT but lost. Last year they had 11 starters back and got the addition of RB Cross. An improved record was expected. Guy took the names off the back of the uniforms and replaced it with the word "Aggies." They amazingly only trailed Arkansas 7-0 at the half losing just 20-0 vs the eventual SEC West Champs. Still, in the first four games they were outscored 144-7 and had zero offensive points. They led Idaho 17-14 in the 2Q and SJSt 14-0 in the 2Q as well but were blown out in their final five games, ending with their first one-win season since 1984. They were -142.2 ypg in league play (2nd worst to LT). This year they lose QB Nelson, who goes on a mission and RB Cross has transferred, but they can only improve upon last year's 10.8 ppg, their worst since records were kept dating back to 1957. The D has had just 6, 5 and 5 starters back the last three years. The 38.5 ppg allowed in '06 was their worst since '02 (39.3) but they did face 4 schools who ranked in the top 10 in total offense! The offense also gave up 7 TD's off turnovers. They have 11 starters back this year on defense and should be much tougher. Last year they faced the 27th toughest schedule in the country (7 bowl opp) which was the toughest of any WAC team! The Aggies' 19 returning starters are the most in the WAC but the schedule is difficult with 7 road games and 3 of their home games are against WAC bowl squads from 2006. They should be more competitive but it looks like the 10th consecutive losing season for the Aggies.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 7 LEON JACKSON III SR. 6-1 204 PS#82. 4.58 spd. 14 st 3Y. 2645 pass (54.4%). 12-14 ratio, 770 rush. **10** Sean Setzer PS#381JC. **8** Mike Affleck (6-3 240 Sr) **PS#24**. Ariz St trans.

RB 1 Aaron Lesue Sr. 5-10 195 10 rec (13.1), 4 st RB LY, 51 rush. **2** Chris Forbes (5-11 206 Sr) PS#175. 9 st 3Y, 536 rush (3.5). DB LY. **21** Derrvin Speight (5-9 192 So).

FB 88 JIMMY BOHM SR. 6-2 286 PS#131TE. 7 st TE '04-'05, 8 rec. 6 st LY, 23 ttl yd. **42** Josh Anderson (6-1 240 Sr) PS#376LB '01. 19 tkl 3Y. Jacob Actkinson (6-0 217 rFr) +15 lbs.

WR 6 KEVIN ROBINSON SR. 6-0 192 21 st 3Y, 123 rec (15.0), 16 TD, 67 KR (21.9), 58 PR (12.5). **17** Xavier Bowman (6-2 195 So) PS#265. 4 st, 6 rec true. **85** Omar Sawyer (5-9 175 So) 1 st rFr.

WR 14 OTIS NELSON JR. 6-2 204 PS#108TE. 2 st rFr. 8 st LY, 27 rec (8.8). **Tarell Richards** (5-10 192 Sr) Oreg. 8 st 3Y, 25 rec. **81** Nnamdi Gwacham (6-3 208 So) 41 yd, 8 gm LY.

TE 86 ROB MYERS JR. 6-4 240 8 st TE, 10 rec (12.5) LY. **84** Will Fausel (6-3 268 Sr) 2 st '05, 4 rec (8.0). 1st TE LY. **80** Doug Barbour (6-4 229 rFr). **89** Patrick Scales (6-4 231 rFr).

C 56 RYAN TONNEMACHER JR. 6-3 272 PS#158. 3 st true (2LG, 1LT). 12 st LG LY. Moved to C. **61** Brennan McFadden (6-2 298 So) 1 st rFr, 4 gm. +11 lb. Carlos Cuevas PS#308.

RG 63 PACE JORGENSEN SR. 6-5 336 PS#515 '02. Mission. 5 st RG true until ACL. 11 st RG '05. 11 st RG LY. **69** Ty Rogers (6-4 299 rFr) PS#492. **62** Mike Green (6-5 302 Sr).

LG 74 SHAWN MURPHY SR. 6-5 298 Mission in '03-'04. Dixie St in '05. 12 st LT here LY. **66** Gregg Clark (6-4 279 Jr) PS#436DL. 2xJC All Conf. David Disman is PS#515.

RT 77 Derek Hoke Jr. 6-9 310 Mission '03-'04. 4 st RG true until inj. 2nd string LY, 7 gm. **72** Travis Stott (6-4 292 rFr). **73** Seth Lamb (6-2 300 rFr). Robert Hill is PS#243.

LT 78 Spencer Johnson rFr. 6-5 273 PS#302. Added 13 lbs in RS year. **70** Zac Zimmerman (6-5 257 So) 2nd string. Tanner Richins is PS#282. Funaki Asisi is PS#606.

K NA Peter Caldwell Fr. 6-4 213 PS#96. 2nd Tm Utah HS LY, 43.0 on punts, 15-16 on FG, 85% KO were TB. **17** Daniel Pelfrey (5-10 191 So) Utah trans. Chris Ulinski (6-2 207 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 58 BEN CALDERWOOD JR. 6-2 268 PS#420 '01. Mission '02-'03. 15 tkl rFr. 7 st, 44 tkl, 6.5 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC. 46** Darby Golden (6-1 244 So) 5 st, 18 tkl, 2 sk '06. **91** Brian Mason (5-10 249 rFr).

DT 79 EJ REID SR. 6-1 316 4 st OL true. 10 st DT '05, 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 4 st LY, 29 tkl, 3 tfl. **93 Ben Childs** (5-11 261 Sr) **Last 6 st** LY, 19 tkl, 1 sk. **94** Nathan Royster (6-0 245 rFr).

DT 57 FRANK MAILE SR. 6-1 265 PS#285. 1 st, 9 tkl '05. 8 st LY, 26 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **96** Alan Bishop (6-5 278 So) Air Force prep '04. 2 st here LY, 8 tkl. **92** Junior Keiaho (6-3 243 Fr) GS '06.

DE 49 CARL SINGLETON SR. 6-2 245 HM All Conf JC '05. 4 st LY, 14 tkl, 2 sk. **97 Bevan Howard** (6-0 254 Jr) PS#273LB. 1 st, 9 tkl '05. 9 st LY, 16 tkl. **90** Jon Overton (6-2 259 So) 10 tkl true.

OLB 19 JAKE HUTTON JR. 6-0 229 11 st true, #1 tkl'r (87), 7.5 tfl. 4 st LY, 29 tkl until inj. **47** Daryl Fields (5-7 205 Jr) 10 gms true. 5 st, 59 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y. **51** Jason Moore (6-4 213 rFr).

MLB 45 DEVON HALL JR. 6-3 216 6 st true, 44 tkl, 2 tfl. 10 st LY, 68 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **44** Deshon Benton (5-10 222 Jr) PS#374JC, in for spg. **20** Maxim Dinka (5-11 207 So) PS#423DB. 2 gm true.

OLB 31 PAUL IGBOELI SO. 6-0 206 L/8 st true, **WAC Frosh POY**, 69 tkl, 8 tfl. **40** Derrick Cumbee (6-1 209 Jr) JC. 5 st, 48 tkl LY. **50** Andy Carlsen (6-0 225 So) PS#326RB. Mission '04 & '05.

CB 3 MARQUISE CHARLES JR. 5-8 177 6 st true (inj), 30 tkl, 1 int. 12 st LY, 36 tkl, 4 pbu. **9** Kejon Murphy (5-8 157 So) PS#361RB. L/4 st, 21 tkl true. **1** Roy Hurst PS#177JC, in spring.

CB 8 DREW PEARSON SR. 6-0 165 PS#295JC. 9 st LY, 34 tkl, 4 pbu. **23** Josh Taylor (6-0 176 Jr) 5 st 2Y, 38 tkl, 4 pbu. **22** Geno Odong (5-9 182 rFr). **29** Sidney Allen (6-1 173 rFr).

SS 39 CALEB TAYLOR JR. 6-3 193 PS#495. 19 tkl true. 12 st LY, 64 tkl, 2 int, 606 plays. **18** Maurice Bates (6-1 192 rFr). **25** Adrian Bybee (5-10 188 So). **4** Walter McClenton (5-11 185 Fr). GS '06

FS 24 ANTONIO TAYLOR SR. 6-1 214 3 st '04, 47 tkl. 7 st '05, 65 tkl, 2 pbu. L/6 st LY, 74 tkl (#1), 6 pbu. **26** James Brindley (5-10 190 So) PS#215, 22 tkl true. **11** Eric Sobolewski (6-0 208 Jr).

P 7 LEON JACKSON III SR. 6-1 204 PS#82QB. 40 punts (42.3) rFr. Full-time QB in '05. 74 punts (37.7), team net 32.8 in 2006. Peter Caldwell is PS#96. 43.0 average as a senior in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Roy Hurst 5-9 189 PS#177JC
LB	Deshon Benton 5-10 222 PS#374JC
QB	Sean Setzer 6-2 228 PS#381JC
RB	Colt Mund 5-9 222 PS#422JC
OL	Robert Hill 6-3 275 PS#243
DL	Jervon Graves 6-1 290 PS#214
OL	Tanner Richins 6-6 310 PS#282
OL	Carlos Cuevas 6-3 315 PS#308
RB	Robert Turbin 5-11 195 PS#331
DL	Steven Clark 6-4 245 PS#352LB
WR	Mark Watterson 5-11 182 PS#309 '04
DB	Walter McClenton 5-11 185 PS#448 '05
LB	Jordan Glass 6-2 220 PS#404
OL	David Disman 6-3 265 PS#515
LB	Kyle Gallagher 6-0 200 PS#426WR
QB	Diondre Borel 6-1 175 PS#320
DL	Cedric Reeves 6-2 250 PS#451
LB	Nate Needham 6-2 220 PS#500
LB	Tim Wlodarczyk 6-1 208 PS#500
DB	Chris Randle 5-10 170 PS#540
OL	Funaki Asisi 6-4 290 PS#606
OL	Phillip Gapelu 6-2 285 PS#606
WR	Austin Alder 5-11 175 PS#495
WR	Stanley Morrison 5-9 170 PS#495
K	Peter Caldwell 6-4 213 PS#96
RB	Curtis Marsh 6-0 181 PS#506
DB	Sidney Allen 6-1 175 PS#618
DL	Monte "Junior" Keiaho 6-3 243 PS#495 '06

UTAH STATE AGGIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#50

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score USU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	UNLV (Thur)	A						Utah St leads the all-time series vs UNLV 12-5. Aggies have won the last 3 games vs the Rebels & have outscored UNLV 104-45. USU has lost 9 straight season openers.
Sep. 8	at Wyoming	A						Utah St is 0-9 in road openers. USU leads the series vs WY 34-23-4. Wyoming has won L/3 by an avg score of 43-23. USU had only 44 yds at half & trailed 10-7 LY.
Sep. 15	at Oklahoma	G						Utah St is 1-17 in its last 18 gms vs current BCS tms. USU is 0-3 vs Oklahoma & was outscored 176-24. The Aggies have lost 12 straight in 2nd of back-to-back road gms.
Sep. 22	San Jose St (HC)	A						Utah St trails vs San Jose St 18-10-1 & has lost 9 of last 10 in the series. QB Nelson set a school record completion % hitting 21 of 24 for 88% last year.
Sep. 29	at Utah	A						107th meeting between the Aggies & Utes. Utah St trails the series vs Utah 73-29-4. USU has lost 9 in a row & 25 of last 30 games. USU was held to 98 yds of offense.
Oct. 6	at Hawaii	A						Utah St is only 1-14 in conf road gms. USU leads the series 4-3 but UH has outscored the Aggies 113-33 in the last 2 years. Last year's 53 pt loss was USU's worst S/'89.
Oct. 13								
Oct. 20	Nevada	A						Utah St is 4-13 vs the Wolf Pack & they have lost 5 straight at home. In fact, the home team has lost 6 straight in the series prior to last year's shutout.
Oct. 27	Louisiana Tech	A						QB Nelson had a career-high 249 yds passing LY vs LT. Utah St had a season-high 35 pts LY. In fact, that is the most pts scored by the Aggies since 2003.
Nov. 3	at Fresno St	G						USU is 3-10 in its Nov road gms. The home team has won 5 straight in the series. QB Nelson made his 1st start & led an 80 yd drive scoring the winning TD w/:55 left LY.
Nov. 10	Boise St	A						Utah St has dropped 6 straight allowing 56 ppg & 530 ypg the last 4. The Aggies are 4-9 vs Boise St. The Aggies have lost 3 of their last 4 home finales.
Nov. 17	at New Mexico St	G						Utah St leads the series vs NMSt 25-6. Utah St won 19 in a row from '68-'98 but is 4-3 in last 7 games. Starting TB Cross missed w/inj & WR Lesue stated at RB.
Nov. 24	at Idaho	A						The Aggies have lost 2 straight & 5 of 7. Last year they led 14-0 before allowing 41 consecutive points. The last 15 in the series have been decided by 7+ pts.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jose Fuentes 9,168 '99-'02	1. Demario Brown 4,053 '96-'99	1. Kendal Smith 2,943 '85-'88
2. Tony Adams 6,226 '70-'72	2. Abu Wilson 3,933 '92, '94-'96	2. Kevin Curtis 2,789 '01-'02
3. Brent Snyder 6,105 '87-'88	3. Rick Parros 3,537 '76-'79	3. Nakia Jenkins 2,483 '96-'97

BRENT GUY (Career 4-19)
3rd Year at Utah St Guy's Bowl Record: 0-0

Guy's records AT UTAH ST

4-19	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
3-7	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
1-12	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
3-13	Vs Conference	4-14	Off A Loss

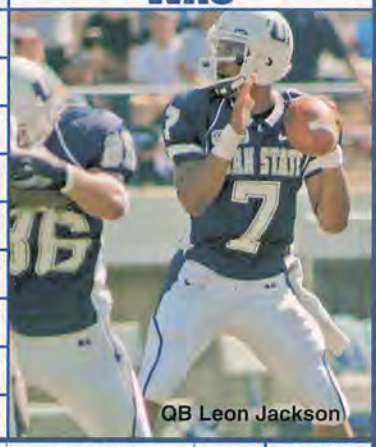
2006 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 11

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (14,22,1)
Lost: 11 (9,2,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,360 (#118)

WAC


QB Leon Jackson

STADIUM: ROMNEY STADIUM (25,513) (#112)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sprinturf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	4-7	4-7	3-9	3-8	3-8	1-11	23-56
Home	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-3	1-4	17-17
Away	2-4	1-5	1-5	0-7	1-6	1-5	0-7	6-39
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-1	–	–	3-4	2-5	2-6	1-7	12-23
ATS	4-5	3-6	4-6	6-6	2-9	7-4	3-9	29-45
Home Fav (Mick Dennehy)	1-0	0-1	0-0	3-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	5-4
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-1	1-1	2-2	1-4	9-11
Away Fav (Brent Guy)	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-5
Away Dog	1-4	2-3	1-4	3-2	1-6	3-1	2-5	13-25
Favorite	2-0	0-2	0-1	3-3	0-2	2-1	0-0	7-9
Dog	2-5	3-4	4-5	3-3	2-7	5-3	3-9	22-36
vs Conf	4-1	1-2	1-0	4-3	1-6	4-4	2-6	17-22
vs Non-Conf	0-4	2-4	3-6	2-3	1-3	3-0	1-3	12-23
Off SU Win	3-2	1-2	1-3	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-0	8-12
Off SU Loss	1-2	1-4	3-2	5-3	2-6	5-3	2-8	19-28

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
46	Raisin	NL	San Jose St	0-20
60	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	13-20
61	Gotham	NL	Baylor	9-24
93	Las Vegas	NL	Ball St	42-33
97	Humanitarian	+2'	Cincinnati	19-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Utah St's All-Time Bowl Record 1-4

UTAH ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	10.8	14	115	3.2	140	52.0	23.5	-6	2006	5	38.5	21	187	5.0	249	64.2	11.3
5	18.9	18	117	2.9	200	60.3	16.8	-2	2005	5	32.7	22	144	3.9	262	62.2	12.4
4*	16.7	17	76	2.3	214	57.2	17.3	-6	2004	6	30.3	20	192	4.5	203	61.9	13.0
4	22.0	19	108	3.5	242	54.9	15.9	-4	2003	7	26.3	21	167	3.6	193	54.0	13.7
6*	27.7	19	84	3.1	308	53.0	14.2	-11	2002	7	39.3	22	235	5.1	236	53.6	12.0
8*	28.7	22	132	4.2	288	59.0	14.6	-13	2001	7	38.3	23	177	4.7	285	54.6	12.1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Cross	176	694	44	650	3	3.7
Riley Nelson	79	364	74	290	0	3.7
Antraun McDaniel	66	247	11	236	2	3.6
Leon Jackson	**56**	**172**	**67**	**105**	**0**	**1.9**
Aaron Lesue	**16**	**57**	**6**	**51**	**0**	**3.2**
Kevin Robinson	**6**	**35**	**0**	**35**	**0**	**5.8**
Ryan Bohm	9	23	3	20	0	2.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Riley Nelson	139	77	55.4	925	6	7
Leon Jackson	**150**	**73**	**48.7**	**694**	**3**	**7**
Bryan Black	7	5	71.4	57	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kevin Robinson	**36**	**582**	**16.2**	**5**	**60**	
Otis Nelson	**27**	**238**	**8.8**	**1**	**25**	
Marcus Cross	27	211	7.8	1	54	
Aaron Lesue	**10**	**131**	**13.1**	**0**	**30**	
Rob Myers	**10**	**125**	**12.5**	**0**	**28**	
Tarell Richards	10	78	7.8	0	20	
Xavier Bowman	**6**	**74**	**12.3**	**0**	**22**	
Omar Sawyer	**5**	**51**	**10.2**	**0**	**22**	
Tony Pennyman	4	49	12.2	0	19	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Leon Jackson	**74**	**2791**	**37.7**	**10**	**32.1(t)**	**0**	**16**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Bryan Shields	9-10	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	2-4	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Antonio Taylor	**74**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**1**
Paul Igboeli	**69**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Devon Hall	**68**	**0**	**4.5**	**3**	**1**
Caleb Taylor	**64**	**0**	**2.5**	**1**	**2**
Terrance Washington	58	0	1	8	1
Derrick Cumbee	**48**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Daryl Fields	**45**	**0**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**
Ben Calderwood	**44**	**2**	**4.5**	**0**	**0**
Marquise Charles	**36**	**0**	**1.5**	**4**	**0**
Drew Pearson	**34**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**1**
EJ Reid	**29**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Jake Hutton	**29**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Frank Maile	**26**	**0**	**4.5**	**0**	**0**
James Brindley	**22**	**0**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**
Kejon Murphy	**21**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Ben Childs	**19**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Darby Golden	**18**	**2**	**3.5**	**0**	**0**
Josh Taylor	**17**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Bevan Howard	**16**	**0**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**
Carl Singleton	**14**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Kevin Robinson	**14**	**74**	**5.3**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Kevin Robinson	**31**	**641**	**20.7**	**0**	
Xavier Bowman	**7**	**87**	**12.4**	**0**	

2006 STATS BY GAME

USU RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Wyoming	5	26-55	2.1	10-22	74	1	31	51-221	4.3	18-27	239	0	+2
–	at Arkansas	18	39-135	3.5	11-28	114	0	18	38-279	7.3	11-22	178	1	+1
–	Utah	7	29-34	1.2	6-20	64	4	19	37-161	4.4	20-30	240	0	-5
–	at BYU	17	42-120	2.9	17-28	122	1	23	34-136	4.0	20-28	305	1	-1
–	Idaho	22	35-119	3.4	19-27	186	1	18	35-128	3.7	10-20	188	3	-2
–	Fresno St	11	36-147	4.1	9-19	120	3	15	34-164	4.8	13-27	155	0	0
–	at San Jose St	16	44-156	3.5	21-24	145	1	19	30-123	4.1	15-28	252	1	+3
–	at Louisiana Tech	18	36-124	3.4	12-28	249	2	21	47-344	7.3	13-18	226	1	-1
–	Hawaii	18	42-137	3.3	17-31	225	1	22	13-86	6.6	23-38	486	0	-3
–	at Nevada	13	38-125	3.3	9-21	82	2	21	44-202	4.6	12-20	140	3	-1
–	at Boise St	7	30-90	3.0	9-19	98	2	24	41-231	5.6	25-27	257	1	+1
–	New Mexico St	18	33-135	4.1	15-31	197	1	22	40-167	4.2	21-28	324	0	0
TOTALS		170	430-1377	3.2	155-298	1676	19	253	444-2242	5.0	201-313	2990	11	-6
AVERAGES		14.2	36-115	3.2	13-25	140	1.6	21.1	37-187	5.0	17-26	249	0.9	-0.5

2002 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Utah	+11	3-23
–	at Nebraska - #9	+30'	13-44
–	Idaho St	NL	38-33
–	at Iowa	+22	7-48
–	at Boise St	+19	38-63
–	BYU	+17'	34-35
–	New Mexico	+2	45-44 OT
–	at ULM	-6	48-51 2OT
–	New Mexico St	+3	32-30
–	at Troy	+7'	19-16 OT
–	at Middle Tenn	+6'	28-45

2003 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Utah	+19'	20-40
–	at Nebraska - #23	+32'	7-31
–	at Arizona St - #16	+27'	16-26
–	ULM	-13'	28-10
–	at New Mexico	+14	7-34
–	Wyoming	+2	21-48
–	at North Texas	+14	27-37
–	Arkansas St	-8'	49-0
–	Middle Tenn	-2	41-20
–	at New Mexico St	-2'	21-26
–	Troy	-6'	14-23
–	at Idaho	-1	13-20

2004 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Alabama	+26	17-48
–	Idaho	-10'	14-7
–	Utah - #15	+19	6-48
–	at UNLV	+13	31-21
–	at Troy	+14	21-49
–	North Texas	-2	23-31
–	at Clemson	+22'	6-35
–	at Middle Tenn	+9'	0-21
–	at ULM	+6'	25-32
–	at Arkansas St	+7	7-16
–	New Mexico St	+5'	34-25

2005 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Nicholls St	CANCELLED	
–	at Utah	+24'	7-31
–	UNLV	+3'	31-24
–	at Idaho	-2'	13-27
–	San Jose St	-5	24-17
–	at Fresno St	+33	21-53
–	Boise St	+19	21-45
–	at Alabama - #5	+34	3-35
–	Louisiana Tech	+7	17-27
–	at Hawaii	+16'	23-50
–	Nevada	+9'	24-30
–	at New Mexico St	-2'	24-21

2006 RESULTS

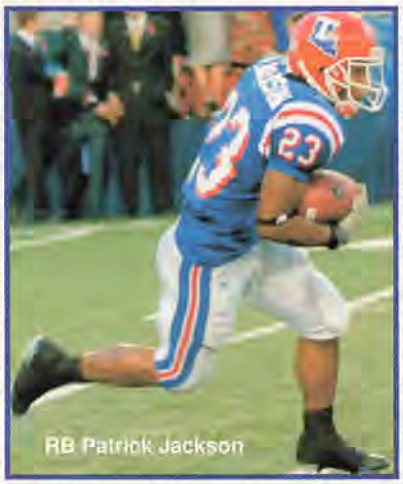
USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Wyoming	+13	7-38
–	at Arkansas	+28'	0-20
–	Utah	+20'	0-48
–	at BYU	+28'	0-38
–	Idaho	+3	21-41
–	Fresno St	+27	13-12
–	at San Jose St	+17	14-21
–	at Louisiana Tech	+6'	35-48
–	Hawaii	+26	10-63
–	at Nevada	+29	0-42
–	at Boise St - #13	+37'	10-49
–	New Mexico St	+6'	20-42

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Tech has produced some fine QB's including Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw. Tim Rattay finished #2 in NCAA history in career passing yards despite playing just 3 seasons. LT led the NCAA in pass offense in both 1998 and 1999 under HC Jack Bicknell. In 2000, true frosh Luke McCown was forced to start and he left 4 years later #3 in the NCAA in career total offense. Last year the top two QB's departed. Zac Champion (PS#98) was 3rd string in both '04 and '05 hitting 6 of 8 for 38 yards in 5 games. Good-sized JUCO Joe Danna was expected to contend but RS'd. Champion won the starting job and after 3 games was completing just 47.5% with a surprising 4-1 ratio. He had outstanding games vs Utah St and NT with a 4-0 ratio in both, but he also combined for a 0-12 ratio vs Idaho, Clemson, Nevada and NMSt. For the season, Champion threw for 2,466 (52.2%) with a 14-18 ratio (311 rush). Backup Michael Mosley threw for 321 (49%) with a 3-1 ratio. This year all 3 QB's return and added to the mix is rFr Ross Jenkins (PS#121). With a new HC, it wouldn't surprise me to see a change at the starting spot and this group is far more experienced than in 2006.

RUNNING BACKS In 2004, Ryan Moats broke the single season school rushing record with 1,774 (6.2). Unfortunately, Moats also became the first LT player to declare early for the NFL draft (#3DC PHI). Bicknell used a 3 RB rotation in 2005 with Mark Dillard (672, 4.3), Freddie Franklin (448, 4.9) and true frosh Patrick Jackson (PS#81, 367, 4.2) who led the team in all-purp yards. Dillard was moved to DB last year. Jackson started 11 games and finished #3 in the WAC in all-purp yards (1,737) rushing for 854 (5.0). Bicknell signed three true frosh including William Griffin (PS#46), Myke Compton (PS#133) and Daniel Porter (PS#326). Porter was the team's last signee and was compared to Moats and in his first start vs Utah St rushed for 178. Surprisingly, in the last 3 Porter had just 6 carries for 12 yards and finished with 464 (5.7). Bicknell burned Griffin's RS vs Utah St (missed 1st 5 w/inj) and he rushed for just 174 (3.9). Franklin played in 5, rushing for 156 (4.2) but then was kicked off the team. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Drexel Perkins (6'0" 195 rFr) and Barry McGee (5'7" 175 rFr). This year everyone returns except for Franklin making it one of the WAC's deeper RB corps.


RB Patrick Jackson

RECEIVERS - Last year LT returned their top 2 receivers who both had good speed. Johnathan Holland (qualified for the NCAA's 100m championships) had 29 (14.5) in '05 and Eric Newman led with 30 (18.9). Josh Wheeler is 6'4" and avg'd 23.3 ypc in '05. Those three turned out to be 2006's top receivers with Wheeler once again leading in ypc (20.1). Unfortunately, this year they must replace Holland (13 st, 33, 15.2, #7DC OAK), Newman (13 st, 45, 12.6), TE Anthony James (13 st, 25, 9.6) and WR Bryan Carroll (13 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below is TE Clayton Chambers (6'5" 226 rFr, PS#127). While the production could come close with improved QB play, this unit is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004, all 5 starters ret'd and they paved the way for 4.9 ypc rush but allowed 36 (12%) sacks. In 2005, they had to replace four players who combined for 24 starts but returned 1st Tm WAC LT Aaron Lips. Surprisingly, the ypc dropped to 3.8 but the sacks improved to 25 (7.0%). Last year they had to replace Lips and one other starter, and while the ypc improved to 4.1, the sacks rose to 32 (7.7%). This year they lose RG Marcus Lindsey (10 st, 3Y st'r) and C Jacob Peeler (13 st). Eight of the top ten are back so I'll call this unit up a few notches in 2007.

DEFENSIVE LINE - LT allowed 5.4 ypc rushing in 2003 with just one starter back on the D-line. They switched to a 3-4 in 2004 and trimmed it to 4.4. In 2005, they had to replace all 3 starters up front but had 3 backups returning plus moved in LB Wendell Crowe (2nd Tm WAC) and improved to 3.8. Last year they had to replace five of the top six including a 1st Tm WAC DE. The lightly experienced unit had just one player back with more than two career tackles. LT allowed a ghastly 5.7 ypc rush and a school record 2,930 yds while the D recorded just 9 sacks, an NCAA low. This year they lose Eric Harris (10 tkl) and Sammie Collins (16 tkl). They actually started the move to the 4-3 last year opening in that alignment many times, so this year five players return who started six or more. Bicknell was very high on DT D'Anthony Smith saying he would have been a much higher rated recruit had he played at a bigger high school (LA Class 2A). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ramon Randle (6'3" 270 Fr, PS#245LB) and David Washington (5'11" 275 So). This should be one of the most improved defensive fronts in the country.

LINEBACKERS - LT had one of their best LB corps ever in 2005 with 3 returning starters and VHT Brannon Jackson (PS#47) filled the open spot. The team's top 3 tacklers were all LB's. Last year they had to replace 2 starters who were 1st and 2nd Tm WAC. They had 5 of their top 8 back and added in Mississippi transfer Marquis McBeath (PS#59). Projected starter Chad Beverage went down early (7 tkl) and then left the team. This year they lose Terence Alexander (10 tkl). Five players return with starting experience including the two VHT's and backup Anthony Crosby who was #3 tackler despite having just 5 starts. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Broderick Franklin (5'9" 190 rFr, PS#289RB), Joe Thomas (6'3" 220 rFr), Antonio Koone (6'3" 210 Jr) and Joshua Stoufflet (6'1" 218 rFr). This is not only a much improved LB corps, but it should be one of the WAC's top units.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005, Tech had to replace six players who combined for 41 starts. The lone returning starter, Tramon Williams was the lone returning starter and he earned 1st Tm WAC honors. Tech surprisingly rose to #40 in my pass D rankings. Last year he had to be replaced as did two other starters and RB Dillard was moved to the unit in August. CB Sandy Ray Collins (4 st '05) quit after losing a starting spot (2 st, 31 tkl). The other returning starter, FS Dez Abrams who was called the QB of the secondary, had just 18 tackles in 8 starts before an injury. As you would expect, LT plummeted to #115. This year they lose both Collins and Abrams as well as S Keeven Moore (1 st, 17 tkl), CB Torrance Hampton (1 st, 7 tkl) and CB Lee Brown (5 tkl). Five players return with starting experience and not even listed in the 3 deep below are Fredrick Green (5'9" 175 rFr), Dorian Price (5'9" 181 rFr), Shaun Smith (5'10" 175 rFr), Courtney Bowman (6'0" 175 So), Brandon Brock (5'11" 189 So) and Steven Jackson (6'2" 185 rFr). In addition to Dillard, Weldon Brown was also converted from RB last year (now 2nd yr). This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the country and in reality, 4 starters return as Antonio Baker had 6 starts and 68 tackles at FS replacing Abrams.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003, Josh Scobee had an amazing 40 TB on 60 KO and also handled the punting. The unit finished #40 in my ST rankings. They had to replace Scobee (#5DC JAX) in '04 and dropped to #98 and #70 the next two years. Last year everyone returned so improvement was expected but LT played a tough schedule and dropped again to #102. Patrick Jackson was the top KR in '05 (27.7) and again in 2006 (24.2). He got LT's first KR TD since Eddie Brown in 1989 ending the NCAA's 3rd longest drought. The top PR was Carroll (4.8). Danny Horwedel, who hit 18 of 26 with a long of 46 in '05, connected on 8 of 12 (long 38). Chris Keagle has had a net punt avg of 33.2 in both '05 & '06. Brad Oestriecher had 2 TB on 42 KO after having 19 TB in '05. This year everyone returns and I will call for significant improvement. LT's new ST coach is Eric Russell who was the ST coach at North Texas the last five years and had a #10 finish in my ST rankings in '03.

COACHES - Bicknell was on the hot seat and was almost let go at the end of 2003, 2004 and 2005 each time using late wins to keep his job. Last year he was let go after the season. Bicknell did have to face some tough schedules with 27 games vs BCS foes and 22 ranked opponents. He also suffered through a season with just 6 seniors and was without a vote of confidence during the year. The new HC is Derek Dooley who was the Miami Dolphins TE coach for the last 2 years and is Vince's son. Dooley spent the previous 5 years at LSU including 2004 when he was the asst HC/ST coor/RB coach. The new OC is Frank Scelfo who spent the last 11 seasons at Tulane, including 8 as the OC. Scelfo will likely return the Bulldogs to the wide open pass attack they favored for nearly a decade. He tutored three NFL DC's at QB in Shaun King, Patrick Ramsey and JP Losman. The new DC is Tommy Sprangler who was the HC at Div II Presbyterian College from '01-'06. Also hired as a defensive asst is Kenny Evans, who was the DC at N Texas from '03-'06 and was voted the National Asst Coach of the Year by the Football Foundation in 2005.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001, LT took home the WAC Title but in 2002 was -13 in turnovers and finished 4-8 dropping some winnable games. In 2003, they led WAC Champ Boise St 23-16 at home but finished just 5-7. The 2004 season was an atypical year for the offense which had been known for its passing attack but instead was led by RB Moats. LT had 490 rush attempts, just 300 passes and actually had more yards rushing than passing. LT beat Rice 51-14 in the season finale of 2004 and Bicknell kept his job. In 2005 they had an outstanding 7-4 year including knocking off #23 Fresno on the road but did not get a bowl invite. The 2005 squad was 6-2 in WAC play but was actually outgained by 11.1 ypg benefitting from +13 in turnovers. Those two factors pointed to a down season in 2006 as did the fact they had just 2 returning starters on defense. With one of the youngest D's in the NCAA, LT was #119 in the NCAA in total defense and the 41.7 ppg allowed was the most in school history. The offense had to replace their top 2 QB's but still much was expected with 8 starters back but they averaged just 18.6 ppg (10.1 less than '05). Their 3-10 record was their worst mark since 1993 (2-9) and they were outgained by a league worst 157.5 ypg in WAC play. The team also suffered through a slew of injuries (see page 314). This year they have six returning starters on offense, experience at QB and will easily improve. The D goes from a young group to a veteran squad with 10 returning starters including 16 of their top 18 tacklers and should have one of the most improved D's in the country! LT continues to have one of the toughest schedules in the WAC as with the 3 BCS teams scheduled this year they have now played 33 in 10 seasons. Unfortunately, Tech is breaking in a new coaching staff with new schemes and have most of their winnable games on the road. Matching last year's 3-win total may be a challenge.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 10 ZAC CHAMPION SR. 6-1 210 PS#98. 13 st LY, 2466 (52%) 14-18 ratio, 311 rush. **13** Michael Mosley (6-1 204 So) PS#168WR. **9** Joe Danna (6-5 228 Jr) PS#113JC.

RB 23 PATRICK JACKSON JR. 5-10 195 PS#81. **2nd Tm WAC LY.** 11 st 2Y, 1221 (4.7), 31 rec. **38** Daniel Porter (5-9 190 So) 2 st, 464 (5.7). **2** William Griffin (5-11 212 So) **PS#46**. Phillip Livas **PS#50.**

WR 82 Phillip Beck Jr. 5-9 185 PS#428JC in spg. **19** Shane Womack (6-0 211 Jr) PS#401. 1 rec rFr. 3 rec LY until inj. **87** Roderick Handy (6-1 210 Sr) 3 rec. Carl Turner (6-0 180 rFr).

WR 81 JOSH WHEELER JR. 6-4 203 PS#276. 12 st LY, 25 (20.1). **80** Chris Riser (5-7 170 So) PS#318, 126 yd. **8** Shawn Simmons (6-1 189 So). Lloyd Morgan (6-1 220 Jr). Grambling trans.

WR 3 Brian Jackson So. 6-3 207 PS#99. 3 rec (15.3) rFr. **Gabriel Bryant PS#43.** **88** Earl Griffin (6-0 207 Jr) 5 rec 2Y. **86** Thomas Augusta (5-11 165 Jr) PS#293. 4.5 speed.

TE 49 Dennis Morris So. 6-3 259 PS#452DL. 16 rec (17.8) true. **47** Anthony Harrison (6-3 235 Jr) PS#260LB. 1 st, 11 rec '05. 1 rec LY. **43** Dustin Mitchell (6-4 238 So) PS#84QB.

C 60 Lon Roberts rFr. 6-3 260 PS#117. 2nd string C as true but RS. **69** Greg Greathouse (6-5 253 rFr) PS#186DL. **52 LS** Thomas Graham (5-9 243 So) PS#596. 11 gm LS LY.

RG 63 RYAN CONSIDINE SR. 6-5 297 2 gm rFr. 11 st RT '05. 13 st '06 (10RT, 3RG). **75** Dwight Alexander (6-5 286 So) PS#343. 2nd string '06. **65** Ryan Snell (6-5 282 Jr). Acad '06.

LG 66 DAVID ACCARDO JR. 6-5 316 PS#574. 9 gm rFr. 13 st LG LY. **62** Benjamin Harris (6-4 284 So) PS#606. 2nd string all LY, 2 gm. **72** William Taylor (6-6 290 rFr) PS#224.

RT 77 Bill Jones Jr. 6-6 311 PS#609. 3 st RT LY, 10 gm, lettered. **76** Cudahy Harmon (6-8 315 rFr) PS#301. **70** Kevon Bagot (6-7 342 Sr) PS#444. 3 gm '05. 13 gm LY.

LT 73 TYLER MILLER SR. 6-7 305 PS#436. 3 st rFr. 11 st LT '05. 13 st LT in '06. **79** Robert McGill (6-6 279 rFr) PS#97TE. Moved to OL in '06 but RS due to broken foot.

K 31 DANIEL HORWEDEL SR. 6-2 200 PS#58. 8-14 FG '04, long 43. 18-26 '05, long 46. 8-12 in '06, long 38. **33** Brad Oestriecher (5-11 185 Sr) KO's 3Y. Matt Hudson (6-0 165 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 41 CHRIS PUGH SR. 6-3 220 PS#181JC. 12 sk at JC '05. 6 st LY, 44 tkl, 3.5 sk, 2.5 tfl. **85** Randy Grigsby (6-4 260 Fr) GS LY. **56** Terrance Freeman (6-4 225 rFr) 1 tkl but RS.

NT 92 JOSHUA MUSE SR. 6-3 301 PS#130. Scout Tm rFr. 22 tkl, 4.5 tfl '05. 11 st LY. 48 tkl, 2 tfl. **96** Jared Parten (6-3 272 Jr) PS#211JC. RS LY. **59** Thad Williams (6-3 232 Sr) PS#358.

DT 5 D'ANTHONY SMITH SO. 6-2 288 **PS#108.** 8 st true, 38 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **95** Breon Jackson (6-3 313 Jr) 2 tkl rFr. **97** Jason Lewis (6-4 319 Jr) PS#376OL. 3 gm, 1 tkl. **99** Mark Cassimere (6-3 260 So).

DE 98 BEN McGILTON SR. 6-3 246 PS#433JC. 13 st here LY, 25 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **94** Wes Day (6-4 260 Jr) PS#472. 7 st last year. 25 tkl. **46** Marvin Lubin (6-1 202 Jr) 21 tkl last year.

WLB 45 MARQUIS McBEATH SR. 5-11 219 **PS#59 Ole Miss trans.** JC in '05. 13 st, 80 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **42** Chris Lowery (6-2 226 Sr) PS#322JC. 1 st, 41 tkl. **54** Nolan Darby (6-2 227 Jr) 2 tkl LY.

MLB 58 BRANNON JACKSON SR. 6-2 260 **PS#47.** 11 st, 54 tkl '05. 13 st LY, 67 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **44** Anthony Crosby (6-0 230 Sr) 5 st, **#3 tkl'r** 70 LY. **57** Leanard Powell (6-0 240 So) PS#433.

SLB 37 QUIN HARRIS JR. 6-3 227 PS#353DB. 1 st rFr, 30 tkl, 3 tfl. 13 st LY, #1 tkl'r 95, 6 tfl. **36** Brian White (6-1 218 So) PS#434. 6 tkl rFr. **55** Timothy Reddick (6-3 227 Sr) PS#226.

CB 18 SHALAMAR WALKER SR. 6-0 176 PS#374JC. 4 st LY, 31 tkl, 3 int, 3 pbu. **35** Weldon Brown (5-10 186 Jr) PS#496RB. First 7 st LY until inj. 24 tkl. **30** Melvin Ellis (5-10 170 Sr) PS#295JC.

CB 1 TONY MOSS JR. 5-10 183 **PS#178. RS at Wisconsin '02.** JC. 19 tkl '05. 13 st LY, 58 tkl, 2 pbu. **16** Justin Johnson (6-0 212 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y. **22** Matt Mason PS#359JC. In for spg.

SS 29 MARK DILLARD SR. 5-11 222 100 and 400m on track tm in '05. 9 st RB '05, 672 (4.3). 9 st SS LY, 58 tkl, 2 int. **25** Deon Young (5-11 191 So) 13 tkl rFr. Tym Toussaint (5-9 205 rFr) PS#394LB.

FS 34 Antonio Baker So. 5-11 200 6 st true, #4 tkl'r (68), 2 int, 3 pbu. **24** Adrian Linwood PS#414WR. In for spring. Kelvin Morris (6-1 200 rFr) PS#389. Alex Anderson (5-11 188 So).

P 17 CHRIS KEAGLE JR. 5-11 225 52 punts rFr. 37.4 avg and net 33.2. 66 punts LY, 38.4 avg, 33.2 team net. **31** Daniel Horwedel 4 punts, 37.2 avg. Tyler Ingram (6-1 225 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Gabriel Bryant 6-2 200 PS#43
RB	Phillip Livas 5-8 170 PS#50
DB	Tarence Calais 5-11 185 PS#77
DB	Terry Carter 5-10 170 PS#81
LB	Dusty Rust 6-3 210 PS#87
DB	Matt Mason 5-9 180 PS#359JC
WR	Jasmine Dalton 6-3 205 PS#150
DB	Josh Victorian 5-10 180 PS#177
DL	Mason Hitt 6-2 255 PS#165
WR	Phillip Beck 5-9 185 PS#428JC
DL	Jared Barron 6-3 230 PS#196
LB	Jay Dudley 6-4 215 PS#187
DB	Stevon Howze 5-10 180 PS#453JC
DL	Ramon Randle 6-3 270 PS#245LB '06
RB	Roosevelt Falls 6-1 220 PS#290LB
DL	Matt Broha 6-4 210 PS#310
OL	Jon LeBlanc 6-3 285 PS#403
OL	Jared Miles 6-3 320 PS#436
DL	Nick Narcisse 6-4 240 PS#381 in '06
WR	Joseph Anderson 6-1 195 PS#406
DB	Adrian Linwood 6-1 215 PS#414WR
DB	Dominique Faust 5-11 190 PS#427LB
LB	Kiamni Washington 6-2 215 PS#427
DL	Kris Cavitt 6-3 285 PS#451
RB	Allen Gilbert 5-9 195 PS#506
OL	Corbin Best 6-3 303 PS#562
OL	Chris Tusch 6-6 240 PS#562
DB	Travis Williams 5-8 161 PS#560
LB	Brian Henry 6-4 220 PS#485
LB	Adrian Logan 6-2 230 PS#485

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Ruston, Louisiana
Weather (318) 242-0062

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#61

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score LT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Central Arkansas	A					
Sep. 8	Hawaii	A					
Sep. 15	at California	A					
Sep. 22							
Sep. 29	at Fresno St	G					
Oct. 6	at Mississippi	A					
Oct. 13	New Mexico St	A					
Oct. 20	Boise St	A					
Oct. 27	at Utah St	A					
Nov. 3	at Idaho	A					
Nov. 10	at LSU	G					
Nov. 17	San Jose St	A					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1	at Nevada	A					

LT has won 6 of 7 home openers. Central Arkansas last year was its 1st season in Div I. It went 8-3 in IAA in '06. They are a full Southland Conference member this yr.

LT is 1-4 vs Hawaii & the HT has won 4 of 5. LT is 4-2 in its 1st conf home game of the season. LT beat Hawaii 46-14 with a 476-280 yd edge last time in Ruston.

Bulldogs are 5-29 vs BCS teams & they beat Cal in their only meeting 41-34 in '97. Louisiana Tech is 1-9 in their opening road game of the yr losing the L/3 by 42 ppg.

Bonus: LT has gone 4-1 in the 2nd of back-to-back home games.

Louisiana Tech is 2-4 vs Fresno St in WAC play & 2-6 overall but did win their last trip in 2005. Louisiana Tech has gone 1-5 in their opening conference road game.

LT trails the series vs Ole Miss 7-1. All 8 gms were played in Oxford, the last in '92. LT is 7-54-2 vs SEC tms. LT has been outscored by 30 ppg vs SEC tms as a WAC member.

LT trails the series 4-2. The HT is 6-0 in the series & the avg margin of victory for the winner is 25 ppg. Patrick Jackson rushed for a career high 136 yds (5.9) in LY's loss.

The Bulldogs have lost the last 5 games by an average score of 44-18. Louisiana Tech scored the opening TD before Boise St scored 55 straight pts last year.

Louisiana Tech has won the last 2 games. LT posted a season-high 570 yds of total offense. Fr Porter made his 1st start & had a career high 173 yds rushing.

LT committed 8 TO's in a 24-14 loss to Idaho last yr. The series is tied 1-1 with the road team winning both. Bulldogs have won 5 of their last 7 Nov/Dec road games.

Louisiana Tech is 1-16 vs LSU with (last game '03) an avg score 33-2.
HC Dooley was RB coach & Special Teams Coordinator for LSU in 2003-'04.

The Bulldogs have dropped 4 of 5 home finales. SJSt outgained LT 644-222 & outrushed LT 476-41 for the gm in '06. LT trails the series vs SJSt 4-2.

Over L5Y vs Nevada, Louisiana Tech's offensive output has gone down each yr (50, 42, 38, 27 & 0). LT is 4-3 vs Nevada. These tms avg 74 ppg in their 7 games.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tim Rattay 12,746 '97-'99
2. Luke McCown 12,666 '00-'03
3. Jason Martin 9,062 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Jason Cooper 3,342 '91-'94
2. Ryan Moats 3,112 '02-'04
3. John Henry White 2,944 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Troy Edwards 4,352 '96-'98
2. Chad Mackey 3,763 '93-'96
3. Delwyn Daigre 3,056 '98-'01

DEREK DOOLEY (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Louisiana Tech
Dooley's Bowl Record: 0-0

Dooley's records AT LOUISIANA TECH

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: **(3-10)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (22,25,3)
Lost: 14 (7,7,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,586 (#115)

WAC

LB Quin Harris

STADIUM: JOE AILLET STADIUM (30,600) (#96)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	7-4	4-8	5-7	6-6	7-4	3-10	35-48
Home	2-2	4-0	4-1	1-4	4-1	4-1	2-3	21-12
Away	1-7	3-4	0-7	4-3	2-5	3-3	1-7	14-36
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–	7-1	3-5	3-5	5-3	6-2	1-7	25-23
ATS	4-6	7-4	3-9	5-6-1	5-7	5-6	3-9	32-47-1
Home Fav	1-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-2	3-1	1-1	12-8
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	1-1	5-5
Away Fav	0-3	1-2	0-3	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-0	4-11
Away Dog	2-3	3-1	1-3	2-1-1	1-5	1-3	1-7	11-23-1
Favorite	1-3	3-3	2-5	2-3	3-2	4-2	1-1	16-19
Dog	3-3	4-1	1-4	3-3-1	2-5	1-4	2-8	16-28-1
vs Conf	2-2	5-3	2-6	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	2-6	23-28-1
vs Non-Conf	2-4	2-1	1-3	2-2	0-4	1-2	1-3	9-19
Off SU Win	1-2	4-2	0-4	1-3-1	0-5	2-4	0-3	8-23-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	2-2	2-5	4-2	4-2	3-1	3-5	21-21

Jack Bicknell

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
77	Independence	NL	Louisville	24-14
78	Independence	NL	East Carolina	13-35
90	Independence	+1'	Maryland	34-34
01	Humanitarian	+6'	Clemson	24-49

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Louisiana Tech's All-Time Bowl Record 1-2-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Patrick Jackson	170	888	34	854	7	5.0
Daniel Porter	82	489	25	464	2	5.7
William Griffin	45	187	13	174	1	3.9
Freddie Franklin	37	163	7	156	2	4.2
Zac Champion	68	311	223	88	1	1.3
Michael Mosley	9	29	44	-15	0	-1.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Zac Champion	364	190	52.2	2466	14	18
Michael Mosley	49	24	49.0	321	3	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Eric Newman	45	565	12.6	2	31
Josh Wheeler	25	503	20.1	4	60
John Holland	33	503	15.2	3	66
Dennis Morris	16	284	17.8	3	53
Anthony James	25	241	9.6	1	46
Bryan Carroll	13	215	16.5	2	41
Patrick Jackson	22	181	8.2	0	29
Daniel Porter	9	52	5.8	1	20
Brian Jackson	3	46	15.3	1	35
Chris Riser	2	42	21.0	0	29
Earl Griffin	3	41	13.7	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Keagle	66	2534	38.4	16	33.2(t)	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Danny Horwedel	30-31	4-5	4-5	0-2	0-0	8-12	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Quin Harris	95	1	5	2	1
Marquis McBeath	80	0.5	3.5	4	0
Anthony Crosby	70	0	1	0	0
Antonio Baker	68	0	1.5	3	2
Brannon Jackson	67	0	2.5	0	0
Tony Moss	58	0	0.5	2	0
Mark Dillard	58	1	2.5	3	2
Marquis Spurgon	52	0	2	1	1
Joshua Muse	48	0	2	0	0
Chris Pugh	44	3.5	2.5	2	0
Chris Lowery	41	0	1.5	0	0
D'Anthony Smith	38	0.5	3	1	1
Sandy Ray Collins	31	0	0	3	0
Shalamar Walker	31	0	0.5	3	3
Wes Day	25	0	0.5	1	0
Ben McGilton	25	1.5	4	0	0
Weldon Brown	24	0	1	1	0
Marvin Lubin	21	0	0	1	0
Dez Abrams	18	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bryan Carroll	10	48	4.8	0
Freddie Franklin	7	61	8.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Patrick Jackson	29	702	24.2	1
Weldon Brown	21	491	23.4	0

LOUISIANA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	18.6	18	130	4.1	214	51.8	18.5	-8	2006	2	41.7	22	225	5.7	258	61.4	11.6
5*	28.7	20	148	3.8	219	53.9	12.8	+13	2005	4	25.5	20	133	3.8	248	57.0	14.9
7	25.7	18	200	4.9	180	51.3	14.8	0	2004	8	31.8	21	177	4.4	231	56.7	12.8
6*	25.8	22	138	4.6	293	55.4	16.7	-5	2003	4	32.8	24	238	5.4	273	61.8	15.5
6*	26.7	20	115	4.5	303	57.9	15.7	-13	2002	7	35.5	23	177	4.1	264	62.1	12.4
7*	33.8	23	105	3.5	320	57.8	12.6	+4	2001	8	32.5	25	212	4.5	241	55.6	13.9

2006 STATS BY GAME

LT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Nebraska	13	21-67	3.2	13-32	238	2	30	48-252	5.3	24-36	332	0	-1
–	Nicholls St	22	42-178	4.2	13-22	203	2	14	50-141	2.8	4-11	83	1	-1
–	at Texas A&M	13	24-73	3.0	13-32	229	2	22	34-153	4.5	21-33	336	1	0
–	at Clemson	16	29-33	1.1	23-46	226	4	21	41-393	9.6	10-17	133	0	-2
–	at Boise St	20	35-141	4.0	17-35	163	3	24	42-265	6.3	15-23	224	0	+1
–	Idaho	15	27-74	2.7	11-26	137	3	17	44-144	3.3	14-27	238	2	-5
–	Utah St	21	47-344	7.3	13-18	226	1	18	36-124	3.4	12-28	249	2	+1
–	at San Jose St	11	22-41	1.9	16-34	181	3	24	58-476	8.2	11-17	168	1	0
–	at North Texas	25	29-142	4.9	23-32	306	1	18	45-188	4.2	13-26	227	0	+3
–	at Hawaii	21	41-135	3.3	17-38	225	5	27	12-112	9.3	30-44	506	0	0
–	Nevada	16	33-163	4.9	14-27	168	2	19	42-213	5.1	13-23	196	1	-2
–	Fresno St	22	36-166	4.6	18-31	189	3	19	38-336	8.8	14-23	142	1	+1
–	at New Mexico St	22	29-135	4.7	23-40	296	1	32	26-133	5.1	43-57	518	0	-3
TOTALS		237	415-1692	4.1	214-413	2787	32	285	516-2930	5.7	224-365	3352	9	-8
AVERAGES		18.2	32-130	4.1	16-32	214	2.5	21.9	40-225	5.7	17-28	258	0.7	-0.6

2002 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Oklahoma St	-1	39-36
–	at Clemson	+10'	13-33
–	Tulsa	-21	53-9
–	at Penn St - #15	+13'	17-49
–	at Texas A&M - #24	+13	3-31
–	at Rice	-6	20-37
–	at SMU	-13	34-37
–	Nevada	-4'	50-47
–	at San Jose St	-4	30-42
–	at Boise St	+28	10-36
–	UTEP	-23	38-24
–	Fresno St	+1'	13-45

2003 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Miami, Fl - #3	+28	9-48
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-4'	34-3
–	at Michigan St	+11'	20-19
–	at Fresno St	+10	6-16
–	Boise St	+8	37-43
–	at UTEP	-15	38-35
–	Hawaii	E	41-44
–	at Nevada	+4	42-34
–	at LSU - #7	+26'	10-49
–	SMU	-20	41-6
–	at Tulsa	E	18-48
–	Rice	-7'	14-49

2004 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Nevada	-5	38-21
–	Louisiana-Lft	-14	24-20
–	at Miami, Fl - #4	+30'	0-48
–	at Tennessee - #12	+23	17-42
–	Fresno St - #17	+14	28-21
–	at Auburn - #6	+26	7-52
–	at SMU	-10	41-10
–	UTEP	-2	27-44
–	at Hawaii	+3'	23-34
–	Tulsa	-6'	38-21
–	at Boise St - #13	+24	14-55
–	at Rice	+3	51-14

2005 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Florida - #10	+29'	3-41
–	at Kansas	+14'	14-34
–	New Mexico St	-10'	34-14
–	Hawaii	-3	46-14
–	at Nevada	+2	27-37
–	North Texas	-21	40-14
–	San Jose St	-19	31-14
–	at Utah St	-7	27-17
–	at Idaho	-9	41-38
–	Boise St	+6'	13-30
–	at Fresno St - #23	+23'	40-28

2006 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Nebraska - #20	+24	10-49
–	Nicholls St	NL	31-21
–	at Texas A&M	+23'	14-45
–	at Clemson - #15	+33'	0-51
–	at Boise St - #20	+36'	14-55
–	Idaho	-3	14-24
–	Utah St	-6'	48-35
–	at San Jose St	+10	10-44
–	at North Texas	+2	34-31
–	at Hawaii	+37'	17-61
–	Nevada	+17'	0-42
–	Fresno St	+12'	27-34
–	at New Mexico St	+12'	23-50

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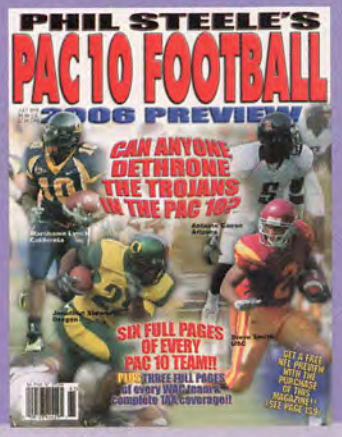
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INDEPENDENT

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf Rank	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf. Rank
9	Notre Dame	31.0	1	389.8	1	125.7	3	3.86	2	264.1	1	61.6	1	12.6	1	14	1	31	3
39	Navy	28.2	2	383.0	2	327.0	1	5.56	1	56.0	4	45.5	4	13.6	3	22	2	22	2
116	Army	19.3	3	261.0	3	127.6	2	3.67	3	133.4	3	55.6	3	13.5	2	37	4	20	1
119	Temple	10.9	4	215.7	4	53.7	4	1.87	4	162.0	2	59.7	2	19.8	4	26	3	48	4

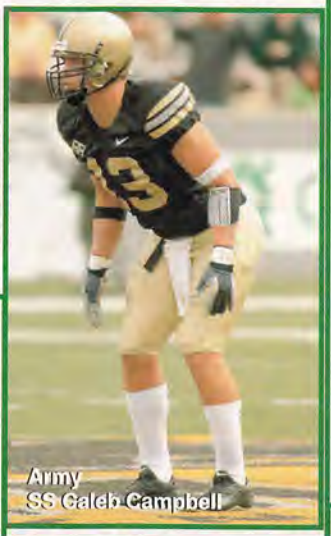
Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Rush Rank	Conf Rush	Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
47	Notre Dame	23.8	2	340.2	2	136.8	2	3.80	2	203.4	2	55.2	1	14.3	2	19	2	31	1
61	Navy	20.1	1	335.2	1	116.7	1	3.65	1	218.5	4	61.7	3	16.7	1	24	1	29	2
105	Army	27.9	3	354.9	3	198.9	3	4.78	3	156.0	1	62.3	4	12.7	3	19	2	11	4
118	Temple	41.3	4	452.4	4	243.6	4	5.97	4	208.8	3	59.0	2	10.9	4	17	4	15	3

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 INDEPENDENT FORECAST

1. NOTRE DAME - With just 3 Independents, the Irish have a huge advantage and annually end up in the #1 slot here. The Irish have beaten Navy an NCAA record 43 straight times. They have a young QB and have four tough road games vs possible ranked teams in the first six games plus must host USC. It will be very difficult for ND to top last year's 10 win total.

2. NAVY - Navy has a shot at topping ND for overall wins this year. Naturally the Mids play a much softer schedule than the Irish, but they do have to play Rutgers, Pitt and ND all on the road. Navy could be favored in all of their other games this year including their Oct 20th battle vs Wake Forest, last year's ACC Champion. It's an inexperienced Navy defense that concerns me as they have just 3 starters back. That is the same amount that they had in 2005 when they allowed 26.1 ppg. Navy always plays their best ball down the stretch and since they get AF at home, will be favored to take home the Commander in Chief's Trophy for a fifth straight year.

3. ARMY - I personally think Army would be an exceptional fit for the MAC conference. It would even out the MAC at 14 teams and give Army a shot at contending for conference honors on a yearly basis. I know their last soiree in a IA conf (CUSA) did not work out, but this way would be more manageable and it would be a good addition for the MAC. For this season Army must replace Coach Ross and while I think this year's D will allow the fewest ppg since 1996 (their last winning season) they do have a tough schedule. They face 7 potential bowl teams all away from home and host Tulsa and Rutgers. It's a pretty easy pick for Army in the #3 slot here in Coach Brock's first season.


Army
SS Caleb Campbell

Independent Notes: The ranks of the Independents keep getting smaller as Temple makes a solid move to the MAC this year and as I mention above, I think Army would be the perfect 14th team. It would even out the divisions and give that league a balanced schedule. A look at the All Independent team above shows that it is unfair for Navy and Army to be lumped in with powerhouse Notre Dame and naturally the Irish dominate the first team list. One important note about Army this year is their improved defense. Look at the All Indep team as Army has 3 DL's on the 1st team and 5 of the eleven 1st teamers are from Army (also three 2nd string). In the last 3 years Navy has a combined 27 wins while Notre Dame has 25. Navy does face the #111 toughest schedule and ND the #12 toughest schedule so they could top the Irish in wins this year overall.

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 INDEPENDENT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team
QB	Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame	Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy
RB	James Aldridge, Notre Dame	Wesley McMahand, Army
RB	Adam Ballard, Navy	Reggie Campbell, Navy
WR	Jeremy Trimble, Army	DJ Hord, Notre Dame
WR	David Grimes, Notre Dame	Corey Anderson, Army
TE	John Carlson, Notre Dame	Justin Larson, Army
C	John Sullivan, Notre Dame	Antron Harper, Navy
OG	Matt Carufel, Notre Dame	Ben Gabbard, Navy
OG	Brandon Cox, Army	Eric Olsen, Notre Dame
OT	Sam Young, Notre Dame	Josh Meek, Navy
OT	Ray Zelenak, Army	Mike Lemming, Army
DL	Ted Bentler, Army	Chris Stewart, Notre Dame
DL	Trevor Laws, Notre Dame	Paddy Mullen, Notre Dame
DL	Tony Fusco, Army	Casey Hebert, Navy
DL	Brandon Thompson, Army	Victor Ugenyi, Army
LB	Charlie Rockwood, Army	Anthony Vernaglia, Notre Dame
LB	Clint Sovie, Navy	Irv Spencer, Navy
LB	Maurice Crum, Notre Dame	Joe Brockington, Notre Dame
CB	Terrail Lambert, Notre Dame	John Laird, Army
CB	Rashawn King, Navy	Ambrose Wooden, Notre Dame
SS	Caleb Campbell, Army	Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame
FS	David Bruton, Notre Dame	Jordan Murray, Army
K	Ryan Burkhart, Notre Dame	Matt Campbell, Army
P	Geoff Price, Notre Dame	Owen Tolson, Army
KR	David Grimes, Notre Dame	Corey Anderson, Army
PR	Jeremy Trimble, Army	Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame

2006 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG ALL GAMES 2006	2005	2004
Notre Dame	10	3	403	310	+49.6	+112.2	-23.9
Navy	9	4	367	261	+47.8	+60.3	+37.3
Army	3	9	232	335	-93.9	-30.6	-107.5
Temple	1	11	131	496	-236.7	-213.4	+24.0

2006 INDEPENDENT LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Brady Quinn, ND	467	289	61.9	7	3426	7.3	37	146.7
Adam DiMichele, TU	**220**	**135**	**61.4**	**12**	**1518**	**6.9**	**10**	**123.4**
David Pevoto, Army	**193**	**106**	**54.9**	**14**	**1012**	**5.2**	**6**	**94.7**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Brady Quinn, ND	13	82	71	467	3426	3497	269.0
Adam DiMichele, TU	**11**	**73**	**-184**	**220**	**1518**	**1334**	**121.3**
David Pevoto, Army	**10**	**36**	**14**	**193**	**1012**	**1026**	**102.6**
Darius Walker, ND	13	255	1267	0	0	1267	97.5
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy	**11**	**131**	**507**	**48**	**384**	**891**	**81.0**
Tim Brown, Temple	10	182	731	1	3	734	73.4
Adam Ballard, Navy	**12**	**154**	**792**	**0**	**0**	**792**	**66.0**
Wesley McMahand, Army	**12**	**150**	**654**	**0**	**0**	**654**	**54.5**
Reggie Campbell, Navy	**13**	**99**	**706**	**0**	**0**	**706**	**54.3**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Jeff Samardzija, ND	13	78	1017	12	78.2	6.0	13.0
Rhema McKnight, ND	13	67	907	15	69.8	5.2	13.5
John Carlson, ND	**11**	**47**	**634**	**4**	**57.6**	**4.3**	**13.5**
Jeremy Trimble, Army	**12**	**52**	**534**	**2**	**44.5**	**4.3**	**10.3**
Bruce Francis, Temple	**12**	**32**	**484**	**4**	**40.3**	**2.7**	**15.1**
Darius Walker, ND	13	56	391	1	30.1	4.3	7.0
Mike Holley, Temple	12	31	342	0	28.5	2.6	11.0
David Grimes, ND	**12**	**26**	**336**	**2**	**28.0**	**2.2**	**12.9**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Travis Shelton, Temple	**27**	**778**	**1**	**28.8**
David Grimes, ND	**21**	**514**	**0**	**24.5**
Corey Anderson, Army	**23**	**509**	**0**	**22.1**
Jason Harper, Temple	**18**	**393**	**0**	**21.8**
Reggie Campbell, Navy	**17**	**357**	**0**	**21.0**
Anton McDuffie, Army	**15**	**298**	**0**	**19.9**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Rob Caldwell, Navy	13	49	60	109	8.4
Cason Shrode, Army	12	51	53	104	8.7
Maurice Crum, ND	**13**	**47**	**53**	**100**	**7.7**
Chinedum Ndukwe, ND	13	58	40	98	7.5
Barrett Scruggs, Army	12	53	43	96	8.0
David Mahoney, Navy	13	48	36	84	6.5
Tom Zbikowski, ND	**12**	**44**	**35**	**79**	**6.6**
Walter Mebane, Temple	11	28	40	68	6.2
Jeremy McGown, Navy	13	36	30	66	5.1
Derek Landri, ND	13	34	31	65	5.0
Cameron Craig, Army	12	36	28	64	5.3
John Chan, Navy	13	31	32	63	4.8
Trevor Laws, ND	**13**	**22**	**41**	**63**	**4.8**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jeremy Trimble, Army	**18**	**325**	**2**	**18.1**
Tom Zbikowski, ND	**16**	**144**	**1**	**9.0**
Jason Tomlinson, Navy	18	116	0	6.4

FIELD GOALS

	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Matt Harmon, Navy	**8**	**11**	**72.7**	**39**
Austin Miller, Army	12	17	70.6	47
Jake Brownell, Temple	**2**	**3**	**66.7**	**32**
Carl Gioia, ND	8	13	61.5	40

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Darius Walker, ND	13	255	1267	5.0	7	97.5
Tim Brown, Temple	10	182	731	4.0	2	73.1
Adam Ballard, Navy	**12**	**154**	**792**	**5.1**	**3**	**66.0**
Wesley McMahand, Army	**12**	**150**	**654**	**4.4**	**4**	**54.5**
Reggie Campbell, Navy	**13**	**99**	**706**	**7.1**	**5**	**54.3**
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy	**11**	**131**	**507**	**3.9**	**10**	**46.1**
Shun White, Navy	**13**	**48**	**578**	**12.0**	**5**	**44.5**
Tony Moore, Army	**12**	**104**	**399**	**3.8**	**5**	**33.2**
Matt Hall, Navy	11	45	229	5.1	1	20.8
Mike Viti, Army	**12**	**55**	**239**	**4.3**	**1**	**19.9**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Cameron Craig, Army	17	55
Derek Landri, ND	15.5	80
Victor Abiamiri, ND	15	88
David Mahoney, Navy	11.5	58
Maurice Crum, ND	**10**	**55**
Trevor Laws, ND	**9.5**	**40**
David Wright, Navy	9.5	15
Tyler Tidwell, Navy	9	41

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Victor Abiamiri, ND	10.5	73
Derek Landri, ND	7	53
David Mahoney, Navy	7	46
John Chan, Navy	7	46
Tyler Tidwell, Navy	5	28
Maurice Crum, ND	**4**	**38**
Tye Adams, Navy	4	30
Trevor Laws, ND	**3.5**	**24**

2005 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	9	3	440	294
Navy	8	4	410	313
Army	4	7	220	294
Temple	0	11	107	497

2004 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

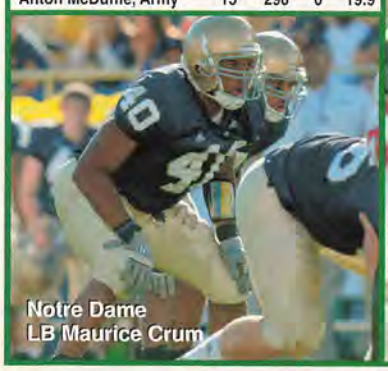
All Games	W	L	PF	PA
Navy	10	2	334	238
Florida Atlantic	9	3	299	207
Notre Dame	6	6	289	289
Florida Int'l	3	7	261	325

PUNTING

	NO	YDS	AVG
Geoff Price, ND	**50**	**2272**	**45.4**
Owen Tolson, Army	**49**	**2067**	**42.2**
Jake Brownell, TU	**78**	**3004**	**38.5**
Greg Veteto, Navy	**41**	**1563**	**38.1**

PHIL'S INDEPENDENT UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Notre Dame	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Army	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	3
Navy	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	3	1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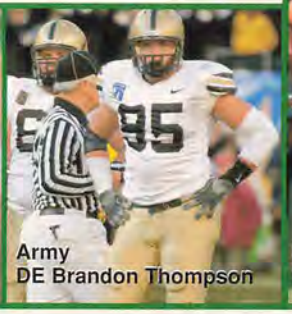
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NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Any time you switch from the option to a pure passing offense, it's generally a 3-to-4 year transition and for the Irish it took four. Brady Quinn arrived in South Bend in the 2nd year of the switch, which was initiated by Ty Willingham. He threw for 1,831 yards (47%) with a 9-15 ratio as a true frosh breaking Steve Beuerlein's frosh record for passing yards (1,061 in '83). In 2004 he threw for 2,586 (54%) with a 17-10 ratio. Surrounded by 10 returning starters and with HC Weis calling the plays, Quinn exploded for a school record 3,919 yards (old record 2,753 Jarious Jackson '99) hitting 64.9% with a 32-7 ratio. The previous high for TD passes in a season had been Ron Powlus (TY's QB coach) who had 19. Quinn was the Heisman frontrunner for 2006 and threw for 3,426 (61.9%) with a 37-7 ratio including a stretch of 226 passes without an int. Backup David Wolke transferred so rFr Evan Sharpley (PS#13) was the backup and played in 8 (2 passes). True frosh Demetrius Jones (PS#6, run threat) and Zach Frazer (PS#7, best arm) ran the scout team. Quinn departs (#1DC CLE) and Sharpley, Frazier and Jones will battle true frosh Jimmy Clausen (PS#5) who was in for the spring. Adding depth is Dan Gorski (6'3" 196 So, PS#67). Naturally, going from the career passing leader and a first round NFL draft choice to a combined 2 pass attempts for this unit, there will be a big drop-off in the Irish's passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 despite the return of 1,000 yard rusher Ryan Grant, true frosh Darius Walker (PS#13) led the team with 786 (4.2) with only 2 starts. Grant rushed for 515 (4.1). In 2005 Walker became the first ND RB to start a season with 4 straight 100 yard games and had 1,196 (4.7) with 43 rec. Travis Thomas (PS#22) had 248 (3.9). Last year both returned but Thomas was moved to LB and while he had 13 rush attempts, some came on fake punts. Walker did not top 100 in the first 4 but did so in 6 of the last 9 while rushing for 1,267 (5.0) with 56 rec (7.0). James Aldridge (PS#2) was recovering from a knee injury and his first game was in week 6 vs Stanford and he rushed for 142 (3.8) on the year. FB Asaph Schwapp was injured in September and Ashley McConnell started the rest of the season. This year they must replace Walker (13 st) as well as McConnell (3 st, 6 yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Junior Jabbie (5'11" 201 Jr, PS#223DB). Added to the mix this year are two VHT true frosh in Armando Allen (PS#13, 4.34 spd) and 230 lb Robert Hughes (PS#9) as well as Thomas who started 10 games at LB last year and moves back to RB. Aldridge, who has size and speed, is now fully healthy and should live up to his VHT billing. I look for the Irish RB's to come close to last year's production, even with the loss of Walker.

RECEIVERS - The Irish's all-time career leading receiver was Tom Gatewood (1969-'71) and he was also the team's last 1,000 yard receiver until Weis arrived in 2005. In '05 Jeff "The Shark" Samardzija (PS#22) had 1,249 (16.2) and Maurice Stovall 1,149 (16.7). Those two saw the majority of the action because Rhema McKnight (PS#9), who had 89 rec in '03 and '04 combined, missed '05 with injury. Last year they had to replace Stovall (#3DC TB) and TE Anthony Fasano (#2DC DAL). Samardzija and McKnight fought it out for the career receiving record. McKnight held it briefly after the AF game then Samardzija cemented his spot at #1 with 8 rec in the bowl. Those two combined for 145 rec and 27 TD's. RB Walker was #3 (56) and TE John Carlson emerged and had 47 (13.5). This year they must replace Samardzija (13 st, 1st Tm AA), McKnight (13 st, 67 rec), Chase Anastasio (2 st, 2 rec), Craig Cardillo (1 gm) and TE Marcus Freeman (3 st, 9 rec). Carlson turned down a shot at the NFL and figures to be the NCAA's top TE this year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kris Patterson (5'11" 185 Jr), Michael Planalp (6'4" 248 Jr) and Kevin Brooks (6'2" 241 rFr). Samardzija was 6'5" and McKnight 6'2" and two of this year's projected starters at WR are 5'8" and 5'10". Despite Carlson's return, this group is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Once again I'd like to thank the ND Athletic Dept for keeping track of minutes played. For a position that garners few stats, this is a key piece of information. The Irish had 8 of the top 10 returning in 2004 but only avg'd 3.3 ypc rushing while allowing 25 sacks (6.9%). In 2005 they had all 60 starts from 2004 returning and had 99 career starts among their OL's, the highest ever (84 in '97, 76 in '02). They only improved to 3.6 ypc rushing allowing 21 sacks (4.6%). Last year they had to replace two starters but had 7 of their top 10 back. The ypg rush dropped by 21 yards to 126 but the ypc rose to 3.9. They also allowed 31 sacks (6.6%). This year their losses are even greater. Gone are LG Dan Santucci (13 st, 2Y st'r, 325 min, #7DC CIN), LT Ryan Harris (13 st, 4Y st'r, 299 min, #3DC DEN), RG Bob Morton (13 st, 4Y st'r, 328 min), G Brian Mattes (67 min) and C Dan Chervanick (4 gm, 7 min). Naturally, including true frosh, this unit is loaded with VHT's (9). Last year's numbers were not overwhelming but this year's group is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The 2004 D-line had 3 players back who started 7 or more games and ND allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing. In 2005 they had to replace 3 starters including the school's all-time career leader in sacks. The Irish slipped and allowed 3.9 ypc rush while recording 31 sacks. Last year they had all 4 starters back on the front wall (although DE Ronald Talley quit after 4 starts) but actually allowed 5 ypg more rushing (3.8). This year they lose DE Victor Abiamiri (13 st, 42 tkl, 10.5 sk, #2DC PHI), DT Derek Landri (13 st, 65 tkl, 7 sk, 8.5 tfl, #5DC JAX), DE Chris Frome (9 st, 31 tkl, 1.5 tfl), DL Casey Cullen (11 tkl), Talley (11 tkl) and DT Travis Leitko (10 tkl). The good news is they are moving to a 3-4 so there is one less position to fill and Trevor Laws (PS#13) is a two year starter at DT who will now slide over to DE. Including this year's true frosh, there are 8 VHT's in the unit but the players who accounted for 18 of the DL's 23.5 sacks now depart and they must learn a new scheme.

LINEBACKERS - The Irish had a 3-man LB corps last year and had just 1 starter back having to replace their #1 and #2 tacklers. They moved RB Travis Thomas to LB and he started 10 games (35 tkl). MLB Maurice Crum led the team in tackles and Joe Brockington was #6. This year they only lose two LB's from the roster in Nick Borseti (14 tkl) and Mitchell Thomas (4 st, 10 tkl). They moved Travis Thomas back to RB so they have 2 starters returning to the 4-man group. I think the switch to the 3-4 is tailor-made for their athletic LB's and this is a more experienced Irish LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Irish secondary has been a sore spot lately as in 2004 they gave up 281.3 ypg passing and were #75 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace 3 starters in '05 but climbed to #42 allowing just 53.2%. Last year all 4 starters returned but surprisingly the Irish dropped to #88 allowing a 24-11 ratio vs a light slate of opposing pass attacks. This year they lose CB Mike Richardson (13 st, 55 tkl, 4 int, #6DC NE) and FS Chinedum Ndukwe (13 st, 98 tkl, #7DC CIN). While I list them as having just 2 starters returning, Ambrose Woodson, who lost his spot last year, was a 12 game starter in 2005 and six players return with starting experience. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Leonard Gordon (5'11" 190 rFr, PS#79) and Mike Anello (5'10" 170 Jr). True frosh Gary Gray (PS#12) and Harrison Smith (PS#22) could contribute immediately. The biggest news in the offseason for this unit was Tom Zbikowski shockingly turning down the NFL. Despite being a little less experienced than 2006, the Irish should make a solid climb in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Charlie Weis inherited a unit that finished #59 in my ST rankings in 2004 and with most of the players back they moved up to #39. Last year they had to replace DJ Fitzpatrick who was their top K and P but did have most of the returners back. Geoff Price (PS#30) spent time working with Hunter Smith in the offseason to improve his punting and had an outstanding year setting ND's single season record with a 45.4 avg (37.8 net). Carl Gioia was decent on FG's hitting 8 of 13 with a long of 40 but surprisingly missed 4 xp's. Bobby Renkes and true frosh Ryan Burkhart (PS#13) combined for 13 TB on 67 KO. Tom Zbikowski saw his PR avg drop from 14.0 to 9.0 but David Grimes improved his KR avg from 22.5 to 24.5. This year they lose Gioia and Renkes but have everyone else is back and should improve upon 2006's #64 finish.

COACHES - Charlie Weis, who has 3 Super Bowl rings as the NE Patriots OC and is a 1978 ND graduate, took over as head man in 2005 and has guided the team to a pair of BCS bowls. His OC is Mike Haywood, a former ND player and most recently RB coach, co-special teams coach and recruiting coordinator at Texas. This year they have a new DC in Corwin Brown who has been the NYJets DB coach the last 3 years. His DB's went though a 33Q streak without a pass interference penalty last year. Brown is switching the team to a 3-4 and the personnel seems ideally suited for it.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After a 5-7 season in 2003, I called the Irish the 7th most improved team in the country and they became yet another squad that got to a bowl after a losing season. They beat a Top 10 team on the road for the first time since 1996 (Tenn). When Ty Willingham took over, he converted the team from an option-style rush attack to a pro-style pass attack and I mentioned at the time that it is usually a 3-to-4 year process. In 2005 Charlie Weis stepped into a great situation as it was in the 4th year of the change of offense and now had a pro-style QB, pro-style receivers and an OL that was used to pass blocking. He also inherited 10 returning starters on offense and rolled up 36.7 ppg. They opened the season with a win over #23 Pitt then upended #3 Michigan, both on the road. UM was the highest ranked team that ND had beaten since 1993. Weis became the first ND coach to begin his tenure with back-to-back road wins since Knute Rockne (1918). He also became the first ND HC to lose his first two home games since Frank E. Hering (1896). The 2nd loss was to #1 ranked USC, a game where the Irish almost pulled off the big upset, giving up a TD on the last play thanks to the "Bush Push". They won their next 4 to earn a BCS bowl berth but were outgained by Ohio St 617-348 in their 8th straight bowl loss. Weis was named the FWAA Coach of the Year. Last year they had 16 returning starters and expectations were high as the Irish opened the season #2 in the AP poll. They became the first team since USA Today took over the coaches poll ('91) to start one year unranked and the next year as high as #3. Their high flying offense was held to just 14 points as they escaped GT but were 2-0 when they hosted #11 Michigan. The Wolves' 47 points were the most given up by ND at home in 46 years (Purdue 51 in '60). They had a shocking comeback the next week vs Mich St. Three games later they got a TD with :27 left to beat UCLA, which was the 3rd time in school history they scored a TD with less than :30 left for a win (1992 vs Penn St and 1979 Cotton Bowl). They continued to roll to a 10-1 record and a #6 ranking when they played #3 USC on the road. Unfortunately the Irish were waxed in each of their last 2 games, and their 3 losses to Top 15 foes were by 26, 20 and 27 points. ND has not won a bowl in 14 years. This year the Irish loses QB Brady Quinn and most of their offense (4 starters back). It is unlikely they will match last year's 31.0 ppg. The defense has 5 starters back and are greatly aided by SS Tom Zbikowski return. ND did have 3 net close wins last year, must face four teams on the road who were in '06 bowls and host probable #1 USC. This is Weis' 3rd year here and 4 ND coaches have won the National Title in their 3rd season including Lou Holtz, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine. The Irish have a tough early season schedule and the fewest amount of returning starters since 1994 (6-5-1) and probably will not top last year's 10-win total.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

QB 7 **Jimmy Clausen Fr.** 6-3 207 **PS#5**, in spg. 6 **Demetrius Jones** (6-4 210 rFr) **PS#6**. Most mobile of 4. 15 Evan Sharpley (6-2 212 So) 2 pass LY. Zach Frazer (6-5 226 rFr) Best arm.

HB 34 **James Aldridge So.** 6-0 213 **PS#2**. 142 (3.8) true (not 100%). 46 Travis Thomas (6-0 218 Sr) PS#22. 2 st RB '04-'05, 273 yd. 10 st LB LY. Armando Allen PS#13, in spg. Robert Hughes PS#9.

WR 18 **George West So.** 5-8 188 PS#42DB. 2 rec, 296 all-purp true. FB 44 **Asaph Schwapp** (6-0 255 So) PS#80. 1 st. 89 tll yds true. Luke Schmidt (6-4 252 rFr) **PS#15**. Dex Cure (6-0 220 rFr).

WR 1 **DJ Hord So.** 6-1 192 **PS#10**. 123 KR yd true. Inj LY. 80 Richard Jackson (6-3 204 So) **PS#12**. 12 gm ST true. 28 Barry Gallup (5-11 181 rFr) **PS#16**. Duval Kamara **PS#8**.

WR 11 **DAVID GRIMES JR.** 5-10 174 PS#69. 1 st, 2 rec as true. 7 st LY, 26 (12.9). 82 Robby Parris (6-3 201 So) **PS#31**. 1 rec true. Golden Tate is **PS#27DB**. 4.42 speed.

TE 83 **JOHN CARLSON SR.** 6-6 259 **PS#12**. 8 st, 13 rec '04-'05. 11 st LY, 47 (13.5). 86 Konrad Reuland (6-6 255 So) **PS#1**. 7 gm LY. 84 Will Yeatman (6-6 263 So) PS#33. 13 gm true.

C 78 **JOHN SULLIVAN SR.** 6-4 290 **PS#3**. 12 st C rFr, 367 mins. 6 st C '05, 250 min. 13 st C LY, 325 min. LS 41 JJ Jansen (6-3 242 Jr) 186 perfect snaps, 20 games 2 years.

RG 73 **Matt Carufel So.** 6-5 295 **PS#5**. 3 games true, 3 min. 54 Dan Wenger (6-4 282 rFr) **PS#24**. #2C August but RS, arm inj. 53 Jeff Tisak (6-5 300 Jr) -17 lbs.

LG 65 **Eric Olsen So.** 6-4 300 **PS#28**. 2nd string as true, 8 games, 21 min. 67 Thomas Bemenderfer (6-5 285 So) PS#216. Northwestern trans. Emeka Nwankwo is **PS#27**.

RT 74 **SAM YOUNG SO.** 6-8 315 **PS#1**. 13 st, 292 min. First ND true frosh OL ever to start opener. 77 Michael Turkovich (6-6 299 Jr) PS#167. 6 gm true, 24 min. 9 gm LY, 23 min.

LT 72 **Paul Duncan Jr.** 6-7 292 **PS#53.** 6 gm as true. 12 gms '06. 108 min 2Y. 71 Bartley Webb (6-7 291 rFr) **PS#23**. Matt Romine (6-5 275 Fr) **PS#18**. Taylor Dever is PS#149.

K 38 **Ryan Burkhart So.** 5-11 196 PS#13. 53 yd FG HS, 7-8 from 40+. 8 TB on 45 KO LY. Brandon Walker is **PS#5**. 50 yd FG in HS LY. 34 Nate Whitaker (5-9 165 rFr).

DEFENSE

DE 98 **TREVOR LAWS SR.** 6-1 295 **PS#13**. 17 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 12 st '05, 33 tkl, 3 tfl. 13 st LY, 63 tkl, 9.5 tfl. 57 Dwight Stephenson (6-2 257 Sr) PS#55. 1 tkl LY. Kerry Neal **PS#38**.

NT 53 **Chris Stewart rFr.** 6-5 340 **PS#14OL**. OL as true but RS. Moved to NG spg. 95 Pat Kuntz (6-2 272 Jr) PS#103. 4 tkl true. 7 tkl LY. 92 Derrell Hand (6-3 287 So) PS#106.

DE 90 **Paddy Mullen rFr.** 6-3 265 PS#12TE. 94 Justin Brown (6-3 255 Jr) PS#198. +18 lbs. 1 st rFr, 12 tkl, 1 tfl. 6 tkl, 1.5 sk, 16 gms 2Y. 97 Kallen Wade (6-5 245 rFr) **PS#33**.

OLB 96 **John Ryan So.** 6-5 244 **PS#67DL**. 4 tkl true, 1 tfl at DE, 40 min. 43 Scott Smith (6-3 244 So) PS#69. 3 tkl true, 8 gm, 6 min. 42 Kevin Washington (6-1 240 So) PS#80QB.

ILB 52 **JOE BROCKINGTON SR.** 6-2 235 **PS#36**. 12 tkl, 91 min '04-'05. 9 st LY, 59 tkl, 2 tfl. 44 Steve Quinn (6-2 231 Jr) PS#71WR. 4 tkl '05. 8 tkl, 1 blk P LY. Brian Smith is PS#34.

ILB 56 **MAURICE CRUM JR.** 6-0 225 PS#80. 12 st rFr, 57 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 13 st LY, 100 tkl, 10 tfl, 3 pbu, 1 int. 49 Toryan Smith (6-1 244 So) **PS#22**. 9 tkl true. Aaron Nagel is PS#32.

OLB 54 **Anthony Vernaglia Jr.** 6-3 233 **PS#2TE**. 4 tkl as rFr. 1 tkl in 8 gm LY (ankle inj). 53 Morrice Richardson (6-2 235 So) **PS#20**. 9 gm true, 21 min. Steve Paskorz is PS#30.

CB 22 **Ambrose Wooden Sr.** 5-11 190 **PS#8. 12 st CB in '05,** 74 tkl, 5 pbu. 3 st LY, 21 tkl. 2 Darrin Walls (6-0 180 So) **PS#5**. 2 st, 4 tkl true. 15 Leo Ferrine (6-0 189 Sr) PS#149. 2 st, 31 tkl 2Y.

CB 29 **TERRAIL LAMBERT JR.** 5-11 191 **PS#15**. 8 tkl as rFr. 10 st at CB LY, 40 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 3 Raeshon McNeil (6-0 184 So) **PS#16**. 4 tkl true. 25 **Munir Prince** (5-10 184 So) **PS#21RB**. 21 yd true.

SS 9 **TOM ZBIKOWSKI SR.** 6-0 210 **PS#9QB**. Pro boxer. **3rd Tm AA '05-'06**. 36 st 3Y, 220 tkl, 6 int, 7 pbu. 8 Ray Herring (5-10 190 Jr) 1 st, 24 tkl 2Y. 28 Jashaad Gaines (6-0 196 So) PS#44.

FS 27 **David Bruton Jr.** 6-2 202 PS#86. 14 tkl as true. 18 tkl LY. 33 Sergio Brown (6-2 196 So) **4.38 speed**. 4 tkl true. 24 Kyle McCarthy (6-0 200 So) PS#265. 9 tkl, 88 min rFr.

P 17 **GEOFF PRICE SR.** 6-3 196 PS#30. 2 punt rFr. 0 in '05. 50 LY, **45.4 avg**. Team net 37.8. Brandon Walker PS#5. 85 Eric Maust (6-2 177 rFr) PS#357QB. Plays on baseball tm.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Jimmy Clausen 6-3 207 PS#5
DB	Gary Gray 5-11 178 PS#12
WR	Duval Kamara 6-4 205 PS#8
RB	Robert Hughes 5-11 230 PS#9
TE	Mike Ragone 6-5 230 PS#2
RB	Armando Allen 5-10 189 PS#13
DB	Harrison Smith 6-2 205 PS#22
WR	Golden Tate 6-0 190 PS#27DB
OL	Matt Romine 6-5 275 PS#18
OL	Emeka Nwankwo 6-4 280 PS#27
DL	Kerry Neal 6-3 230 PS#38
LB	Steve Paskorz 6-2 215 PS#30
LB	Aaron Nagel 6-1 215 PS#32
LB	Brian Smith 6-3 230 PS#34
DL	Ian Williams 6-2 295 PS#45
DL	Andrew Nuss 6-5 285 PS#58
K	Brandon Walker 6-3 200 PS#5
OL	Taylor Dever 6-5 275 PS#149

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#12

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ND	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Georgia Tech	G					ND is 17-3 their last 20 season openers. The Irish lead the series 27-5-1 but just 3 games in the last 25 years (2-1 ND). GT was the opponent in the "Rudy" home game.
Sep. 8	at Penn St	G					Paterno is 8-6 vs the Irish facing 4 different Notre Dame HC's in 4 different decades. Coming into '07: Weis is 7-2 in Sept games. ND is just 3-7 (2-0 L/2) in their 1st road game.
Sep. 15	at Michigan	A					At last one of these teams has been ranked the last 25 series matchups. The visitor has won the last 2 after the home team had won the previous 6.
Sep. 22	Michigan St	G					The Spartans have tied a ND opponent record by winning 5 in a row at Notre Dame Stadium. LY ND overcame a 16 pt 4Q deficit in a 40-37 win that was their biggest comeback S/'79.
Sep. 29	at Purdue	G					The Irish have won 5 of 7 vs Purdue. ND allowed a regular season high 490 yds last year as PU WR Lymon set the ND opponent record with 238 rec yds.
Oct. 6	at UCLA	G					Notre Dame leads the series 3-0 and makes its debut apperance in the Rose Bowl. LY Quinn hit Samardzija with a 45 yd TD pass with :27 left in a 20-17 Irish win.
Oct. 13	Boston College	G					BC has won the L/4 meetings in this Catholic school rivalry with ND's last win coming in 2000. New BC HC Jagodzinski went 0-2 vs the Irish as the Eagles OC in '97-'98.
Oct. 20	USC	G					ND leads the series 42-31-5 but USC has tied a series record with their 5th straight win outscoring ND 208-92. USC QB's have thrown 18 TD passes in the streak.
Oct. 27							
Nov. 3	Navy	G					The Irish's NCAA series record 43 straight wins has spanned 16 HC's (7 for ND & 9 for Navy) & they have won games in 9 different stadiums. ND had a season high 471 yds vs Navy LY.
Nov. 10	Air Force	G					Into 2007: the Irish have won 16 straight games vs military academies with the Falcons getting the last win in 1996. Weis is 4-0 vs these institutions.
Nov. 17	Duke	G					These schools haven't met since 1966 with the Irish leading the all-time series 2-1. Into 2007: Notre Dame is 74-27-2 all-time vs current members of the ACC.
Nov. 24	at Stanford	G					The Fighting Irish lead the series 15-6 winning the last 5. Into 2007: Notre Dame is 7-1 in November games under Weis. ND is just 1-4 in their regular season finale.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brady Quinn 11,762 '03-'06
2. Ron Powlus 7,602 '94-'97
3. Steve Beuerlein 6,527 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Autry Denson 4,318 '95-'98
2. Allen Pinkett 4,131 '82-'85
3. Vagas Ferguson 3,472 '76-'79

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jeff Samardzija 2,593 '03-'06
2. Derrick Mayes 2,512 '92-'95
3. Tim Brown 2,493 '84-'87

CHARLIE WEIS (Career 19-6)

3rd Year at Notre Dame — Weis' Bowl Record: 0-2

Weis' records AT NOTRE DAME

19-6	Straight Up	1-4	Vs Top 10
10-3	Home	4-5	Vs Top 25
8-1	Away	14-6	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	2-1	Off A Bye
3-0	Vs Independents	3-0	Off A Loss

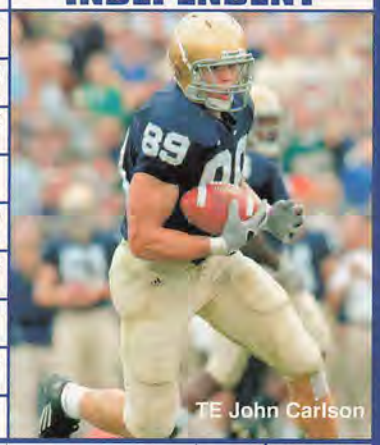
2006 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 30 (10,18,2)
Lost: 28 (15,11,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,795 (#16)

INDEPENDENT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STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,795) (#17)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	5-6	10-2	5-7	6-5	9-2	10-2	54-26
Home	5-1	4-2	5-1	3-3	3-3	4-2	6-1	30-13
Away	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-4	2-2	5-0	3-1	19-13
Neutral	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	5-0
vs Indep	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	8-0
ATS	8-3	4-7	9-3	4-8	6-5	7-4	4-7-1	42-37-1
Home Fav	2-2	1-3	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-5	14-19
Home Dog	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	6-4
Away Fav	3-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1-1	7-4-1
Away Dog	0-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-1	3-0	0-1	11-9
Favorite	6-2	1-3	5-2	2-4	4-3	3-4	4-6-1	25-24-1
Dog	2-1	3-4	4-1	2-4	2-2	4-0	0-1	17-13
vs Indep	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-0	4-4
vs Non-Indep	7-3	4-6	9-2	4-7	5-5	7-3	2-7-1	38-33-1
Off SU Win	6-2	2-2	8-2	2-3	3-3	4-4	4-6	29-22
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-4	0-1	2-4	3-1	2-0	0-0-1	10-11-1

Bob Davie — Ty Willingham — Charlie Weis

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Fiesta - #10	+3'	Oregon St - #5	9-41
02	Gator - #11	+1	NC State - #17	6-28
04	Insight	+4	Oregon St	21-38
05	Fiesta - #5	+4'	Ohio St - #4	20-34
06	Sugar - #11	+8'	LSU - #4	14-41

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Notre Dame's All-Time Bowl Record 13-15

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darius Walker	255	1310	43	1267	7	5.0
James Aldridge	37	149	7	142	0	3.8
Travis Thomas	13	81	3	78	2	6.0
Brady Quinn	82	304	233	71	2	0.9
Munir Prince	15	34	13	21	0	1.4
Asaph Schwapp	4	15	0	15	0	3.8
John Lyons	2	14	0	14	0	7.0
Evan Sharpley	2	2	2	0	0	0.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brady Quinn	467	289	61.9	3426	37	7
Evan Sharpley	2	1	50.0	7	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeff Samardzija	78	1017	13.0	12	51
Rhema McKnight	67	907	13.5	15	44
John Carlson	47	634	13.5	4	62
Darius Walker	56	391	7.0	1	21
David Grimes	26	336	12.9	2	36
Marcus Freeman	9	98	10.9	2	25
Chase Anastasio	2	21	10.5	0	15
George West	2	14	7.0	0	9
Ashley McConnell	2	8	4.0	1	5

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Geoff Price	50	2272	45.4	9	37.8(t)	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Carl Gioia	49-53	3-3	4-6	1-4	0-0	8-13	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Maurice Crum	100	4	6	3	1
Chinedum Ndukwe	98	1	2	6	2
Tom Zbikowski	79	0	1	2	0
Derek Landri	65	7	8.5	1	0
Trevor Laws	63	3.5	6	1	1
Joe Brockington	59	1	1	1	0
Mike Richardson	55	0	6	5	4
Victor Abiamiri	42	10.5	4.5	1	0
Terrail Lambert	40	0.5	1	1	3
Travis Thomas	35	1	4	0	0
Chris Frome	31	0.5	1	4	0
Ambrose Wooden	21	0	0	2	0
Ray Herring	18	0	1	0	0
David Bruton	18	0	1	0	0
Nick Borseti	14	0	1	0	0
Ronald Talley	11	0	0.5	0	0
Casey Cullen	11	0	0	0	0
Travis Leitko	10	0	1	1	0
Mitchell Thomas	10	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tom Zbikowski	16	144	9.0	1
George West	4	20	5.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Grimes	21	514	24.5	0
George West	12	251	20.9	0

NOTRE DAME'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	31.0	22	126	3.9	264	61.6	12.6	+5	2006	9	23.8	19	137	3.8	203	55.2	14.3
10*	36.7	26	147	3.6	330	64.8	13.0	+10	2005	3	24.5	20	132	3.9	265	53.2	16.2
8*	24.1	18	127	3.3	218	53.9	14.3	+5	2004	6	24.1	19	88	2.7	281	58.2	15.3
5*	20.3	17	157	4.0	179	47.4	16.6	+2	2003	8	26.3	17	127	3.1	213	57.6	13.0
6*	22.3	15	139	3.4	174	50.4	14.1	+5	2002	7	16.7	17	96	2.8	205	49.2	18.0
7*	19.5	17	188	3.9	102	50.0	14.9	+3	2001	6	19.5	16	132	3.5	173	50.0	15.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

ND 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#2	at Georgia Tech	21	40 - 138	3.5	23 - 38	246	2	14	28 - 119	4.3	12 - 24	140	1	0
#4	Penn St	22	36 - 110	3.1	25 - 36	287	3	25	33 - 158	4.8	24 - 41	225	2	+3
#2	Michigan	14	17 - 4	0.2	25 - 49	241	3	17	41 - 120	2.9	13 - 22	220	2	-4
#12	at Michigan St	13	17 - 47	2.8	20 - 36	319	2	18	43 - 248	5.8	11 - 23	140	3	+1
#12	Purdue	33	43 - 138	3.2	29 - 38	316	4	24	18 - 92	5.1	23 - 46	398	0	+1
#12	Stanford	29	39 - 204	5.2	27 - 38	232	1	14	31 - 72	2.3	10 - 18	154	5	+1
#10	UCLA	20	35 - 41	1.2	27 - 45	304	5	12	28 - 26	0.9	16 - 32	217	3	+1
#11	† Navy	25	37 - 176	4.8	18 - 25	295	1	19	56 - 271	4.8	4 - 7	43	4	+1
#11	North Carolina	23	35 - 106	3.0	23 - 37	346	3	10	25 - 31	1.2	14 - 24	213	4	-1
#9	at Air Force	19	27 - 176	6.5	14 - 19	207	2	24	60 - 200	3.3	14 - 19	205	2	0
#6	Army	26	35 - 221	6.3	22 - 30	218	1	12	36 - 58	1.6	8 - 21	92	3	+1
#6	at USC	18	31 - 130	4.2	22 - 45	274	3	21	32 - 139	4.3	17 - 28	265	1	+1
#11	† LSU	17	31 - 143	4.6	15 - 35	148	1	31	37 - 245	6.6	21 - 34	332	1	0
TOTALS		280	423 - 1634	3.9	290 - 471	3433	31	241	468 - 1779	3.8	187 - 339	2644	31	+5
AVERAGES		21.5	33 - 126	3.9	22 - 36	264	2.4	18.5	36 - 137	3.8	14 - 26	203	2.4	0.4

2002 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Maryland - #21	-2	22-0
#23	Purdue	-5'	24-17
#20	Michigan - #7	+5	25-23
#12	at Michigan St	+2'	21-17
#9	Stanford	-8'	31-7
#8	Pittsburgh	-7	14-6
#7	at Air Force - #18	+3	21-14
#6	at Florida St - #11	+10	34-24
#4	Boston College	-9	7-14
#9	† Navy	-27'	30-23
#8	Rutgers	-28	42-0
#7	at USC - #6	+11	13-44

2003 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre #20 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Washington St	-6	29-26 OT
#15	at Michigan - #5	+10	0-38
#19	Michigan St	-11'	16-22
–	at Purdue - #22	+10'	10-23
–	at Pittsburgh - #15	+9	20-14
–	USC - #5	+8	14-45
–	at Boston College	+4	25-27
–	Florida St - #5	+12'	0-37
–	Navy	-8	27-24
–	BYU	-8'	33-14
–	at Stanford	-4'	57-7
–	at Syracuse	-2'	12-38

2004 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at BYU	-5	17-20
–	Michigan - #8	+12	28-20
–	at Michigan St	-3	31-24
–	Washington	-11'	38-3
–	Purdue - #15	+2'	16-41
–	Stanford	-5	23-15
–	† Navy	-6	27-9
#24	Boston College	-6'	23-24
–	at Tennessee - #9	+7	17-13
#24	Pittsburgh	-11	38-41
–	at USC - #1	+23'	10-41

2005 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #9 Score
–	at Pittsburgh - #23	+3	42-21
#20	at Michigan - #3	+7	17-10
#10	Michigan St	-6	41-44 OT
#16	at Washington	-12	36-17
#13	at Purdue - #22	+3	49-28
#9	USC - #1	+12	31-34
#9	BYU	-18'	49-23
#8	Tennessee	-8'	41-21
#7	Navy	-23'	42-21
#6	Syracuse	-34	34-10
#6	at Stanford	-15	38-31

2006 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre #2 Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#2	at Georgia Tech	-6'	14-10
#4	Penn St - #19	-8'	41-17
#2	Michigan - #11	-5'	21-47
#12	at Michigan St	-3	40-37
#12	Purdue	-14'	35-21
#12	Stanford	-29	31-10
#10	UCLA	-12'	20-17
#11	† Navy	-13'	38-14
#11	North Carolina	-24'	45-26
#9	at Air Force	-10'	39-17
#6	Army	-29	41-9
#6	at USC - #3	+8'	24-44

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - The QB is the key to Navy's option offense. Lamar Owens took over the starting job in '05 and threw for 1,299 (51.6%) with a 6-8 ratio and had 880 net yards rushing in his one year as the starter. Brian Hampton appeared in all 11 games hitting 6 of 19 passes as a backup. Last year Hampton became the 4th starter in 5 years when he beat out Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada and Jarod Bryant. Troy Goss (PS#158) moved to WR after coming in #4. Hampton had 149 yards rushing in the opener with just 6 yards passing. He and Kaheaku-Enhada combined for 1 of 7 for 21 yards vs UMass and there was talk of who would start vs Stanford with Johnson mentioning the possibility of promoting a QB from the JV squad. Hampton did start and seemed to be improving when he was injured on Navy's 2nd series vs Rutgers. Kaheaku-Enhada replaced him and hit just 2 of 6 for 28 yards but would QB the rest of the year. In 7 games Hampton threw for 302 (46.8%) with a 2-3 ratio (646 rush). Kaheaku-Enhada started 6 and threw for 384 (47.9%) with a 5-1 ratio (507 rush). Bryant is the best passer of the QB's but while playing in 11 hit just 6 of 15 for 42 yards and had 2 fumbles in 2 series vs E Mich. Hampton is gone but Kaheaku-Enhada and Bryant will battle Michael Speciale (6'1" 215 So), Greg Zingler (6'0" 185 So) and Goss. Goss spent the spring at QB but probably will move back to WR if he doesn't win the job. I look for more consistent play out of the Navy QB's this season.

RUNNING BACKS - Johnson's spread offense uses a FB and 2 slotbacks with the FB getting the bulk of the carries. FB Kyle Eckel, who was 240 lbs, benched 415 and had 4.55 speed, was Navy's leading rusher for 3 straight years and the first RB to top 1,000 yards rushing here since Napoleon McCallum in 1985. He finished as the school's #4 all-time leading rusher. In 2005 QB Lamar Owens led the team in rushing but Eckel's replacement, Adam Ballard, was the top RB with 668 (6.1). Matt Hall was actually the team's top RB rusher after 9 games (493, 5.0) but suffered an ACL injury. Ballard (223 lbs, 8% body fat) had 488 in the last 3. SB Reggie Campbell (PS#160, 300 lb bench) who is also on the track team, became just the 4th player in NCAA history to have 5 TD's in a bowl game and finished with 514 (9.0!) with 314 yards receiving (26.2 ypc!). Last year 3 of the top 4 returned. Ballard became the team's leading rusher with 792 (5.1) but broke his leg vs Army. Campbell finished #2 with 706 (7.1). The #3 and #5 rushers were QB's while SB Shun White, a dangerous runner, finished #4 with 578 (12.0!). White is one of the fastest on the team but did not get more playing time due to inconsistent blocking. His track coach says that he has more pure speed than Campbell. Matt Hall had 3 fumbles in his first 26 att, so he was dropped to 3rd string and finished with 229 (5.1). Eric Kettani also rushed for 229 (4.3). GT transfer Zerbin Singleton, who is primarily a blocker, had a career high 71 yards in the bowl (191, 6.8). Singleton is a tenacious blocker who avg about 6 KD per game. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Glen Woods (5'11" 215 So), Nic Jesse (5'11" 206 Sr) and SB's Frank Rizzo (5'9" 171 So), Cory Finnerty (5'10" 182 So) and John Forbes (5'7" 170 Jr). They lose SB Trey Hines (113, 7.5), SB Byron McCoy (7 yd) and FB Hall (1 st) but are more experienced.

RECEIVERS - Navy's WR's do not get a lot of touches but as you would expect, are excellent blockers. They sometimes call themselves "wide tackles". When Jason Tomlinson was a soph he topped Eric Roberts in receiving after Roberts had led the previous 2 years. Tomlinson became the 1st player to lead the team in receiving for 3 straight years since All-American Ron Beagle (1953-'55). Tomlinson did see his reception total go from 25 (17.8) in '05 down to 16 (12.2) last year due to the inexperienced QB. SB Reggie Campbell was #2 in rec and the next closest WR was Tyree Barnes who was never 100% healthy had just 6 (17.5). This year they lose Tomlinson but I expect this unit to have improved stats in '07 with a more experienced QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Johnson always produces a solid O-line (see Hardcore). Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup and Anthony Gaskins almost beat out returning starting LG Zach Gallion. Andrew McGinn took over the #1 RT spot in August but suffered a concussion but started the last 5 after Josh Meek tore his ACL. Navy averaged 327 ypg rush (5.6) but allowed 22 sacks (a horrifying 19.6%). This year they must replace LG Gallion (13 st, 2Y st'r), C James Rossi (13 st, 2Y st'r), LT Matthew Pritchett (13 st, 2Y st'r), 2nd stringers OT Joe Person (12 gm) and C Cole Smith (11 gm) and 3rd stringers G Ryan Roeling (4 gm) and Sean Kearney (4 gm). Three players with starting experience return with '06 RG Harper moving to C, and I like Gaskins and Gabbard as replacements . This unit is slightly less experienced than '06 but will be solid and should improve upon the poor sack %.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Johnson's D has improved vs the run in each of his five years allowing 4.3, 4.2, 3.9, 3.8 and 3.6 ypc rush. Jeremy Chase started in each of his four years and was the lone loss last season as two of the top 3 returned. Converted LB Tye Adams took over a DE spot while David Wright and Larry Cylc split the NG position. This year the losses are heavy and it will be the least experienced front they've fielded under Johnson. They lose DE John Chan (13 st, 63 tkl, 7 sk), DE Adams (13 st, 45 tkl, 4 sk), NG Wright (7 st, 34 tkl, 9.5 tfl), NG Cylc (6 st, 16 tkl, 1 sk), DE Andrew Tattersall (3 tkl) and DE Rick Amos (8 tkl, 2 sk). While the D-line is young, Johnson has NT Nate Frazier and DT Andy Lark (PS#204), two good-sized soph's, ready to fill in. The only returning player from the 2 deep is Casey Hebert who squats 500 lbs (1 tkl, 1 sk). I list the 3 deep below and not listed are Andrew Burger (6'3" 230 So), Zach Weatherington (6'4" 235 So), Penetekoso Peau (6'1" 276 So), Derik Rothchild (6'3" 256 Jr) and Mike McClarin (6'3" 230 So). This unit is the biggest question mark on the team but could surprise.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 the Mids fielded an inexperienced LB corps for the first time in 3 years. Last year 3 of the 4 starters returned with Rob Caldwell being the leading returning tackler in the NCAA. OLB's David Mahoney (#2 tkl'r) and Tyler Tidwell (5 sk) each played the majority of the time with backup Matt Wimsatt getting just 8 plays per game. Unfortunately, both Tidwell (13 st) and Mahoney (13 st) must be replaced along with their top tackler, Caldwell (13 st, 109 tkl) and 2nd stringers Joe Cylc (7 tkl), Anthony Piccioni (12 tkl) and backups Jake Tenuta (2 tkl) and Jim McMenamin (1 tkl). Clint Sovie was the fastest of the LB's but was limited after breaking his hand giving Irv Spencer four starts. Spencer and Sovie both return and not listed in the 4 deep below are Brian Smith (6'1" 210 So) and this year's true frosh. There is talent and some experience here but they have to replace an outstanding trio of starters.

SB Reggie Campbell

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year it appeared the entire 2 deep was back but starting CB Greg Thrasher missed the season (acad). FS DuJuan Price missed most of the year with injury so basically two starters returned. This year they must replace three starters in FS Jeremy McGown (13 st, 66 tkl, 3 int), CB Keenan Little (13 st, 53 tkl, 2 int) and ROV Jeromy Miles (11 st, 61 tkl). Also gone are FS Price (2 st, 12 tkl), CB Kerwin Scott (8 tkl), CB Garcia-Bragiel (2 tkl) and FS Clay Carter (6 tkl). Despite the losses, not only do 3 of the top 6 return, but 2005 starter Thrasher is also back so I list them as having 2 returning starters at this position below. They also add Corey Johnson (6'2" 192 Sr) who has been on the basketball team for 3 years and converted SB's Ram Vela (5'9" 196 So) and Luke Lagera (5'9" 170 So). Even with an inexperienced front 7 this unit could move up in my pass D rankings after finishing #100 last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Navy's last KR for a TD was in '97 and their last PR TD was in '96 (longest drought in NCAA) with their last punt block coming in '99. Despite Navy's recent success, the facts I've just mentioned are reasons why Navy finished #76, #113, #69 and #107 in my ST rankings the last 4 years. Last year they had to replace their P and Greg Veteto avg 38.1 (32.7 net). Joey Bullen connected on 9 of 12 FG's (long of 46) in '05 but was injured most of '06 and hit just 2 of 3. Matt Harmon had a key xp blocked vs Tulsa in OT but connected on 8 of 11 FG's with a long of 39 (13 TB, 63 KO). Jason Tomlinson has been the top PR the last 2 years (8.1, 6.4). Karlos Whittaker was the top KR in '05 (25.6) but was dismissed last summer and Reggie Campbell had 17 KR (21.0). The team did suffer 3 punt blocks (2 by Rutgers). With everyone back, this unit can only improve upon last year's poor finish.

COACHES - Johnson enters his 6th year here after compiling a 62-10 record at Georgia Southern which included being the IAA Coach of the Year for 4 straight seasons. He serves as his own OC and in '04 was named the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year. Johnson was highly pursued in the offseason and was given a new 6 year contract which takes him through 2012. His asst HC and OL coach is Ken Niumatalolo who is in his 6th year and was the OC here in '97-'98. His DC is Buddy Green who surprisingly left NC St (alumni) where he held the same post to come here in '02. Green was also the HC at Chattanooga from 1994-'99.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Paul Johnson is doing a tremendous job here as Navy was just 11-45 from '98-'02 which includes Johnson's first season. They got their first bowl bid since '96 in '03 and repeated the last 3 years (4 bowls, 4 different QB's). Amazingly, Navy has won 4 straight Commander-in-Chief's Trophies after not having won it since '81. Johnson is 9-1 vs his military rivals and his avg win over Army is 40.4-13.6. In '04, Johnson had one of Navy's most veteran groups yet (14 ret st) and finished 10-2 including a 34-19 bowl win over NMex. They started out 7-1 for the first time since '78. Navy had 9 regular season wins for the first time since '63 and their 10 wins were the most in 99 years of football. It was the first time they finished the season ranked (#24) since '63 and the first time they even appeared in the polls since '79. In '05, the schedule became much tougher and they had just 5 returning starters (NCAA fewest) and had to replace 36 lettermen. Navy lost to 2 BCS schools by 3 points each. The Mids were +4 in net close wins in '04 (pg 299) and as expected, their record did drop, but only to 8-4 and they closed with another solid bowl win. Navy did not defeat a team that finished with a winning record. Navy was #30 in the final poll in '05. The Mids have led the NCAA in rushing in 3 of the last 4 years and set a school record in '05 with 6.4 yds per play. The '05 offense had just 2 starters back, yet still avg 34.2 ppg. Last year, Navy had the most veteran squad I can recall as they had 35 seniors (15 ret st). The '06 senior class became the first class to sweep AF and Army. Navy benefitted from a couple of close wins in their opening 2 but at 3-0 had an xp blocked vs Tulsa in OT (24-23 loss). They opened 5-1 but lost their next 2 to Rutgers and ND, a pair of Top 25 teams, plus QB Hampton was lost to injury vs Rutgers. As usual, Navy played their best ball down the stretch dominating their final 4 foes by 25 ppg. They had a tough loss in the Meineke Car Care Bowl to BC (1 pt), a game in which they had a 403-315 yard edge. Just one of Navy's wins came vs a team that was in a bowl (EC). This year the Mids return 7 starters on offense and should top 2006's 28.2 ppg (surprisingly 6 ppg less than '05). The D is the main question mark as they have just 3 starters back and during their bowl streak, it was the inexperienced '05 squad that allowed 26.1 ppg. It has already been announced that if Navy has a winning year they will be in the Poinsettia Bowl so Mids fans can book their trip to San Diego. Navy will have another winning season and including the bowl, could match 2006's nine wins.

OFFENSE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 10 **KAIPO-NOA KAHEAKU-ENHADA JR.** 5-11 188 Last 6 st (5QB, 1SB) LY, 384 pass (48%), 5-1 ratio, 507 rush. 2 **Jarod Bryant** (5-10 187 Jr) PS#239. 1 st, 128 ttl yd LY. Troy Goss (6-2 206 Sr) PS#158.
FB 22 **ADAM BALLARD SR.** 6-1 223 PS#376DL. 15 st 2Y, 1460 (5.6). 26 Eric Kettani (6-1 220 Jr) PS#272LB. 229 rush (4.3) LY. 44 Kevin Campbell (5-11 200 So). Jack Hatcher (5-11 195 So).
SB 26 **SHUN WHITE JR.** 5-9 187 Fastest SB. 578 rush (12.0!) LY. 35 **Zerbin Singleton** (5-8 164 Sr) **12 st**, 255 all-purp LY. Excellent blk'r. 20 Scott Oswald (5-11 207 So).
SB 7 **REGGIE CAMPBELL SR.** 5-6 165 Sprinter track tm. NCAA rec 5 TD in bowl. 25 st 3Y, 1268 rush (7.9), 26 rec. 23 Greg Shinego (5-9 182 Jr) 13 yd LY. 33 Bobby Doyle (5-11 195 So).
WR 89 **OJ WASHINGTON SR.** 5-10 180 Solid blk'r. 13 st, 3 rec (16.7) LY. 36 Curtis Sharp (6-4 237 Jr) PS#297. 10 gm LY. 84 TJ Thiel (6-0 188 Jr) JV '05-'06. 81 Nick Henderson (6-4 195 So).
WR 24 **Greg Sudderth Sr.** 6-2 203 **PS#88LB**. 2 st DB, 247 plays, 13 tkl '05. 5 gm WR LY. 83 Tyree Barnes (6-2 200 Jr) 12 rec (21.6) 2Y. 82 Logan Coffey (5-10 191 Jr) PS#214QB.
C 62 **ANTRON HARPER SR.** 5-11 257 400 bench. 12 st RG '05, lightest OL NCAA. 13 st RG LY. 71 Reyn Kaupiko (5-11 265 Sr). 57 Ryan Burke (6-3 280 So) PS#320. Peter Guidera (6-2 247 So).
RG 74 **Ben Gabbard Sr.** 6-4 300 PS#162. JV tm '04. 80 plays '05. 13 gm in '06. 52 Curtis Bass (6-1 268 So) PS#382. 61 Jesse Scheff (6-2 293 Sr) 3 gm LY. 51 Jeff Lenar (6-6 269 So).
LG 72 **Anthony Gaskins Jr.** 6-1 275 PS#476. 3 gm true. 13 gm OG LY. 73 Chad Peterson (6-4 266 Jr). 55 Osei Asante (6-1 281 So). 54 David Brown (6-3 275 So) PS#336.
RT 75 **Andrew McGinn Jr.** 6-1 247 PS#340LB. **Last 5 st RT**, 11 gms LY. 66 Ricky Moore (6-4 266 Jr) PS#480DL. DL LY. 64 Mike Von Bargen (6-5 266 Jr). 62 Joe Breaux (6-0 245 So).
LT 53 **JOSH MEEK SR.** 6-1 260 JV '04. 5 gm '05. First 8 st RT LY until ACL. 66 Paul Bridgers (6-3 271 Sr) 3 gm LY. MIP spg. 58 Austin Milke (6-3 231 So). Richard Marshall (6-6 230 So).
K 90 **MATT HARMON JR.** 5-10 178 PS#90. 8 of 11 FG in '06, long 39. 37-38 xp. 39 **Joey Bullen** (5-10 186 Sr) 6 of 10 FG '04, long 49. 9 of 12 '05, long 46. 2 of 3 LY (injury)

DE 38 **Michael Walsh Jr.** 6-2 234 2 tkl LY. JV '05. 91 Ryan Griffith (6-2 260 Jr) PS#264. 4.6 spd. 63 Will Scarle (6-4 224 Jr). Moved from LB. 74 Kyle Bookhout (6-2 237 So).
NG 59 **Nate Frazier So.** 6-3 295 PS#505. 3 gm true. 62 **Andy Lark** (6-0 275 So) PS#204. 78 Jordan Stephens (6-4 255 So). 77 John Maddox (6-4 242 Jr). 99 Artie Pauls (6-1 233 Jr).
DE 33 **Casey Hebert Sr.** 6-1 246 500 squat. 2 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. 92 Chris Kuhar-Pitters (6-2 252 Sr) 9 gm 2Y. 72 **Bayard Roberts** (6-2 210 So) **PS#137** Taylor Hamilton (6-3 220 Fr).
OLB 8 **Matt Humiston Sr.** 5-11 206 JV '04-'05. 10 tkl LY. 35 Craig Schaefer (6-2 202 So). 9 Dell Robinson (5-11 206 Sr) 1 st ROV, 2 tkl '05. 8 gm at S LY. 31 Arnold Taylor (5-11 215 So).
ILB 44 **CLINT SOVIE JR.** 5-11 201 6 tkl true, 144 plays. 9 st in '06, 61 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 22 Tony Haberer (6-1 216 So). 23 Ross Pospisil (6-0 223 So). 41 Scott Reider (6-0 218 Jr) 2 gm LY.
ILB 56 **Irv Spencer Sr.** 6-0 241 PS#144. 1 st, 12 tkl '05. 4 st in '06, 27 tkl, 1 pbu. 58 Jon Alvarado (6-2 234 Sr) PS#198. 2 gms '05. 3 tkl, 1 sk LY. 53 Alex Horne (6-0 217 Jr), JV LY.
OLB 54 **Matt Wimsatt Sr.** 6-1 229 11 tkl 2Y. 34 Matt Nechak (6-4 221 So). 52 Jordan Eddington (6-0 213 So) PS#485. 48 Ian Meredith (6-3 225 So) PS#422. 56 Jordan Young (6-0 210 Sr).
CB 18 **RASHAWN KING JR.** 6-0 185 2 st true, 8 tkl, 10 st CB in '06, 50 tkl, 4 pbu, 1.5 tfl. 11 Ketric Buffin (5-7 165 Jr) 2 st '05, 19 tkl, 233 play. 3 st LY, 11 tkl, 1 int. 37 Darius Terry (5-7 161 So).
CB 29 **GREG THRASHER SR.** 5-8 173 **10 st CB '05**, 662 plays, 43 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 47 Jordan Reagan (5-9 180 Sr) PS#392. 4.45 spd. 24 Ram Vela (5-9 196 So). 13 David Dawson (5-9 162 So).
ROV 1 **Blake Carter So.** 5-11 184 2 tkl true. 7 Jesse Iwuji (6-1 173 So). 2 Joey Taylor (6-0 189 Jr) PS#348. 13 Joe Taylor (5-11 198 Jr) PS#174QB. 9 yd rush '05. 14 JP Sniezek (6-4 190 So).
FS 17 **Jeff Deliz Sr.** 5-11 194 PS#320. 2 tkl '05. 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. 5 Corey Johnson (6-2 192 Sr). Hoops tm 3Y. 43 Kevin Snyder (5-11 187 Jr). 21 Casey Nichols (6-0 194 Jr).
P 31 **GREG VETETO SR.** 6-1 175 JV team '04. #2 punter '05. 41 punts, 38.1 avg, 32.7 net LY. 30 Matt Harmon (5-10 178 Jr) 13 TB on 63 KO. Joe Buckley (5-9 170 Fr) PS#96.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Jeff Battipaglia 6-4 265 PS#303
DB	Gary Myers 6-1 195 PS#275
WR	Gregory Harrell 6-4 200 PS#303
DL	Brian Gilbert 6-1 250 PS#363LB
DL	Sean Williams 6-3 220 PS#345
OL	Patrick Snow 6-1 248 PS#490
DL	Chase Burge 6-4 240 PS#389
LB	James Simien 6-1 210 PS#426
WR	Mario Washington 5-9 170 PS#429
K	Kyle Delahooke 6-1 185 PS#75
RB	Wes Holland 5-11 197 PS#443WR
LB	Mike Sweeney 6-3 215 PS#449
LB	Tyler Simmons 6-3 208 PS#449
QB	Robby Davis 6-0 185 PS#330
QB	Ryan Brown 6-4 200 PS#366
RB	Vince Murray 6-1 205 PS#506
RB	Julius Bratton 5-8 185 PS#495WR
OL	Andrew Barker 6-4 280 PS#606
OL	Trey Grissom 6-3 220 PS#606
DL	Taylor Hamilton 6-3 220 PS#451
LB	Kalin Krause 6-0 230 PS#500
DB	Joe Davis 6-0 185 PS#540
DB	James Howell 5-8 175 PS#540
DB	Jason Wright 6-1 190 PS#540
K	Joe Buckley 5-9 170 PS#96

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#111

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NAVY	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 31	at Temple (Fri)	G						Navy has won 4 of 5 season openers. They also won 4 of 5 road openers. LY Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada rushed for a career high 140 yds vs the Owls.
Sep. 7	at Rutgers (Fri)	A						The Midshipmen are 2-6 vs Rutgers S/'98. Visitor is 1-4. Navy was held to a season low 113 yds rushing in their 1st shutout loss S/'02. QB Hampton was injured in the 1Q.
Sep. 15	Ball St	A						Coming into 2007, Navy is 6-0 vs current MAC teams since 2003. Navy is just 3-5 in home openers but won 3 of 4. The Mids are 17-4 in Annapolis the last 4 years.
Sep. 22	Duke	A						Navy had a 25-13 FD edge & outrushed Duke 435-113 in last year's 38-13 win. The Mids have won 3 in a row vs the Blue Devils by an avg score of 31-15.
Sep. 29	Air Force	A						HC Johnson is 9-1 vs Service Academies winning 4 consecutive CIC Trophies. Navy has won 4 in a row in this series (by avg of just 4 ppg) for the 1st time in series history.
Oct. 6								Bonus: Navy has won 4 straight in the 1st of back-to-back home games.
Oct. 10	at Pittsburgh (Wed)	G						Coming into 2007, Navy is 2-6 vs current Big East teams since 2000. Navy is 2-6 the game following Air Force. Navy has won 7 of 9 after a bye.
Oct. 20	Wake Forest (HC)	A						Wake Forest is the defending ACC Champion. The Mids are 2-6 the last 8 Homecoming games. Navy is just 2-5 all-time vs Wake Forest.
Oct. 27	Delaware	A						Navy is just 7-6 all-time in this series with a win in the most recent meeting (34-20 in '04). The Fighting Blue Hens finished 5-6 as a member of the Atlantic 10 Conf last yr.
Nov. 3	at Notre Dame	G						Navy has lost 43 in a row to ND, the longest series losing streak in NCAA history. Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada made his 1st career start at QB vs ND LY (2 rush TD's).
Nov. 10	at North Texas	A						Navy is 2-8 in their last 10 "true" away games in November. This is the 1st meeting between these 2 tms. Navy has won 4 straight following ND.
Nov. 17	N Illinois	A						The Mids are 15-5 in Annapolis in November games since 1994. Navy has gone 10-2 in its final 3 games of the year the last 4 years (avg 37 ppg).
Nov. 24								
Dec. 1	† Army (Baltimore)	A						LY Navy's senior class became the 1st in school history to go undefeated vs Army & AF (8-0). Navy has won 5 in a row vs Army outscoring them by an avg of 27 ppg.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jim Kubiak 6,008 '91-'94
2. Bill Byrne 4,582 '84-'86
3. Mike McNallen 3,996 '68-'70

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Napoleon McCallum 4,179 '81-'85
2. Chris McCoy 3,401 '95-'97
3. Eddie Meyers 2,935 '78-'81

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Rob Taylor 1,736 '65-'67
2. Phil McConkey 1,278 '75-'78
3. Larry Van Loan 1,259 '71-'73

PAUL JOHNSON (Career 37-25) (Div IAA 62-10)
6th Year at Navy Johnson's Bowl Record: 2-2

Johnson's records AT NAVY

37-25	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
18-9	Home	0-7	Vs Top 25
11-10	Away	8-16	Vs BCS Teams
8-6	Neutral	8-4	Off A Bye
9-1	Vs Service Academies	12-11	Off A Loss

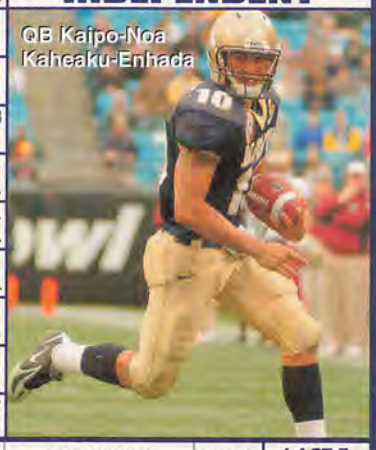
2006 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 26 (15,7,4)
Lost: 35 (14,20,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,275 (#68)

INDEPENDENT



STADIUM: NAVY–MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL (34,000) (#86)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	0-10	2-10	8-4	9-2	7-4	9-3	36-43
Home	0-5	0-5	0-5	5-1	6-0	4-1	3-2	18-19
Away	0-4	0-4	1-4	2-3	2-1	2-2	4-0	11-18
Neutral	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	7-6
vs Service Academies	1-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	10-4
ATS	4-7	4-6	6-6	9-1	5-4	7-3-1	6-5	41-32-1
Home Fav (Charlie Weatherbie)	0-3	0-0	0-2 (Paul Johnson)	3-0	2-2	1-2	1-3	7-12
Home Dog	1-1	2-3	1-2	1-0	0-0	1-0-1	0-0	6-6-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	4-2
Away Dog	2-2	2-2	3-2	3-0	2-0	1-1	3-0	16-7
Favorite	0-3	0-0	1-2	5-1	3-3	4-2	3-4	16-15
Dog	4-4	4-6	5-4	4-0	2-1	3-1-1	3-1	25-17-1
vs Service Academies	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	11-3
vs Non-Service Academies	2-7	3-5	5-5	7-1	3-4	5-3-1	5-4	30-29-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	4-3	16-10
Off SU Loss	4-6	4-5	5-5	4-0	1-1	2-1-1	2-1	22-19-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Adam Ballard	154	796	4	792	3	5.1
Reggie Campbell	99	744	38	706	5	7.1
Brian Hampton	150	773	127	646	10	4.3
Shun White	48	585	7	578	5	12.0
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada	131	593	86	507	10	3.9
Matt Hall	45	229	0	229	1	5.1
Eric Kettani	53	235	6	229	1	4.3
Zerbin Singleton	28	198	7	191	1	6.8
Trey Hines	15	114	1	113	1	7.5
Jarod Bryant	18	91	5	86	0	4.8
Jason Tomlinson	3	78	0	78	1	26.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada	48	23	47.9	384	5	1
Brian Hampton	47	22	46.8	302	2	3
Jarod Bryant	15	6	40.0	42	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Reggie Campbell	13	244	18.8	2	77
Jason Tomlinson	16	195	12.2	2	24
Tyree Barnes	6	105	17.5	2	31
Zerbin Singleton	4	60	15.0	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Greg Veteto	41	1563	38.1	11	32.7(t)	2	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joey Bullen	10-10	1-1	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-3	39
Matt Harmon	37-38	2-3	6-8	0-0	0-0	8-11	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rob Caldwell	109	1	5	1	0
David Mahoney	84	7	4.5	2	0
Jeremy McGown	66	0	1	4	3
John Chan	63	7	1	1	0
Clint Sovie	61	0	1.5	3	2
Jeromy Miles	61	0	2.5	1	2
Tyler Tidwell	53	5	4	2	0
Keenan Little	53	1	2.5	6	2
Rashawn King	50	0	1.5	4	0
Tye Adams	45	4	2	1	0
David Wright	34	1	8.5	0	0
Irv Spencer	27	0	0	1	0
Jeff Deliz	25	1	2.5	1	1
Larry Cylc	16	1	0.5	0	0
Zerbin Singleton	15	0	0	0	0
DuJuan Prince	12	0	0	0	1
Anthony Piccioni	12	0	0	0	0
Ketric Buffin	11	0	0	1	1
Matt Humiston	10	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Tomlinson	18	116	6.4	0
Reggie Campbell	2	55	27.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Campbell	17	357	21.0	0
Rick Amos	3	40	13.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
96	Aloha	-1	California	42-38
03	Houston	+11'	Texas Tech	14-38
04	Emerald	+3	New Mexico	34-19
05	Poinsettia	-3	Colorado St	51-30
06	Meineke Car Care	+7	Boston College - #23	24-25

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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NAVY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	28.2	21	327	5.6	56	45.5	13.6	+2	2006	8	20.1	18	117	3.6	218	61.7	16.7
2	34.2	22	319	5.7	117	46.9	12.8	-6	2005	3	26.1	22	155	3.8	223	63.0	14.5
6	27.8	20	290	5.0	99	53.3	14.0	+3	2004	8	19.8	19	151	3.9	200	62.6	17.7
7*	30.5	22	323	5.5	100	46.8	13.9	+7	2003	6	21.8	20	173	4.2	180	61.9	16.2
5	24.2	19	271	5.0	99	46.0	15.3	-14	2002	8	36.3	22	203	4.3	220	65.9	11.6
4	18.3	18	182	3.9	138	43.8	17.4	-6	2001	7	34.4	22	245	4.8	218	67.1	13.5

2006 STATS BY GAME

NAVY 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	East Carolina	27	70-403	5.8	2-6	6	0	19	25-76	3.0	24-35	283	1	-1
–	Massachusetts	14	51-268	5.3	1-7	21	1	14	36-109	3.0	17-30	187	1	-1
–	at Stanford	30	69-368	5.3	9-12	78	1	23	25-74	3.0	26-41	270	3	+2
–	Tulsa	18	51-283	5.5	6-11	73	2	19	30-159	5.3	24-36	285	0	-1
–	at Connecticut	21	56-464	8.3	5-11	141	2	16	28-167	6.0	15-37	176	0	+3
–	at Air Force	23	66-317	4.8	1-6	8	1	19	46-193	4.2	9-19	119	5	-1
–	Rutgers	9	50-113	2.3	4-16	48	7	14	33-124	3.8	15-26	215	1	+2
–	† Notre Dame	19	56-271	4.8	4-7	43	4	25	37-176	4.8	18-25	295	1	-1
–	at Duke	25	70-435	6.2	2-5	32	0	13	33-113	3.4	15-22	181	3	-2
–	† E Michigan	25	56-323	5.8	7-9	151	0	22	29-138	4.8	24-37	220	1	+1
–	Temple	25	56-420	7.5	3-8	35	1	11	27-13	0.5	20-33	216	6	0
–	† Army	15	54-264	4.9	1-6	11	1	15	36-102	2.8	16-23	151	4	+1
–	† Boston College	21	59-322	5.5	6-8	81	2	17	31-73	2.4	20-30	242	3	0
TOTALS		272	764-4251	5.6	51-112	728	22	227	416-1517	3.6	243-394	2840	29	+2
AVERAGES		20.9	59-327	5.6	4-9	56	1.7	17.5	32-117	3.6	19-30	218	2.2	0.2

2002 RESULTS

NAVY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at SMU	+10'	38-7
–	NC State - #21	+17'	19-65
–	Northwestern	-3	40-49
–	Duke	-2	17-43
–	at Air Force	+22'	7-48
–	Rice	+8	10-17
–	at Boston College	+28	21-46
–	at Tulane	+16'	30-51
–	† Notre Dame - #9	+27'	23-30
–	Connecticut	+4'	0-38
–	at Wake Forest	+27	27-30
–	† Army	-3	58-12

2003 RESULTS

NAVY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	VMI	NL	37-10
–	at TCU - #25	+23	3-17
–	E Michigan	-12'	39-7
–	at Rutgers	-1'	27-48
–	Air Force	+14'	28-25
–	at Vanderbilt	+4'	37-27
–	at Rice	-3'	38-6
–	Delaware	NL	17-21
–	Tulane	-10	35-17
–	at Notre Dame	+8	24-27
–	C Michigan	-20	63-34
–	† Army	-21'	34-6

2004 RESULTS

NAVY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
–	Duke	-7	27-12
–	Northeastern	NL	28-24
–	at Tulsa	+1	29-0
–	Vanderbilt	-8'	29-26
–	at Air Force	+1	24-21
–	† Notre Dame	+6	9-27
–	Rice	-9'	14-13
–	Delaware	NL	34-20
–	at Tulane	-11	10-42
–	Rutgers	-3'	54-21
–	† Army	-13	42-13

2005 RESULTS

NAVY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Maryland	+12'	20-23
–	Stanford	+3	38-41
–	at Duke	-6	28-21
–	Air Force	+2	27-24
–	Kent St	-12'	34-31
–	at Rice	-7	41-9
–	at Rutgers	+6'	21-31
–	Tulane	-11	49-21
–	at Notre Dame - #7	+23'	21-42
–	Temple	-27	38-17
–	† Army	-6	42-23

2006 RESULTS

NAVY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	East Carolina	-12'	28-23
–	Massachusetts	NL	21-20
–	at Stanford	+1	37-9
–	Tulsa	-5	23-24 OT
–	at Connecticut	+1'	41-17
–	at Air Force	+2'	24-17
–	Rutgers - #24	-2'	0-34
–	† Notre Dame - #11	+13'	14-38
–	at Duke	-10	38-13
–	† E Michigan	-15	49-21
–	Temple	-31'	42-6
–	† Army	-19'	26-14

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Heading into 2005 HC Bobby Ross said that soph David Pevoto would play a couple of series in each game, but due to some tight games as well as some inconsistency by Pevoto, that did not happen. Instead returning starter Zac Dahman became Army's career passing leader and threw for 1,864 (56.2%) with an 11-13 ratio. In 2006 Ross wanted to go to more of an option attack (like Navy) and Pevoto was named the starter. He had a great 1H vs Kent St hitting 11 of 12 for 89 yds but then connected on just 3 of 16 for 15 yds in the 2H. Following a loss to Connecticut where he tossed 3 int's, the media started to speculate about whether it was time for true frosh QB Carson Williams. Pevoto opened the TCU game missing his first 5 passes with 2 int while also losing a fumble and the Williams era began. He started the final four although vs ND he hit just 1 of 8 for 16 and Pevoto QB'd the remainder. Williams took every snap against Navy and hit 16 of 23 for 151. For the season the two QB's combined for 55.6% with a poor 10-24 ratio. This year they both return. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Pat McDonald (6'1" 198 Sr), Chase Prasnicki (6'1" 201 So, PS#176), Kyle Stancombe (5'10" 178 So) and three true frosh (see Newcomers). This is a much more experienced group and should dramatically improve upon 2006's paltry numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Cadets had to replace Carlton Jones, the school's #2 all-time career leading rusher. He was just the 3rd player in Army history (Mike Mayweather, and Glen Davis) to lead the team in rushing four straight years. The Cadets avg 140.3 ypg in '05 and the RB's were a lot smaller in '06 with the exception of FB Mike Viti (242 lbs). Ross said one of his big concerns was that the RB's were not solid as receivers (Jones 25 rec in '05). True frosh Tony Moore was labelled a short-yardage back and he rushed for 399 (3.8) with 5 TD's. Diminutive Wesley McMahand (5'5") who benches 320 and has excellent speed, rushed for 654 (4.4). Viti led the team with 57 yards vs Navy and finished with 239 (4.3). Jamal Robinson had 50 (3.1) and FB Tim Frye added 37 (4.1). Ricky Lay (PS#84QB) was injured vs Rice and did not have any att's. This year they lose Lay, Frye and Michael Herndon (0 att). They get a significant addition in Pat Mealy (PS#154) who broke the USMAPS rushing record after just 8 games last year and enters as a true frosh. Not listed below are Carlo Sandiego (5'2" 176 Jr), Robinson (5'7" 189 Jr, 365 bench), Jon Douglas (5'8" 186 Jr), Ian Smith (5'8" 188 So), Evan Leitch (6'1" 218 Jr), Justin Turner (5'8" 156 So), Nicholas Sabellico (5'9" 198 So) and FB's Bryson Carl (6'0" 235 So), Geoffrey Hewitt (6'1" 251 So), Christopher Nichols (5'10" 225 Sr), Max Palmatier (5'11" 222 Sr) and Ross Richert (6'1" 243 So). This is a much more experienced group.

WR Jeremy Trimble

RECEIVERS - Jeremy Trimble made CUSA's all-Frosh team in '04 with 20 rec (17.5). In '05 Trimble led the team with 42 (12.7) and Walter Hill, a possession receiver, was #2 with 34 (12.1). They both returned last year. Trimble increased his rec's to 52 (10.3), Hill had 30 (10.5) and TE Tim Dunn (PS#71) had 22 (14.0). This year they lose Hill (11 st), Dunn (12 st) and backups WR Mike Castelli (2 rec) and TE Chase McCoy. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Tim Horan (6'3" 220 Jr), Andy Mazeika (6'2" 190 Sr), Joe LeForte (6'2" 195 Jr), Nick Mavricos (6'0" 176 Jr), Todd Olson (6'0" 185 Jr), Don Gbaanador (6'0" 176 So) and TE's Clay Woody (6'4" 228 Jr), Ernie Bernal (6'3" 242 So), Matt Coulthard (6'2" 235 So) and Simon Youngblut (6'5" 290 Sr). Even with the loss of their #2 and #3 receivers, with more experience at QB, the receiving corps could be more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Army came into 2003, having to replace 4.5 starters from the front wall of Todd Berry's pass reliant offense. They finished dead last in the NCAA with a paltry 64 ypg rush (2.0) while allowing 35 sacks. Eight players returned with starting experience in Ross' first year and the unit opened holes for 176 ypg rushing (5.1). They had just one starter back in 2005 and the numbers dropped to 140 ypg (3.3) with 22 sacks. Last year it appeared all five starters were back, but LT Nathan Collier DNP. Returning starters, C Pete Bier and LG Dan Evans were held out of the opener due to eligibility issues brought up by Navy. Brandon Cox was penciled in as the starting LT but broke his foot. Ray Zelenak started the first 7 and Cox returned to start the last 3. The numbers did improve to 3.7 ypc with 20 sacks (6.8%). This year four starters depart in Bier (11 st, 6C, 5RG, 4Y st'r), OG Matt Weisner (10 st, 2Y st'r), LG Dan Evans (8 st, 2Y st'r) and RT Jonathan Connon (12 st, 2Y st'r). Also gone are backups C Zac Maodus and RG Grant Carriker. I list the Knights as having two returning starters below as Cox and Zelenak are both back (Cox moved to LG in spring) and C Trey Miranne (6 st incl L/5) also returns. This unit is less experienced than the 2006 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This unit looks like the strength of the team in 2007. After having to replace three starters in 2005, Army allowed 4.4 ypc rushing while the D had just 13 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and 2 backups, but then lost starting DE Brandon Thompson for most of the year with an injury and projected starting DT Travis Prikryl after two games. The banged up Knights allowed 4.8 ypc rush and the D had just 11 sacks. This year they lose their career sack leader in DE Cameron Craig (12 st, 3.5 sk, 13 tfl) as well as DT Peter Harrington (10 st, 19 tkl), Prikryl (2 st, 1.5 sk, 1 tfl) and 3rd stringers Wes Stewart (1 tkl) and Alex Clamon (2 tkl). Despite the losses, they get Thompson back healthy and return a pair of starters in DT Fusco and DE Wright (may get beat out). Victor Ugenyi, who verbally committed to Baylor out of HS, emerged late in the year at one DE spot and he and Thompson will form a fine duo. Iowa transfer Ted Bentler is a rare VHT here (PS#50) and he and Fusco give the team unusual (for Army) size at DT. Not even listed in the 4 deep below are Nicholas Emmons (6'4" 232 So), Mike Savageau (6'2" 238 Jr), Evan Williams (6'3" 245 Sr), Joe Paolini (6'1" 256 Jr), Jake Walsh (6'3" 269 Jr), Taylor Dawson (6'2" 246 So), Matt Hernandez (6'2" 222 Sr), Greg Spencer (6'0" 260 So), Aaron Irby (6'1" 236 So), David Galbreath (5'10" 257 Sr) and Phillip Smith (6'0" 244 So).

LINEBACKERS - Coming into the 2005 season Army's LB's combined for two career starts. To make matters worse, Charles Rockwood, who was the team's fastest LB, tore his ACL after 3 starts. Last year all 3 starters returned as did Rockwood so it was one of the most veteran units on the team. This year they lose their top 2 tacklers in MLB Cason Shrode (12 st, 104 tkl, 5 tfl) and WLB Barrett Scruggs (12 st, 96 tkl, 8 tfl). Also gone are SLB Luke Pell (6 st '05, 9 tkl '06) and 3rd stringers Julius Myers and Felice Terrigno (11 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Peter Anderson (5'9" 200 Jr), Matt Eason (6'0" 217 Jr), Andrew Dieugenio (6'0" 207 So) and Dennis Hilburn (6'1" 220 So). This unit is much less experienced than 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishes of #108 in 2003 and #115 in 2004 in my pass D rankings, they had 3 starters return in 2005 and moved to #82 allowing a 10-12 ratio. Last year they had to replace 3 starters. Ross commented that he would take his safeties Caleb Campbell (#1 tkl'r '05) and Jordan Murray over any other pair in the country. Murray did miss 4 with a hamstring injury and SS Campbell tore his ACL and missed the last 3 (still #4 tkl'r). They also used numerous combinations at the CB slot opposite Sean Grevious. Army dropped to #107 allowing 62.3% and a 16-4 ratio. This year just one player departs from the 3 deep and that is Grevious (12 st, 35 tkl, 4 pbu). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Chad Thayer (6'0" 206 So), Vincent Comasco (6'1" 186 So), Joseph Puttmann (6'1" 201 So) and Parker Woolwine (5'9" 176 So). This is the most experienced unit on the squad and with their excellent safety duo, I look for significant improvement in the pass D rankings (provided Campbell returns healthy).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ross' 3 units finished #80, #103 and a surprising #23 in '06 in my ST rankings. Justin Koenig handled the FG's in '05 but lost his job in '06 to Austin Miller who hit 12 of 17 (long 47). Koenig did have 3 TB on 35 KO. They also had to replace their career PR and KR in Scott Wesley. P Owen Tolson had a net of 31.7 in '05 and improved to 36.5 in '06. Jeremy Trimble did a tremendous job on PR (18.1) and tied Omari Thompson (2000) and Glen Davis (1944) for most PR TD's in a season (2). Corey Anderson was the top KR (22.1). True frosh Damion Hunter was working his way into the KR role but had 2 fumbles which were costly against Air Force. Army did block 3 xp's vs Tulane. This year they must replace Koenig and Miller but everyone else returns. The Knights allowed just 15.9 per KR (#5 in NCAA). Despite the loss of their K's, Army should be near the top again.

COACHES - Army goes through yet another coaching change. They fired Todd Berry in '03 and DC John Mumford took over as interim HC. He stayed on the staff as DC under Bobby Ross who was here just 3 short years (retired). The new HC is Stan Brock who was the OL coach here for 3 years and played for Ross on the Chargers' Super Bowl team. Brock coached Portland in the Arena Football League from 1997-'99 and AFL's Los Angeles team in 2000 and 2001. Brock fired Bobby's son, Kevin, who was the OC. The new OC is Tim Walsh who resigned as the HC at Portland St (90-68 in 14 years) to take the job . He runs a multiple pro-style offense. Mumford remains the DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Army used to be one of the NCAA's powerhouses winning three straight National Titles from 1944-1946 while notching 14 Top 25 finishes in their history. Those years have long passed. They have not beaten a Top 20 team since 1972. They set a school record for losses in 2002 (11) and broke the record again in 2003 becoming the first ever IA team to go 0-13. In fact, since 1990, Army has had just 2 winning seasons and are 199 games under .500 in the Academy's history. In 2004 Bobby Ross took over a team that was outgained by 193.4 ypg in '03 and they cut it to 108.5. They broke their 19 game losing streak including 15 straight losses at home and finished 2-9. Ross had just 10 starters back in '05 but nearly upset #22 Iowa St at home, blew a late 10-7 lead vs CM and trailed #25 TCU by 7 points with less than 6:00 left. They snapped a 13 game losing streak at AF to finish 4-7. Had they been bowl eligible last year they would have gained an automatic berth to the Poinsettia Bowl and it looked like that was a possibility after they beat Kent St, Baylor in OT, and nearly upset Texas A&M to start the year 2-2. Unfortunately they lost to a winless Rice team at home (Rice ended up in a bowl game) and gave up 2 big plays (98 & 72 yards) in a 21-7 loss to Connecticut. A Friday night game vs Air Force saw them implode with turnovers which turned the game into a 43-7 blowout (AF QB Carney predicted 49-7). Army did lead #6 ND 3-0 late in the 1Q but dropped their final 6 and finished just 3-9 including their 5th straight loss to Navy. Army rarely has a lot of returning starters and after having an unusually high 15 back last year, they have just 12 returning this season. They do return their top 2 QB's, their top 3 rushers, and top WR. The defense has 6 starters back but looks like the best D since 1996. The good news for the Cadets is that they were -18 in turnovers (pg 312). The bad news is their schedule has 7 teams that were in bowls last year and HC Ross opted to step aside late January. Those factors have me calling for an 11th consecutive losing season despite their improved D.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 10 **CARSON WILLIAMS SO.** 6-3 210 Last 4 st, 7 gm true, 577 pass (57%) 4-10 ratio. 7 **David Pevoto** (6-4 213 Sr) PS#256. 8 st LY, 1012 (55%) 6-14 ratio. 4 Kevin Dunn (6-0 200 Sr).

RB 23 **WESLEY McMAHAND JR.** 5-5 177 9 st LY, 654 (4.4). 37 Tony Moore (6-0 228 So) 1 st, 399 (3.8) true. 47 Tony Dace (5-6 187 Jr) 30 (3.0). **Pat Mealy** (5-7 201 Fr) PS#154 '06.

FB 33 **MIKE VITI SR.** 5-10 242 6 st '05, 12 st LY, 313 tfl yds. 22 Collin Mooney (5-10 236 Jr). 46 Matt Feiden (5-7 217 So). 42 Adam Renkiewicz (5-11 242 Sr) PS#356.

WR 5 **Corey Anderson Sr.** 5-9 168 PS#357. 2 st 3Y, 29 rec (10.5). 36 Damion Hunter (5-10 166 So) 9 KR true. 21 Anton McDuffie (5-9 182 Sr). 25 Jamison Maehler (6-4 204 Jr) 3 rec.

WR 5 **JEREMY TRIMBLE SR.** 6-0 219 9 st, 42 (12.7) '05. 12 st LY, 52 (10.3). 18 PR (18.1f). 13 Mike Wright (6-2 204 Jr) 1 st, 9 rec. 83 Elliott Emerich (6-3 198 Sr). 16 Brian McSween (5-11 161 So).

TE 89 **Justin Larson Sr.** 6-5 228 2 st LY, 11 gm, 5 rec. 88 Mike Evans (6-1 238 Jr) PS#172. 1 rec. 81 Dominick Cinotto (6-5 248 Jr). 89 JD Ybanez (6-3 212 So) PS#120.

C 64 **TREY MIRANNE SR.** 6-0 273 2nd string '05. L/5 st LY. 65 Seth Fabin (6-1 294 Sr) PS#422. Tyson Quink (6-3 257 Jr). Grant Johnson (6-1 240 So). **LS** 62 Nicholas Lopez (6-0 203 Sr).

RG 74 **Connor Wicklund Sr.** 6-3 284 PS#639DL. 2nd string LY. 1 st LG. 67 Richard Miller (6-3 266 So). 63 Matt Ridgeway (6-4 306 Jr). 69 Kenric Lull (6-3 265 So). 50 Jakob Johnsen (6-3 276 Jr).

LG 79 **Brandon Cox Jr.** 6-3 297 Broke foot before L/3 starts. 11 gms last 2 yrs. 77 John Keller (6-2 301 Jr). 73 Wyatt Batchelor (6-4 261 Jr) PS#340. 68 Sean Gilligan (6-2 281 Sr).

RT 78 **Mike Lemming Jr.** 6-3 281 2nd string LT '05. 2 st LT LY. 58 Joe Muldoon (6-6 282 So). 52 Ryan Flanagan (6-6 267 So) PS#293. 53 Drew Coyle (6-1 275 Jr).

LT 75 **RAY ZELENAK SR.** 6-2 256 PS#530. 6 st LT '05. First 7 st LT inj LY. 55 Mike Schumacher (6-2 266 Jr). Jason Johnson (6-1 267 So) PS#378. Matt Campbell (6-3 328 Fr) **PS#297 '06.**

K NA **Matt Campbell Fr.** 5-10 191 PS#45. Two 47 yd FG's in USMAPS gm '06. 10 Adam DeMarco (5-9 182 Jr) #1K in spg. 1 Owen Tolson 53 yd FG HS, 12-16 as HS Sr.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 95 **BRANDON THOMPSON SR.** 6-3 261 PS#316. 10 st, 20 tkl, 4 tfl '05. 3 st LY (inj), 22 tkl. 76 David Shore (6-5 240 Jr). 60 Marcus Millen (6-0 228 Sr). 62 John Stellman (6-3 228 Jr).

DT 68 **TONY FUSCO SR.** 6-1 303 11 st '05, 28 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 46 tkl, 5 tfl. 93 Fritz Bentler (6-4 230 So) **PS#135.** 95 Mike Gann (6-2 250 So) 2 tkl true. 85 Chris Taylor (6-4 360 Jr).

DT 72 **Ted Bentler So.** 6-3 251 **PS#50! Iowa trans!** 98 **John Wright** (6-1 259 Sr) **9 st** 2Y, 44 tkl, 6 tfl. 59 Richard Maszarose (6-0 243 So). 67 Hunter Byles (6-1 277 So).

DE 88 **Victor Ugenyi So.** 6-3 262 **PS#171**. 1 st, 6 games, 11 tkl true. 92 Elliott Antoine (6-0 265 Jr). 75 Ali Villanueva (**6-9** 266 So). 73 Mark Faldowski (6-3 245 Jr) PS#93TE.

SLB 45 **CHARLIE ROCKWOOD SR.** 6-3 228 3 st '05-ACL. 9 st LY, 43 tkl, 5 tfl. 42 John Plumstead (5-10 217 Jr). 18 tkl 2Y. Cody Buck (6-3 220 Fr). Kevin Beavers (6-2 208 Sr). David Labensky (6-2 225 So).

MLB 44 **Brian Chmura Sr.** 6-0 224 9 tkl 2 years. 28 Arlance Jenkins (5-10 217 Jr). 53 Tim Jennings (6-0 249 Jr) 5 tkl 2Y. 40 Steve Hole (5-11 233 Sr) 1 tkl LY. 2 L's spec teams.

WLB 43 **Frank Scappaticci Jr.** 6-1 222 11 tkl last year. 34 Antoine Johnson (5-9 227 So). 78 Charlie McDonald (5-11 215 Jr). 52 Luke Mazgaj (5-11 199 Sr). 81 Kyle Bates (6-2 222 So).

CB 36 **JOHN LAIRD SR.** 5-10 185 6 st LY, 58 tkl, 4 tfl, 2 pbu, 1 int. 6 Josh Mitchell (5-9 169 Jr). 2 st, 13 tkl, 11 gm LY. 7 TJ Walker (5-8 160 Jr). 23 William Wedley (5-10 204 Jr).

CB 25 **Kevin Opoku Sr.** 5-11 183 7 st '06, 27 tkl, 3 pbu. 5 Mario Hill (6-0 176 So). 14 Dean Lisante (6-0 201 So). 1 Steven Allen (5-10 161 So). 22 David Black (6-1 192 Jr). PS#135, 2 tkl.

SS 13 **CALEB CAMPBELL SR.** 6-2 224 6 st true, 54 tkl, 5 tfl. 11 st '05. 97 tkl, 5 int, 9 st LY (until ACL) 59 tkl, 1 int. 27 Brandon White (5-11 189 Sr) PS#316. 6 tkl LY. Ryan Brence (6-1 207 Sr).

FS 19 **JORDAN MURRAY SR.** 6-0 204 5 st LY (miss w/inj). 44 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu. 16 **Dennis Cooper** (5-11 187 Sr) PS#331. 7 st LY. 38 tkl. 3 Markenson Pierre (5-11 195 Jr) 1 st, 4 tkl LY.

P 1 **OWEN TOLSON SR.** 6-2 201 59 punts '05. 40.2 avg, net 31.7. 49 punts LY. 42.2 avg, **net 36.5.** 3 Andrew Rinehart (6-1 214 Jr). #2 P in '06. 30 Chris Landers (6-0 190 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Pat Mealy 5-10 190 PS#154 '06
QB	Max Fritz 6-4 190 PS#126
QB	Warner Blunt 6-4 190 PS#130
WR	Josh Kornmann 6-2 180 PS#198
OL	Callaway Ashby 6-5 310 PS#274
OL	Ethan Thies 6-5 305 PS#277
K	Matt Campbell 5-10 191 PS#45 '06
OL	Devin Cox 6-2 273 PS#305 '06
DL	Rey Quintanilla 6-3 338 PS#294 '06
OL	Matt Campbell 6-3 328 PS#297 '06
QB	Chip Bowden 6-0 207 PS#213 '06
LB	Tyler Hufstetler 6-2 215 PS#311 '06
LB	Chris Biren 6-3 235 PS#312
LB	Kevin Leeland 6-1 205 PS#333
LB	Rod Murray 6-0 200 PS#356 '06
OL	Tom Hagan 6-3 265 PS#423
LB	Cody Buck 6-3 220 PS#423DB '06
DL	Andy McDonald 6-3 215 PS#343
OL	Mike Weich 6-3 274 PS#452 '06
WR	Mark Allen 5-11 183 PS#407 '06
DB	Richie King 5-11 180 PS#453
RB	Carnes Broghan 6-3 225 PS#427
LB	Jason Rothamel 6-2 253 PS#426
DB	Eric Jones 6-0 185 PS#490
DB	Sean Westphal 6-2 195 PS#540
DB	Jordan Trimble 5-11 180 PS#540

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

West Point, New York
Weather (845) 343-0551

STAN BROCK (Career 0–0)
1st Year at Army
Brock's Bowl Record: 0-0

Brock's records AT ARMY

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

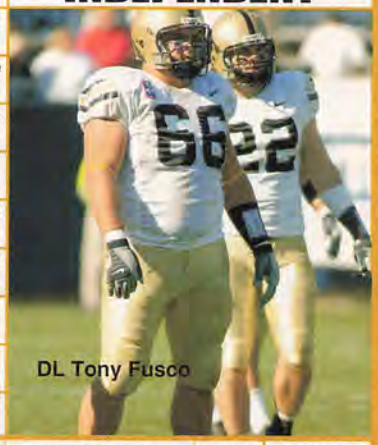
2006 RECORD: (3–9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (18,23,3)
Lost: 28 (12,14,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,694 (#74)

INDEPENDENT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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#104

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ARMY	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at Akron	A					
Sep. 8	Rhode Island	A					
Sep. 15	at Wake Forest	A					
Sep. 22	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 29	Temple	A					
Oct. 6	Tulane (HC)	A					
Oct. 13	at Central Michigan	A					
Oct. 20	at Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 27							
Nov. 3	at Air Force	A					
Nov. 9	Rutgers (Fri)	A					
Nov. 17	Tulsa	A					
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1	† Navy (Baltimore)	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zac Dahman 6,904 '02-'05
2. Leamon Hall 5,502 '74-'77
3. Kingsley Fink 3,079 '71-'73

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Mayweather 4,299 '87-'90
2. Carlton Jones 3,536 '02-'05
3. Glenn Davis 2,957 '43-'46

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Clennie Brundidge 2,279 '75-'78
2. Aaron Alexander 1,820 '02-'04
3. Mike Fahnestock 1,726 '77-'80

Sep. 1: HC Stan Brock was OL coach at Army when they beat the Zips 20-0 in 2005. Army is 3-0 vs Akron (2 shutouts). Army has lost 10 straight season openers.

Sep. 8: Black Knights were 20-3 from '74-'96 in home openers, but are just 1-9 the L10Y. Army is 31-4 all-time vs current Colonial Athletic Assoc tms, but this is 1st gm vs the Rams.

Sep. 15: Black Knights have dropped 4 straight (last gm in '99) & have never won in Winston-Salem. WF (ACC) is 1 of 2 conference champs from LY that Army plays TY (CMU won MAC).

Sep. 22: Black Knights won the 1st 9 gms in this series ('17-'69), but since are just 3-23 vs BC. Army went 80 yds on the opening drive (7-0), but had just 170 yds the rest of the gm in '05.

Sep. 29: Army is 3-1 all-time vs the Owls, but their last game was in 1994 (lost 23-20). The Black Knights are just 3-23 in home games vs Div IA opponents.

Oct. 6: The Black Knights were CUSA members from 1998-2004 going 9-41 in conf play. Since 1998 (8 gms), these former CUSA foes have averaged 66 ppg.

Oct. 13: The only meeting was in '05. CMU was down 10-7 & scored mid-4Q on its own fumble rec from 2 yds out in a steady downpour w/few fans in the stands for Army's HC.

Oct. 20: Prior to 2007 Army was 2-9 in the 2nd of back-to-back road games but they won the last 2. Former Army HC Ross guided GT to a share of the National Title in 1990.

Nov. 3: Army last won the CIC Trophy in 1996. Last year, Army suffered their 2nd worst defeat in the series (41 gms) & the 6 TO's including 4 int were both season highs.

Nov. 9: Army holds a 18-15 advantage (lost L/3 gms) vs RU (2nd longest running Army series). Last gm ('03), Army was down 29-7 w/6:06 left & cut the lead to 8 almost rec'ing a 2nd onside kick.

Nov. 17: This will mark the first meeting between the Black Knights and Golden Hurricanes. Army is 1-8 the last 9 years in Michie Stadium finales with the avg loss by 17 ppg.

Dec. 1: QB Williams was 1st Army frosh to start at QB vs Navy & tied career high w/16 completions. Navy's 5 gm win streak is tied for the longest in this most historic rivalry (108th meeting).

STADIUM: MICHIE STADIUM (40,000) (#76)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	1-11	0-13	2-9	4-7	3-9	14-67
Home	1-4	2-3	0-6	0-6	1-4	2-4	2-3	8-30
Away	0-5	0-5	1-4	0-6	1-4	2-2	1-4	5-30
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-7
vs Conf/Svc Academies	1-6	2-5	1-7	0-8	2-6	1-1	0-2	7-35
ATS	4-7	6-5	4-6-1	4-9	5-6	5-5	3-8	31-46-1
Home Fav (Todd Berry)	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-3
Home Dog	1-4	3-1	2-2-1	0-6	3-2	1-3	0-2	10-20-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-3
Away Dog (Bobby Ross)	3-2	2-3	2-2	4-2	2-2	3-1	1-3	17-15
Favorite	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-3	2-7
Dog	4-6	5-4	4-5-1	4-9	5-5	4-5	3-5	29-39-1
vs Conf/Svc Academies	4-3	3-4	4-3-1	4-4	5-3	1-1	1-1	22-19-1
vs Non-Conf/Svc Academies	0-4	3-1	0-3	0-5	0-3	4-4	2-7	9-27
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	1-2	5-7
Off SU Loss	3-6	4-4	4-5-1	4-8	4-4	3-3	2-5	24-35-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
84	Cherry	+4	Michigan St	10-6
85	Peach	+6'	Illinois	31-29
88	Sun	+14	Alabama - #20	28-29
96	Independence - #24	+7'	Auburn	29-32

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Army's All-Time Bowl Record 2-2

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Wesley McMahand	150	707	53	654	4	4.4
Tony Moore	104	424	25	399	5	3.8
Mike Viti	55	247	8	239	1	4.3
Corey Anderson	3	93	7	86	2	28.7
Jamal Robinson	16	55	5	50	0	3.1
Jeremy Trimble	1	41	0	41	1	41.0
Tim Frye	9	37	0	37	0	4.1
David Pevoto	36	99	85	14	1	0.4
Carson Williams	19	12	106	-94	0	-4.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
David Pevoto	193	106	54.9	1012	6	14
Carson Williams	98	56	57.1	577	4	10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeremy Trimble	52	534	10.3	2	61
Walter Hill	30	314	10.5	1	38
Tim Dunn	22	309	14.0	4	71
Tony Moore	10	120	12.0	1	27
Corey Anderson	8	85	10.6	1	18
Mike Viti	13	74	5.7	0	11
Mike Wright	9	65	7.2	0	14
Jamison Maehler	3	34	11.3	0	12

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Owen Tolson	49	2067	42.2	6	36.5	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Austin Miller	26-26	5-5	4-8	3-4	0-0	12-17	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cason Shrode	104	1	4	1	0
Barrett Scruggs	96	0	8	1	0
Cameron Craig	64	3.5	13.5	1	0
Caleb Campbell	59	0	2	2	1
John Laird	58	0	4	2	1
Tony Fusco	46	1	4	0	0
Jordan Murray	44	0	0	1	1
Charlie Rockwood	43	2	3	1	0
Dennis Cooper	38	0	0	2	0
Sean Grevious	35	0	0	4	0
John Wright	27	2	2	1	0
Kevin Opoku	27	0	0	3	0
Brandon Thompson	22	0	2	1	0
Peter Harrington	19	0	1	4	0
Elliot Antoine	14	0	1	0	0
Josh Mitchell	13	0	0	0	0
Victor Ugenyi	11	1	1	1	0
John Plumstead	11	0	0	0	0
Felice Terrigno	11	0	0	0	0
Frank Scappaticci	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jeremy Trimble	18	325	18.1	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Corey Anderson	23	509	22.1	0
Anton McDuffie	15	298	19.9	0

ARMY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	19.3	16	128	3.7	133	55.6	13.5	-18	2006	7	27.9	19	199	4.8	156	62.3	12.7
5*	20.0	19	140	3.3	176	55.8	15.8	-2	2005	5	26.7	19	173	4.4	174	63.8	13.0
9*	23.6	18	176	5.1	206	51.9	16.1	+3	2004	8	35.3	27	249	5.1	241	66.1	13.9
5*	15.8	17	64	2.0	207	51.8	17.1	-20	2003	7	36.6	23	211	4.5	253	65.2	12.7
4	18.8	16	120	3.4	179	47.7	15.9	-14	2002	5	40.9	21	210	4.4	183	61.8	9.6
6*	20.8	19	165	4.2	202	54.3	17.6	-16	2001	5	33.2	22	169	4.0	241	63.1	12.3

2006 STATS BY GAME

ARMY 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Arkansas St	10	27-69	2.6	12-23	95	0	19	45-222	4.9	11-16	97	3	0
–	Kent St	18	47-171	3.6	14-28	104	1	17	41-198	4.8	9-23	92	1	0
–	† Texas A&M	24	39-186	4.8	17-32	136	1	18	44-262	6.0	7-11	102	1	-2
–	at Baylor	18	38-140	3.7	15-22	138	1	17	28-62	2.2	26-35	241	1	-1
–	Rice	17	31-140	4.5	14-30	162	2	25	28-128	4.6	30-40	329	1	-4
–	VMI	23	52-278	5.3	11-15	148	0	8	37-170	4.6	3-11	21	1	+2
–	at Connecticut	13	32-97	3.0	16-30	155	1	13	40-226	5.7	10-22	139	1	-4
–	TCU	9	29-86	3.0	12-24	110	4	18	44-190	4.3	13-23	169	0	-1
–	at Tulane	16	23-73	3.2	16-24	194	2	35	40-177	4.4	33-46	409	0	-1
–	Air Force	12	27-131	4.9	12-21	116	1	19	63-267	4.2	2-5	44	0	-5
–	at Notre Dame	12	36-58	1.6	8-21	92	3	26	35-221	6.3	22-30	218	1	-1
–	† Navy	15	36-102	2.8	16-23	151	4	15	54-264	4.9	1-6	11	1	-1
TOTALS		187	417-1531	3.7	163-293	1601	20	230	499-2387	4.8	167-268	1872	11	-18
AVERAGES		15.6	35-128	3.7	14-24	133	1.7	19.2	42-199	4.8	14-22	156	0.9	-1.5

2002 RESULTS

ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Holy Cross	NL	21-30
–	at Rutgers	-4	0-44
–	Louisville	+26'	14-45
–	S Mississippi	+29	6-27
–	at East Carolina	+20	24-59
–	TCU	+19	27-46
–	at Houston	+14'	42-56
–	UAB	+8	26-29
–	Air Force	+17'	30-49
–	at Tulane	+19	14-10
–	at Memphis	+14'	10-38
–	† Navy	+3	12-58

2003 RESULTS

ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Connecticut	+16'	21-48
–	Rutgers	+6'	21-36
–	Tulane	+16'	33-50
–	USF	+19	0-28
–	at TCU - #20	+30'	0-27
–	at Louisville	+31	10-34
–	East Carolina	+5'	32-38
–	at Cincinnati	+27'	29-33
–	at UAB	+21'	9-24
–	at Air Force	+26'	3-31
–	Houston	+10'	14-34
–	at Hawaii	+26'	28-59
–	† Navy	+21'	6-34

2004 RESULTS

ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Louisville	+22'	21-52
–	at Houston	+15'	21-35
–	at Connecticut	+22'	3-40
–	TCU	+18'	17-21
–	Cincinnati	+14'	48-29
–	at USF	+15	42-35
–	at East Carolina	-3	28-38
–	Air Force	+3'	22-31
–	at Tulane	+6'	31-45
–	UAB	+11'	14-20
–	† Navy	+13	13-42

2005 RESULTS

ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Boston College - #19	+27'	7-44
–	Baylor	+5'	10-20
–	Iowa St - #22	+17	21-28
–	Connecticut	+10'	13-47
–	C Michigan	+2'	10-14
–	at TCU - #25	+22	17-38
–	at Akron	+9	20-0
–	at Air Force	+11'	27-24
–	Massachusetts	NL	34-27
–	Arkansas St	-8'	38-10
–	† Navy	+6	23-42

2006 RESULTS

ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Arkansas St	-4'	6-14
–	Kent St	-6	17-14 OT
–	† Texas A&M	+28	24-28
–	at Baylor	+11	27-20 OT
–	Rice	-11	14-48
–	VMI	NL	62-7
–	at Connecticut	+4'	7-21
–	TCU	+12	17-31
–	at Tulane	+5'	28-42
–	Air Force	+4'	7-43
–	at Notre Dame - #6	+29	9-41
–	† Navy	+19'	14-26

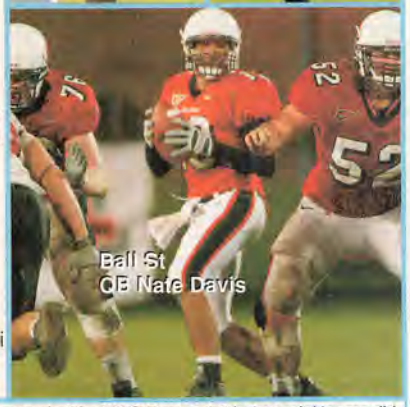
MAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 MAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team	Honorable Mention
QB	Dan LeFevour, C Mich	Nate Davis, Ball St	Tim Hiller, W Mich	Julian Edelman, Kent St	Anthony Turner, BG
RB	Jalen Parmele, Toledo	Justin Hoskins, C Mich	Brandon Murphy, Miami	Eugene Jarvis, Kent St	Montell Clanton, N Illinois
RB	Kalvin McRae, Ohio	Justin Anderson, N Illinois	Mark Bonds, W Mich	Dennis Kennedy, Akron	James Starks, Buffalo
WR	Bryan Anderson, C Mich	Jamarko Simmons, W Mich	Freddie Barnes, BG	Terrance Breaux, Buffalo	Trumaine Smith, Toledo
WR	Britt Davis, N Illinios	Dante Love, Ball St	David Harvey, Akron	Nick Moore, Toledo	Dustin Woods, Miami
WR	Travis Shelton, Temple	Corey Partridge, BG	Dontayo Gage, E Mich	Jabari Arthur, Akron	Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo
TE	Darius Hill, Ball St	Chris Hopkins, Toledo	Brandon Davis, N Illinois	Branden Ledbetter, W Mich	Andrew Mooney, Ohio
C	Korey Lichtensteiger, BG	Robbie Krutilla, W Mich	Alex Derenthal, Temple	Jamey Richard, Buffalo	Eddie Adamski, N Illinois
G	Khalid Walton, E Mich	Matt Miller, Ohio	Jason Onyebuagu, N Illinois	Matt Williams, W Mich	Dave DiFranco, Miami
G	Eric Tunney, C Mich	David Perkins, Toledo	Steve Meister, Miami	Jared DeWalt, Toledo	Zack Anderson, Akron
T	Jon Brost, N Illinois	Zachary Marshall, Miami	Drew Nystrom, BG	Robert Brewster, Ball St	Andre Ramsey, Ball St
T	John Greco, Toledo	Andrew Hartline, C Mich	Chris Kemme, Akron	Charlie Norden, Miami	Jerry Aguwa, Toledo
DE	Larry English, N Illinois	Trevor Scott, Buffalo	Diyral Briggs, BG	Kevin Hogan, Kent St	Doug Williams, Akron
DT	Jason Jones, E Mich	Steven Friend, C Mich	Landon Cohen, Ohio	Josh Hunt, E Mich	Adam Schroeder, N Illinois
DT	Nick Varcadipane, W Mich	Terrance Knighton, Temple	Colin Ferrell, Kent St	Craig Rusch, N Illinois	Nate Robinson, Akron
DE	Cortlan Booker, Ball St	Jameson Hartke, Ohio	Zach Davidson, W Mich	Craig Mester, Miami	De'Onte Burnam, C Mich
LB	Joey Hudson, Miami	Tim McCarthy, N Illinois	Ollice Ervin, Buffalo	Stevon Moss, Kent St	Tommie Weatherspoon, Temple
LB	Daniel Holtzclaw, E Mich	Kevin Grant, Akron	Erique Dozier, BG	Lamar McPherson, Temple	Ike Brown, C Mich
LB	Bryant Haines, Ball St	Red Keith, C Mich	Brion Stokes, Akron	Wendell Brown, Ball St	Wallace Bates, Temple
CB	Mark Parson, Ohio	Nigel Morris, Toledo	Jack Williams, Kent St	Davanzo Tate, Akron	Antonio Smith, BG
CB	Londen Fryar, W Mich	Kenny Lewis, BG	Trey Lewis, Ball St	Melvin Rice, N Illinois	EJ Biggers, W Mich
SS	Barry Church, Toledo	Fritz Jacques Kent St	Jacob Wyatt, E Mich	Mark Reiter, N Illinois	CJ Wilson, W Mich
FS	Louis Delmas, W Mich	Calvin Hissong, C Mich	Tyrrell Herbert, Toledo	Andre Jones, Akron	Kareem Byrom, Buffalo
K	Chris Nendick, N Illinois	Trevor Cook, Miami	Michael Braunstein, Ohio	Gerry McGroarty, Buffalo	Sinisa Vrvilo, BG
P	Chris Miller, Ball St	Zach Johnson, E Mich	Tony Mikulec, C Mich	Brett Kern, Toledo	Jacob Richardson, Miami
KR	Travis Shelton, Temple	David Harvey, Akron	Brandon West, W Mich	Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo	Richard Davis, Toledo
PR	Chris Garrett, Ohio	Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo	Greg Turner, N Illinois	Travis Shelton, Temple	BJ Hill, Ball St

Bowling Green WR Freddie Barnes

Akron RB Dennis Kennedy


Ball St QB Nate Davis

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 MAC FORECAST

MAC WEST - 1. TOLEDO - It was a shocking 2006 for the Rockets who lost 5 games in MAC play after not having lost more than two in any of the previous 6 seasons. Despite their losing record, they outgained MAC foes by 8.9 ypg and their 52 returning lettermen are the 2nd most in the league. This year the Division Champs are being determined by only division records with the crossover games being used as tiebreakers. Toledo has three home games vs their West foes including the key game vs W Michigan in The Glass Bowl. That Sept 29th meeting will likely determine who gets to the MAC Title game.

1. W MICHIGAN - Five of my 8 sets of power ratings call WM the best team in the MAC and two others call them the 2nd best. I feel they are the most complete team in the conf and have 16 returning starters and they rate as my #1 offense and #1 defense plus last year outgained MAC foes by a league best 64 ypg. That should make it a slam dunk for first in the West but unfortunately this year WM is the only one of the top 4 powerhouses in the West that has 3 road games in division play and they have to travel to both The Glass Bowl and Huskie Stadium. I will still pick the most talented team in the MAC for first place in the West (tie). Last year CM had the #2 O-line and #1 D-line in the MAC and that guided them to the Title and using line play as a criteria, WM is #1 in on both lines this year.

3. N ILLINOIS - Last year's Poinsettia Bowl was termed a disappointment which shows you how far the Huskie program has come. NI was the league favorite heading into last season and while they underachieved, they still had a winning year. This year they have just 12 starters back (2nd fewest in league) and lose their star, Garrett Wolfe but will be strong once again. NI outgained MAC foes by 63.8 ypg (.2 yards from #1) and have my #2 rated D heading into the season. The offense, even without Wolfe, could actually be more productive. NI has a tough home stadium and host 3 MAC West foes and should have their 8th consecutive winning year.

3. C MICHIGAN - CM was the top team in the MAC last year including their dominating MAC Title game win over Ohio and the blowout of Middle Tenn in the Motor City Bowl. They have 14 returning starters and will be explosive offensively. My concerns for this year's team is that as defending champs they have a target on their back and last year they only outgained MAC foes by 9.8 ypc (7th best). They also have a new coach and have to learn new schemes on both sides of the ball. It was not easy to peg this team 3rd as they do host both N Illinois and Toledo, and wins vs those two could easily have them back in the MAC Title game.

5. BALL ST - I do 8 sets of power ratings and one of them has Ball St as the best team in the MAC with another calling them 2nd best. That makes pegging them 5th very dangerous. Ball St was playing the best ball in the MAC in the final 4 games last year and outgained MAC foes by 53.1 ypg (4th best). While they have 14 returning starters, they also lose 21 lettermen, (most in the league) but have dangerous QB Nate Davis and an improved defense. I personally feel the best 4 teams in the MAC all reside in the West and that is why I have the talented Cards pegged for 5th.

6. E MICHIGAN - The Eagles have a ton of factors in their favor this year and could easily be one of the surprise teams in the MAC. They have the 2nd most returning starters (16), fewest amount of lettermen lost (9), had 5 net close losses and a 19.85 ypp on offense (pg 299) and had 26 starts lost to injury last year (see pg 314). Unfortunately the top 4 teams in the MAC could all reside in the West and 5 of my 8 sets of power ratings have Ball St in the Top 5. This is a vastly improved team and it is very tough to pick them here.

MAC EAST - 1. KENT ST - Kent St had control of the MAC East at 4-0 but special teams did them in, especially in their loss to Ohio. Kent St was just learning how to win and dropped a pair of winnable games after that. They have 16 starters back (2nd most in MAC) and outgained league foes by 33 ypg (5th best). Kent St has my #3 rated defense and you can ignore the fact that they draw both C Michigan and N Illinois out of the West as the only the East division games count towards a Division Championship. The key to me picking Kent St #1 is the fact that they host both Miami and BG, two teams they beat on the road last year.

2. MIAMI - Miami had a streak of 12 straight winning seasons snapped last year but will bounce back big-time. They had 3 net close losses and were the least experienced team in the league last season. I actually pegged Miami #5 in the East last year while most other magazines had them #1, #2 or #3 so their 2-6 fifth place finish did not surprise me. This year they are a much improved team on both sides of the ball, they have 14 returning starters and they host Bowling Green, making them a prime contender in the East.

2. BOWLING GREEN - Gregg Brandon's first 5 teams avg'd 36.6 ppg and due to injuries and inexperience the offense averaged just 19.5 last year. This season they have 7 starters back on offense and will be much stronger. BG was much better than their record indicated last year as they were #6 in offensive ypg and #4 in defensive ypg in the MAC and despite their 3-5 record, outgained league foes by 21.6 ypg (6th best) but had my #119 ST unit. Their offense will return to its normal high output and BG is a prime contender in the East. They do unfortunately draw both Miami and Kent St on the road which has me calling for a tie for 2nd.

4. OHIO - Ohio outgained league foes by 60.6 ypg which was only 4 yards away from being best in the MAC. They do only have 11 returning starters (fewest in MAC) and benefitted from 3 net close wins last year. The offense returns RB McRae and the defense looks solid again and Solich has this team poised for a long stretch of winning seasons but it will be tough to repeat as MAC East Champs with everyone gunning for them this year.

5. AKRON - The Zips have had 3 winning years in the last 4 and have a top-notch defense. Last year they had a losing record despite maintaining excellent health with just two starts lost to injury (see pg 314). The main question mark this year is how quickly the offense adapts with a new QB and just one starter back on the O-line. Despite a tougher schedule including Ohio St and road games at Miami and BG, they have a shot at bowl eligibility.

6. TEMPLE - The Owls make a great move to the MAC this year. It should keep their team interested down the stretch as opposed to being an Independent, playing for nothing in November. They have a lot of things going in their favor and their 14 returning starters is in stark contrast to the 6 they had last season. Still, they have just two scholarship seniors on the roster and the MAC is an ever-improving conference.

7. BUFFALO - Remember, new HC's generally hit their stride in the 3rd season. Buffalo has a lot of things going for them this year. In fact, they had 36 starts lost last season (pg 314), have 18 returning starters (most in MAC), only lose 14 lettermen and are one of the most improved teams in the league. Unfortunately they have a lot of ground to make up as they were outgained by a league worst 111.3 ypg and one of their best shots at a win (Temple) takes place on the road. Gill should have this team turned around soon but that Sept 8th meeting has me pegging the Bulls for the basement of the MAC East.

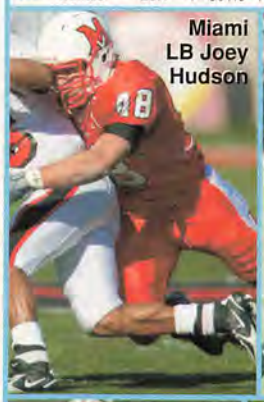
MAC Notes: The MAC had 8 players picked in the NFL draft including a record 5 in the first 3 rounds. Last year Garrett Wolfe wrapped up his 3rd consecutive MAC rushing title. He joins Miami's Travis Prentice ('97-'99) and W Michigan's Jerome Purcell ('76-'78) as the only backs in MAC history to lead the league for 3 straight years. Wolfe also became the first player in MAC history to lead the league in all-purp yards for 3 straight years. N Illinois has now had the league's top rusher for 5 years with Michael Turner accomplishing it in 2002 and '03. Wolfe also won the Vern Smith Leadership Award given to the most outstanding player in conference (1st Huskie to win it since 1983). The West had been dominated by Toledo and Western Michigan as they combined for 7 of 10 West titles but Central did win it in 2006. Since the title game was moved to Ford Field in Detroit 3 years ago SIX different teams have appeared in the game! This year I am calling for a 7th different team (Kent St) to make it there. While the MAC was 5-28 vs BCS conferences they were 6-5 vs other IA foes. Those 5 wins vs BCS foes was the 6th most of any conference in non league play even topping the 4 the ACC earned!! The MAC was 8-2 in bowls from 2000-03 but are 4-6 the last 3 years. N Illinois, CM and Toledo each have 4 players on my 1st Tm MAC which is high in the league.

2006 MAC vs MAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
45	C Michigan	29.4	1	357.4	2	127.1	7	3.99	6	230.3	3	65.1	1	12.2	2	11	1	11	3
63	N Illinois	25.9	3	404.6	1	191.9	2	5.73	1	212.8	5	56.6	9	15.6	6	13	4	13	4
79	Ball St	28.1	2	354.6	3	117.5	8	3.49	9	237.1	2	63.7	2	12.6	3	13	4	18	6
81	W Michigan	22.1	6	345.3	4	156.0	6	4.08	4	189.3	7	63.6	3	15.6	5	14	6	7	1
90	Bowling Green	20.8	8	337.4	6	166.4	4	4.00	5	171.0	10	56.0	11	16.3	9	12	2	13	4
95	Akron	19.1	11	327.8	9	89.6	12	3.00	12	238.1	1	53.1	12	17.1	11	17	12	18	6
98	Toledo	19.6	10	329.9	8	173.3	3	4.15	3	156.6	11	56.3	10	16.8	10	15	9	20	10
104	Ohio	24.6	5	342.0	5	213.8	1	5.09	2	128.3	12	59.5	5	13.9	4	16	10	8	2
105	Kent St	21.5	7	336.3	7	159.9	5	3.94	7	176.4	8	56.7	8	15.6	7	12	2	19	8
106	Miami, Oh	20.5	9	323.9	10	100.5	10	3.02	11	223.4	4	56.7	7	15.8	8	16	10	28	12
112	E Michigan	13.3	12	288.1	12	115.9	9	3.50	8	172.3	9	58.7	6	21.7	12	14	6	19	8
115	Buffalo	25.1	4	301.6	11	98.4	11	3.05	10	203.3	6	60.9	4	12.0	1	14	6	26	11

2006 MAC vs MAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
39	W Michigan	18.5	5	281.5	2	80.1	1	2.73	1	201.4	8	59.4	6	15.2	7	21	2	29	1
60	Ohio	14.9	1	281.4	1	114.3	2	3.61	3	167.1	1	50.6	1	18.9	3	11	8	14	7
62	Kent St	17.5	2	303.0	3	131.5	5	3.62	4	171.5	3	52.3	2	17.3	5	23	1	23	2
81	Akron	23.4	8	323.3	6	138.6	6	3.29	2	184.6	6	57.1	4	13.8	9	10	10	14	7
83	N Illinois	18.0	3	351.5	9	120.9	3	3.78	6	230.6	11	64.1	11	19.5	1	11	8	14	7
86	C Michigan	18.1	4	347.6	8	140.0	8	3.86	8	207.6	9	59.6	7	19.2	2	19	3	15	6
88	Toledo	25.5	10	321.0	5	126.0	4	3.78	5	195.0	7	54.9	3	12.6	10	8	12	12	11
101	Miami, Oh	23.4	8	335.0	7	164.0	9	4.46	9	171.0	2	57.9	5	14.3	8	16	4	13	10
104	Bowling Green	26.8	11	315.8	4	139.3	7	3.83	7	176.5	4	62.6	9	11.8	11	12	7	16	5
109	E Michigan	21.8	6	369.1	10	186.8	11	4.67	10	182.4	5	59.8	8	17.0	6	9	11	12	11
115	Ball St	23.0	7	406.8	11	176.0	10	4.69	11	230.8	12	63.6	10	17.7	4	13	6	20	3
117	Buffalo	39.3	12	412.9	12	192.8	12	4.82	12	220.1	10	66.1	12	10.5	12	14	5	18	4


Miami LB Joey Hudson

Central Michigan LB Red Keith

Temple C Alex Derenthal

Western Michigan C Robbie Krutilla

2006 MAC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2006	2005	2004
Ohio	7	1	197	119	9	5	276	253	+60.6	-137.8	-49.4
Kent State	5	3	172	140	6	6	214	241	+33.3	-74.3	+123.7
Akron	3	5	153	187	5	7	236	271	+4.5	+47.7	-48.9
Bowling Green	3	5	166	214	4	8	234	340	+21.6	+69.6	+121.1
Miami	2	6	164	187	2	10	222	304	-11.1	+51.1	+112.0
Buffalo	1	7	201	314	2	10	220	431	-111.3	-41.6	-109.8
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2006	2005	2004
C Michigan	7	1	235	145	10	4	416	312	+9.8	+74.9	-60.0
W Michigan	6	2	177	148	8	5	299	259	+63.8	-91.3	-152.1
N Illinois	5	3	207	144	7	6	331	275	+53.1	+82.6	+79.4
Ball State	5	3	225	184	5	7	326	309	-52.2	-99.7	-77.7
Toledo	3	5	157	204	5	7	281	332	+8.9	+146.8	+128.0
E Michigan	1	7	106	174	1	11	167	322	-81.0	-28.8	-44.5

Coach of the Year: Frank Solich, Ohio
MAC TITLE GAME: C Michigan 31 Ohio 10

2005 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Akron	5	3	204	174	7	6	307	318
Miami	5	3	272	194	7	4	371	258
Bowling Green	5	3	240	193	6	5	372	304
Ohio	3	5	162	243	4	7	192	336
Buffalo	1	7	107	240	1	10	110	327
Kent St	0	8	102	236	1	10	180	331
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
N Illinois	6	2	262	169	7	5	388	274
Toledo	6	2	266	174	9	3	429	260
W Michigan	5	3	282	267	7	4	354	342
C Michigan	5	3	230	190	6	5	260	260
Ball St	4	4	230	259	4	7	233	416
E Michigan	3	5	183	202	4	7	240	295

Coach of the Year: Bill Cubit, W Michigan
MAC TITLE GAME: Akron 31 N Illinois 30

2004 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami	7	1	282	158	8	5	407	298
Akron	6	2	237	217	6	5	271	347
Marshall	6	2	238	180	6	6	291	266
Kent St	4	4	269	186	5	6	335	264
Ohio	2	6	148	217	4	7	221	271
Buffalo	2	6	167	247	2	9	197	351
UCF	0	8	136	246	0	11	175	362
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Toledo	7	1	307	195	9	4	432	404
N Illinois	7	1	303	190	9	3	421	304
B Green	6	2	337	181	9	3	532	282
E Michigan	4	4	249	333	4	7	328	458
C Michigan	3	5	199	286	4	7	260	378
Ball State	2	6	207	279	2	9	225	405
W Michigan	0	8	179	343	1	10	248	436

Coach of the Year: Tom Amstutz, Toledo
MAC TITLE GAME: Toledo 35 Miami 27

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
David Harvey, Akron	17	510	0	30.0
Brandon West, W Mich	22	615	0	28.0
Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo	28	724	1	25.9
Terry Moss, Ball St	23	551	0	24.0
Eric Fraser, C Mich	25	584	0	23.4
Richard Davis, Toledo	32	701	0	21.9
Trumaine Riley, E Mich	31	678	0	21.9
Andre Bratton, Miami	15	294	0	19.6
Marcus Perez, NIU	17	321	0	18.9
Shawn Bayes, Kent St	22	413	0	18.8

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Chris Garrett, Ohio	26	378	1	14.5
Joe Chapple, W Mich	16	230	0	14.4
Ryne Robinson, Miami	18	175	1	9.7
Corey Partridge, BG	14	120	0	8.6
Jon Drager, Kent St	12	100	0	8.3
Trumaine Riley, E Mich	21	169	0	8.0
B.J. Hill, Ball St	23	134	0	5.8
Damien Linson, C Mich	24	135	0	5.6
Steve Odom, Toledo	19	70	0	3.7

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Chris Miller, Ball St	12	57	2637	46.3
Tony Mikulec, C Mich	14	63	2644	42.0
Brett Kern, Toledo	12	60	2502	41.7
Jacob Richardson, Miami	11	58	2383	41.1
Zach Johnson, E Mich	12	65	2603	40.0
Matt Lasher, Ohio	14	77	3055	39.7
John Stec, Akron	12	60	2318	38.6
Jim Laney, W Mich	13	62	2369	38.2
Andy Dittbenner, NIU	10	55	2085	37.9
Ben Woods, Buffalo	12	67	2545	38.0
Alonso Rojas, BG	12	56	1996	35.6
Jake Kilroy, Kent St	12	53	1751	33.0

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Terrel White, BG	10	64	37	101	10.1
Daniel Holtzclaw, E Mich	12	39	75	114	9.5
Tim McCarthy, NIU	12	38	73	111	9.3
Jeff Bublavi, Buffalo	12	59	51	110	9.2
Red Keith, C Mich	14	64	63	127	9.1
Michael Richardson, E Mich	12	49	59	108	9.0
Dustin Utschig, NIU	13	66	50	116	8.9
Andre Kirkland, Kent St	12	63	41	104	8.7
Darran Matthews, E Mich	12	41	59	100	8.3
Joey Hudson, Miami	12	54	43	97	8.1
Ollice Ervin, Buffalo	12	44	52	96	8.0

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Brian Jackson, Ball St	12	17	19	89.5	52
Alex Steigerwald, Toledo	12	7	8	87.5	39
Adam Tanalski, Buffalo	9	6	7	85.7	42
Trevor Cook, Miami	12	10	13	76.9	49
Chris Nendick, NIU	13	20	27	74.1	44
Andrew Wellock, E Mich	12	16	22	72.7	48
Matt Lasher, Ohio	14	13	18	72.2	38
Nate Meyer, W Mich	13	17	24	70.8	50
Rick Albreski, C Mich	14	12	20	60.0	48
Sean Ellis, BG	12	4	9	44.4	38

2006 MAC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Joey Lynch, Ball St	127	82	64.6	3	1137	9.0	9	158.4
Nate Davis, Ball St	245	150	61.2	8	1975	8.1	18	147.3
Dan LeFevour, C Mich	388	247	63.7	10	3031	7.8	26	146.2
Phil Horvath, NIU	269	157	58.4	9	1932	7.2	11	125.5
Julian Edelman, Kent St	242	134	55.4	11	1859	7.7	10	124.4
Mike Kokal, Miami	355	208	58.6	8	2419	6.8	14	124.3
Luke Getsy, Akron	380	199	52.4	11	2662	7.0	18	121.1
Anthony Turner, BG	252	144	57.1	5	1596	6.3	11	120.8
Ryan Cubit, W Mich	365	224	61.4	13	2138	5.9	16	117.9
Andy Schmitt, E Mich	213	131	61.5	6	1182	5.6	2	105.6
Austen Everson, Ohio	253	137	54.2	8	1356	5.4	7	102.0
Tyler Jones, E Mich	134	74	55.2	9	754	5.6	4	98.9

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Ryne Robinson, Miami	12	91	1178	8	98.2	7.6	12.9
David Harvey, Akron	12	43	914	10	76.2	3.6	21.3
Eric Deslauriers, E Mich	12	74	898	5	74.8	6.2	12.1
Najah Pruden, Kent St	12	39	808	6	67.3	3.3	20.7
Corey Partridge, BG	10	55	658	3	65.8	5.5	12.0
Bryan Anderson, C Mich	14	73	867	5	61.9	5.2	11.9
Darius Hill, Ball St	12	42	741	10	61.8	3.5	17.6
Dante Love, Ball St	12	52	735	4	61.3	4.3	14.1
Jabari Arthur, Akron	12	45	730	4	60.8	3.8	16.2
Damien Linson, C Mich	14	55	812	5	58.0	3.9	14.8

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Garrett Wolfe, NIU	13	309	1928	6.2	18	148.3
Jalen Parmele, Toledo	12	207	1131	5.5	8	94.3
Mark Bonds, W Mich	12	252	1082	4.3	7	90.2
Kalvin McRae, Ohio	14	258	1252	4.9	15	89.4
Dennis Kennedy, Akron	11	226	914	4.0	9	83.1
Eugene Jarvis, Kent St	11	185	798	4.3	3	72.5
Chris Bullock, BG	11	160	769	4.8	4	69.9
Julian Edelman, Kent St	11	169	658	3.9	7	59.8
Ontario Sneed, C Mich	13	135	764	5.7	4	58.8
James Starks, Buffalo	12	175	704	4.0	6	58.7

SACKS*

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Ameer Ismail, W Mich	17	111	Zach Davidson, W Mich	8	60
Larry English, NIU	12	77	Jameson Hartke, Ohio	7.5	54
Dan Bazuin, C Mich	10.5	65	Kevin Hogan, Kent St	7.5	31
Trevor Scott, Buffalo	9	62	Mike Alston, Toledo	7	55
Devon Parks, BG	9	58	Diyral Briggs, BG	7	45

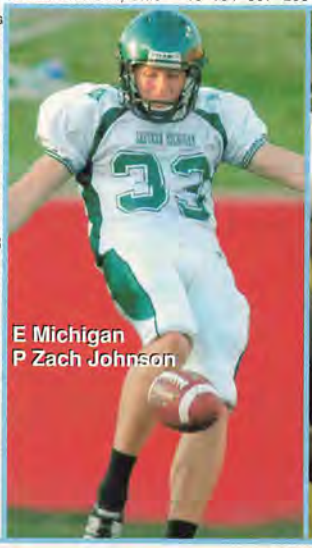
TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Dan LeFevour, C Mich	14	132	521	388	3031	3552	253.7
Mike Kokal, Miami	11	136	277	355	2419	2696	245.1
Julian Edelman, Kent St	11	169	658	242	1859	2517	228.8
Luke Getsy, Akron	12	58	-142	380	2662	2520	210.0
Anthony Turner, BG	10	141	480	252	1596	2076	207.6
Ryan Cubit, W Mich	11	34	-60	365	2138	2078	188.9
Andy Schmitt, E Mich	9	107	461	213	1182	1643	182.6
Phil Horvath, NIU	11	31	-109	269	1932	1823	165.7
Nate Davis, Ball St	12	29	-48	245	1975	1927	160.6
Garrett Wolfe, NIU	13	309	1928	0	0	1928	148.3
Austen Everson, Ohio	13	104	357	253	1356	1713	131.8

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Ameer Ismail, W Mich	25.5	133
Jason Jones, E Mich	18.5	71
Mike Alston, Toledo	17	85
Matt Muncy, Ohio	17	54
Larry English, NIU	16	92
Dan Bazuin, C Mich	15	74
Cortlan Booker, Ball St	14	49
Landon Cohen, Ohio	14	40
Craig Rusch, NIU	14	37
Trevor Scott, Buffalo	13.5	75

*Numbers come from MAC final statistics.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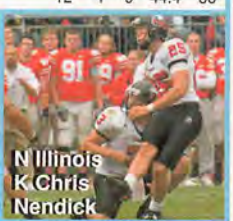
Ball St LB Bryant Haines

W Michigan FS Louis Delmas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PHIL'S MAC UNIT RANKING

West	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Toledo	9	2	6	1	6	6	2	3	1
W Michigan	1	4	2	1	1	7	1	5	3
N Illinois	8	4	2	1	3	1	10	5	4
C Michigan	1	1	7	7	7	1	8	3	13
Ball St	3	13	4	9	12	9	12	8	9
E Michigan	11	12	12	11	3	4	6	10	10
East	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Kent St	5	7	12	4	2	1	4	12	7
Miami, Oh	6	6	8	6	10	7	9	9	7
Bowling Green	3	8	4	5	10	9	6	12	5
Ohio	7	3	11	8	3	12	5	1	1
Akron	13	9	1	13	7	5	2	10	5
Temple	12	9	9	12	12	9	13	2	11
Buffalo	9	9	10	10	9	13	9	7	11

TOLEDO ROCKETS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - It appears that no matter who HC Tom Amstutz plugs into the QB position in this offense they have success. Tavares Bolden threw for 2,466 yards completing a MAC record 67.1% in 2001 and JUCO transfer Brian Jones threw for 3,446 to reset the MAC record for completion % (70.2) in 2002. Bruce Gradkowski (3 att in '02) once again reestablished the MAC record for completion % (71.2) while throwing for 3,210 yards in 2003. He had a streak of 199 pass attempts without an int in 2004 and even played the 2H of the MAC Title game with a broken hand. He threw for 3,518 (70.2%) with a 27-8 ratio in 2004. His backup, Marques Council (PS#126), was ineligible in 2005. Gradkowski suffered an early injury in 2005 (out vs Fresno St) and was plagued by dropped passes. His numbers dropped to 2,469 (62.3%) with a 29-12 ratio. Clint Cochran (PS#104) got in 6 (1 st) and had 262 yards (74.4%). Gradkowski was the #6DC TB. Cochran had a great first start in '06 hitting 39 of 49 for 367 vs Iowa St. Unfortunately, he was injured vs Kansas missing the next 3. Cochran returned and played in 3 more. He led the team on 55 and 53 yard TD drives in the 4Q vs EM and started the season finale vs BG hitting 5 of 6 for 63. Aaron Opelt became the first true frosh to start here in 23 years (AJ Sager 1983). Opelt, who is more of a running QB, threw for 875 (54.3%) with a 6-5 ratio (358 rush). Cochran threw for 960 (56.8%) with a 6-4 ratio. Brandon Summers started 2 (McNeese St & Pitt) and hit 3 of 5 vs Pitt and had an IR TD and played in just 5 (23 att). This year the group is much more experienced as all 3 return and keep an eye on true frosh Travaris Cadet (PS#38). Whoever wins should top the 2006 stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Rockets had to replace their top 2 rushers including Trinity Dawson (1294, 5.6). Jalen Parmele (PS#104) rushed for 183 (4.4) as a true and 294 (4.6) in '05 and was the leading returnee last year. Scooter McDougle (PS#90) had a tremendous MAC Title game in '04 but tore his ACL and missed '05. RFr DaJuane Collins (PS#86) led with 91 yards and 2 TD's on 8 carries against McNeese St. Collins also led vs Kent St with 45. Parmele finished strong with 4 straight 100 yard games and had 1,131 (5.5). Richard Davis (6'0" 200 Jr) rushed for 282 (3.2) adding 21 rec (7.6) and Collins finished with 261 (5.6). McDougle only played in 3 games (49, 6.1). This year the entire unit returns and Parmele, who has size (222 lbs) and speed (4.43, tm's fastest), should top 1,000 again. Adding depth are Dontae Jones (6'0" 210 rFr, PS#181), Jason Washington (6'1" 210 rFr), DeAndre Ware (5'9" 180 rFr), Chris Willis (5'10" 180 rFr), Joel Shreve (5'10" 211 Sr), Bruce Frieson (5'8" 190 rFr, PS#179) and this year's true frosh including Morgan Williams (PS#32).

RECEIVERS - In 2002, Carl Ford became the first Rocket in their 83 year history to top 1,000 yards receiving and Donta Green departed as the school's all-time leader in receptions (188). In 2003 Lance Moore led the NCAA in rec with 103 and was 1st Tm MAC. In 2004 everyone returned except for 1st Tm TE Andrew Clarke (inj). Moore led with 1,189 yards (13.2) and left as the school's new all-time leading receiver (222). The only returning starter in '05 was Steve Odom who led with 55 (12.5). Heading into the 2006 season finale, Odom needed 8 rec to become the new career leader but had just 1. TE was the deepest position on the team heading into last year with Josh Powell, the best blocker, John Allen (6'5" 215 Jr) the most dangerous receiver and Chris Hopkins the most versatile. Hopkins smashed Clarke's school record for rec's by a TE in a season (37, 2002) with 54 (10.5). Good-sized Nick Moore (6'4") had 20 (10.0). This year they lose Odom (12 st, 46, 9.3), Powell (13, 8.5) and WR DJ Nichols (4 st, 6 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are David Lewis (6'2" 190 rFr), Shane Hubbard (5'10" 185 rFr) and TE's Tom Burzine (6'4" 232 So) and Dominic Gilliam (6'3" 230 rFr). This unit is close to last year in terms of experience and could be more productive with a veteran QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UT always has a strong O-line, but in 2004 the unit paved the way for just 4.0 ypc rushing which was their weakest since 1998 (3.3) although they allowed just 19 sacks. In 2005 they had to replace 2 starters including 4 year starting LT Nick Kaczur (#3DC NE). Despite the loss of Kaczur, the rush ypc improved to 5.3 and they allowed just 13 sacks (3.4%). Last year they only had to replace one starter but then lost RT Jerry Aguwa to injury and OL coach Mike Devlin left for the NY Jets. First Tm MAC LT John Greco did return. Sean Zabinski took Greg Luna's starting spot after 3, but was injured so true frosh Jared Dewalt started the last 8. The ypc dropped to 4.0 and the sacks rose to 30 (7.8%). This year they lose two starters in C Hassan Adebesin (12 st, 2Y st'r) and RT Jesse Anderson (12 st) and backups Luna (3 st) and LG Chad Diggs (3 st). They do get '05 starter Aguwa back, making it four full-time returning starters. Last year's results were below standard for Toledo so I expect a good-sized improvement, especially with Greco returning.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Toledo switched to a 3-4 D in 2005 and allowed 126 ypg rush (3.5). Last year they had 5 of the top 6 returning but slipped to 138 ypg and 3.9 ypc while the D had just 22 sacks (9 less than 2005). Toledo actually runs a multiple defense and you could term them a 3-4, a 4-3 or even a 3-3-5. Their spring depth chart has them in a 4-3 and that's how I list them below. The only losses up front are DT JP Bekasiak (8 st, 29 tkl, 2.5 tfl, CFL 1st RD DC), DT Aaron Albritton (2 tkl) and DE Seth Thitoff (7 tkl LY, 10 st '04). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Matt Shumaker (6'1" 225 So), John Duhé (6'4" 231 So) and Justin Collins (6'3" 255 Sr). Six of the top 8 are back including 7 with starting experience and five who have been full-time starters. The Rockets look stronger up front in 2007.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Rockets' 4 man LB corps had six of the top 8 back but had to replace two of their top three tacklers (#1 & #3). This year they lose 1st Tm MAC OLB Mike Alston (65 tkl, 17 tfl) and Michael Chamberlain (4 st, 14 tkl). Two starters return and due to 2006's injuries, five players are back with starting experience. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Josh Grissom (6'2" 215 rFr) and this years true frosh. Amstutz chooses speed over size in this category and of last year's top 8 LB's, none were bigger than 230 or taller than 6'3". This unit is even more experienced then last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rockets were #81 in my pass D rankings in 2004. They had 7 of their top 8 back in 2005 and shot up to #28 as FS Tyrrell Herbert, in his first year as a starter, was the #2 tackler (94). Last year they had to replace 1st Tm MAC SS Keon Jackson and another starter but had 5 of the top 8 back. They got the outstanding addition of true frosh Barry Church who earned 1st Tm MAC honors and had 2 IR TD's. Amstutz said, "That's what an NFL player looks like as a frosh." The slightly less experienced group dropped to #61. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Chris Faison (6'1" 169 So). This year they lose CB Bo Martin (1st 8 st, 23 tkl) but have 7 of the top 8 back including all 4 that started at least 3 of the final 4. They also have the MAC's best safety duo in Church and Herbert.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2002, Toledo finished #37 in my ST rankings and moved up to #8 in 2003 thanks to punter Brandon Hannum (40.7 net). In 2004, the group dropped to #77 with Hannum's departure. In 2005, they lost their star returnman and finished #61. Last year they only had to replace their K. P Brett Kern had his net increase from 30.9 up to 36.3. Michael Krispinsky only had 4 TB on 52 KO but the team allowed just 17.3 per KR. True frosh K Alex Steigerwald (PS#52) was accurate when called upon and hit 7 of 8 FG's (long 39) and no attempts were from 40+. Odom was the top PR in '05 (6.3) and but that fell to a disappointing 3.7 ypr. Richard Davis was #8 in the NCAA after 4 games avg 30.6 per KR but finished at just 21.9. The Rockets finished #83. This year all of the key players return (expect for Odom) and I will call for their highest finish since 2003.

COACHES - Amstutz was becoming the MAC's version of Bill Belichick guiding Toledo to three MAC Title games in four years (Belichick 3 SB titles in 4 years). Like Belichick he had to replace both of his coordinators in 2005. The new OC was John Shannon (WR coach previous 2 yrs), who was the OC at Troy in 2001-'02. Amstutz brought in DC Tim Rose who was the DC at LA Tech in 2004, the DC at Miami, OH from 1978-'82 and the HC there for 7 years ('83-'89), including during the 1986 MAC Title season. He has also been the DC at EC, EM, BC, Minny, Cincy and Memphis. Both coordinators enter their 3rd year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Amstutz's first year here he inherited a team that was 10-1 in 2000 and had outscored foes by an average of 25 ppg with 17 starters returning. He made a bold move by completely changing the offense from the run-oriented scheme that produced 36.4 ppg to the spread offense. In his first year the team went 10-2 and won the MAC Title (finished #23 AP poll). Amstutz then had to replace 42% of his lettermen in 2002 and had a tough schedule. They still won the MAC West but lost to Marshall in the Title game. In 2003, once again Amstutz had to replace his star QB but Gradkowski hit 71% with a 29-7 ratio. Unfortunately, they lost the season finale at BG and missed out on the MAC West Title. In 2004 Toledo had to replace all four starters from the defensive front and in their first two games gave up 1,205 yards (Minn & Kansas) playing 10 frosh on D. It appeared it would be a long season but Toledo won 9 of 10 beating #26 N Illinois on the road and #26 BG at home to win the West. They outgained MAC foes by a league best 128 ypg. In 2005 Toledo had 13 returning starters and the fewest lettermen lost (14) in the MAC. They were on a 34-1 run in the Glass Bowl but lost to N Illinois, which caused them to finish as MAC West co-Champs and sent NI to the Title game. They got a 45-13 blowout over a talented UTEP team in the GMAC Bowl and finished #26 in the AP poll. Amstutz had his contract extended through 2009 and has a 71% graduation rate. In 2005 they outgained MAC foes by 148 ypg (65.4 ypg better than #2 NI). Last year they had 14 returning starters, their most since 2001, but shockingly after 12 straight winning seasons fell to 5-7. Toledo suffered a tough 3OT loss to Iowa St in the opener and was stunned at home vs W Mich (first time Amstutz lost a MAC opener). They won their next 2, but then were destroyed by Pitt and upset by C Mich in the Glass Bowl. After getting whipped by Kent St they suffered another tough loss on the road vs a winless E Mich. That put them 0-4 in the MAC for the first time since 1978. They won 3 of their last 4 but lost their 2nd home game to a 3-7 Ball St team clinching a losing season. Three different QB's started last year and they shockingly only avg 23.4 ppg (previous low in Amstutz era was 32.4). While they were 3-5, they still outgained MAC foes by 8.9 ypg. All 3 QB's return as do 8 starters and they should get back into form on offense this year. The D has 8 starters back and returns 6 of their top 7 tacklers and should easily improve upon last year's 27.7 ppg allowed. The defense allowed just 333 ypg (12.0 ypp, see page 299) but had poor field position often. They had 31 starts lost to injury last year (see pg 314). Toledo makes my list of Most Improved Teams and 68% of those have made it to bowl-eligibility after a losing season. It should be a return to the post season for Toledo.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Morgan Williams 6-0 190 PS#32
QB	Travaris Cadet 6-0 196 PS#38
RB	Hosea Simpson 5-9 196 PS#70
WR	Tim Cortazzo 6-1 185 PS#94
WR	Kaunda Hancock 6-0 182 PS#98
DL	Marlin Parker 6-2 235 PS#101LB
RB	Adonis Thomas 5-10 170 PS#131
OL	Sean Berry 6-7 275 PS#228
RB	Gordon Warner 5-10 185 PS#181
QB	DJ Lenehan 6-3 190 PS#131
OL	Kevin Kowalski 6-4 270 PS#299
OL	Matt Bradbury 6-4 285 PS#401
LB	Disi Alexander 6-2 200 PS#364
DB	Tamawi McGhee 6-0 190 PS#379RB
OL	Mike VanDerMeulen 6-7 290 PS#520
LB	Tyson Patrick 6-2 220 PS#427
TE	Danny Noble 6-5 220 PS#453LB
LB	Drey'Lon Pree 6-2 200 PS#500
TE	Jerome Jones 6-7 220 PS#186
K	Brett Brodbeck 5-11 175 PS#96

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 19 AARON OPELT SO. 6-2 205 PS#256. 6 st true, 875 (54%) 6-5 ratio. **11 Clint Cochran** (6-3 205 Jr) PS#104. 5 st 2Y, 1222 (60%) 7-5 ratio. **Travaris Cadet is PS#38.**

RB 33 JALEN PARMELE SR. 6-0 222 PS#104. 1 st '04-'05, 477 (4.5). 12 st LY, 1131 (5.5), **1st Tm MAC**. 4.43 spd. **22** DaJuane Collins (5-10 200 So) PS#86. 261 (5.6). Richard Davis. 538 (4.4) 2Y.

WR 5 Trumaine Smith Jr. 6-4 211 PS#95. 1 tkl, 6 gm LY. **84** Andre Redd (5-11 196 Jr) PS#306. 1 st, 8 rec '05. **85** Robin Bailey (6-5 187 So). **87** Chris Silva (5-7 160 rFr).

WR 1 NICK MOORE JR. 6-4 192 PS#389. 10 st rFr, 24 (14.0). 8 st LY, 20 (10.0). **88** Stephen Williams (6-5 185 So) 4.55 spd. 4 st, 6 (14.5). **23** Chris Murphy (6-2 164 So).

WR 4 DAVID WASHINGTON SR. 6-6 219 3 st '05, 9 rec (14.0). 8 st LY, 4 rec. **2** Andrew Hawkins (5-8 163 Sr) 10 st '05, 28 rec (10.1). 8 rec (13.0) LY. **49** Mike Norris (5-11 182 Sr).

TE 91 CHRIS HOPKINS SR. 6-5 255 4 st, 31 rec (11.5) '05. **1st Tm MAC** LY, 12 st, 54 rec (10.5). **83** John Allen (6-5 215 Jr) 1 st, 31 rec (11.4) 2Y. **82** Matt Fought (6-4 210 rFr) PS#446LB.

C 55 Levi George rFr. 6-1 302 475 bench. #2 C as true but RS. **50** Buster Garrett (6-3 272 So) PS#556. #2 LG rFr. **75** Nick Jones (6-4 300 rFr). **LS 17** Jeremy Mack (6-2 215 Jr) 2Y st'r.

RG 68 JARED DEWALT SO. 6-4 295 PS#230. Last 8 st RG true, lettered **72** Patrick Dawson (6-3 280 Jr) PS#193. 2nd string '05-'06. **78** Kevin Kilgo (6-5 273 So) PS#78TE.

LG 64 DAVID PERKINS SR. 6-2 308 PS#584. 11 st RG rFr. 12 st LG '05. 9 st LG LY until injury. **76** Jan Gewont (6-6 305 rFr) PS#134. Backup all yr, RS. **65** Chris Dyko (6-2 304 So).

RT 63 Jerry Aguwa Sr. 6-4 295 4 gm rFr. 5 gm '04. **12 st RT '05**. 435 bench. Med RS LY. **67** Shawn Glaser (6-8 298 So) PS#329. **62** Chris Meenan (6-7 310 rFr) PS#155.

LT 79 JOHN GRECO SR. 6-5 318 13 st RT rFr. **1st Tm MAC '05 & '06, 24 st**. 1050 leg press. **60** Sean Zabinski (6-6 302 Jr) 1 st RT LY. 2nd string 2Y. **71** Sam Azner (6-5 281 So).

K 85 ALEX STEIGERWALD SO. 5-11 170 PS#52. 47 yd FG HS. 7 of 8 FG in '06, long 39. **14** Michael Krispinsky (5-10 185 Sr) 11 TB '04. 4 TB LY. Brett Brodbeck is PS#96. 53 yd FG HS.

DE 92 SEAN WILLIAMSON SR. 6-2 265 3 st, 10 tkl rFr. 12 st '05, 28 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 47 tkl, 6 tfl. **99** Joe Underwood (6-3 240 rFr) PS#194LB. **95** Nick Lawrence (6-3 229 Jr) 11 tkl, 4.5 tfl 2Y.

DT 98 MAURICE HILL SO. 6-2 275 PS#218. 10 tkl, 2 tfl true. **89 Skylaar Constant** (6-4 265 So) 3 st true, 15 tkl, 1 sk. **75 Alfred Martin** (6-5 255 Jr) **8 st '04. 97** Brian Carothers (6-3 280 Jr). **NT 61 Tyree Pollard Sr.** 6-3 312 PS#416OL. 2 st rFr, 19 tkl, 3 sk. 2 st '05. 11 tkl, 3 tfl. Moved to OL, back DL '06. **87 Patrick Clark** (6-4 266 Sr) **10 st '05**, 17 tkl. Nate Cole (6-2 285 rFr) PS#178.

DE 90 BERNARD FAITHFUL SR. 6-3 240 PS#146LB. 2 st '04. 39 tkl, 4.5 tfl '04-'05. 9 st DE LY, 22 tkl LY. **58** Douglas Westbrook (6-3 215 So) 6 tkl LY. **40** Alex Johnson (6-2 235 rFr) PS#241.

LB 42 Archie Donald So. 6-2 230 PS#290. 6 st true, 43 tkl, 4 sk, 3 tfl. **47** Steven Morrison (6-2 220 Sr) PS#320. 5 st 3Y, 101 tkl, 11 tfl. **46** Eric Heller (6-0 219 Jr) 5 st, 43 tkl rFr.

LB 54 KEITH FORESTAL JR. 6-3 215 PS#93TE. 8 tkl true. 10 st LY, 45 tkl, 1 tfl. **56** Derrick Summers (6-2 235 So) PS#239. 11 tkl true. **48** Beau Brudzinski (6-1 204 So) PS#371. 7 tkl LY.

SLB 32 GREG HAY SR. 6-2 200 3 st '05, 43 tkl, 1 int. 8 st '06, 66 tkl, 3 sk, 7 tfl. **30** Greg Harris (6-0 187 rFr) 1 tkl true. **59** David Fatula (5-9 189 Jr) 14 tkl, 2Y. **27** Matt Burns (6-1 200 rFr).

CB 21 NIGEL MORRIS SR. 6-0 181 12 st rFr, 76 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu. 11 st '05, 33 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. 12 st LY, 45 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. **31** Joe Shuler (6-2 172 So) PS#336WR. **2** Lorenzo Best (5-11 195 rFr).

CB 3 Desmond Marrow So. 6-3 196 PS#431. 1 st true, 19 tkl, 2 pbu. **37 Walter Atkins** (6-1 182 So) 4 st rFr, (1FS, 3 CB) 24 tkl, 4 pbu. **36** Jesse Allen (6-0 190 rFr).

SS 8 BARRY CHURCH SO. 6-3 215 PS#196. 12 st true, 71 tkl, 6 tfl, 4 int, 6 pbu, **1st Tm MAC**. **34** Lester Richmond (6-1 184 So) 19 tkl rFr. **24** Keiron Brown (5-11 176 Jr) 23 tkl 2Y.

FS 28 TYRRELL HERBERT SR. 6-2 190 4.59 spd. 12 st '05, 94 tkl, 6 pbu. 11 st LY, 74 tkl, 3 int. **26** Jeff Green (6-2 185 So) PS#212WR. 6 tkl rFr. **29** Mark Jackson (6-0 195 rFr) PS#345WR.

P 41 BRETT KERN SR. 6-3 195 PS#80. 44 punt '04, 40.6 avg, 34.1 net. 33 punt '05 39.5. 69 punt LY 41.7 avg, 36.3 net. **85** Alex Steigerwald 42.9 punting avg in HS.

TOLEDO ROCKETS

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TOM AMSTUTZ (Career 50–25)
7th Year at Toledo Amstutz's Bowl Record: 2-2

Amstutz's records AT TOLEDO

50-25	Straight Up	1-0	Vs Top 10
30-4	Home	3-2	Vs Top 25
17-19	Away	5-9	Vs BCS Teams
3-2	Neutral	6-3	Off A Bye
36-14	Vs Conference	16-5	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (23,26,3)
Lost: 14 (9,5,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,310 (#93)

MAC – WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#115

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Purdue	A					
Sep. 8	at Central Michigan	A					
Sep. 15	at Kansas	A					
Sep. 22	Iowa St	A					
Sep. 29	Western Michigan	A					
Oct. 6	Liberty (HC)	A					
Oct. 13	at Buffalo	A					
Oct. 20	Ohio	A					
Oct. 27	Northern Illinois	A					
Nov. 3	Eastern Michigan	A					
Nov. 13	at Ball St (Tues)	A					
Nov. 17							
Nov. 23	at Bowling Green (Fri)	A					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Bruce Gradkowski 9,225 '02-'05
2. Gene Swick 7,266 '72-'75
3. Ryan Huzjak 6,926 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Chester Taylor 4,849 '98-'01
2. Wasean Tait 4,338 '93-'98
3. Trinity Dawson 3,474 '02-'05

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Lance Moore 2,776 '01-'04
2. Steve Odom 2,631 '03-'06
3. Don Fair 2,191 '69-'71

UT is 4-11 all-time vs current Big 10 tms, but half of those wins are vs Purdue (2-1). The Rockets are 38-4 the last 42 games at the Glass Bowl (dropped 2 LY).

LY UT suffered their 1st losing yr since 1993, a span of 12 straight winning seasons. Tom Amstutz is 14-4 all-time vs Michigan MAC schools (CMU, WMU, & EMU).

LY vs KU, RB Parmele dashed 25 yds into the EZ (11% of UT's total off) in the 2OT for the win. Since Amstutz took over as HC ('01), Toledo is 2-9 on the road vs non-conf opp's.

Toledo is an outstanding 20-2 in their 1st HG after 2 or more gms on the road S/'86. LY vs ISU, QB Cochran had career highs in comp, att, yds, & TD's (39-49-80%-367-3-1).

These schools have played every yr S/'50 & UT hasn't lost in B2B yrs vs WMU since '87 & '88. LY UT led at the half, but 3TO's (4 total) & 24 unanswered by WMU was too much to overcome.

The Flames posted the best W/L improvement in the nation LY (1-10 to 6-5) as HC Danny Rocco was honored as the Big South COY. Toledo is 53-23 (70%) all-time on HC.

Toledo is 5-2 in the series including 4 straight wins. As MAC opponents, Toledo has won by an avg of 25 ppg. This is the Rockets first trip to Buffalo since 1970.

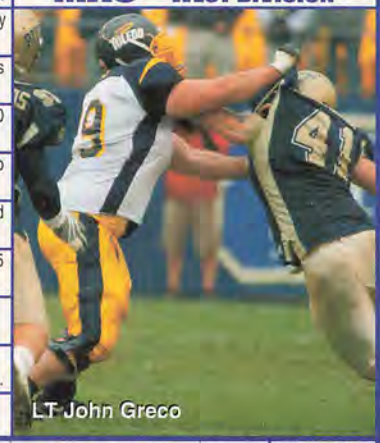
Toledo has dominated Ohio in this series since 1969, going 24-5-1, including 10 straight. The Rockets are 25-9-1 since 1994 vs instate MAC opponents.

Toledo is 27-7 all-time (12-1 L/13 games) vs Northern Illinois. Last year UT had to break up a 4th down EZ pass from their own 2 as time expired to beat NIU.

EMU scored a TD last year with :36 left as the winning drive was setup by a 45 yd KOR. Toledo is 21-2 since 1984 in regular season Glass Bowl finales.

The visitor in this series is just 3-10-1 the last 14 years. Toledo is 11-2-2 the last 15 years prior to playing arch rival Bowling Green (has lost last 2 years).

Toledo is 31-36-4 vs Bowling Green, but they have won 3 straight & 9 of 12. The visitor in this instate rivalry is just 1-8 since 1998. UT led 21-0 in last yr's win.


LT John Greco

STADIUM: GLASS BOWL (26,248) (#111)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (NeXturf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	9-2	9-4	8-4	9-3	8-3	5-7	58-24
Home	6-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	5-0	4-1	4-2	36-4
Away	4-1	3-2	4-3	2-4	3-3	4-2	1-5	21-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	6-1	6-2	7-2	6-2	8-1	6-2	3-5	42-15
ATS (Gary Pinkel)	7-2	4-7	8-3-1	7-3-1	7-4-1	3-7	5-6	41-32-3
Home Fav (Tom Amstutz)	3-1	2-3	4-1	3-0	3-1	2-2	2-2	19-10
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	5-0
Away Fav	3-1	1-4	2-0	1-2	1-0-1	0-4	0-1	8-12-1
Away Dog	1-0	0-0	2-2-1	1-1-1	1-3	1-1	2-3	8-10-2
Favorite	6-2	3-7	6-1	4-2	4-1-1	2-6	2-3	27-22-1
Dog	1-0	1-0	2-2	3-1-1	3-3	1-1	3-3	14-10-2
vs Conf	5-2	2-6	7-1-1	6-1-1	6-2-1	3-5	3-5	32-22-3
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-2	2-1	9-10
Off SU Win	5-2	2-6	5-3-1	5-2-1	6-2	1-6	1-2	25-23-2
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-1	3-0	2-0	1-1-1	2-1	3-4	13-7-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jalen Parmele	207	1170	39	1131	8	5.5
Richard Davis	87	308	26	282	3	3.2
Aaron Opelt	80	358	97	261	4	3.3
DaJuane Collins	47	262	1	261	3	5.6
Scooter McDougle	8	49	0	49	0	6.1
Brandon Summers	9	26	46	-20	1	-2.2
Clint Cochran	22	20	114	-94	1	-4.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Clint Cochran	169	96	56.8	960	6	4
Aaron Opelt	188	102	54.3	875	6	5
Brandon Summers	23	14	60.9	135	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Hopkins	54	565	10.5	7	42
Steve Odom	46	428	9.3	2	36
Nick Moore	20	200	10.0	0	29
Richard Davis	21	160	7.6	0	26
John Allen	11	144	13.1	0	41
Jalen Parmele	16	128	8.0	0	25
Josh Powell	13	111	8.5	2	16
Andrew Hawkins	8	104	13.0	1	40
Stephen Williams	6	87	14.5	1	37

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brett Kern	60	2502	41.7	27	36.3(t)	1	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alex Steigerwald	30-31	2-2	5-6	0-0	0-0	7-8	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyrrell Herbert	74	0	0	1	3
Barry Church	71	0.5	5.5	6	4
Greg Hay	66	3	6.5	4	0
Mike Alston	65	7	10	3	0
Sean Williamson	47	1	5	0	0
Nigel Morris	45	0	1	5	2
Keith Forestal	45	0	1	2	0
Steven Morrison	43	4	1	0	0
Eric Heller	43	0	2.5	3	0
Archie Donald	43	3.5	2	0	0
JP Bekasiak	29	0.5	2	0	0
Walter Atkins	24	0	0	4	0
Bo Martin	23	0	0	4	2
Bernard Faithful	22	0	1.5	1	0
Desmond Marrow	19	0	0	2	0
Lester Richmond	19	0	0	1	0
Skylaar Constant	15	1	0	0	0
Mike Chamberlain	14	0	0.5	1	0
David Fatula	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Odom	19	70	3.7	0
Nigel Morris	1	28	28.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Richard Davis	32	701	21.9	0
Jalen Parmele	3	46	15.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Las Vegas - #25	E	Nevada (OT)	40-37
01	Motor City - #25	-4	Cincinnati	23-16
02	Motor City	+4	Boston College	25-51
04	Motor City	-3'	Connecticut	10-39
05	GMAC	-3	UTEP	45-13

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TOLEDO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	23.4	18	156	4.0	171	55.7	14.0	-3	2006	7	27.7	18	138	3.9	195	56.6	12.0
5*	35.8	24	217	5.3	230	63.8	12.5	+5	2005	8	21.8	19	126	3.5	191	55.4	14.6
7*	33.2	23	161	4.0	298	68.6	13.8	-2	2004	5	31.1	22	142	3.9	275	56.6	13.4
4	32.4	24	185	4.9	278	70.4	14.3	+11	2003	8	23.8	21	150	3.9	238	63.2	16.3
7	35.4	24	214	5.1	258	69.8	13.4	+7	2002	4	27.0	20	151	4.2	213	58.2	13.5
7*	33.9	23	223	4.9	223	65.6	13.1	+1	2001	8	24.8	19	99	2.9	222	57.5	12.9

2006 STATS BY GAME

UT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Iowa St	23	27-45	1.7	39-49	367	3	24	41-159	3.9	17-26	234	2	-1
–	at W Michigan	17	32-88	2.8	18-31	218	5	11	32-163	5.1	11-15	98	0	-4
–	Kansas	14	30-101	3.4	15-47	136	3	23	40-148	3.7	23-41	243	4	+5
–	McNeese St	22	44-219	5.0	17-30	186	3	14	37-155	4.2	10-22	116	3	+3
–	at Pittsburgh	15	35-124	3.5	18-36	106	1	19	43-185	4.3	14-17	189	1	-3
–	C Michigan	29	41-174	4.2	32-53	313	4	20	30-92	3.1	21-29	295	2	-4
–	at Kent St	14	38-102	2.7	17-31	132	4	19	47-270	5.7	8-15	78	1	-2
–	at E Michigan	19	37-175	4.7	18-31	143	1	17	37-133	3.6	17-27	196	1	+1
–	Akron	16	50-175	3.5	9-17	139	1	14	34-107	3.1	13-29	191	4	+1
–	at N Illinois	16	49-238	4.9	8-21	49	1	17	22-23	1.0	20-47	244	4	+1
–	Ball St	18	40-226	5.7	14-27	152	3	16	34-144	4.2	15-31	212	0	-1
–	Bowling Green	16	47-208	4.4	10-13	107	1	20	31-76	2.5	24-42	246	0	+1
TOTALS		219	470-1875	4.0	215-386	2048	30	214	428-1655	3.9	193-341	2342	22	-3
AVERAGES		18.3	39-156	4.0	18-32	171	2.5	17.8	36-138	3.9	16-28	195	1.8	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Cal Poly	NL	44-16
–	at E Michigan	-22	65-13
–	at Minnesota	+7	21-31
–	UNLV	-7'	38-21
–	at Pittsburgh	+5	19-37
–	Ball St	-18	37-17
–	at UCF	+4	27-24
–	Miami, Oh	-3'	13-27
–	C Michigan	-14	44-17
–	at W Michigan	-7	42-21
–	at N Illinois	+1	33-30
–	Bowling Green	-3	42-24
–	† Marshall	+4	45-49

2003 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at UNLV	E	18-28
–	Liberty	NL	49-3
–	at Marshall	+5'	24-17
–	Pittsburgh - #9	+10	35-31
–	at Syracuse	+3'	7-34
–	E Michigan	-27	49-14
–	at C Michigan	-14'	31-13
–	at Ball St	-12	14-38
–	Buffalo	-26	56-29
–	N Illinois - #22	+1'	49-30
–	W Michigan	-11'	34-17
–	at Bowling Green - #22	+8	23-31

2004 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Minnesota - #25	+11'	21-63
–	at Kansas	+3	14-63
–	at E Michigan	-10	42-32
–	Temple	-7'	45-17
–	Ball St	-16	52-14
–	at W Michigan	-14	59-33
–	Ohio	-13'	31-13
–	C Michigan	-24	27-22
–	at Miami, Oh	+5'	16-23
–	at N Illinois	+7	31-17
–	Bowling Green	+4	49-41
–	† Miami, Oh	+1'	35-27

2005 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Illinois	NL	62-14
–	W Michigan	-22	56-23
–	at Temple	-28	42-17
–	at Fresno St	+14	14-44
–	E Michigan	-20	30-3
–	at Ball St	-22	34-14
–	Buffalo	-30'	38-15
–	at C Michigan	-7'	17-21
–	at Ohio	-10'	30-21
–	N Illinois	-10	17-35
–	at Bowling Green	+4	44-41 2OT

2006 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa St	+8'	43-45 3OT
–	at W Michigan	-10'	10-31
–	Kansas	-4'	37-31 2OT
–	McNeese St	NL	41-7
–	at Pittsburgh	+16'	3-45
–	C Michigan	-2'	20-42
–	at Kent St	+7'	14-40
–	at E Michigan	+1	13-17
–	Akron	+4'	35-20
–	at N Illinois	+12	17-13
–	Ball St	-4	17-20
–	Bowling Green	-6'	31-21

WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Rutgers transfer Ryan Cubit (PS#60) battled Blayne Baggett (14 pass in 2Y) for the starting job. Cubit, despite being banged up, started 7 and threw for 1,887 (58.6%) with a 14-12 ratio. Baggett (993 yds, 63%) opted to transfer. In '05 Cubit was backed by Robbie Haas. Haas started vs Virginia when Cubit suffered a broken leg but true frosh Tim Hiller took off his RS and had a spectacular season. In just six games he had a 20-3 ratio and a pass eff of 178.5 (#1 NCAA). Unfortunately, Hiller was inj'd vs N Illinois in '05 then opted to RS in '06. WM added Thomas Peregrin (PS#47JC) who threw for 2,715 yards and 28 TD's at JC in '05. Adding depth behind Cubit and Peregrin were Caleb Clark (6'3" 190 So, All-Canada) and Dennis Reedy (6'3" 190 Jr). They wanted to RS Peregrin but Cubit was inj'd in the opener and Peregrin guided the team to wins over Toledo and Virginia in a low-risk passing offense hitting 18 of 26 (138 yd) combined. Cubit ret'd throwing for 2,138 (61.4%) with a 16-13 ratio. Clark got in 2 games with 1 attempt. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Drew Burdi (6'2" 180 rFr, PS#255), Clark and Reedy. This year Cubit departs but Hiller returns and at 6'5" 215 could be the next NFL-caliber MAC QB.

RB Mark Bonds

RUNNING BACKS - The Broncos had a streak of five 1,000 yard rushers from 1997-'02 but the team avg'd just 81 ypg rushing in '03 (2.8) and 99.5 (3.0) in '04 to end the streak. Mark Bonds was the #2 rusher in '04 with 225 (3.4) and was the first true frosh RB to play here since 1997. Trovon Riley led in '04 with 691 (4.0) but was susp the first 2 of '05. Bonds rushed for 119 vs Virginia but just 337 the rest of the year. Riley started another streak that year with 1,004 yards (4.6). Bonds landed in the doghouse last spring and 3 true frosh were given equal opportunity to play in Glenis Thompson (5'9" 215 So), a bowling bowl-type power back, Brandon West (PS#349) who is the speed back and Bobby Crawford (5'8" 180 rFr) who makes people miss. Bonds rushed for 134 vs Toledo and had a fine season finishing with 1,082 (4.3) and 26 rec. West started vs CM and rushed for 117 and had 633 (4.8) for the year. Thompson had 85 (3.7) and Crawford redshirted. Everyone returns including Kirk Elsworth (6'0" 208 Jr, PS#279, 18 ttl yd) and this group should produce its 3rd straight 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 WM had some huge losses in Greg Jennings (#2DC) and Tony Scheffler (#2DC). Jennings departed as the school record holder and was 3rd Tm AA ('05) while Scheffler left after setting the WM record for rec by a TE in a season, twice in consecutive years with 53 & 57. Coaches were very high on the potential of rFr Jamarko Simmons (PS#102). He was a big, physical, explosive player but he had an injury-plagued 2005 with just 11 rec. Last year Simmons had 7 rec vs Indiana but then had just 24 over the next 9. Cubit said Simmons was a changed man as he had 30 rec in the final 3. HC Cubit called this group the best blocking WR's he had ever been around. Herb Martin (PS#182JC) did improve as the season went on and finished with 30 (12.2). WR Joe Chapple was the #1 receiver then lost his job to Keith Schultz for 1 game (Miami). He still finished #3 with 35 (8.8). TE Branden Ledbetter had 9 rec vs Miami but was banged up and finished with 37 (11.4). Chris Maragos had 25 (8.9). They also add Schneider Julien who had 51 rec (19.4) at JC and should steal a starting spot. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Brooks Bunbury (5'9" 180 rFr), Tyler VanZandt (6'1" 189 rFr), TE's Ben Hunderman (6'5" 245 rFr, PS#85), James O'Neill (6'4" 235 rFr, PS#101) and Chad Baliko (6'3" 245 So). This year they lose Chapple but should have a healthier Ledbetter and a still improving Simmons. This unit is much more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - WM had just one starter back in 2003 (2.8 ypc, 39 sk) and two back in 2004 (3.0 ypc, 19 sk). In 2005 they finally had an experienced unit and their best ypc rushing in five years (3.8). They allowed just 24 sacks (6.2%) and had three frosh, five soph and 2 juniors rotate in the 2 deep. They only had to replace one starter last year and were #1 in the MAC in sacks allowed (17, 4.2%) while opening holes for 3.7 ypc rush. This year the only losses are 2nd Tm MAC LG Dominic Moran (13 st, WM Top OL Award) and backup Dezmond Gray. Six players return with starting experience and the unit keeps getting bigger as the projected starting 5 avg 307 lbs. This is the deepest area on the team with 18 players who have been in the system at least a year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004, without DE Jason Babin (#1DC HOU) and another starter, WM had just 20 sacks and allowed 5.3 ypc rushing. 2005's DL was inexperienced (see Hardcore) but improved allowing 3.7 ypc (31 sk) and 68 ypg less rushing. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 7 starts. This time around they allowed only 76 ypg rushing (71 ypg improvement) and just 2.6 ypc. This year they lose DE Anthony Belmonte (5 st, 18 tkl) and DE Matt Ludeman (7 st, 22 tkl, 2 sk). Belmonte had his season cut short by a broken ankle vs N Illinois. It will be tough to improve much upon last year's stats (including 46 sacks) but this group is even more experienced and one of the MAC's best defensive fronts.

LINEBACKERS - WM had a very experienced LB corps last year with the entire 2 deep returning including 1st Tm MAC OLB Ameer Ismail. Ismail had a phenomenal 2006 season with 17 sacks breaking the school record (Jason Babin, 2003). He is also the first player in MAC history to earn MAC Def POW 3 straight weeks. Ismail was 2nd Tm AP AA, the 3rd WM player to ever earn that honor (Bob Rowe '66 and John Offerdahl '85). Unfortunately this year, Ismail (13 st, #1 tkl'r) departs as does OLB Paul Tithof (11 st, 53 tkl, 7 tfl), but 4 of the top 6 do return. Darrell Copeland did have 10 starts at S in 2004 with 55 tackles but had none last year, a year after his ACL injury. Austin Pritchard has had 81 tackles and 5.5 sacks the last two years and Dustin Duclo was voted WM's Def POY last year. This unit is my biggest concern on the entire squad.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WM was #116 in my pass D rankings in 2004. They had to replace 2 starters and Cubit had 3 frosh in Louis Delmas, CJ Wilson and Kennard Banks who helped WM improve to #50. Last year Banks was suspended then quit. Returning starting SS Antwain Allen (#1 tkl'r '05) tore his ACL so they basically had two starters back. Londen Fryar is doing the exact opposite of what his father (Irving) did at Nebraska (see Hardcore). He was 1st Tm MAC and had 5 int, one reason WM led the entire NCAA in int (24) including 4 that the team returned for TD's. WM moved up to #6 in my pass D rankings and this year figures to contend for top honors again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Gary Darnell had some solid ST units here as they finished #26 in my ST rankings in 1999, #20 in 2000, #36 in 2002 and #19 in 2003. Cubit inherited a group that finished #63 in 2004 plus PR Greg Jennings. K Nate Meyer hit 12 of 19 FG's with L/44. His backup, Mike Jones (PS#48), had 12 TB on 44 KO. Last year they added in rFr Brett Meldrum (PS#26) who had 31 TB on 50 KO in HS. WM finished #56 in '05 and had to replace their top returnmen in '06. Joe Chapple took over the PR duties (14.4) while Brandon West avg'd a nifty 28.0 on KR's. Last year Meyer nailed 23 TB on 64 KO and the team allowed just 16.0 per KR. Another strength is that Cubit tells the team not to take a play off and they had 5 blk'd xp's in 2005 and 4 more last year. Soph Cory Flom set a WM record with 4 blk's and is also the career leader (5). Everyone returns except for Chapple and Meyer and they could improve upon their #77 finish.

COACHES - Bill Cubit is now in his 32nd year of coaching. He was a HC at Widener where he compiled a 34-18-1 record in five seasons. He's previously been the OC at Stanford, Rutgers, Missouri and here at W Michigan ('97-'99 when his team avg'd 30.4 ppg and was 22-12). He is a solid HC and brings a great deal of discipline to the program. He will also serve as the OC this year. George McDonald was the OC for two years but left for Minnesota. DC Scott Shafer also left for a BCS school (Stanford). Also leaving are OL Coach Mike Sullivan (NFL, CLE) and QB Coach Tim Lester. The new DC is Bill Miller who was the DC at Okla St, Miami Fl, Nevada, Mich St ('99-'02) and spent the last 2 years at Ariz St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1990 WM has had just 5 losing seasons, unfortunately four of them came from 2001-2004. Gary Darnell established WM as a MAC power from 1997-2000. They finished #27 in the final polls in 2000 winning the MAC West and recording 3 shutouts. They led the MAC West for 24 straight weeks until they fell out of first in 2001. In 2004 I pointed out that Darnell needed a winning season to keep his job and that it would be a tough task with just 11 starters back, a new QB and a tough schedule. The season was even worse than expected as they finished 1-10 and were outgained by a MAC worst 152.1 ypg in conf play with the team basically giving up down the stretch. That 2004 squad was -13 in turnovers (pg 312). They returned 13 starters in '05 and I said they would have the most improved record of any team in the MAC and could actually flirt with a winning season. Only 30 players stayed to workout over the summer of 2004 but 70 were on hand in '05 under new HC Cubit. After opening 0-2 and trailing Div IAA S Illinois by 11 they ended their 12 game losing streak. QB Cubit was injured early but Hiller came off the bench and was MAC Frosh of the Year. WM won the Michigan MAC Championship knocking off both EM and CM. In the season finale vs NI with a possible bowl berth on the line, they lost both Hiller (inj) and their chances of winning the game. Despite a 7-4 record, they were not invited to a bowl and became the first MAC team to lose 8 conf games one year and win 5 the next. Cubit was named MAC Coach of the Year. They only had 21 upperclassmen and had 35 frosh play in '05 (most in NCAA) and set a Div IA record with 17 of them starting. Despite a winning record in the MAC, WM was outgained by 91.3 ypg in conf play. Last year they had to replace a 1,000 yard rusher and NFL DC's at WR and TE. QB Hiller also missed the season. WM's offensive production dropped from 32.2 ppg to 23.0. The key was a defense that returned 8 starters and went from allowing 31.1 ppg down to just 19.9 allowing just 275 ypg (#11 in NCAA), the best here since 1995 (257 ypg)! After knocking off Toledo 31-10 at home, they upset ACC member Virginia on the road. They suffered a tough loss to Ohio yielding an 88 yard PR TD and 66 yard IR TD but beat NI much worse than the final indicated with 380-157 edge and 21-10 FD edges. They won their next 3 before 3 TO's in the 3Q did them in vs CM, a loss that cost them a shot at the MAC Title game. They nearly upset Fla St on the road with FSU receiving some favorable ref calls. They shutout Akron in the season finale for their first back-to-back winning seasons since 1999-2000. They got to their first bowl game since 1988 and after an early bobbled pass was ret'd for a TD to put them in a hole, they nearly beat Cincinnati, coming up 3 points short. WM outgained MAC foes by a league best 63.8 ypg and this year actually return more than the 16 listed starters as QB Hiller returns from injury. The offense will easily top last year's 23.0 ppg. The D losses 2nd Tm AA Ameer Ismail but returns 11 of their top 13 tacklers and will be one of the MAC's best. This is a loaded Bronco team which 5 of my 8 sets of power ratings call the best team in the MAC and WM will be bowl-bound again.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BROWN — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BROWN — DEFENSE

QB 3 Tim Hiller So. 6-5 215 **PS#89**. 5 st true, 1334 (65%) **20-3 ratio**, 127 rush until inj. RS LY. **14 Thomas Peregrin** (6-3 185 Sr) **PS#47JC**. 2 st LY, 189 (69%) 3-0.

RB 34 MARK BONDS SR. 5-10 215 PS#68. 2 st, 681 (4.1) '04-'05. 8 st LY, 1082 (4.3), **2nd Tm MAC**. **2** Brandon West (5-10 176 So) 4 st, 633 (4.8), 16 rec (6.0), 22 KR (28.0).

WR 27 JAMARKO SIMMONS JR. 6-2 231 PS#102. 1 st, 11 (8.6) rFr. 12 st, 61 rec (11.0) LY, **30 rec L/3 gm! 81** Juan Nunez (6-1 215 Fr) GS. **80** Fernand Kashama (6-3 210 Jr) PS#383.

WR NA Schneider Julien Jr. 5-10 175 **PS#46JC. 28** Chris Maragos (6-0 185 So) **8 st** rFr, 25 rec (8.9). Jamelle Murray (5-9 165 rFr) PS#326. Tyler Aldridge (5-9 165 So). 1 PR true.

WR 7 HERB MARTIN SR. 6-1 187 PS#182JC. 5 starts here in '06, 30 rec (12.2). **83** Jordan White (6-2 195 rFr). ACL true. **86** Kelly Martin (6-3 180 Sr) PS#168. 3 st, 5 rec 2Y.

TE 82 BRANDEN LEDBETTER JR. 6-5 221 PS#124WR. 1 st, 11 (6.9) rFr. 9 st LY, 37 (11.4). **84** Matt Stevens (6-5 240 So) PS#226WR. 5 st, 4 rec LY. **87** Keith Schultz (6-3 231 Sr) 2 st, 7 rec LY.

C 78 ROBBIE KRUTILLA SR. 6-3 308 PS#279. 11 st rFr, 819 snaps. 11 st C '05, 834 snaps. 13 st LY. **63** Paul Wasikowski (6-4 290 So) 10 gm rFr. **LS 69** Tom Harrington (5-11 220 So).

RG 62 MATT WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 282 PS#436. 9 gm true. 8 st OG '05. 13 st RG LY. Phillip Swanson (6-4 313 rFr) PS#234. **71** Brian Bailey (6-4 300 Jr). Anthony Parker is PS#280.

LG 76 Steve Ellingsen Jr. 6-4 280 PS#198. 3 st true (2RG, 1RT), 203 plays. 3 st RT LY. **66** Jesse Parsley (6-4 285 So) PS#499. **77** Matt Lochmann (6-4 285 So) 2nd string as rFr.

RT 75 JAMES BLAIR SR. 6-3 338 PS#118. 9 gm, 152 plays rFr. 5 st LG '05, 574 snaps. 10 st RT LY. **61** Nick Clemens (6-5 320 rFr) PS#206. **60** Nick Mitchell (6-3 280 rFr).

LT 67 ROB JOHNSON JR. 6-4 329 4 st, 305 plays rFr. 10 st LT LY. **56** Andy Laue (6-4 255 So) PS#111. 3 st LT LY. **58** Joe Gaylor (6-5 305 So). Andrew Yuds is PS#203.

K 17 Mike Jones Sr. 5-11 176 PS#48. 12 TB on 44 KO in '05. 1 of 1 FG LY (22 yd). **41** Brett Meldrum (5-10 170 So) PS#26. 10 of 17 FG, long 47 in HS. Chris Kelly. WM soccer tm.

DE 54 Greg Marshall Jr. 6-0 230 PS#384LB. 34 tkl, 2 tfl true. 2 st SLB LY, 13 tkl, 1 sk. **96** Mark Berghuis (6-3 211 So) PS#355LB. 9 tkl true. **79** James Randall (6-5 240 So) PS#425OL.

DT 99 NICK VARCADIPANE JR. 6-2 272 PS#220. 11 st '05, 50 tkl, 5.5 sk. 13 st LY, 51 tkl, 9 tfl. **68** Cody Cielenski (6-2 295 So) PS#118. 3 tkl rFr. **93** John Russell (6-4 255 Jr) 9 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y.

NG 98 CORY FLOM JR. 6-3 285 4 st rFr, 13 tkl, 2 tfl. 13 st LY, 33 tkl, 5 tfl, 4 blk'd K. **91** Grant Nemeth (6-3 260 Jr) PS#179LB. 3 tkl rFr. **95** Chris Pyant (6-3 285 rFr) PS#427.

DE 90 ZACH DAVIDSON JR. 6-2 243 PS#147. 5 st '05, 20 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 47 tkl, 8 sk, 2.5 tfl. **48** Justin Braska (6-4 215 So) 14 tkl, 2 sk rFr. **16** Anthony Williams (6-2 210 rFr) PS#350LB.

WLB 30 Matt Buskirk So. 6-2 190 Walk-on. 4.4 spd. 24 tkl, 3.5 sk, 1 int true. **19** Cornelius Robinson (6-2 210 Jr) PS#329DB. 17 tkl 2Y. **8 Darrell Copeland** (6-1 215 Sr) 10 st S '04, 55 tkl. ACL '05.

MLB 59 DUSTIN DUCLO JR. 6-1 225 11 st rFr, 58 tkl, 3 tfl. 13 st LY, WM Def POY, 53 tkl, 6.5 tfl. Boston McCornell (6-2 240 Jr) PS#187JC. **50** Garrett Sosnovich (6-0 220 Jr) 6 tkl 2Y.

SLB 35 Austin Pritchard Jr. 6-5 225 4 st true, 54 tkl, 3.5 sk. 27 tkl LY, 4 tfl. Rudy Robinson (5-11 225 Fr) PS#310. Nic Saad (6-2 225 Sr) PS#301RB. 12 tkl 2Y. Matt Pickens (6-1 205 rFr) PS#455.

CB 1 EJ BIGGERS JR. 6-0 165 PS#223. 3 st, 27 tkl true. 12 st LY, 31 tkl, 4 int, 4 pbu. **46** Desman Stephen (6-0 190 Jr) 3 st, 8 tkl LY. **47** Jonathan Wright (5-9 185 So) 6 tkl rFr.

CB 6 LONDEN FRYAR JR. 5-11 185 PS#167WR. Irving's son. 1 st WR '05. 12 st CB LY, **1st Tm MAC**, 5 int, 52 tkl. **15** Andy Dorcely (6-0 185 So) 4 tkl true, 4.5 spd. **36** Nate Turner (5-8 160 So).

SS 26 CJ WILSON JR. 6-2 206 11 st FS rFr, 47 tkl, 2 int. 13 st SS in '06, 62 tkl, 3 int. **38** Anthony Gebhart (5-8 195 Sr) 2 st FS LY, 45 tkl. Scott Gajos (6-0 220 Jr). Steve Arehart (6-0 210 rFr).

FS 9 LOUIS DELMAS JR. 6-0 181 7 st CB true, 82 tkl, 8 pbu, 3 int. 11 st FS LY, 53 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. **21 Antwain Allen** (6-2 215 Sr) PS#206WR. 11 st '05, **#1 tkl'r** (95), 6 pbu. ACL '06.

P 39 JIM LANEY SR. 6-4 207 60 punts in '05, 40.8 avg, net 35.1. 62 punts LY, 38.2 avg and net of 30.6. **17** Mike Jones 40.0 avg in HS. Ben Armer PS#61. 41.3 avg in HS '06.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Schneider Julien 5-10 175 PS#46JC
LB	Boston McCornell 6-2 240 PS#187JC
QB	Robert Arnheim 6-0 185 PS#90
OL	Andrew Yuds 6-4 285 PS#203
LB	Harrison Porter 6-0 200 PS#182
DL	Jacoby Love 6-0 285 PS#279OL
OL	Anthony Parker 6-5 305 PS#280
LB	Rudy Robinson 5-11 225 PS#310 '06
OL	Lee Pethan 6-4 285 PS#363
DL	Andrew Wersel 6-0 240 PS#288
TE	Anthony Middleton 6-4 215 PS#107
K	Ben Armer 5-10 201 PS#61
DL	Kevin Cyrille 6-3 255 PS#365
DB	David Lewis 5-10 170 PS#437
WR	Deshon Lawrence 6-0 175 PS#426
WR	Kyle McDowell 6-0 185 PS#429
DL	Alvin Amilcar 6-3 235 PS#451
DB	Mario Armstrong 6-0 188 PS#540
DB	Keith Dixon 6-1 185 PS#540
DB	Nick Hunter 6-1 210 PS#540
DB	Dervon Wallace 6-0 180 PS#540
OL	Jonathan Jack 6-6 305 PS#606
WR	Juan Nunez 6-1 215 PS#495

WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

Kalamazoo, Michigan
Weather (269) 963-1122

BILL CUBIT (Career 15-9) (Div III 34-18-1)
3rd Year at W MICHIGAN
Cubit's Bowl Record: 0-1

Cubit's records AT W MICHIGAN

15-9	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
9-1	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
5-7	Away	1-4	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
11-5	Vs Conference	5-2	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (16,16,2)
Lost: 11 (3,5,3)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,625 (#100)

MAC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#94

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at West Virginia	A					
Sep. 8	Indiana	A					
Sep. 15	at Missouri	A					
Sep. 22	Central Conn St	A					
Sep. 29	at Toledo	A					
Oct. 6	Akron	A					
Oct. 13	at Northern Illinois	A					
Oct. 20	Ball St (HC)	A					
Oct. 27	at Eastern Michigan	A					
Nov. 6	C Michigan (Tues)	A					
Nov. 10							
Nov. 17	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 24	Temple	A					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tim Lester 11,299 '96-'99
2. Brad Tayles 8,717'89-'92
3. Jay McDonagh 6,148 '93-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Robert Sanford 4,219 '97-'00
2. Jerome Persell 4,190 '76-'78
3. Shawn Faulkner 3,341 '80-'83

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Steve Neal 3,599 '97-'00
2. Greg Jennings 3,539 '02-'05
3. Corey Alston 2,456 '97-'00

W Michigan is 2-21 since 1984 in road openers. All 3 of WMU's non-conference road games are vs teams that made it to a bowl last year (combined record 25-14).

WMU is 15-2 since 1990 in their Kalamazoo opener. Indiana is the first Big 10 team ever to visit Waldo Stadium (just the 7th time a MAC team has hosted a B10 opp).

Bill Cubit was the OC/QB's coach for the Missouri Tigers in 2000. In their last & only game vs Mizzou ('99), WMU allowed 375 (6.3) rush yds (only once since has an opp topped).

This will be CCSU Blue Devils first meeting involving an FBS opponent. They have faced both Connecticut & Buffalo (2-4 combined), but before each school moved up from IAA.

WM is 5-13 in their L/18 MAC road gms. They are 3-15 vs Toledo & have lost 9 straight at the Glass Bowl. LY QB Peregrin made his 1st career start & snapped a 5 gm series losing streak.

WMU leads the all-time series 11-3. Bill Cubit spent 2 seasons ('90-'91) as the RB coach at Akron. W Michigan got its first shutout since 2000 last year vs the Zips.

WM is 21-11 vs NI but LY's win snapped a 5 gm losing streak. RB Wolf had rushed for 150 yds 11 straight wks but was held to 25 yds. The 30 pts combined LY is the lowest mark S/'92.

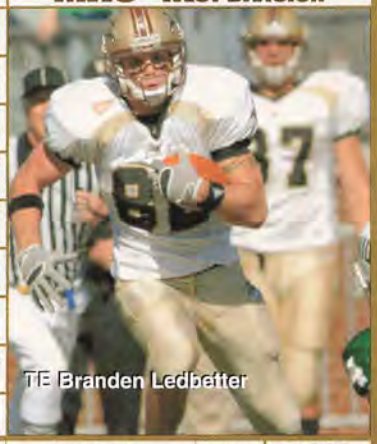
LY vs BSU former WMU LB Ismail tied the national record for sks in a game w/6. Last time hosting BSU, the Cardinals & Broncos played the longest game in MAC history.

These 2 are separated by 110 miles on I-94. WM is 13-2 vs EM & WM has won 7 straight visiting Ypilanti. The Broncos trailed 15-3 in the 4Q in last year's win.

This will mark the 1st ever nationally televised game at Waldo Stadium (espn2). The home team in this rivalry is 15-2. WMU's RB West had a career high 117 yds.

WMU is 5-11 the last 9 years in November road games. Heading into '07, W Michigan is 4-25 vs current Big 10 teams being ouscored by an average 28-13.

Temple joins the MAC this season (East Div) after 2 yrs as an Independent & 14 yrs in the Big East. Western Michigan is 21-5 since 1981 in their home finale.


TE Branden Ledbetter

STADIUM: WALDO STADIUM (30,200) (#103)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	5-6	4-8	5-7	1-10	7-4	8-4	39-42
Home	5-0	4-1	2-4	3-3	1-4	4-1	5-0	24-13
Away	4-2	1-5	2-4	2-4	0-6	2-3	3-4	14-28
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	7-2	4-4	3-5	4-4	0-8	5-3	6-2	29-28
ATS	9-2	3-7	4-7	5-6	3-7	5-5	7-5	36-39
Home Fav (Gary Dalmell)	3-0	2-2	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-2	1-2	10-8
Home Dog (Gary Dalmell)	1-0	0-0	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-0	2-0	3-10
Away Fav (Bill Cubit)	2-1	0-2	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	7-7
Away Dog	3-0	1-3	2-1	1-3	3-2	2-2	3-2	15-13
Favorite	5-2	2-4	2-2	4-0	0-2	3-3	2-3	18-16
Dog	4-0	1-3	2-5	1-6	3-5	2-2	5-2	18-23
vs Conf	7-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-6	4-4	4-4	27-30
vs Non-Conf	2-0	0-2	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-1	3-1	9-9
Off SU Win	6-2	2-3	0-3	2-3	0-1	3-4	3-4	16-20
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-4	4-4	2-3	3-6	1-1	4-0	17-18

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mark Bonds	252	1152	70	1082	7	4.3
Brandon West	131	661	28	633	3	4.8
Glenis Thompson	23	100	15	85	0	3.7
Jamarko Simmons	7	38	0	38	0	5.4
Kirk Elsworth	2	9	0	9	0	4.5
Thomas Peregrin	9	11	29	-18	0	-2.0
Ryan Cubit	34	57	117	-60	0	-1.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Ryan Cubit	365	224	61.4	2138	16	13
Thomas Peregrin	39	27	69.2	189	3	0
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Jamarko Simmons		61	668	11.0	2	76
Branden Ledbetter		37	423	11.4	6	81
Herb Martin		30	365	12.2	4	52
Joe Chapple		35	308	8.8	2	31
Chris Maragos		25	222	8.9	0	23
Mark Bonds		26	164	6.3	0	22
Brandon West		16	96	6.0	0	24
Keith Schultz		7	69	9.9	3	31
Matt Stevens		4	38	9.5	1	18
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jim Laney	62	2369	38.2	8	30.6(t)	1	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nate Meyer	33-34	9-12	3-4	4-6	1-2	17-24	50
Mike Jones	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	22

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ameer Ismail	90	17	8.5	3	2
CJ Wilson	62	0	1.5	6	3
Louis Delmas	53	0	0.5	5	4
Dustin Duclo	53	1.5	5	2	0
Paul Tithof	53	1	6	1	1
Londen Fryar	52	0	0	5	5
Nick Varcadipane	51	2.5	6.5	1	0
Zach Davidson	47	8	2.5	0	0
Anthony Gebhart	45	0	1	3	1
Cory Flom	33	1.5	3.5	2	0
EJ Biggers	31	0	0	4	4
Austin Pritchard	27	2	2	2	0
Matt Buskirk	24	3.5	0	0	1
Matt Ludeman	22	2	3.5	0	2
Anthony Belmonte	18	1.5	1.5	0	0
Justin Braska	14	2	1	0	0
Greg Marshall	13	1	0	0	0
Cornelius Robinson	10	1	0	0	0
Mark Berghuis	9	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Joe Chapple	16	230	14.4	0
Tyler Aldridge	1	14	14.0	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Brandon West	22	615	28.0	0
Anthony Gebhart	6	93	15.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
61	Aviation	NL	New Mexico	12-28
88	California	NL	Fresno St	30-35
06	International	+7	Cincinnati	24-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
W Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 0-3

W MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	23.0	17	135	3.7	185	61.8	13.9	+12	2006	8	19.9	15	76	2.6	199	59.2	13.8
8*	32.2	21	146	3.8	247	63.1	12.2	+6	2005	5	31.1	24	147	3.7	303	62.1	14.5
4	22.5	20	100	3.0	265	60.1	16.2	-13	2004	7	39.6	24	215	5.3	265	60.9	12.1
5*	27.6	18	81	2.8	308	60.4	14.1	-4	2003	3	30.8	23	180	4.0	245	62.5	13.8
4	25.3	18	107	3.3	256	52.2	14.4	-14	2002	6	27.5	18	151	3.8	180	53.9	12.0
5*	25.2	19	100	3.1	258	56.5	14.2	-1	2001	7	24.2	20	186	4.0	180	57.7	15.1

2006 STATS BY GAME

WM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Indiana	19	32-72	2.3	25-34	217	3	20	28-71	2.5	20-35	252	3	-1
–	Toledo	11	32-163	5.1	11-15	98	0	17	32-88	2.8	18-31	218	5	+4
–	at Virginia	9	40-139	3.5	7-11	40	2	13	26-69	2.7	24-32	189	3	+2
–	Temple	15	34-151	4.4	15-26	143	0	12	29-9	0.3	12-26	140	5	+3
–	at Ohio	19	35-103	2.9	24-40	243	2	10	36-257	7.1	8-16	79	0	0
–	N Illinois	21	40-129	3.2	29-44	251	0	10	22-0	0.0	14-25	157	3	+2
–	at Ball St	20	38-166	4.4	20-24	291	0	23	29-9	0.3	28-38	360	9	+1
–	E Michigan	17	35-178	5.1	18-32	150	2	17	32-65	2.0	22-39	220	5	0
–	Miami, Oh	27	46-224	4.9	23-35	205	1	16	29-93	3.2	16-26	282	1	+1
–	at C Michigan	14	38-175	4.6	12-23	59	2	17	35-142	4.1	17-27	163	1	-2
–	at Florida St	17	30-33	1.1	27-50	229	3	12	28-73	2.6	14-23	178	2	0
–	at Akron	18	42-110	2.6	17-29	217	0	8	20-(-13)	-0.7	13-27	132	5	+1
–	† Cincinnati	19	29-108	3.7	24-45	260	2	21	34-126	3.7	20-37	221	4	+1
TOTALS		226	471-1751	3.7	252-408	2403	17	196	380-989	2.6	226-382	2591	46	+12
AVERAGES		17.4	36-135	3.7	19-31	185	1.3	15.1	29-76	2.6	17-29	199	3.5	0.9

2002 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Indiana St	NL	48-17
–	at Michigan - #7	+22'	12-35
–	at Purdue	+17	24-28
–	Virginia Tech - #5	+22'	0-30
–	at Buffalo	-11	31-17
–	UCF	+1'	27-31
–	at Bowling Green - #25	+17	45-48 OT
–	N Illinois	+2'	20-24
–	at Ball St	-5'	7-17
–	E Michigan	-25'	33-31
–	Toledo	+7	21-42
–	at C Michigan	-2'	35-10

2003 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Michigan St	+13'	21-26
–	William & Mary	NL	56-24
–	Virginia	+7	16-59
–	at Ohio	-2	39-32
–	at E Michigan	-14	31-3
–	Bowling Green	+9	21-32
–	at N Illinois - #12	+11	10-37
–	Marshall	+8'	21-41
–	at Connecticut	+13	27-41
–	Ball St	-2'	28-20
–	C Michigan	-9	44-21
–	at Toledo	+11'	17-34

2004 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Tenn-Martin	NL	42-0
–	at Virginia Tech	+25	0-63
–	at Illinois	+8'	27-30
–	at Ball St	-3'	14-41
–	Toledo	+14	33-59
–	E Michigan	-3'	31-35
–	N Illinois	+19'	38-59
–	at C Michigan	+7'	21-24 OT
–	at Bowling Green	+30'	0-52
–	Miami, Oh	+20	21-42
–	at Marshall	+27	21-31

2005 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Virginia - #25	+34	19-31
–	at Toledo	+22	23-56
–	S Illinois	NL	34-28
–	at Temple	-3'	19-16
–	Buffalo	-10'	31-21
–	Ball St	-11'	57-60 3OT
–	at Bowling Green	+25	45-14
–	Kent St	-7'	44-14
–	† E Michigan	-3	44-36
–	C Michigan	-3	31-24
–	at N Illinois	+10	7-42

2006 RESULTS

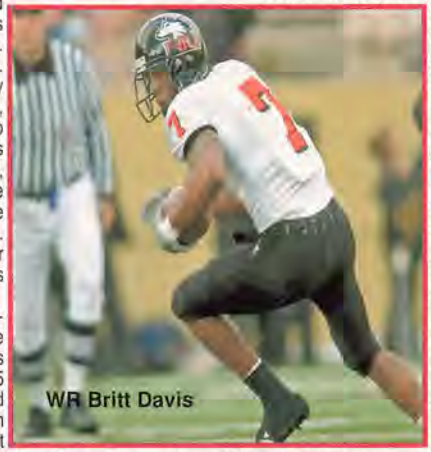
WM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Indiana	+6'	20-39
–	Toledo	+10'	31-10
–	at Virginia	+10	17-10
–	Temple	-30	41-7
–	at Ohio	-4	20-27
–	N Illinois	+3	16-14
–	at Ball St	-3'	41-27
–	E Michigan	-15'	18-15
–	Miami, Oh	-13'	27-24
–	at C Michigan	+6	7-31
–	at Florida St	+17'	20-28
–	at Akron	+2'	17-0

NORTHERN ILLINOIS HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004, NI's starting QB was injured and Phil Horvath had 4 TD passes vs Iowa St and led the win over BG. He threw for 954 (58.5%) with a 6-7 ratio. Horvath battled Dan Nicholson who has a stronger arm, but was bothered by a sore shoulder in '05. Horvath broke the school's single game passing record held by George Bork (445 in '63) by throwing for 486 and 6 TD's vs Akron. He was completing 70.6% when he broke his arm vs CM. Nicholson threw for just 149 ypg in his 3 starts with a 62.1% and 6-2 ratio for the year. Ryan Morris (6'2" 203 So) was impressive on the scout team. Horvath played in 11 games in '06 throwing for 1,932 (58.4%) with an 11-9 ratio before a season-ending knee injury. Nicholson played most of the C Mich game and hit 11 of 18 for 116 yards and threw for 261 in his first start vs EM. Britt Davis (PS#85QB) moved to WR in '05 and has 4 career passes. Novak recruited more mobile QB's this year, perhaps showing a future change in the offensive structure. Nicholson (PS#68) has 5 career starts (1479, 57%) and should have a solid junior season.

RUNNING BACKS - NI actually has had 3 players lead the NCAA in rushing in Mark Keller ('73), LeShon Johnson ('93) and now Garrett Wolfe ('06). Michael "The Burner" Turner had 1,915 (5.7) in '02 and 1,648 (5.3) in '03 and left as the school's all-time leading rusher. When 2004's starter was injured, Garrett Wolfe stepped in. Wolfe had -2 yards rushing in the 1H vs BG but finished with 202 and would roll to games of 226, 280 and a school record 325 vs EM. He finished with 1,656 (6.5) and a school record 21 total TD's. Wolfe missed 3 in '05 but still was #12 in the NCAA with 1,580 (6.5) and set an NCAA conference championship game record with 270. Last year Wolfe (#3DC CHI) had a phenomenal start setting an NCAA record for most yards rushing in his first 5 games (1,181) and reset the single game record with 353 vs Ball St. He was avg 250.8 ypg from scrimmage after Miami but then was held to 25, 45, 66 and 54 yards rushing in the next 4 (hamstring). He still became the 4th player in NCAA history to top 1,500 yards for 3 straight years (Tony Dorsett, Herschel Walker, Travis Prentice). He also leaves with the NCAA record for career ypc with 6.4! NI has now had a 1,000 yard rusher 8 straight seasons. Possible replacements are Justin Anderson (PS#54QB) who added 117 (4.7) last year and is 218 lbs but has good speed and shiftiness and Montell Clanton who had 93 vs Buffalo but was lost for the year. Cas Prime rushed for 142 (4.1). Battling those three will be Ricky Crider (5'9" 185 rFr, PS#209), David Bryant (5'10" 202 So) who had 1 start and 10 tackles at LB as a rFr, Isaac Bobo (5'10" 186 Jr), Iowa Wesleyan transfer Mike Thornton (6'0" 185 So) and true frosh Alan Smith (5'10" 190). Novak will likely uncover another 1,000 yard rusher but this unit is clearly weaker.


WR Britt Davis

RECEIVERS - NI has produced 5 NFL WR's recently. The next NFL caliber WR is Britt Davis who had 42 (10.5) as a rFr in '05 and TE Jake Nordin also added 26 (10.2). Last year Davis led with 57 (12.8) and he is one of the best athletes ever to play here. The '06 receiving corps was inexperienced with the remaining WR's having just 6 career rec. Marcus Perez was limited in the first 3 (inj) but still had 30 (13.5). Nordin broke his leg vs Ball St and Brandon Davis (PS#43) took over at TE (23, 10.6). This year the only losses are Nordin (5 st, 14, 11.4) and WR Jarret Carter (11 st, 23, 10.3). Not listed below are WR's Ryan Gierke (5'10" 170 So), Shaun Wild (6'1" 198 rFr), Ade Ajose (5'10" 177 So), TE's Brandon Beal (6'3" 244 Jr, PS#102), Reed Cunningham (6'4" 245 So), Vernon Sims (6'5" 268 rFr, PS#157) and Tom Kelly (6'3" 245 Sr). This group is more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - HC Joe Novak does a great job with this unit as they had a Big 10 caliber O-line in 2000 which opened holes for 4.7 ypc rushing. In 2002, they had 4 returning starters and averaged 4.5. They had to replace four starters in both 2001 and 2003 and avg just 3.4 and 3.8 respectively. With 4 starters back in 2004, the line paved the way for 5.2 ypc (16 sk) and four OL's made the All-MAC team. In 2005, they had to replace two starters and once again avg'd 5.2 ypc (26 sk). Last year they had to replace 3 starters but returned NFL caliber LT Doug Free. Novak said that Jason Onyebuagu was the top frosh OL he had ever seen, and he ended up starting 5. Even with Wolfe in the backfield, the ypg rush dropped by 42 yards and the ypc to 4.8 (25 sk). This year they lose 1st Tm MAC LT Free (13 st, 4Y st'r, #4DC DAL) as well as Matt Rogers (11 st, 5 RG, 6 RT). Four players return who earned 5 or more starts and this unit is more experienced and should have improved numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - NI returned 3 starters in 2005 including Ken West who had 8 sacks in '04 and Quince Holman who set an NI qbh record with 38. Surprisingly, they allowed 3.9 ypc rush while recording just 19 sacks (11 less than '04). Last year they had to replace Holman and one other starter. Soph Alex Krutsch started the first six but broke his foot. Zack Holycross started a total of 4 in '04 and '05 but broke his hand vs Ohio St and was not a big factor (3 tkl). NI allowed 26 ypg rushing less (3.6) while the D increased the sack total to 29. This year they must replace DT West (13 st, 34 tkl, 2 sk), NG Brad Benson (11 st, 27 tkl, 3 tfl) and DT Eric Pittman (5 st '05, 5 tkl '06). Larry English and Craig Rusch combined for 18 of the team's 29 sacks and both are back so the Huskies should continue to improve up front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004, the Huskies lost two starters to graduation and another to injury. A pair of true frosh combined for 7 starts and two rFr combined for 10. Last year they only had to replace one starter. Eight of the top 9 were underclassmen but projected starter Phil Brown (3 st, 51 tkl '05) missed the year (knee). The lone senior, Keenan Blalark (13 st), was #3 tackler in '05 (95) and '06 (96). Naturally, 7 of the top 8 are back and Brown returns. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Zach Larsen (6'0" 224 So), William Tsutsumi (6'1" 182 Jr), Rafael Grays (6'2" 215 rFr), Kevin Smothers (6'0" 220 rFr), Connor Flahive (6'0" 240, PS#391, rFr), David Maebane (6'0" 209 So) and Jason Crunkshank (6'3" 225 rFr, PS#316). This unit will continue to gain experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskies had to replace two starters in 2004 and finished #63 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters again in 2005 but moved up to #34. Last year they had to replace 1st Tm MAC SS Ray Smith. Six of the top 8 were back but Alvah Hansbro was lost after 2 starts. Novak said they did not have a lot of depth in the secondary but they still redshirted Fr James Jefferies (PS#153WR) and Mike Sobol (PS#237QB). For the second straight year NI's DB's did not get an int until game 6. The Huskies dropped down to #112. This year they lose the Hansbro brothers, Alvah (2 st, 18 tkl) and Adriel (10 st, 55 tkl, 3 pbu), as well as 2nd Tm MAC FS Dustin Utschig (13 st, #1 tkl'r). Melvin Rice, who has 4.43 speed, is one of the team's fastest. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Vincent Matthew (5'10" 187 Jr, PS#275WR) and David Pratt (6'1" 195 So). Three players return who started 7 or more. While this unit looks on par with last year in terms of experience, I would expect them to solidly improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - NI has had 4 players earn MAC ST POY the last 6 seasons and finished as high as #8 in 2000. In 2005, they surprisingly finished #68. Soph K Chris Nendick broke Steve Azar's record for cons xp's (52) and extended the streak to 108. He also tied Azar's record for longest FG with a 52 yarder in the MAC Title game. He hit 9 of 13 with 2 blocked and added 20 TB on 70 KO. Andy Dittbenner barely beat out Jason Baez for the P job and avg 38.6 (net 32.1). Those two ret'd last year but they had to replace their top returnman. Dittbenner avg 37.9 (32.9) and Nendick had 36 TB on 71 KO while connecting on 20 of 27 FG's with 2 misses from 50+. Soph Greg Turner avg'd 12.2 on PR and the team avg'd only 17.3 on KR. NI finished #61 and with everyone back, should move into the upper half of the rankings.

COACHES - Novak got off to a slow start in his NI career but fortunately the AD showed patience and after just three wins in his first 3 years, he improved with 5, 6, 6, 8, 10, 9, 7 and 7 wins the last 8 years. NI has been MAC West Co-Champs in three of the last six, winning the MAC West in '05. In '04, Novak had to replace both of his coordinators. This year OC John Bond (Army OC '00-'03) left for Georgia Tech so the new OC is Roy Wittke who was the OC at Arizona St last year and at Arkansas from '03-'05. He was the OC at E Illinois when his Panthers knocked off the Huskies 24-10 in '98. The DC is Denny Doornbos (Army DC '90-'99).

PHIL'S FORECAST

The 2002 NI squad came up just :41 short of beating Toledo which would have given them the outright MAC West Title. In 2003, NI was picked to win the MAC for the first time ever and they upset #15 Maryland at home and won at #21 Alabama. For the first time they entered the AP Top 25. (Bill Mallory's 1983 MAC Champs finished #30 in the final poll). They were 4-0 for the first time since 1965 and became the first MAC team to beat two BCS ranked teams in the same year. They opened 7-0 and were the first non-BCS team to crack the Top 10 in the BCS poll when they opened at #10. ESPN's College Gameday was on hand when #12 NI battled #23 BG in the first battle of MAC ranked teams since 1973 but BG prevailed and later NI fell to Toledo. In the UT game they gave up a 36 yard TD pass with :10 left for the stunning loss. They still finished 10-2 but shockingly were not picked for a bowl. They had 12 starters back in 2004 and had the best schedule of the MAC teams getting key games vs BG and Toledo at home. They moved up to #22 but Toledo upset NI and ended their 11 game home win streak. NI did get to a bowl and knocked off Troy 34-21. BG coach Gregg Brandon said prior to 2004, "The loudest place that we've played in, in three years was N Illinois." He added, "It wasn't Ohio St, it wasn't Purdue." NI put up 411 yards vs Michigan in '05 and came up a 2 pt (missed) conversion short of upsetting Northwestern on the road. They also lost to Akron in OT opening just 1-3. They still got to their first MAC Title game and ended Toledo's 17 game home win streak. NI outgained MAC foes by 82.6 ypg (2nd best in league). It really shows how far the program has come along when I refer to last year's 7-6 bowl season as a disappointment. I thought NI had the best talent in the MAC and they had 15 fifth year seniors (11 were starters). In fact, Novak said that from the MAC Title game of 2005 to the end of last season, it was the hardest year he'd been through. NI was the preseason pick to win the MAC. They played a solid game vs #1 Ohio St on the road but slipped up at home vs Ohio. They still won their next 4 but then were dominated at W Mich. They only lost to Iowa by 14 but then lost to Toledo at home in the fog. They had a 1st & goal at the 2 but their 4th down pass was incomplete. They beat eventual MAC Champ CM 31-10 and beat EM 27-0 in the regular season finale for a bowl bid, but were dominated by TCU in the Poinsettia Bowl. Novak is 16-4 on the road in MAC play and their 41 wins over the last 5 years are the most since 1962-'66 (42). This year the biggest question is who will replace Wolfe and their starting QB, but they still have 6 starters back on offense. Surprisingly, in Wolfe's senior year they averaged just 25.5 ppg which was their lowest total since 1998! The D was of the bend-but-don't-break variety last year allowing 365 ypg but just 21.2 ppg which was the lowest since 1992. They have 6 starters back on D and figure to be tough again. The Huskies will have their 8th straight winning year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 19 Dan Nicholson Jr. 6-2 196 PS#68. 5 st, 2Y, 1479 pass (56.7%) 11-8 ratio. 33 yd rush. Chandler Harnish PS#98. **15** Ryan Morris (6-2 203 So). DeMarcus Grady is PS#100.

RB 21 Justin Anderson So. 5-11 218 PS#54QB. 117 (4.7) true. **20** Montell Clanton (5-9 185 Jr) PS#258. 204 yd 2Y (inj LY). **22** Cas Prime (6-1 215 Sr) PS#143. 142 (4.1) in 9 gm LY.

WR 5 MARCUS PEREZ JR. 5-11 180 3 st true, 10 (16.6). RS '05. 9 st LY, 30 (13.5), 407 return yds. **11** Marcus Lewis (6-2 208 So) PS#165. 4 rec true. **84** Tyler Clasey (6-1 178 rFr).

WR 7 BRITT DAVIS JR. 6-2 205 PS#85QB. 9 st, 42 (10.5) rFr. 13 st LY, 57 (12.8). **17** Greg Turner (6-0 190 Jr) PS#139DB. 6 rec 2Y. **82** Preston Williams (5-11 172 So).

WR 85 Matt Simon Jr. 6-2 205 PS#243. 4 st LY, 20 (15.7). **31** Tyler Knight (6-1 190 rFr) PS#76QB. **13** Evans Adonis (6-0 170 Jr) PS#182. 2 rec. Nico Holmes (5-10 188 rFr) PS#479RB.

TE 87 BRANDON DAVIS SR. 6-4 268 PS#43. 1 start, 3 rec '05. 9 st in '06, 23 (10.6). **91** David Koronkiewicz (6-3 263 Jr) PS#91. 1 st, 14 rec 2Y. **96** Bryan Beckner (6-4 250 rFr) PS#101.

C 50 EDDIE ADAMSKI SO. 6-2 286 PS#424. 12 st rFr, grade 90% for the season. **67** Jon Ellison (6-5 290 Jr) 2 gm LY. Practice squad '05. **73** Ethan Gill (6-4 271 So) 1 gm as rFr

RG 65 Jason Onyebuagu So. 6-2 314 **PS#55**. 13 gm, 5 st (1C, 4 RG) true. **78** Dan Keller (6-4 300 Jr) PS#611. 2nd string 2Y. 4 gm LY. **61** Panan Tense (6-4 300 rFr) PS#173.

LG 70 CHRIS ACEVEDO SR. 6-5 304 PS#431. 40 snaps rFr. 2nd string LT '05. 13 st LG LY. **77** Tim Mayerbock (6-4 311 So) PS#333. 10 gm rFr. Keith Otis (6-4 305 Fr) PS#353.

RT 64 Jake Wertz So. 6-4 286 PS#331. 3rd string rFr, 1 gm. **59** Kevin Skatrud (6-6 330 So) 2nd string, 8 gm rFr. Adam Kiel (6-6 273 Fr) PS#218. Trevor Olson is PS#477

LT 60 JON BROST JR. 6-6 303 PS#284. 12 st rFr, 804 snaps, 38 kd. 11 st LY (4 RG, 7 RT), 52 kd. **66** Tony Holmes (6-6 330 So) PS#514. 3 gm rFr. Scott Wedige is PS#240.

K 25 CHRIS NENDICK SR. 5-11 183 PS#50. 16 of 21 FG true, long 47. 9 of 13 FG '05, long 52. 20 of 27 FG LY, long 44, 2 miss 50+, 36 TB KO. **11** Mike Salerno (6-0 160 So).

DE 99 CRAIG RUSCH JR. 6-4 274 PS#225. 4 st rFr, 39 tkl, 5 sk. L/7 st DT LY, 49 tkl, 6 sk, 8 tfl. **56** Brandon Bice (6-3 241 So) 4 tkl, 2 tfl. **49** Anthony Antonacci (6-1 247 So) PS#256. 4 tkl rFr.

NG 92 Adam Schroeder Sr. 6-5 280 PS#141TE. 6 st rFr, 20 tkl, 2 tfl. 1 st '05, 8 tkl, 2 tfl. 2 st LY, 17 tkl, 2 sk. **75** Quincy Harris (6-1 268 rFr) PS#330. **55** Adam Grimm (6-2 235 So) PS#238OL.

DT 69 Alex Krutsch Jr. 6-2 258 6 tkl rFr. First 6 st LY until inj, 13 tkl, 1 sk. **58** Mike Krause (6-3 264 rFr). **63** Zack Holycross (6-5 290 Sr) PS#362OL. 4 st '04-'05. Inj'd LY. 40 tkl 3Y.

DE 51 LARRY ENGLISH JR. 6-3 255 9 st '05, 78 tkl, 7 tfl. 13 st LY, 51 tkl, **12 sk**, **1st Tm MAC**, 4 tfl. **95** Robert Oruche (6-4 259 Sr) 19 tkl, 2 tfl 3Y. **90** Ed Jackson (6-4 268 rFr) PS#427.

SLB 52 Phil Brown So. 5-11 222 PS#156. 3 starts true, 51 tkl, 2 tfl. RS in '06 (inj). **42** John Tranchitella (6-2 215 So) PS#241DB. 5 tkl, 2 tfl true **45** Mike Lepper (6-2 211 rFr) PS#233.

MLB 53 TIM McCARTHY JR. 6-0 232 PS#205. 6 st rFr, 101 tkl, 3 tfl. 12 st LY, 111 tkl, 7 tfl, 5 pbu, 2 int. **43** TJ Griffin (6-0 227 Jr). 4 st '05, 18 tkl. **48** Mike Kritikos (6-2 215 So) 1 tkl rFr.

WLB 26 CORY HANSON SO. 6-1 214 L/12 st rFr, 72 tkl, 3 tfl, 1 int. **9** Josh Allen (5-11 217 Jr) PS#143QB. 5 st 2Y, 44 tkl, 3 tfl 1 pbu. **23** Saul Ibarra (5-11 205 Sr) 7 tkl, 22 gm 2Y. 4.54 spd.

CB 24 BRADLEY PRUITT JR. 6-1 195 PS#338. 11 tkl true. 10 st LY (3 SS, L/7 CB), 48 tkl, 3 pbu. **36** Chase Carter (5-11 172 Jr) PS#346JC. In spring. **11** Anthony Mason (5-11 185 So)

CB 2 Melvin Rice Jr. 5-10 192 **PS#73**. 4.43 spd. 15 tkl, 3 pbu true. 7 st LY, 47 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **30** James Jefferies (5-9 180 rFr) PS#153WR. **42** John Kremer (5-11 180 rFr)

SS 8 Mark Reiter Sr. 6-1 200 1 st, 35 tkl '04 & '05. 10 st LY, 77 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu. **32** Jeff Fontana (5-11 201 So) PS#355. 11 tkl rFr, 1 tfl. **38** Mike Sobol (6-0 200 rFr) PS#237QB.

FS 27 Spencer Williamson So. 6-2 208 PS#525LB. 16 tkl rFr. **37** Alex Kube (6-1 202 rFr) PS#177. **39** Justin Stewart (6-1 196 rFr) PS#292. **36** Bill Ikegwuonu (5-10 198 Jr) PS#384LB.

P 18 ANDY DITTBENNER JR. 6-1 201 PS#68. 41.0 avg as Sr in HS, long 74. 54 punt true, 38.6 avg, net of 32.1. 55 punts LY, 37.9 avg, net 32.9. **11** Mike Salerno (6-0 160 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Chase Carter 5-11 172 PS#346JC
QB	Chandler Harnish 6-3 205 PS#98
QB	DeMarcus Grady 6-1 195 PS#100
RB	Alan Smith 5-10 190 PS#149
DL	Ron Newcomb 6-3 229 PS#62TE
OL	Adam Kiel 6-6 273 PS#218
OL	Scott Wedige 6-4 275 PS#240
DB	Patrick George 5-11 180 PS#230
WR	Nathan Palmer 5-11 170 PS#215
DL	John Hopkins 6-3 230 PS#238
DB	Tracy Wilson 5-11 205 PS#286
OL	Keith Otis 6-4 305 PS#353
QB	Boone Thorgesen 6-0 180 PS#205
LB	Pat Schiller 6-2 210 PS#324
LB	Kyle Skarb 6-0 210 PS#325
DL	DJ Pirkle 6-1 295 PS#313
OL	Trevor Olson 6-6 260 PS#477
LB	Dan Hilbert 6-2 200 PS#404
WR	Landon Cox 6-3 195 PS#406

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JOE NOVAK (Career 61–66)
12th Year at N Illinois
Novak's Bowl Record: 1-1

Novak's records AT N ILLINOIS

61-66	Straight Up	0-4	Vs Top 10
36-25	Home	3-10	Vs Top 25
24-39	Away	4-20	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	5-6	Off A Bye
46-33	Vs Conference	22-37	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (20,19,2)
Lost: 15 (6,7,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,770 (#90)

MAC – WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#90

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NI	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	† Iowa *(Soldier Field)*	G						N Ill has lost 3 straight season openers including B2B Big 10 losses to Michigan & Ohio St. Huskies are 1-29-1 vs current B10 members (only win vs Wisconsin in '88).
Sep. 8	Southern Illinois	A						The Salukis finished 9-4 LY (beat Indiana) advancing to the IAA quarterfinals. Last met in '04 & NIll barley escaped 23-22 when S Illinois' 2 pt conv went incomplete w/:58 left.
Sep. 15	Eastern Michigan	A						N Illinois has won 6 straight & 8 of 9. All 8 wins have been by a TD+ (18 ppg avg). The Huskies have outrushed EMU the last 9 years on avg 235 (5.3) to 85 (2.6) ypg.
Sep. 22	at Idaho	A						The Huskies are 8-13 vs current WAC tms (0-2 at Idaho). N Illinois is 1-17 S/'89 in "true" road openers. First non-conf, non-BCS road game since 2002.
Sep. 29	at Central Michigan	A						LY vs CMU, former NIU RB Wolfe rushed for 203 yds & 3 TD's & eclipsed Turner as the leading rusher in school history. NIU has a 9 gm win streak including 4 straight at CMU.
Oct. 6	at Temple	G						N Illinois led this game 40-0 & K Chris Nendick had a school record of 7 FG's. Temple joins the MAC this season (East Div) after 2 yrs of being an Independent.
Oct. 13	W Michigan (HC)	A						NIU has won 9 straight yrs on Homecoming by an avg of 23 ppg (61-28-10 all-time). Huskies were 6-20 vs the Broncos from 1950 (1st gm) thru 2000, but 5-1 the L6Y.
Oct. 20	at Wisconsin	A						Last met in '02. NIll had a 455-275 yd edge & UW needed a TD w/1:21 left to win 24-21. Including Wisconsin, NIU has beat 9 of the 65 (14%) BCS conference schools.
Oct. 27	at Toledo	A						Last trip marked the 1st time ever a Novak Huskie squad beat the Rockets (1-9). LY at the beginning of the 2Q a thick fog rolled in Huskie Stadium making it hard for fans & players to see.
Nov. 3								Bonus: Northern Illinois is 32-8 in Huskie Stadium the last 7 years. N Illinois had won 6 straight home openers but lost last year.
Nov. 10	Kent St	A						Northern Illinois is 5-1 the L6Y after a bye week. The last time that NIU dropped a game hosting Kent St was in 1966 (8-0 since). N Illinois is 13-7 all-time vs Kent St.
Nov. 17	at Navy	A						This will be the first meeting between the Naval Academy & Northern Illinois. The Huskies were 0-9 from 1995-'01 in November road games, but 6-1 since 2002.
Nov. 24	Ball St	A						N Illinois is 7-1 the L8Y vs Ball St. LY Wolfe broke his own school rec with 353 yds rushing. NIU is 6-2 their L8Y in Huskie Stadium finales with the avg win by 19 ppg.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. George Bork 6,782 '60-'63
2. Chris Finlen 6,551 '97, '99-'01
3. Josh Haldi 6,015 '01-'04

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Garrett Wolfe 5,164 '04-'06
2. Michael Turner 4,941 '00-'03
3. Mark Kellar 3,745 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Justin McCareins 2,991 '97-'00
2. Sam Hurd 2,322 '02-'05
3. Hugh Rohrschneider 2,224 '60-'63

STADIUM: HUSKIE STADIUM (24,000) (#115)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	6-5	8-4	10-2	8-3	7-5	7-5	52-29
Home	4-1	5-1	4-2	7-0	4-1	4-1	4-2	32-8
Away	2-4	1-4	4-2	3-2	4-2	3-3	3-3	20-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	7-1	6-2	7-1	6-3	5-3	39-16
ATS	6-4	4-6	9-2	6-5	6-4	7-4	4-7	42-32
Home Fav (Joe Novak)	3-0	0-3	2-1	3-2	2-2	2-1	0-4	12-13
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	6-2
Away Fav	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	13-9
Away Dog	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	3-0	1-1	11-7
Favorite	5-1	1-4	5-1	4-4	4-3	4-4	2-6	25-23
Dog	1-3	3-2	4-1	2-1	2-1	3-0	2-1	17-9
vs Conf	4-3	2-5	7-1	3-5	5-3	5-4	3-5	29-26
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	3-0	1-1	2-0	1-2	13-6
Off SU Win	3-2	3-3	6-2	4-4	3-4	3-4	3-2	25-21
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	2-0	3-0	1-4	13-8

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
83	California		NL	Cal St-Fullerton	20-13
04	Silicon Valley		+3	Troy	34-21
06	Poinsettia		+12	TCU - #25	7-37

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

N Illinios' All-Time Bowl Record 2–1

NORTHERN ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	25.5	19	165	4.8	198	56.2	14.3	+2	2006	7	21.2	19	122	3.6	243	64.5	17.2
6	32.4	21	207	5.2	237	68.0	13.7	-1	2005	5	22.8	22	148	3.9	222	57.2	16.2
7*	35.1	22	238	5.2	201	55.1	12.5	+8	2004	5	25.3	21	153	3.9	223	59.3	14.8
7*	32.2	20	160	3.8	219	59.1	11.8	+14	2003	6	21.5	19	141	3.6	231	55.9	17.3
6	31.3	19	201	4.5	175	50.9	12.0	+8	2002	8	24.8	19	132	3.5	255	56.8	15.6
6*	27.5	19	144	3.4	196	50.0	12.4	+9	2001	4	26.5	21	158	3.7	228	56.4	14.5

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Garrett Wolfe	309	2039	111	1928	18	6.2
Cas Prime	35	150	8	142	0	4.1
Justin Anderson	25	123	6	117	1	4.7
Montell Clanton	12	107	5	102	1	8.5
Britt Davis	7	24	7	17	0	2.4
Dan Nicholson	14	17	69	-52	0	-3.7
Phil Horvath	31	29	138	-109	0	-3.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Phil Horvath	269	157	58.4	1932	11	9
Dan Nicholson	115	60	52.2	648	5	6
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Britt Davis	57	731	12.8	3	41	
Marcus Perez	30	406	13.5	5	42	
Matt Simon	20	314	15.7	1	62	
Garrett Wolfe	28	249	8.9	1	65	
Brandon Davis	23	243	10.6	2	26	
Jarret Carter	23	236	10.3	1	26	
Jake Nordin	14	159	11.4	0	25	
David Koronkiewicz	11	111	10.1	2	20	
Marcus Lewis	4	68	17.0	0	28	
Greg Turner	5	59	11.8	1	23	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Andy Dittbenner	55	2085	37.9	9	32.9	0	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Chris Nendick	35-36	6-6	13-16	1-3	0-2	20-27	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dustin Utschig	116	0	2	6	0
Tim McCarthy	111	1	6	5	2
Keenan Blalark	96	2	4	1	0
Mark Reiter	77	0	1	1	1
Cory Hanson	72	1	2	1	1
Adriel Hansbro	55	1	3	3	1
Larry English	51	12	4	0	0
Craig Rusch	49	6	8	3	0
Bradley Pruitt	48	0	3	3	0
Melvin Rice	47	0	2	3	2
Ken West	34	2	5	3	0
Brad Benson	27	1	2	0	0
Alvah Hansbro	18	0	2	0	0
Adam Schroeder	17	2	0	0	0
Spencer Williamson	16	0	0	0	0
Alex Krutsch	13	1	0	0	0
Jeff Fontana	11	0	1	0	0
David Bryant	10	0	0	1	0
Josh Allen	7	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Greg Turner	10	122	12.2	0	
Marcus Perez	9	86	9.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Britt Davis	18	321	17.8	0	
Marcus Perez	17	321	18.9	0	

NI 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Ohio St	15	33-151	4.6	16-30	192	4	22	36-173	4.8	20-27	315	0	+1
–	Ohio	22	26-201	7.7	19-42	261	1	24	37-177	4.8	25-34	332	0	+2
–	Buffalo	19	36-344	9.6	12-19	156	2	23	32-99	3.1	25-41	250	4	-1
–	Indiana St	25	52-314	6.0	12-16	106	3	15	38-104	2.7	14-26	160	3	+2
–	at Ball St	24	41-358	8.7	20-27	252	1	21	26-78	3.0	29-40	307	2	0
–	at Miami, Oh	16	37-154	4.2	15-25	186	2	20	26-97	3.7	22-30	372	3	+1
–	at W Michigan	10	22-0	0.0	14-25	157	3	21	40-129	3.2	29-44	251	0	-2
–	Temple	26	35-89	2.5	27-42	377	0	12	22-(-6)	-0.3	20-29	322	6	+2
–	at Iowa	13	26-73	2.8	15-30	123	0	21	43-149	3.5	19-30	256	4	0
–	Toledo	17	22-23	1.0	20-47	244	4	16	49-238	4.9	8-21	49	1	-1
–	C Michigan	22	39-215	5.5	17-27	185	0	16	22-104	4.7	25-42	217	1	+2
–	at E Michigan	29	45-240	5.3	24-37	261	0	7	24-45	1.9	10-18	67	3	-3
–	† TCU	5	29-(-20)	-0.7	6-19	80	5	23	46-198	4.3	19-29	258	2	-1
TOTALS		243	443-2142	4.8	217-386	2580	25	241	441-1585	3.6	265-411	3156	29	+2
AVERAGES		18.7	34-165	4.8	17-30	198	1.9	18.5	34-122	3.6	20-32	243	2.2	0.2

2002 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Wake Forest	+1	42-41	OT
–	at USF	+7	6-37	
–	at Wisconsin - #22	+22	21-24	
–	W Illinois	NL	26-29	
–	Kent St	-6	13-6	
–	at Ball St	-2	41-29	
–	at Miami, Oh	+8	48-41	
–	C Michigan	-9'	49-0	
–	at W Michigan	-2'	24-20	
–	Bowling Green - #20	+3'	26-17	
–	at E Michigan	-23	49-21	
–	Toledo	-1	30-33	

2003 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Maryland - #15	+8	20-13	OT
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	42-17	
–	at Alabama - #21	+13'	19-16	
#20	Iowa St	-6'	24-16	
#17	Ohio	-21'	30-23	OT
#16	at C Michigan	-17'	40-24	
#12	W Michigan	-11'	37-10	
#12	at Bowling Green - #23	+3'	18-34	
#21	Ball St	-15'	48-23	
#23	at Buffalo	-23	40-9	
#21	at Toledo	-1'	30-49	
–	E Michigan	-26	38-24	

2004 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Maryland - #22	+14'	20-23	
–	S Illinois	NL	23-22	
–	at Iowa St	+3'	41-48	
–	Bowling Green	+1	34-17	
–	Akron	-17'	49-19	
–	at UCF	-18	30-28	
–	C Michigan	-19'	42-10	
–	at W Michigan	-19'	59-38	
–	at Ball St	-20	38-31	OT
–	Toledo	-7	17-31	
–	at E Michigan	-17'	34-16	

2005 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Michigan - #4	+18'	17-33	
–	at Northwestern	+2'	37-38	
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	42-3	
–	at Akron	-7	42-48	OT
–	Miami, Oh	-3	38-27	
–	E Michigan	-21	24-8	
–	at Kent St	-10'	34-3	
–	Ball St	-29	17-31	
–	at C Michigan	-2	31-28	
–	at Toledo	+10	35-17	
–	W Michigan	-10	42-7	
–	† Akron	-13	30-31	

2006 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Ohio St - #1	+17	12-35	
–	Ohio	-16'	23-35	
–	Buffalo	-24	31-13	
–	Indiana St	NL	48-14	
–	at Ball St	-6'	40-28	
–	at Miami, Oh	-13'	28-25	
–	at W Michigan	-3	14-16	
–	Temple	-32	43-21	
–	at Iowa	+16'	14-24	
–	Toledo	-12	13-17	
–	C Michigan	+4	31-10	
–	at E Michigan	-8'	27-0	

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Kent Smith (6'5" 215) had a fine career as CM's starting QB and was #1 in the MAC in total offense as a senior in 2005, throwing for 2,799 (60.7%) with a 16-6 ratio and rushing for 443 net yds while guiding CM to a rare winning season. The most experienced QB for '06 was Brian Brunner (PS#89) who had played in 3 games (3 att) as a rFr. Brunner beat out Dan LeFevour (PS#93) and Duane Brooks (5'10" 177 So, PS#220). On the 2nd play vs BC he was injured (concussion) and the LeFevour era began. He hit 22 of 37 for 221 vs the Eagles and was the #1 rusher in 5 games. LeFevour was injured vs EM and Brunner hit 20 of 29 for 214 (72 net rush) and was MAC West Off POW. Brunner started vs Kentucky but LeFevour came off the bench and hit a 61 yard TD pass and threw for 360 and 4 TD's. He started the rest of the year and had the most pass attempts for a frosh in the NCAA and was MAC Frosh POY. He was #1 in the MAC in TD passes, comp % and total offense and threw for 314 in the MAC Title Game. For the season he topped Smith's stats with 3,031 (63.7%) and a 26-10 ratio with 735 yards rushing. He returns for his soph season and adding depth behind Brunner are Brooks, Sean Price (PS#35), Mike Canfield (6'2" 236 rFr, PS#64) and Steve Beltowski (6'6" 236 rFr). This is a very deep unit and is much more experienced but it will be tough for LeFevour to improve upon last year's outstanding stats.

RUNNING BACKS - During the summer of 2005 CM's returning 1,000 yard rusher was dismissed as was his top backup. True frosh Ontario Sneed stepped in and had an 80 TD yard run vs Indiana in the opener and would top the magical 1,000 yard barrier (1065, 4.8). He was almost the exclusive ball carrier as his top backup, Anthony Boykins (PS#153), had just 65 (3.8). Big things were expected of Sneed last year but he struggled. After having just 1 fumble in '05, he had 4 in the first 5 games. Sneed still finished the year as the #1 rusher (764, 5.7) but only led in rushing in 5 games with the QB's also leading 6 times. True frosh Marcel Archer led with 69 vs Kentucky and 70 vs WM, finishing with 335 (4.0). QB's LeFevour, Brunner and Brooks were the #2, #4 and #5 rushers and P Tony Mikulec was #6 (23 yd). FB's Troy Doane (6'0" 216 Jr) had 10 yards and Victor Doman (6'1" 233 Sr) had 8. This should be one of the most improved RB corps in the country as all of the key players return (Doman is providing depth at LB) and Sneed should be back to 2005's form. They also add in Justin Hoskins (PS#20) who started the Insight Bowl ('04) as a true frosh at Notre Dame! I look for Hoskins to be one of the top RB's in the MAC.

RECEIVERS - CM returned their top 2 WR's in '05 in Damien Linson (37, 15.5) and Justin Harper (39, 13.5). Jacob Brown (4.43 spd, 400 bench) moved from WR to TE and had a major impact with 33 rec (13.0). Linson became the first CM player since Reggie Allen (1996) to have a 200 yard receiving day (Miami). Harper, meanwhile, set a school record with 14 grabs vs WM and finished #1 with 64 (9.5) while Linson led in receiving yards (832, 14.9). Obed Cétoute (4.34 spd) added 27 (13.5). Jemmy Jasmin had 13 rec in the first four but then broke his leg. Last year they had to replace Harper and Brown. Cetoute led with 102 rec yards vs BC but lost his starting job. He did have 122 vs BG but finished #3 with 36 (14.7). Good sized rFr Bryan Anderson (6'5") emerged and set a school record with 73 rec (11.9) passing Reggie Allen (66 in '96) and giving them the most prolific frosh combo in the country. Anderson had 3 straight 100 yard games and earned 1st Tm MAC. Linson had 191 yards in the MAC Title Game and finished with 55 (14.8). Justin Gardner added 36 (13.1) while the TE's combined for 15 rec. This year they must replace Linson (14 st), Cetoute (9 st) and TE Dave Condeni (2 st). I look for more emphasis on the TE and HC Jones signed 3 true frosh who could play immediately. Even with the loss of #2 and #3, the top guy returns and this unit should be close to last year's standards.

WR Bryan Anderson

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 CM had 3 starters back but had to replace a pair of NFL DC's. Having a mobile QB does help the OL stats but CM surprisingly dropped to 4.0 ypc rush with 22 sacks (5.2%). Last year they had to replace 1 starter and they were #2 in my MAC O-line rankings. Four OL amazingly earned 1st or 2nd Tm MAC honors and the O-line opened holes for 4.3 ypc rush but allowed 30 sacks (6.7%). This year they lose a pair of OL's to the NFL in 2nd Tm MAC C Drew Mormino (13 st, 4Y st'r, #6DC MIA) and 1st Tm MAC LT Joe Staley (14 st, 3Y st'r, #1DC SF). This still looks like a quality group but I don't think they will place four OL's on the All-MAC team for a second straight year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 CM had a veteran D-line with 7 of their top 8 back and Dan Bazuin tied a MAC single season record for sacks with 16. CM allowed the MAC's lowest rushing ypg (114) and just 3.2 ypc while recording 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups. Returning starting DE De'Onte Burnam (9 st '05) DNP so they just had 5 of the top 8 back. Bazuin had 105° temp prior to the opener and lost 10 lbs. He also suffered from double and triple teams and had just 1 sack in the first four games. He had a streak of 38 starts snapped due to a sprained knee but still leaves as CM's career sack and tfl leader. CM allowed 3.5 ypc rush and the sacks increased to 31 (most since 1998). This year they must replace Bazuin (13 st, #2DC CHI) and DE Mike Ogle (14 st, 60 tkl, 11.5 tfl). CM still has 6 of the top 8 back including 5 with starting experience but will probably be down a few notches with the loss of their star.

LINEBACKERS - "Red" Keith has led the team in tackles in each of the last 3 seasons and was 1st Tm MAC last year. CM appeared to have all 3 starters return at LB but 2nd Tm MAC Ike Brown, who does 19 reps of 225 lbs with 4.45 speed, was lost for the year in the 2nd game. Jonathan Lapsley started the final 12. This year they lose Doug Kress (14 st, 111 tkl, HM MAC) and Leython Williams (39 tkl, 3 tfl). Four of the top six are back and Brown was granted a 6th year. This is one of the MAC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - CM started two true frosh CB's at times in 2004 and had an inexperienced secondary in 2005 finishing just #108 and #95 in my pass D rankings. Last year they suffered some surprising losses as both CB's left the team and just one starter returned. Four true frosh manned the backup roles and saw significant action. CM surprisingly moved up to #81 allowing 62.1% with a 23-16 ratio. This year they lose CB Pacino Horne (12 st, 62 tkl, 4 int) and CB Terrance Robinson (14 tkl) Three full-time starters return and Chaz West started the last two in place of an injured Horne. This unit should continue to climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2004, thanks mostly to the presence of kick blocking extraordinaire James King, CM led the NCAA in blocked kicks with 12. In 2005 they had to replace King as well as top KR Asante White (28.0) in '04. Mike Gruzwalski handled FG's for 3 years hitting 24 of 38 but was beat out by true frosh VHT Rick Albreski (PS#9). That year Albreski hit 6 of his first 9 but then just 4 of his final 10. That same year Jemmy Jasmin was leading KR (24.4) but then broke his leg and Damien Linson led in both PR (9.2) and KR (17.9). CM was only #92 in '05 but moved up to #58 last year. P Tony Mikulec was one of the steadiest players on the team with a 37.4 net and 2 FD runs on fake punts. Albreski struggled again hitting 12 of 20 with a long of 48 and missed 3 xp's. Eric Fraser was the top KR (23.4) and Linson the top PR (5.6). Tim Brazzel did have a 79 yard KR TD. This year the only losses are Linson and Albreski so I look for continued improvement.

COACHES - After the MAC Championship game, 3rd year HC Brian Kelly (19-16) left to become the HC of Cincinnati and coached the Bearcats in their bowl game. The new HC is Butch Jones who was previously an OC at CM (QB Coach '02-'03) and spent the last 2 years as the WR coach at West Virginia. The OC is Mike Bajakian, who has been with the Chicago Bears for the last 3 years. This will be Bajakian's 2nd stint as an asst at CMU. The DC is Tim Banks who returns to his alma mater (1995 grad) after 4 seasons as Maryland's DB and ILB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

CM won the Div II National Championship in 1974 then moved to the MAC in 1975. Four of their first five years in MAC play they finished #1 or #2 and went on to win MAC Championships in 1990 and 1994 earning 2 bowl bids. In a 17 year streak from '74-'90 they had ZERO losing seasons. Prior to last year's bowl, CM had an 11 year post season drought and suffered 9 losing seasons in that span. In 2003 CM slumped to 1-7 in MAC play and was outgained by an average of 140.1 ypg so they opted to bring in new HC Brian Kelly. Kelly's Div II offense in 2001 averaged 600.8 ypg. In 2004 they returned a 1,000 yard rusher, their top receiver plus four starters on the O-line and had 17 returning starters. They installed new FieldTurf at their stadium, hoping for fewer injuries. They also opted to move to the West sideline in Kelly/Shorts Stadium after occupying the East since 1972. On the year they were outgained by 60 ypg in MAC play and finished 3-5. In 2005 QB Kent Smith was back and had a fine senior season. He managed to guide CM to their first winning record since 1998. Their four road wins were the most since 1994. CM improved to 5-3 in MAC (+75.0 ypg, 3rd best). In 2006 they were picked 4th in the MAC West by the media. The key to CM was their line play last year. I rated their OL #2 in the MAC and the DL #1. Despite having to replace QB Smith and then losing their projected starting QB in the 1st series of the season, CM improved to 29.7 ppg, their best since 1996. They opened up 5-0 in the MAC for the first time since 1990 and they would defeat six IA foes in back-to-back years for the first time since 1984-'85. CM wrapped up the MAC Title early with 2 games left and lost to NI the next week in Garrett Wolfe's final home game. In the MAC Title game, they wiped out Ohio 31-10 then beat up MTSt in the Motor City Bowl for an outstanding 10-4 season, their most wins in a year since 1979. This year they have seven starters back on offense and return their top QB's, RB's and WR's. Seven starters are back from a defense that last year allowed 22.3 ppg, their best since 1993. The biggest loss is Coach Kelly and they must break in a new HC as well as OC and DC. Interestingly, despite their 7-1 record, they only outgained MAC foes by 9.8 ypg (7th best). The Chippewas have 14 returning starters but also 7 tough road games. They are still one of the top team's in the MAC but will not match last year's 10-win total.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 13 **DAN LeFEVOUR SO.** 6-3 226 12 st rFr, MAC Frosh POY, 3031 (64%) 26-10 ratio, 735 rush. 16 Brian Brunner (6-3 241 Jr) PS#89. 2 st, 315 pass, 110 rush. Sean Price (6-1 200 So) **PS#35.**

RB 28 **ONTARIO SNEED JR.** 5-11 203 10 st true, 1065 (4.8). 13 st LY, 764 (5.7). **Justin Hoskins** (5-10 195 Jr) **PS#20. 1 st ND.** 21 Marcel Archer (5-11 193 So) 1 st, 335 (4.0) LY.

WR 2 **Jemmy Jasmin Sr.** 5-8 171 PS#175. 8 st, 3 inj-plagued years, 27 rec (8.8). 16 Jean Pitts (5-10 170 So) 1 rec, 50 yd rFr. 88 Chris Morris (5-11 180 rFr). Matt Torres (6-1 189 rFr).

WR 87 **BRYAN ANDERSON SO.** 6-5 194 14 st rFr, **1st Tm MAC**, 73 rec (11.9). 89 Joe Bockheim (6-2 197 Jr). 15 Vince Hendon (6-3 207 rFr). 25 Sean Skergan (6-1 204 rFr).

WR 80 **JUSTIN GARDNER SR.** 6-2 191 1 st '04-'05, 7 rec. 12 starts in '06, 36 rec (13.1). 81 Darren Martin (6-4 207 Jr) PS#387. 32 Kito Poblah (6-2 196 rFr). 84 Jake Ekkens (6-4 243 rFr).

TE 44 **Rocky Weaver Fr.** 6-6 220 PS#34. 45 Sam Williams (6-4 218 So) 5 st rFr, 10 rec. 83 Andre Moore (6-2 222 Jr). 86 Allen Ollenburger (6-4 245 So) 3 rec rFr. JJ Watt PS#122DL.

C 65 **MIKE DECKER SR.** 6-1 286 2nd string C '04-'05. 9 st LY (1C bowl, 8LG). 57 Adam Antonides (6-3 284 So) PS#609. DNP rFr. **LS** Jason Bertoni (6-1 265 Jr) PS#457JC.

RG 63 **ERIC TUNNEY SR.** 6-3 291 PS#305DL. 1 st, 2 tkl DT til inj, out year rFr. 11 st LG '05, 1 tkl on ST. 14 st RG LY, **2nd Tm MAC.** 68 Jeff Maddux (6-4 318 rFr) PS#129.

LG 58 **Andrew Cribbs Jr.** 6-6 301 PS#589. 2 gm rFr. 2nd string LY. 8 games, good size. 63 Colin Miller (6-3 280 rFr) PS#143DL. 78 Nick Rademaker (6-1 283 rFr).

RT 77 **Greg Wojt Jr.** 6-4 285 PS#114TE. Canadian. 2nd string LT rFr. 6 gm LY. 71 Michael Raffaeli (6-5 304 Sr) PS#274. 2nd string '05. 4 gm LY. Matt Brimer (6-2 296 rFr) **PS#129.**

LT 74 **ANDREW HARTLINE JR.** 6-5 297 PS#452. 2nd string as true but RS. 11 st RT '05. 14 st RT LY, **2nd Tm MAC.** 66 Mark Barbaglia (6-5 286 Jr) PS#579. 2nd string 2005.

K 95 **Brett Hartmann So.** 6-3 215 PS#49. 2 of 3 FG, 32 rec, 35.2 avg as P in HS. 48 KO's, 5 TB, 3 tkl last year as true. 37 Jonathan Mills (6-1 203 rFr) Added 13 lbs this year.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 95 **Larry Knight So.** 6-3 243 26 tkl, 2 sk, 1 tfl rFr. 58 **De'Onte Burnam** (5-11 245 Sr) **PS#88LB.** 2 st '04. **9 st '05.** 44 tkl, 8.5 tfl '04-'05. DNP LY. Josh Allison is PS#85.

NG 51 **CASEY DROSCHA JR.** 6-1 258 Last 6 st LY, 40 tkl, 2 sk, 4.5 tfl. 82 **Ronnie Ekdahl** (6-2 300 Jr) 1 st, 2 tkl '05. 8 st LY, 16 tkl. 90 Philip Telfer (6-3 270 Jr) 7 gm, 6 tkl rFr.

DT 64 **STEVEN FRIEND SR.** 6-2 294 11 st true, 17 tkl, 2 sk. 11 st '05, 22 tkl, 5 tfl. 14 st LY, 55 tkl, 5 sk, 5 tfl. 97 Evan Brownie (6-2 260 Jr) 17 tkl, 2.5 sk 2Y. 91 Chris Boss (6-3 288 Jr) 6 tkl 2Y.

DE 96 **Frank Zombo So.** 6-4 259 PS#171TE. 1 st rFr, 23 tkl, 2.5 sk. 41 Anthony Quinn (6-4 252 rFr) PS#65TE. Moved to DE spg '07. 54 Sean Murnane (6-1 237 rFr) PS#284.

LB 28 **Jonathan Lapsley Jr.** 6-2 254 PS#106WR. 7 tkl rFr. 12 starts in '06, 51 tkl, 2 tfl. 55 Chris Wohlgamuth (6-1 274 Jr) 28 tkl, 2Y. 53 Barron Miles (6-2 202 So) Inj'd '06 and RS.

LB 41 **RED KEITH SR.** 5-11 242 #1 tkl'r 3 yr! 11 st, 95 tkl, 8 tfl rFr. 11 st '05, 104 tkl, 6 tfl. 14 st LY, **1st Tm MAC**, 127 tkl. 29 Victor Doman (6-1 233 Sr) 14 tkl LY. Donald Connelly (6-0 234 rFr).

DLB 6 **IKE BROWN SR.** 5-11 203 PS#258RB. 11 st FS So, 73 tkl. 11 st '05, 73 tkl, 12 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC.** 4.45 spd. MedRS LY. David Lawrence (6-0 213 Jr) 25 tkl 2Y. Karey Morrow (6-1 256 rFr).

CB 4 **Chaz West So.** 5-11 181 PS#476. Last 2 st true, 24 tkl, 4 pbu. 17 Tim Brazzel (6-0 185 So) 19 tkl true. 27 Josh Wilkins (5-10 170 rFr). 8 Bobby Seay (5-11 185 rFr).

CB 19 **JOSH GORDY SO.** 5-11 190 PS#550. 14 st rFr, 66 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 4x100M GA HS champ. 14 Tommy Mama (5-10 187 So) PS#500. 2 tkl true. Vince Agnew (5-11 188 rFr) PS#522.

SS 10 **CURTIS CUTTS SR.** 6-0 214 11 tkl rFr. 28 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu '05. 13 st LY, 61 tkl, 3 pbu. 12 Eric Fraser (6-0 202 So) Canadian. 1 st, 34 tkl LY. EJ McLaughlin PS#509 '06. GS LY.

FS 20 **CALVIN HISSONG SO.** 6-4 196 14 st rFr, 63 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. 31 Kirkston Edwards (6-1 183 So) 13 tkl, 13 gm as true. 9 Kenneth McClure (6-4 182 So) PS#503. RS '05. DNP LY.

P 39 **TONY MIKULEC SR.** 5-8 219 63 punts rFr, 37.5 avg, 31.5 net. 72 punts '05, 38.1 avg, 32.6 net. 63 punts LY, 42.0 avg, **37.4 net, 2nd Tm MAC.** 23 Troy Doane (6-0 216 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Josh Allison 6-2 245 PS#85
TE	Rocky Weaver 6-6 220 PS#34
TE	JJ Watt 6-5 240 PS#122DL
TE	Chris Starkey 6-4 246 PS#68
OL	Jason Bertoni 6-1 265 PS#457JC
OL	Jake Olson 6-8 240 PS#264
LB	Nick Bellore 6-1 234 PS#220
LB	Johnnie Daniels 5-11 215 PS#290RB
WR	Taylor Bradley 6-1 189 PS#406
LB	Zach Benke 6-0 200 PS#427
LB	Mike Petrucci 6-2 208 PS#427
WR	Brandin Friske 6-3 207 PS#426
DB	EJ McLaughlin 6-0 203 PS#509 '06
WR	Jeremy Wilson 6-3 180 PS#443
DL	Lance Beers 6-3 233 PS#451
DB	Dannie Bolden 5-11 181 PS#540
QB	Derek Rifenbury 6-3 205 PS#366
LB	Carl Allen 6-2 221 PS#485

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#91

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CM	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	at Kansas	A					HC Butch Jones will be making his 2nd stint w/CMU (asst. coach from 1998-'04, OC for 3 yrs). Chippewas are 2-20 in non-conference away games (both wins L2Y).
Sep. 8	Toledo	A					CMU is 2-10 vs Toledo but won the last 2. LY was Toledo's worst conf home loss since 1993. Central Michigan is 13-4 since 1990 in home openers.
Sep. 15	at Purdue	G					CMU is 0-13 vs the Big 10 since 1993 being outscored on average 40-12, including 0-2 vs Purdue. The Chippewas are 6-25 on natural grass since 1995.
Sep. 22	North Dakota St	A					LY NDSt went 10-1 & played two IA schools (1st IA opp S/'70, EMU) as the Bison beat Ball St 29-24 & came up one pt short vs Big 10 member Minnesota 10-9.
Sep. 29	N Illinois (HC)	A					CMU has lost 9 straight to N Illinois including CMU's only MAC loss last year. The Chippewas are 39-17 on Homecoming since 1951, but 2-6 the last 8 years.
Oct. 6	at Ball St	A					Chippewas are 21-43-2 since 1991 in MAC road games. CMU held BSU to single digits last year (just 5th time in the last decade they allowed 9 or less pts).
Oct. 13	Army	A					Central Michigan faced Army in 2005 & a 14-10 win snapped an 18 game non-conference road losing streak. It took a 7 min, 76 yd 4Q drive for the win.
Oct. 20	at Clemson	G					This will be CMU's 1st meeting w/Clemson. CMU is 0-3 vs current ACC members (BC & Virginia), allowing 43 ppg. C Michigan is 3-8 on the 1st of a 2+ game road trip.
Oct. 27	at Kent St	A					Chippewas are 7-0 the L2Y vs the MAC East & TY only play 2 due to the unbalanced schedule. CMU is 9-3 their L/12 visits to Dix Stadium, but in the last trip ('97) lost 60-37.
Nov. 6	at W Michigan (Tues)	A					These schools are about 161 miles apart. The HT has won 4 straight & 12 of 13. With LY's win over archrival WMU, CMU was guaranteed a spot in the '06 MAC Title gm.
Nov. 10							
Nov. 16	E Michigan (Fri)	A					The 53 wins over EMU is the most vs any school in CMU history (20 more than #2 school). Each of the last 3 meetings between EMU & CMU has gone to overtime.
Nov. 23	at Akron (Fri)	A					CMU is 5-1 the last 6 gms vs Akron, but their avg margin of victory is only 7 ppg. DB Gordy last yr vs Akron became the 75th player in IA history to return an int 100 yds.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jeff Bender 6,528 '88-'91
2. Pete Shepherd 5,754 '97-'00
3. Derrick Vickers 5,358 '00-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Curtis Adams 4,162 '81-'84
2. Walt Hodges 3,886 '73-'76
3. Jesse Lakes 3,702 '69-'71

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Reggie Allen 3,242 '95-'98
2. Bryan Schorman 2,968 '95-'98
3. Damien Linson 2,279 '03-'06

BUTCH JONES (Career 0-0)

1st Year at C Michigan (James' Bowl Record: 0-0)

Jones' records AT C MICHIGAN

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (10-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,21,2)
Lost: 14 (6,6,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,563 (#87)

MAC - WEST DIVISION

QB Dan LeFevour

STADIUM: KELLY/SHORTS STADIUM (30,255) (#104)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	4-8	3-9	4-7	6-5	9-4	31-50
Home	2-3	2-3	2-4	3-3	4-1	2-3	4-1	19-18
Away	0-6	1-5	2-4	0-6	0-5	4-2	4-3	11-31
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-1
vs Conf	2-6	2-6	2-6	1-7	3-5	5-3	8-1	23-34
ATS (Mike DeBord)	3-8	7-3	5-6	3-7	3-7 (Brian Kelly)	6-4-1	10-2-1	37-37-2
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	3-0	6-6
Home Dog	3-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1-1	2-0	11-8-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	2-2	7-3
Away Dog	0-6	5-0	0-4	1-5	2-2	2-2	2-0-1	12-19-1
Favorite	0-1	1-1	3-1	1-0	0-4	3-1	6-2	14-10
Dog	3-7	6-2	2-5	2-7	3-3	3-3-1	4-0-1	23-27-2
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-3	8-1	30-27
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-0	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-1-1	2-1-1	7-10-2
Off SU Win	0-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	1-2	3-2	5-2-1	13-13-1
Off SU Loss	3-5	5-2	3-4	3-4	2-4	3-2	4-0	23-21

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ontario Sneed	135	836	72	764	4	5.7
Dan LeFevour	132	735	214	521	7	3.9
Marcel Archer	84	356	21	335	7	4.0
Brian Brunner	19	110	28	82	2	4.3
Duane Brooks	16	111	37	74	0	4.6
Tony Mikulec	2	23	0	23	0	11.5
Bryan Anderson	9	24	10	14	0	1.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Dan LeFevour	388	247	63.7	3031	26	10
Brian Brunner	40	25	62.5	315	2	0
Duane Brooks	17	8	47.1	97	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brian Anderson	73	867	11.9	5	50	
Damien Linson	55	812	14.8	5	71	
Obed Cetoute	36	529	14.7	5	88	
Justin Gardner	36	471	13.1	5	66	
Ontario Sneed	52	415	8.0	7	67	
Sam Williams	10	120	12.0	0	28	
Allen Ollenburger	3	64	21.3	0	48	
Jean Pitts	1	50	50.0	1	50	
Jemmy Jasmin	4	45	11.2	0	35	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tony Mikulec	63	2644	42.0	10	37.4	0	20
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Rick Albreski	48-51	8-10	1-5	3-5	0-0	12-20	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Red Keith	127	1	5	2	1
Doug Kress	111	0	2.5	1	2
Daniel Bazuin	67	10.5	4.5	4	0
Josh Gordy	66	0	1	5	2
Calvin Hissong	63	0	0.5	8	2
Pacino Horne	62	0	2.5	1	4
Curtis Cutts	61	0	2	3	0
Mike Ogle	60	4	7.5	2	1
Steven Friend	55	5	5	1	0
Jonathan Lapsley	51	0	2	0	1
Casey Droscha	40	2	4.5	0	0
Leython Williams	39	1	2	1	0
Eric Fraser	34	0	0	1	1
Larry Knight	26	2	1	0	0
Chaz West	24	0	1	4	0
Frank Zombo	23	2.5	0.5	0	0
Tim Brazzel	19	0	0	0	0
David Lawrence	18	0	2	1	1
Ronnie Ekdahl	16	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Damien Linson	24	135	5.6	0	
Tim Brazzel	1	12	12.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Eric Fraser	25	584	23.4	0	
Tim Brazzel	3	106	35.3	1	

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
90	California		+14	San Jose St	24-48
94	Las Vegas		+5	UNLV	24-52
06	Motor City		-8	Middle Tennessee	31-14

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	29.7	19	129	4.3	246	62.6	12.6	+7	2006	6	22.3	20	127	3.5	215	62.1	15.3
6*	23.6	21	159	4.0	260	60.8	17.7	+5	2005	6	23.6	21	114	3.2	281	57.5	16.7
8	23.6	20	170	4.2	226	55.7	16.7	-4	2004	9	34.4	22	170	3.9	261	60.4	12.6
7*	23.1	21	196	4.3	175	55.1	16.1	-4	2003	4	35.7	26	246	5.2	256	64.5	14.1
8*	22.3	20	206	4.4	166	51.9	16.7	+3	2002	8	32.0	21	140	3.6	264	63.4	12.6
6*	22.8	21	199	4.3	181	52.2	16.6	-5	2001	8	31.5	21	208	4.7	232	52.0	14.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

CMU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	OFF SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	DEF SKS BY	DEF TURN
–	Boston College	19	27-123	4.6	24-42	243	2	23	33-66	2.0	32-47	323	2	0
–	at Michigan	14	21-16	0.8	18-39	188	4	23	50-252	5.0	13-21	134	1	-3
–	Akron	16	36-129	3.6	16-23	162	0	24	31-61	2.0	25-46	375	3	+1
–	at E Michigan	24	33-176	5.3	27-42	276	1	25	47-188	4.0	22-32	157	2	-1
–	at Kentucky	27	34-147	4.3	26-47	411	4	18	31-107	3.5	20-32	266	2	-2
–	at Toledo	20	30-92	3.1	21-29	295	2	29	41-174	4.2	32-53	313	4	+4
–	Ball St	21	45-173	3.8	18-30	171	0	13	25-53	2.1	23-30	160	1	+3
–	Bowling Green	12	25-154	6.2	15-25	212	3	15	42-130	3.1	16-30	187	1	-1
–	at Temple	23	32-216	6.8	19-25	283	2	21	33-78	2.4	25-36	231	4	0
–	W Michigan	17	35-142	4.1	17-27	163	1	14	38-175	4.6	12-23	59	2	+2
–	at N Illinois	16	22-104	4.7	25-42	217	1	22	39-215	5.5	17-27	185	0	-2
–	at Buffalo	14	29-47	1.6	16-20	346	3	19	27-124	4.6	21-41	225	2	+2
–	† Ohio	17	21-143	6.8	22-30	314	4	16	39-87	2.2	17-27	137	4	+2
–	† Middle Tenn	22	32-149	4.7	16-26	162	3	19	30-61	2.0	27-41	259	3	+2
TOTALS		262	422-1811	4.3	280-447	3443	30	281	506-1771	3.5	302-486	3011	31	+7
AVERAGES		18.7	30-129	4.3	20-32	246	2.1	20.1	36-127	3.5	22-35	215	2.2	0.5

2002 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Sam Houston St	NL	34-10
–	Wyoming	-3'	32-20
–	at Akron	-1	24-17
–	at Indiana	+5'	29-39
–	at Boston College	+20	0-43
–	Bowling Green	+15	35-45
–	at N Illinois	+9'	0-49
–	Marshall	+20'	18-23
–	at E Michigan	-10	47-21
–	at Toledo	+14	17-44
–	Ball St	-2'	21-38
–	W Michigan	+2'	10-35

2003 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Michigan - #4	+33	7-45
–	New Hampshire	NL	40-33
–	E Kentucky	NL	42-41
–	at Ball St	+5'	14-27
–	at Bowling Green	+28'	3-23
–	N Illinois - #16	+17'	24-40
–	Toledo	+14'	13-31
–	at UCF	+7	13-31
–	E Michigan	-7'	38-10
–	Akron	+7	28-40
–	at W Michigan	+9	21-44
–	at Navy	+20	34-63

2004 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Indiana	+10'	10-41
–	at Michigan St	+25	7-24
–	SE Missouri St	NL	44-27
–	Kent St	+1	24-21
–	Bowling Green	+15	14-38
–	at N Illinois	+19'	10-42
–	at Toledo	+24	22-27
–	W Michigan	-7'	24-21 OT
–	† E Michigan	-1	58-61 4OT
–	at Buffalo	-5	6-36
–	Ball St	-3'	41-40

2005 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Indiana	+7	13-20
–	at Miami, Oh	+22	38-37
–	at Penn St	+22	3-40
–	E Michigan	-5'	20-23 OT
–	at Akron	+11	31-17
–	at Army	-2'	14-10
–	Ohio	-6'	37-10
–	Toledo	+7'	21-17
–	N Illinois	+2	28-31
–	at W Michigan	+3	24-31
–	at Ball St	-4	31-24 OT

2006 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Boston College	+11	24-31
–	at Michigan - #10	+28	17-41
–	Akron	+1	24-21
–	at E Michigan	-4'	24-17 OT
–	at Kentucky	+9	36-45
–	at Toledo	+2'	42-20
–	Ball St	-10	18-7
–	Bowling Green	-7	31-14
–	at Temple	-20	42-26
–	W Michigan	-6	31-7
–	at N Illinois	-4	10-31
–	at Buffalo	-14'	55-28
–	† Ohio	-3	31-10

BALL ST CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - It's too bad that all college football players are not like Joey Lynch (see Hardcore). In 2005, he threw for the 3rd most yards in school history (1,982) and his 18 TD's set a school record. Lynch's biggest play was his audible vs CM in an all-out blitz tossing the winning TD with :12 left. Cole Stinson transferred out after '05. Last year Lynch had to battle another frosh phenom in Nate Davis (PS#35) who has a cannon for an arm. Lynch tied Talmadge Hill for the most 250+ passing games in a career (6). He split snaps with Davis in the first two and despite being #1 in the MAC in pass efficiency after 4, Davis was given the starting job. Lynch was the consummate team player and when called upon vs WM, hit 24 of 30 for 290 with 3 TD's off the bench. WM LB Ameer Ismail said that Davis did not look off receivers like Lynch did and Davis tossed 3 int all leading to WM TD's. Davis still started the rest of the year with the exception of a token start given to Lynch in the finale (1 series). A bad word was never uttered by Lynch and he threw for 1,137 (64.6%) with a 9-3 ratio in his senior year. Showing his arm strength, Davis was #2 in the NCAA avg 10.08 per attempt after six games. Against CM the Chippewas used a solid D taking away the deep pass which other teams copied and Davis would throw for just 160. He followed that with 70 and 98 performances the next 2. He threw for 250, 212 and 268 in the final 3 including a game winning 1 yard TD pass with 1:11 left vs Miami in a game played in 30-45 mph winds. Davis threw for 1,975 (61.2%) with a solid 18-8 ratio. Adding depth are Tanner Justice and Emmanuel Lewis (PS#118) who grayshirted last year. I look for Davis to become one of the MAC's top QB's this year.

QB Nate Davis

RUNNING BACKS - The Cardinals were inexperienced at RB in 2005. Charles Wynn was suspended the first 3 but still led with 533 (4.2). BJ Hill was #2 with 420 (5.1) and Larry Bostic added 196 (3.1). Last year they had to replace Wynn and the running game struggled. Hill was injured and had 49 yards in 13 att the first 5. He got his first start vs Buffalo and rushed for 116 but in the final 6 only topped 21 yards once (45 vs Miami). True frosh MiQuale Lewis was leading the team in rushing but at the end of a 54 yard run vs Buffalo was lost for the year (280, 5.8). The #4 TB, Corey McGee (5'11" 193 So), got the start vs WM and led with 21 yards but did not have another carry. In the final four, Bostic rushed for 85 vs Miami then vs the #1 D in the country (Michigan) had 46. He finished with 143 vs Toledo and 123 vs Kent St to lead with 545 (3.7). This year they lose Bostic, FB Brad Salyer (3 st, 17 ttl yd), Brenton Martin (3 yd) and BJ Hill moves to DB. Not listed in the 4 deep below are Daryll Stott (5'10" 215 rFr) and Ross Bauman (5'11" 204 rFr). Lewis and true frosh Frank Edmonds (PS#74) should battle for the starting job and I think Ball St can improve upon the 3.0 ypc of last year.

RECEIVERS - In 2005, Ball St had to replace their career leading receiver, Dante Ridgeway, who left early for the NFL (#6DC). Terry Moss led an inexperienced group with 36 (11.7) and Louis Johnson added 28 (14.8). HS QB Dante Love was not only a dangerous returnman but the WR had 19 (9.7) and also lined up at QB and RB. Last year everyone returned and good-sized TE Darius Hill (6'6" 233) got off to a great start with 29 rec and 8 TD's in his first six. The victim of double teams, he had two games without a rec in the 2H of the year including Miami where he had 2 drops in the 4Q. He finished with 42 (17.6) and 10 TD's. Love emerged at WR and had 52 (14.1). Moss had 27 with an outstanding 25.4 ypc. TE Madaris Grant's only catch all year was a TD vs Miami with 1:11 left! This year they must replace Moss (11 st), TE's Michael Steinhaus (12 st, 11, 5.2) and Brad Wilson (1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Kristopher Heard (5'10" 170 rFr), Will Bryant (5'10" 186 rFr) and Jordan Trask (6'0" 186 Jr). Despite the losses, this unit looks stronger with their top two back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In HC Brady Hoke's first year, Ball St had a small O-line (268 lbs) and with 3 starters back, they only paved the way for 3.3 ypc. In 2005, they had one starter back. Due to suspensions and injuries, seven different players started and they allowed a MAC high 43 sacks (2.9 ypc). Last year Hoke said they had more depth on the OL. TE Kyle Cornwell moved to RG and started the first four until injured. They had one frosh and three soph on the O-line vs Buffalo but did not allow a sack. WM did get 9 two weeks later. Surprisingly, the Cards avg 92 ypg rushing (28 sk, 7.5% sk). This year they lose RG Justin Schneider (12 st, 3Y st'r). Not only do 5 players who started four or more return, but two are back who combined for 10 starts in 2005. I'll call this the best O-line Hoke has fielded.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Injuries and suspensions wreaked havoc on the D-line in 2005 and they allowed their highest ypc (5.0) in over a decade. Last year they had 6 of their top 8 back but only improved slightly to 4.9 ypc. This year they lose DE Riley Larimore (12 st, 24 tkl, 3 tfl), NT William Wise (8 st, 28 tkl, 2 tfl) and NT Tom Kellar (6 st, 25 tkl, 7 tfl). Five of the top 8 are back and not listed in the 3 deep below is Gonzalo Barinaga (6'2" 243 Jr, 7 tkl 2Y) who missed spring with injury. While this is far from an overwhelming unit, they go three deep and should have improved numbers.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005, the unit was lightly experienced. Last year they appeared to be in good shape with their top 6 back but their top man, MLB Brad Seiss, suffered an ACL injury in May. He would only start 4, missing the first five. Bryant Haines (11 st, #1 tkl'r '05) missed 4 starts with injury and backups Anthony Corpuz (knee) and Martin Dunbar DNP. This year they must replace SLB Jason Sieman (6 st, 53 tkl, 10 tfl) and Seiss (4 st, 29 tkl). Not only do they have 5 of the top 6 back including #1 returning tackler Wendell Brown (12 st, 83 tkl, 6 tfl), they move Chris Clancy (PS#121RB), who has 3 career starts at TE, into the open SLB slot. Provided injuries don't crop up again, this should be a solidly improved group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Ball St has had some pretty poor finishes in my pass D rankings. In 2002 they were #106 and in 2003, #102. Having to replace three starters in 2004, they dropped to dead last. In 2005, they only had to replace one starter but susp's also hurt the unit and they were #109. Last year five players returned with starting experience. They had to replace 3 players who combined for 21 starts. Ball St finished just #104 allowing 63.7% with a 19-9 ratio. This year they lose SS Erik Keys (12 st, 90 tkl, 4 tfl) and CB's Ricky Rakestraw (9 tkl), Eulas Taylor (5 st, 16 tkl) and Terrell Johnson (14 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kyle Kuntz (5'10" 192 So), John Hottle (6'1" 188 So) and Tad Kilburn (6'0" 185 rFr). They moved BJ Hill, who started 5 at RB the last two years, in to contend at CB. Six players are back who started last year so the Cardinals should have their best pass D finish in over 5 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ball St was a horrible #116 in my ST rankings in 2004. In 2005, Brian Jackson hit 9 of 13 FG's (long 54). RFr P Chris Miller had a solid 42.9 avg (34.8 net). They also had dangerous returnmen in PR BJ Hill (11.1) and KR Love (24.8). They allowed a 90 yd TD by Iowa on a trick punt but still moved up to #65. Last year all returned and Ball St moved up to #28. Jackson was voted MAC's ST POY but was 2nd Tm MAC. He hit 17 of 19 FG's with a long of 52 and was 7 of 9 from 40+ (wow!). He also nailed a 37 yard FG into a 35 mph wind vs Miami. Miller put 13 of his first 27 punts inside the 20 and had a 78 yard punt to tie a school record. He finished #2 in the NCAA in punting avg (46.3) nearly topping the school record (net 38.2). Love lost his KR duties (16.6) to Moss (24.0) while Hill saw his PR avg drop drastically to 5.8. This year they must replace Jackson and Moss but still have outstanding returnmen and one of the best P's in the country so it's another top-notch unit.

COACHES - Brady Hoke lettered here from 1977 to 1980. He was the Michigan DL coach for the six years prior to coming back here in 2003 and enters his 5th year. In his first year, his OC was Don Treadwell and the offense set school records for passing yards but he left for Cincinnati. Hoke, who wanted more of a running game, brought in Ed Stults in '03 who is now the asst HC. Stan Parrish, the 2005 QB coach, became the new OC for '07. He was the OC at Michigan from '00-'01. DC Mark Smith (5th yr) was Indiana St's DC in '01 and '02.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since joining the MAC in 1975, no MAC school has won more outright conference titles than Ball St. The Cardinals have won 5 (1976, '78, '89, '93 and '96). The 2002 team had their first non-losing season since 1996 but all six losses were to quality foes. They brought in new HC Hoke for 2003. He had 44 returning lettermen to work with and they opened 4-4 including 3-1 in the MAC but then went just 2-13 through 2004. Hoke's first game was played in front of 23,549 under portable lights but the final home game of '04 was in front of just 5,309 (lowest since 1993). In 2005, they suffered some big personnel losses and only had 4 home games but surprisingly Hoke engineered a solid 4-7 finish. I like Hoke because he's a disciplinarian and wants a physical, tough team (like BC). Just 38 players stayed on campus in the 2003 offseason and he improved that to 78 in 2005. That squad also went through numerous suspensions and was shorthanded in many games. The 2005 team had just 9 seniors so BSU returned a MAC high 18 starters in 2006. Last year they had 5 MAC wins in a season for the first time since 1996, posted their first winning record in the MAC since 2001 and lost to three Big 10 teams by a combined 19 points. They won at Toledo for the first time since 1991. Their offense set single season records for most yards passing, most passes completed, most TD passes thrown and most FD's passing. Hoke was given a contract extension through 2010 and Ball St is an amazing 6-2 in their last 8 MAC road games. Had they not lost to IAA North Dakota St, BSU would have been bowl-eligible. This year they have 7 starters back on offense including the exciting QB Davis (PS#35). They improved to 27.2 ppg last year and should improve once again. The D made dramatic strides allowing 12 ppg less than 2005 with 8 starters back. This year they have 7 starters back including 8 of their top 10 tacklers. Ball St outgained MAC foes by 53.1 ypg (4th best). They are renovating Scheumann Stadium and added FieldTurf which should cut down on the injuries. One of my 8 sets of power ratings actually calls Ball St the best team in the MAC and 4 of the 8 have them in the Top 5. Despite a tough non-conf schedule facing Navy, Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana on the road, Ball St could flirt with bowl-eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 13 NATE DAVIS SO. 6-2 214 **PS#35.** 7 st true, 1975 (61%) 18-8 ratio, 72 rush. Strong arm. Emmanuel Lewis (6-1 175 Fr) PS#118. 17 Tanner Justice (6-3 193 So).

RB NA Frank Edmonds Fr. 5-8 191 PS#74. 33 MiQuale Lewis (5-6 184 So) PS#194. 280 (5.8) true, 6 gm (inj). 24 Corey McGee PS#475. 44 ttl yd LY. 39 Jacolby Bond (6-0 221 So) PS#188.

TE 82 Madaris Grant So. 6-5 228 2 st TE rFr, 1 rec, 9 gms. Kevin Steinhaus (6-3 231 Fr) PS#92. GS LY. 87 Myles Trempe (6-4 201 rFr) PS#352WR. Brendan Choy is PS#156.

WR 86 DANTE LOVE JR. 5-10 176 PS#382QB. 7 att QB, 89 (6.2) RB, 2 st WR '05. 19 (9.7). 7 st LY, 52 rec (14.1). **2nd Tm MAC.** 6 DeAndrie Rogers (6-3 190 So). Joe Everett (6-0 174 rFr).

WR 81 Louis Johnson Jr. 6-1 182 PS#269. 6 st '05, 28 (14.8). 2 st LY, 26 (12.6). 83 Dan Dunford (5-10 185 Sr) PS#165RB. 4 st, 22 rec 3Y. 15 Jon Myles (6-0 196 So) PS#335.

TE 88 DARIUS HILL JR. 6-6 233 3 st, 11 rec (12.4) '05. 7 st LY, **HM MAC**, 42 rec (17.6), **10 TD**. Jacob Basker (6-2 224 rFr) PS#176. Drew Sharick (6-6 230 Fr) is PS#78.

C 52 DAN GERBERRY JR. 6-3 287 PS#480. Scout Tm MVP '04. 11 st '05 C. 12 st C LY. 70 Jordan Applegate (6-5 296 So) PS#307DL. Bkup LY. **LS** Cody Muhlenkamp (5-11 206 Fr).

RG 63 Kyle Cornwell Jr. 6-4 262 PS#150TE. 2 st TE true, 1 rec. 4 st RG LY until inj. 75 Eric Larrimer (6-5 293 Jr) 3 st at LG '05. 2nd string LY. 67 Travis Arnold (6-8 291 rFr). PS#529.

LG 78 JOHN PURDY SO. 6-6 313 PS#461. Last 8 st LG true. 73 Lance Helton (6-5 294 rFr) PS#202. 50 Dustin Brown (6-3 295 Sr) 7 st '05 (6LG, 1RG). 2nd string LY.

RT 71 ROBERT BREWSTER JR. 6-5 312 PS#201. 11 st true (7RG, 4RT). 12 st RT LY. 60 Justin Penland (6-6 295 Sr) 2nd string 3 gm LY. 61 Cory Dixon (6-3 270 rFr) PS#500DL.

LT 79 ANDRE RAMSEY JR. 6-5 305 PS#236. 9 st LT true (miss 2 inj). 12 st LT LY. 58 Adam Cole (6-6 284 Jr) PS#202. 2nd string 3 gm LY. 63 Dan Boocher (6-4 291 So).

K NA Ian McGarvey Fr. 5-9 200 PS#51. 10 of 15 FG, long 52 in HS. 95 Jake Hogue (5-9 186 rFr) PS#88. #2K in '06. 45 Adam Weber (6-2 193 So). Eric James (5-9 199 rFr).

DE 44 CORTLAN BOOKER SR. 6-2 245 PS#294LB. 6 st, 59 tkl, 7 tfl '04-'05. 12 st LY, 64 tkl, 5 sk, 9 tfl. 59 Antonio Beasley (6-0 231 Jr) 9 tkl rFr. 85 Justin Woodard (6-3 218 rFr) PS#317LB.

DT 93 AMARA KOROMA SR. 6-2 275 7 tkl true. L/4 st '05, 12 tkl, 4 tfl. 10 st LY, 32 tkl, 9 tfl. 64 Kaylon Woods (6-2 255 rFr) PS#275. Troy Davis (5-11 244 rFr) PS#455. Walk-on.

DT 94 Jacob Jordan Sr. 6-3 280 6 tkl rFr. 3 st, 10 tkl, 1 tfl '05. 8 tkl, 3 tfl last year. 72 **Roger Morris** (6-4 307 Jr) **PS#136OL**. 2 tkl true. 96 Jason Jankowski (6-2 236 rFr) PS#281.

DE 65 Drew Duffin So. 6-3 253 16 tkl, 2 sk, 3 tfl rFr. 90 Brandon Crawford (6-3 248 So) 12 tkl, 2 sk true. Gonzalo Barinaga (6-2 243 Jr) PS#364LB. 57 Brandon Houston (6-2 233 rFr) PS#305.

WLB 49 BRYANT HAINES JR. 6-5 230 11 st rFr, 83 tkl, 7 tfl. 6 st LY (inj), 49 tkl, 8 tfl. 28 Mike Dorulla (6-0 216 Sr) 2 st, 60 tkl, 6 tfl 3Y. 55 Sam Woodworth (6-2 205 So). Scout Tm D MVP '05.

MLB 11 WENDELL BROWN SR. 6-0 214 PS#219. 6 st true, 62 tkl, 7 tfl. 10 st '05, 52 tkl, 3 tfl. 12 st LY, 83 tkl, 6 tfl. 48 Spain Cosby (5-11 221 So) 25 tkl true. 46 Alex Moore (6-1 230 Sr) 11 tkl 2Y.

SLB 27 Chris Clancy Jr. 6-2 221 PS#121RB. 1 st FB true. 2 st TE LY. 52 yds 2Y. 83 Kenny Meeks (6-2 234 Jr) PS#457WR. 7 tkl 2Y. 30 John Buckingham (6-1 228 rFr) PS#447DL.

CB 12 TREY LEWIS SO. 6-0 194 11 st FS '05, 74 tkl, 3 int, 2 pbu. 11 st CB LY, 66 tkl, 10 pbu. 3 BJ Hill (5-7 180 Jr) 5 st RB 2Y, 677 yds rush, 31 rec. 25 David Wise (5-9 184 So).

CB 8 TREY BUICE JR. 5-10 179 PS#334. 4 st true, 29 tkl, 2 pbu. 8 st LY, 28 tkl, 5 pbu. 45 Jakeem Gregory (5-9 173 rFr) PS#156. 34 Lavell Mosley (6-2 191 Jr) PS#233. 1 tkl.

SS 41 Alex Knipp So. 6-0 193 PS#219RB. 4 st true, 33 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 21 Chris Allen (5-10 188 Sr) PS#382. 4 st, 67 tkl, 4 pd 3Y. 16 **Warren Suess** (6-4 202 Jr) **PS#102QB.**

FS 23 MARCUS McCLURE JR. 6-0 184 PS#507. 15 tkl, 2 int '05. 7 starts LY, 43 tkl, 1 int. 1 Eddie Burk (5-11 202 Sr). Last 4 st FS LY, 21 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. 31 Dane Cook (6-0 188 rFr).

P 35 CHRIS MILLER JR. 6-2 205 PS#14. **1st Tm MAC '05 & '06.** 68 punts, 42.9 avg, net 34.8 rFr. 57 punts LY, 46.3 avg, 38.2 net. Ian McGarvey 35.0 avg L/83 in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Frank Edmonds 5-8 191 PS#74
WR	Daniel Ifft 6-3 175 PS#104
LB	Cedric Rainey 6-0 225 PS#269JC
OL	Kreg Hunter 6-3 300 PS#144
LB	Pete Rolf 6-4 220 PS#137
DL	Jake Pitcock 6-2 257 PS#166
QB	Emmanuel Lewis 6-1 175 PS#118 '06
DB	Derrick Henry 6-1 190 PS#194
DL	Jermaine Houston 6-4 230 PS#423JC
DB	Sean Baker 6-1 200 PS#202
TE	Drew Sharick 6-6 230 PS#78
RB	Kevin Steinhaus 6-3 231 PS#92 '06
DL	Rene Perry 5-11 270 PS#291
LB	Davyd Jones 6-1 205 PS#315
K	Ian McGarvey 5-9 200 PS#51
DB	Brandon Carnegie 5-11 180 PS#342WR
OL	Michael Switzer 6-5 285 PS#515
DL	Andrew Puthoff 6-3 230 PS#434RB
TE	Brendan Choy 6-4 240 PS#156
LB	Ryan Hartke 6-4 200 PS#437
WR	Simeon Kelley 5-11 180 PS#426
DL	Jerrod Gray 6-3 255 PS#451
DL	Rayondon Kennedy 6-2 235 PS#451
LB	Dee Lett 5-11 203 PS#500
LB	Lorren Womack 6-0 210 PS#500
DB	Koreen Burch 5-9 163 PS#540
OL	Ben Jacoby 6-2 270 PS#606
OL	Cody Muhlenkamp 5-11 206 PS#562

BALL ST CARDINALS

Muncie, Indiana
Weather (765) 284-6111

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#87

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	Miami, Oh (Thur)	A					Last year Ball St QB Davis threw a TD pass with 1:12 remaining for the 3 pt win. Ball St is 2-9 in season openers but won last year's vs Eastern Michigan.
Sep. 8	at Eastern Michigan	A					Ball St is 0-11 since 1996 in road openers with the avg loss by 27 ppg. LY vs EMU as a true frosh, QB Davis made his debut going 7-8 (88%) 108 yds, 3-0 ratio.
Sep. 15	at Navy	A					Ball St is 3-20 in their last 23 games vs Div IA non-conference opponents. Four of the 5 teams BSU plays TY that made it to a bowl LY are on the road, including Navy.
Sep. 22	at Nebraska	A					Ball St is 0-7 vs current Big 12 members being outscored by a combined 335-33. This will be their 1st meeting & the furthest west BSU has gone since the '96 Las Vegas Bowl.
Sep. 29	Buffalo	A					The 55 pts BSU scored on Buffalo LY is the 4th highest single-gm total in school history. The Cardinals are 5-0 all-time vs the Bulls (1st game was in 1969).
Oct. 6	Central Michigan	A					BSU is 13-6-1 the last 20 years vs Central Michigan but lost the L/3. Last year's 7 pts was the 1st time since 2003 they have been held to single digits in MAC play.
Oct. 13	W Kentucky (HC)	A					The last & only time these schools played was in 1929 (WKU won 13-0). WKU is a transitional IA member that will compete in the SBC full-time next season.
Oct. 20	at Western Michigan	A					Hoke was a DL/ST coach at Western Michigan from 1984-'86. The Cardinals are 5-11 in their 16 trips to Kalamazoo (1st trip was in 1972).
Oct. 27	at Illinois	A					Ball St is 0-17 vs current Big 10 Conference members. This will be the teams' 1st ever meeting even though the schools are just a 3 hour drive apart.
Nov. 3	at Indiana	A					Last yr in front of a record crowd at Scheumann Stadium, Ball St led 23-7 at halftime before 17 unanswered by Indiana. BSU is now 0-3 vs their instate "Big Brother".
Nov. 13	Toledo (Tues)	A					BSU is 4-12 S/'98 in Nov road gms. Brady Hoke was an asst coach for 2 seasons at Toledo ('87-'88). These 2 teams have only avg'd 40 ppg in their 32 gm history (1st gm in '75).
Nov. 17							
Nov. 24	at Northern Illinois	A					Ball St is 10-3 their last 13 trips to DeKalb, including a win in 2005. These teams have averaged 65 ppg the last 6 yrs in this series. BSU has lost 4 of 5 season finales.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mike Neu 6,271 '90-'93	1. Marcus Merriweather 4,002 '99-'02	1. Dante Ridgeway 3,030 '02-'04
2. Talmadge Hill 5,884 '00-'03	2. Bernie Parmalee 3,483 '87-'90	2. Deon Chester 2,256 '84-'87
3. David Riley 4,730 '86-'89	3. LeAndre Moore 3,080 '95-'98	3. Brian Oliver 2,111 '91-'94

BRADY HOKE (Career 15-31)

5th Year at Ball St — Hoke's Bowl Record: 0-0

Hoke's records AT BALL ST

15-31	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
8-13	Home	0-7	Vs Top 25
7-18	Away	0-12	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	2-2	Off A Bye
14-18	Vs Conference	10-18	Off A Loss

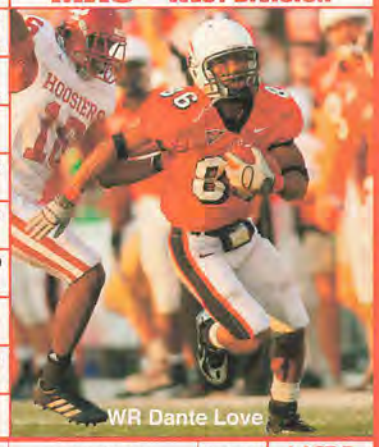
2006 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (13,23,1)
Lost: 21 (9,10,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,061 (#114)

MAC - WEST DIVISION


WR Dante Love

STADIUM: SCHEUMANN STADIUM (24,500) (#113)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	6-6	4-8	2-9	4-7	5-7	31-49
Home	2-3	2-3	4-1	3-3	2-3	1-3	2-4	16-20
Away	3-3	3-3	2-5	1-5	0-6	3-4	3-3	15-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	5-3	26-28
ATS	5-5	5-5	7-4	4-7	5-6	6-4-1	8-3	40-34-1
Home Fav (Ball Lynch)	2-0	0-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	8-3
Home Dog (Brady Hoke)	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-0	3-1	1-2	10-9
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-5
Away Dog	3-1	3-1	4-3	2-3	1-5	3-3-1	4-1	20-17-1
Favorite	2-2	1-3	2-0	1-2	1-1	0-0	3-0	10-8
Dog	3-3	4-2	5-4	3-5	4-5	6-4-1	5-3	30-26-1
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-2	5-3	30-24
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	0-2-1	3-0	10-10-1
Off SU Win	1-3	1-3	4-2	0-4	1-1	3-1	3-1	13-15
Off SU Loss	3-2	4-1	3-1	4-3	3-5	3-2-1	4-2	24-16-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Larry Bostic	146	605	60	545	3	3.7
MiQuale Lewis	48	290	10	280	1	5.8
BJ Hill	67	274	17	257	3	3.8
Dante Love	19	105	22	83	1	4.4
Corey McGee	10	33	1	32	0	3.2
Chris Miller	1	17	0	17	0	17.0
Nate Davis	29	72	120	-48	0	-1.7
Joey Lynch	31	40	109	-69	0	-2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Nate Davis	245	150	61.2	1975	18	8
Joey Lynch	127	82	64.6	1137	9	3
Chris Miller	1	0	0.0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Darius Hill	42	741	17.6	10	42
Dante Love	52	735	14.1	4	70
Terry Moss	27	685	25.4	8	81
Louis Johnson	26	327	12.6	2	46
Larry Bostic	42	309	7.4	0	39
BJ Hill	13	125	9.6	0	27
Michael Steinhaus	11	57	5.2	1	8

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Miller	57	2637	46.3	6	38.2(t)	1	20
Brian Jackson	2	66	33.3	0	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brian Jackson	37-38	7-7	3-3	5-7	2-2	17-19	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Erik Keys	90	1	3	0	1
Wendell Brown	83	1	5	2	1
Trey Lewis	66	0	5	10	0
Cortlan Booker	64	5	9	1	0
Jason Sieman	53	2	8	0	0
Bryant Haines	49	2	6	2	0
Marcus McClure	43	0	1	0	1
Alex Knipp	33	0	1	4	2
Amara Koroma	32	1	8	1	1
Chris Allen	29	0	0	1	0
Brad Seiss	29	1	0	0	0
Trey Buice	28	2	1	5	1
William Wise	28	1	1	0	0
Mike Dorulla	27	1	2	0	1
Tom Kellar	25	1	6	0	0
Spain Cosby	25	0	1	0	0
Riley Larimore	24	1	2	0	0
Eddie Burk	21	0	1	3	1
Drew Duffin	16	2	3	0	0
Eulas Taylor	16	1	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
BJ Hill	23	134	5.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terry Moss	23	551	24.0	0
Dante Love	13	216	16.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
89	California	NL	Fresno St	6-27
93	Las Vegas	+2	Utah St	33-42
96	Las Vegas	+6'	Nevada	15-18

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Ball St's All-Time Bowl Record 0-3

BALL ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	27.2	17	92	3.0	259	62.2	12.9	+1	2006	8	25.8	21	176	4.9	258	63.7	16.8
5*	21.2	17	110	2.9	189	61.2	14.1	+3	2005	8	37.8	23	202	5.0	257	63.3	12.1
8	20.5	19	114	3.0	209	57.3	15.8	+5	2004	4	36.8	23	197	4.8	261	66.0	12.4
5*	21.8	18	115	3.3	228	58.3	15.7	-5	2003	7	32.2	21	198	4.6	190	62.6	12.0
8*	23.2	20	159	3.8	179	57.2	14.6	-5	2002	5	27.8	21	170	4.6	236	63.1	14.6
7*	24.4	20	165	3.6	178	52.1	14.0	-8	2001	10	26.9	19	153	4.3	210	53.0	13.5

2006 STATS BY GAME

BSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	E Michigan	21	36-159	4.4	17-28	230	3	22	38-226	5.9	18-28	209	3	+1
–	Indiana	14	22-41	1.9	21-33	289	1	20	29-147	5.1	16-33	226	0	-1
–	at Purdue	19	29-61	2.1	24-37	291	4	23	28-117	4.2	30-39	416	0	+1
–	North Dakota St	13	24-14	0.6	18-32	385	2	22	23-84	3.7	29-47	451	1	+1
–	N Illinois	21	26-78	3.0	29-40	307	2	24	41-358	8.7	20-27	252	1	0
–	at Buffalo	19	42-232	5.5	12-15	262	0	21	30-42	1.4	30-44	364	7	+2
–	at C Michigan	13	25-53	2.1	23-30	160	1	21	45-173	3.8	18-30	171	1	-3
–	W Michigan	23	29-9	0.3	28-38	360	9	20	38-166	4.4	20-24	291	0	-1
–	at Miami, Oh	14	38-128	3.4	11-24	98	3	20	36-133	3.7	20-35	226	2	0
–	at Michigan	14	22-47	2.1	18-34	250	3	24	46-352	7.7	17-25	155	0	0
–	at Toledo	16	34-144	4.2	15-31	212	0	18	40-226	5.7	14-27	152	3	+1
–	Kent St	18	39-137	3.5	16-31	268	0	13	32-84	2.6	19-35	181	3	0
TOTALS		205	366-1103	3.0	232-373	3112	28	248	426-2108	4.9	251-394	3094	21	+1
AVERAGES		17.1	31-92	3.0	19-31	259	2.3	20.7	36-176	4.9	21 33	258	1.8	0.1

2002 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Missouri	+14	6-41	
–	Indiana St	NL	23-21	
–	at Clemson	+27'	7-30	
–	at Connecticut	+6	24-21	OT
–	N Illinois	+2	29-41	
–	at Toledo	+18	17-37	
–	E Michigan	-15	42-17	
–	at Bowling Green - #24	+21	20-38	
–	W Michigan	+5'	17-7	
–	at C Michigan	+2'	38-21	
–	Buffalo	-16	41-21	
–	at Marshall	+15	14-38	

2003 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Indiana St	NL	31-7	
–	Missouri	+14	7-35	
–	at Pittsburgh - #11	+30'	21-42	
–	C Michigan	-5'	27-14	
–	at Boston College	+22	29-53	
–	at Kent St	+2'	34-17	
–	Miami, Oh	+16	3-49	
–	Toledo	+12	38-14	
–	at N Illinois - #22	+15'	23-48	
–	at W Michigan	+2'	20-28	
–	at E Michigan	-10	14-38	
–	Bowling Green - #22	+14'	14-41	

2004 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Boston College	+17	11-19	
–	at Purdue - #25	+30'	7-59	
–	at Missouri	+25'	0-48	
–	W Michigan	+3'	41-14	
–	at Toledo	+16	14-52	
–	E Michigan	-7	24-31	
–	at Bowling Green	+29	13-51	
–	at Akron	+10	23-35	
–	N Illinois	+20	31-38	OT
–	UCF	-3'	21-17	
–	at C Michigan	+3'	40-41	

2005 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Iowa - #11	+42	0-56	
–	Bowling Green	+28'	31-40	
–	at Auburn	+36'	3-63	
–	at Boston College - #21	+38	0-38	
–	at W Michigan	+11'	60-57	5OT
–	Toledo	+22	14-34	
–	at Ohio	+7	21-38	
–	at N Illinois	+29	31-17	
–	Akron	+3	23-17	
–	at E Michigan	+6	26-25	
–	C Michigan	+4	24-31	OT

2006 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	E Michigan	-5	38-20	
–	Indiana	+3'	23-24	
–	at Purdue	+17	28-38	
–	North Dakota St	NL	24-29	
–	N Illinois	+6'	28-40	
–	at Buffalo	-3'	55-25	
–	at C Michigan	+10	7-18	
–	W Michigan	+3'	27-41	
–	at Miami, Oh	+5	20-17	
–	at Michigan - #2	+34	26-34	
–	at Toledo	+4	20-17	
–	Kent St	-3	30-6	

EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - The Eagles have produced some outstanding QB's including Charlie Batch (#2DC DET) and Walt Church, who broke most of Batch's school records. Iowa transfer Matt Bohnet was the starting QB for two years and in '05 threw for 2,181 (62.7%) with a 14-5 ratio. Tyler Jones rushed for 107 in his lone start vs Miami (Bohnet inj'd) and threw for 245 (63.1%) with a 2-1 ratio. Last year Jones barely beat out rFr Andy Schmitt and had a great 1H vs Ball St rushing for 164 on 18 carries. Unfortunately Jones inj'd his shoulder and missed most of the 2H. Schmitt started vs NW, splitting time with Jones, and Jones then missed the next two. Schmitt hurt his jaw vs CM and with Jones out, rFr WR Dontayo Gage (#3QB in spring) moved back to QB and hit 2 of 5 for 28 yards. Schmitt was doubtful vs ULL but played and hit 23 of 35 for 171. Jones started the next week vs BG and while he hit 24 of 38 for 260, Schmitt reclaimed the job vs Toledo. He was injured in the 4Q vs WM and while Jones got a TD pass early 4Q he was sacked 4 times and they could not hold on to a 15-3 lead. Schmitt sat out vs Ohio and Jones hit 13 of 25 for 107. Jones moved to RB vs Navy while Schmitt hit 24 of 37 for 220 (89 rush). Schmitt was injured in the 3Q vs Kent St and Jones moved back to QB. Jones started vs N Illinois but was inj'd and Gage hit 8 of 15 for 55. On the season Schmitt completed 61.5% with a 2-6 ratio while leading the team in rushing. Schmitt missed the spring and Jones took all the snaps with the first string. This unit should put up much better numbers and maintain better health.

RUNNING BACKS - Anthony Sherrell set a school record in 2003 rushing for 1,531 (4.5). In 2004 he did not adapt as well to the spread offense as new HC Genyk had hoped. When Genyk was at Northwestern, Damien Anderson rushed for 2,063 but Sherrell only had 854 (4.4). He landed in Genyk's doghouse in '05 starting just 4 and rushing for 442 (5.0). The leading returning RB in '06 was Dwayne Harrison (236, 4.1). Pierre Walker started 3 in '04 (173, 3.8) and is a bruising runner but missed '05 with injury and was not 100% last year. Walker was the clear-cut starter in the preseason but was lost for the year after 6 but still led the RB's with 214 (4.2). Harrison played in just 6 (2 st) rushing for 116 (4.1). True frosh Terrence Blevins (PS#106) was expected to go to JC but made the roster and started 1 game rushing for 106 (4.1). True frosh DeAnthony White started 2 at RB (plus 1 at WR) and rushed for 21 (1.8) but had 7 rec vs Navy at RB. QB Jones moved to RB vs Navy and had 2 rushing TD's. If Schmitt stays healthy and performs well at QB, Jones may just become the feature back. Everyone returns so I would expect much more production. This year's top rusher should easily top last year's top 3 RB totals combined (436 yards). Not listed in the 3 deep below are LJ Robertson (6-1 200 rFr), Tyree Harris (5-6 160 So), John Neely (6-0 200 Sr) and this year's true frosh.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 EM had to replace their career receiving leader, Kevin Walter, who was the first WR drafted (#7DC NYJ) from EM since 1976. He set the school record for receptions in a season with 93 in '02. Eric Deslauriers, one of the top 5 QB prospects out of Canada, moved to WR in '03 and had 15 rec. Their leading returning receiver in 2004, Chris Roberson, was moved to DB. Deslauriers, who has excellent size (6'5") and 4.45 speed, blossomed to have 84 (15.0). Deslauriers saw his numbers drop to 75 (11.7) in '05, but broke Walter's record for career TD rec (20) with 22. Last year they lost their #2 man, AJ Bennett (60, 8.5) but had 4 of the top 5 back. Trumaine Riley and converted QB Dontayo Gage battled for the open starting spot with Gage also playing QB. Dropped passes were a problem for this unit. Deslauriers led with 74 rec (12.1) and became the career leader. Riley was a dangerous returnman who had 45 (8.1) and Gage added 28 (6.0). This year they must replace Deslauriers (12 st), Riley (9 st) and TE RJ Montemayor (6 rec). I think Genyk should field a decent group but with the loss of their top 2 guys, this group is down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 EM had to replace 2 starters and a backup and opened holes for 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 17 sacks (4.0%). Last year they lost their Off MVP (C Mike Romeli , 3Y st'r). Returning starting LT Kevin Minor did not make the 2 deep so basically three starters returned. EM dropped to 106 ypg rush, their lowest since 2000 with 3.4 ypc and 26 sacks allowed (7.0%). This year they lose LT Courtney Ford (12 st) and C Chris Thomas (10 st). Eight of the top 10 are back including five with starting experience, so I look for better production from the EM offensive front.

DL Jason Jones

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '02 with 2 starters back, EM allowed a horrifying 6.1 ypc rushing. They "improved" to 4.5, 4.4 then allowed 4.7 ypc in '05 when they had just 3 of their top 8 back. Last year they had 3 starters back and the unit was very productive. Jason Jones (2nd Tm MAC) was #5 in the NCAA in tfl pg (18.5 total) and Colorado transfer Josh Hunt added 10 tfl. JUCO transfer Eric Young won the EM Top Lineman Award. Surprisingly, EM still allowed 201 ypg rush (4.8) and the sack total slipped to 17. Hunt battled an elbow injury all year and should have his most productive season this year giving them the MAC's best defensive tackle duo. They do lose DE Kevin Howe (12 st, 54 tkl, 4 sk, 2nd Tm MAC '05) but have 7 of the top 8 back and should finally get the ypc allowed below 4.0 for the first time S/'99 (3.6).

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 EM's LB corps consisted of Darran Matthews, who moved from RB in the spring, true frosh Daniel Holtzclaw and a JUCO. None of their players had played a down at LB in IA ball and the 3 backups were all frosh. The three starters turned out to be the #2, #3 and #5 tacklers and improved as the season went on. Last year the unit returned intact and they added HT recruit André Hatchett (PS#83) who drew the attention of some Big 10 schools. This year they must replace WLB Michael Richardson (12 st, #2 tkl'r) but have 5 of the top 6 back and Hatchett should be very productive as a starter. The LB corps continue to improve and should actually be one of the MAC's better units.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishes of #117, #107 and #117 again in my pass D rankings from '02-'04, they moved up to #88 in '05 with 2 starters returning. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 30 starts. The one returning starter, Duan Bracey, was suspended the first two and only started five. WLB Richardson started at CB in his place. They moved back down to #109 allowing 63.6% with a 20-7 ratio. This year the unit returns intact and includes six players who started 4 or more last year. They allowed 12 passing TD's in the first five but just 8 in the final seven. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Aaron Glenn (5'9" 180 Sr). This year they will have their best pass D in over 5 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - EM finished just #115, #108 and #98 from 2001-'03 in my ST rankings. In '04 they got the significant additions of K Andrew Wellock and KR/PR Trumaine Riley. Wellock earned 1st Tm MAC honors for 3 straight years and departs #2 all-time in the MAC with 69 career FG's made (73 Steve Azar NI '00-'03). Riley leaves as EM's (and MAC) career leader in KR yards. Thanks to them, EM finished #55 and #66 in '04 and '05 in my ST rankings. Last year I called for them to record their best ever finish in my ST rankings and they did (#33). Wellock was the punter in '05 and in the first game LY but Genyk brought in rFr Zach Johnson (PS#86), who ended up being 1 of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award (38.1 net). Even with Johnson back, they will drop some in my rankings.

COACHES - Jeff Genyk enters his 4th season as HC here after spending the previous five under Randy Walker as Northwestern's RB coach and recruiting coordinator. At his first press conference he said, "We're going to host and win a MAC Championship". Former OC Howard Feggins was the WR coach at NW the previous five seasons and has been shifted to RB coach. QB coach Scott Isphording is the new OC. He was the OC at Wittenberg previously. The DC is Jay Peterson who was the DL/LB coach at NW. Peterson said he ran a very vanilla defense in 2004. He added a lot to it in 2005 and they allowed 14.8 ppg less.

PHIL'S FORECAST

EM has had only six winning seasons since 1974. The 2002 team set MAC and NCAA records for most points allowed in a season (566) and total yards allowed (6,239). In 2003 EM was outgained by 154.5 ypg in league play (3rd worst in MAC). They did rally to win 2 of their final 3 under interim HC Al Lavan to finish out of the basement at 2-6. The 2003 defense allowed "only" 30.9 ppg and 393 ypg. EM had not won more than two MAC games since 1999. In 2004 some close victories saw them finish 4-4 in MAC play in Genyk's first season. They won the Michigan MAC Championship (beat WM and CM) for the first time since 1986 but needed 4 OT's to get past CM. That put EM at 4-2 and in the hunt for the MAC Title but they dropped their final 2. They installed FieldTurf in '05 to help cut down on injuries. EM finished with an identical 4-7 record in '05 but went from 4-4 to 3-5 in the MAC. They had a missed FG with :13 left in their loss to Miami, a failed 2 pt conv vs WM had them trailing by 1 late and they blew a 22-7 lead vs Ball St in what could have easily been a 7-4 season. They finished last in the MAC West but were only outgained by 28.8 ypg (7th best in MAC). That team benefitted from +10 in turnovers. Last year they were breaking in a new QB and had most of their winnable games on the road. Because of those factors, I called for a 2nd straight year in the cellar of the MAC West. EM achieved just that but the season could have been much better as they had 6 losses by a TD or less (see net close losses pg 299). EM could have actually finished as strong as 7-5. They had just 8 seniors on last year's squad and in reality only 5 played. This year seven starters are back on offense and while they must replace 2 outstanding WR's, they should be able to top last year's 13.9 ppg very easily (worst since 1992, 10.6). The defense was of the "bend-but-don't-break" variety last season as they allowed 388 ypg but for the 2nd straight season just 26.8 ppg. This year they have 9 defensive starters back and should be much tougher. Last year EM was outgained by 81 ypg in MAC play (2nd worst). Besides 6 net close losses, 19.9 ypp on offense (pg 299), EM also had 26 starts lost to injury (see pg 314). They also have the 2nd most returning starters in the MAC (16) and the fewest lettermen lost (9) making it one of the MAC's most veteran teams. All those factors point to a much stronger year for the Eagles.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 7 ANDY SCHMITT SO. 6-4 221 PS#300. 6 st rFr. 1182 (61.5%) 2-6 ratio, 540 rush. **8 Tyler Jones** (6-2 225 Jr) PS#174. 9 st QB/RB 2Y. 999 pass (58%) 6-10 ratio, 750 rush.

RB 32 PIERRE WALKER SR. 5-7 206 PS#217. 1 st, 21 tkl SS true. 3 st TB '04, 173 (3.8). 5 st LY (inj 6) 214 (4.2). **36 Terrence Blevins** (6-1 235 Jr) PS#106 1st LY. Dwayne Harrison (5-9 206 Jr).

WR 15 Jacory Stone So. 6-1 189 5 st rFr. 13 rec (7.6), 12 gm. **87** Reggie Brown (5-11 171 Jr) 1 st WR LY, 0 rec. **81** Michael Graham (6-3 200 rFr). RS walk-on in 2006.

WR 3 Travis Lewis Sr. 6-2 197 1 st, 4 rec rFr. 9 st '05, 33 rec (10.0). 7 st LY, 10 (8.9). **82** Nate Beard (5-10 170 So) WV St trans. **80** Brandon Pratt (6-2 190 rFr) PS#485LB.

WR 2 DONTAYO GAGE SO. 5-9 188 PS#320QB. 28 (6.0) 12 of 23 passes playing QB. **18** DeAnthony White (5-8 178 So) 3 st true, 15 rec (11.7) 21 yd rush. **86** Tyrone Burke (5-10 187 rFr).

TE 16 KEN BOHNET SR. 6-5 255 PS#125QB. 1 st, 11 rec '05. 7 st LY 9 (9.7). **17** John Bonner (6-2 220 Jr) PS#302. 4 st, 10 rec 2Y. **89** Josh LeDuc (6-3 209 rFr). **6** Sonny Paluch (6-4 220 rFr).

C 73 Desi Mayner Jr. 6-1 284 PS#74TE. 2nd string as rFr. Inj LY but last 3 st (2C, 1RG). **78** Eric Davis (6-2 245 rFr). **53 LS** Jerry Topolinski (6-2 245 Sr) #1 LS 3 years.

RG 63 KHALID WALTON SR. 6-4 310 PS#615. 11 st LG rFr, 11 st '05 (10LG, 1 RG). 11 st RG LY. **74** Joe Charles (6-0 309 Jr) PS#468DL. 4 tkl, 1.5 sk true. Moved to OL in '05.

LG 60 ANDY FRETZ SO. 6-2 280 12 st LG rFr. DT as true. **64** Ross Petersen (6-5 300 So) PS#621. 2nd string LG as rFr. **58** Matt Keevan (6-2 220 rFr). Walk-on.

RT 55 Stephen Johnson So. 6-5 260 PS#517. 3 tkl DT as true. **65** Dan DeMaster (6-5 265 rFr) walk-on. **Darrell Davis-Budanauro** (6-4 350) PS#99. Derek Gotham PS#534.

LT 50 TJ LANG JR. 6-4 265 PS#414DL. 1 st, 11 tkl DT '05. 12 st LY (10RT, 2LT), 3 tkl. **69** Chris Larkins (6-2 260 Jr) PS#503DL. 1 st TE rFr. 2nd string OT & TE LY.

K 33 Zach Johnson So. 6-0 177 PS#86. #1 punter LY. **67** Sean Dutcher (5-10 180 rFr) 22-23 FG in spg practices. **66** Patrick Treppa (5-10 150 rFr) Must replace 1st Tm MAC Wellock.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 92 Eric Young Sr. 6-2 235 PS#240JC. 28 sk 2Y JC. 9 st here LY, 25 tkl, EM Top DL Award. **75** Desmond Owensby (6-0 230 rFr). **45** Brandon Downs (6-0 247 So) PS#468LB. 1 st TE LY.

DT 83 JASON JONES SR. 6-5 262 3 st TE true, 4 rec. 11 st DT in '05, 47 tkl, 12 tfl. 11 st LY. **2nd Tm MAC #5 NCAA tfl pg, 18.5 tfl. 98** Allan Cozart (5-9 254 Jr). 2 st rFr, 10 tkl.

DT 91 JOSH HUNT SR. 6-5 280 **PS#115 Colorado transfer**. 10 st, 37 tkl, 5.5 tfl '05. 11 st, 53 tkl, 10 tfl LY. **90** Chris Radney (6-3 245 rFr) PS#530. Jeremy Shrieves is PS#114TE.

DE 11 Corey Riley Jr. 6-2 230 PS#390LB. 7 tkl '04-'05. 3 st DE. 21 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **41** Spenser Smith (6-1 230 Jr) PS#199LB. 17 tkl 2Y. **31** Corey Everson (6-0 202 So). Chris Bittner (6-1 195 Fr).

WLB 54 André Hatchett So. 5-11 200 **PS#83**. 3 st true, 32 tkl (15 vs Navy). **43** Chris Campa (6-1 220 So) 11 tkl rFr, 1 tfl. Tim Fort (6-0 195 rFr). Korey Jackson (6-0 219 Jr) 2 st, 10 tkl '05.

MLB 44 DANIEL HOLTZCLAW JR. 6-1 230 11 st MLB true, 91 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 5 int. 12 st LY, #1 tkl'r (114) 3.5 tfl. #16 in tkl pg in NCAA (9.5). **29** Lorenzo Seaberry (5-6 195 So) 1 tkl rFr, 12 gms.

SLB 42 DARRAN MATTHEWS SR. 6-0 220 PS#359RB. 165 rush RB true. 11 st SLB '05, 64 tkl. 11 st LY, 100 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **9** Cortland Selman (6-0 220 Jr) 1 st, 16 tkl 2Y. 1.5 tfl, 12 gms LY.

CB 4 DUAN BRACEY SR. 5-9 189 PS#194. 2 st 25 rec (10.6) true. 10 st CB '05, 51 tkl. 5 st LY, 54 tkl, 4 pbu. **49** Julius Brown (5-9 155 Sr) PS#449JC. 4 st, 9 tkl. **26** Zedrick Bryant (6-1 195 Sr) 6 tkl 3Y.

CB 14 BLAKE SMITH SR. 6-1 175 PS#173QB. 7 tkl true. 4 st, 33 tkl, 7 pd '05. 6 st LY, 39 tkl, 4 pbu. **30 Lyle Garrison** (5-8 170 Jr) 7 st, 18 tkl, 1 pbu. **34** Derrick Hunter (6-0 180 So) PS#335WR.

SS 21 JACOB WYATT JR. 5-11 194 PS#166. 12 tkl, 2 tfl true. 11 st LY, 89 tkl, 4 pbu, 2 int. **10** Ryan Downard (6-1 195 rFr) PS#510. Marcus English (6-1 200 Fr). David Fox is PS#268WR.

FS 23 CHRIS MAY SO. 5-10 200 PS#462. 12 starts as rFr, 89 tkl, 4 tfl, 2 int, 2 pbu. **25** Jermaine Jenkins (6-2 200 Jr) PS#190QB. QB '05. 9 tkl LY. **51** Robert Pierce (6-0 187 rFr).

P 33 ZACH JOHNSON SO. 6-0 177 PS#86. 65 punts as rFr, 40.0 avg, net of 38.1. Ray Guy semifinalist. 20 inside 20! Only 4 TB, 16 FC's. **66** Patrick Treppa (5-10 150 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Darrell Davis-Budanauro 6-4 350 PS#99
DB	Marcus English 6-1 200 PS#183
DL	Javon Reese 6-3 220 PS#184LB
QB	Jason Williams 6-3 190 PS#132
TE	Dan Youssif 6-2 245 PS#76
DL	Tyler Palsrok 6-4 240 PS#228
DB	Shawn Knight 5-11 175 PS#284
DB	David Fox 6-2 190 PS#268WR
RB	Maurice Goodrum 5-8 190 PS#333
DL	Jeremy Shrieves 6-4 260 PS#114TE
RB	Dwayne Priest 5-9 185 PS#400
QB	Kyle McMahon 6-3 200 PS#288
WR	Trey Hunter 5-11 186 PS#406
DL	Brad Ohrman 6-4 225 PS#148TE
LB	Chris Bittner 6-1 195 PS#381DL
RB	Jayson Jones 5-8 170 PS#426
OL	Derek Gotham 6-4 280 PS#534
OL	Bridger Buche 6-3 260 PS#549
DL	Adam Brockman 6-3 230 PS#451
DL	Brandon Slater 6-3 240 PS#451
DB	Martavius Cardwell 5-10 185 PS#540
DB	Arrington Hicks 5-10 170 PS#540
DB	Kevin Long 6-1 195 PS#540
RB	Aeric Clay 6-2 217 PS#506

EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#82

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score EM	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	at Pittsburgh	G					Eastern Michigan has lost 8 straight & is 2-15 in road openers (avg loss by 26 ppg). The Eagles are 1-6 vs current Big East opponents (only win vs Connecticut in '00).
Sep. 8	Ball St	A					These schools have played every year since 1973. EMU is 11-21 vs BSU including 2 straight losses. EM is just 3-8 in their MAC home opener.
Sep. 15	at Northern Illinois	A					E Michigan is 13-22-2 all-time vs N Illinois including 3-14-1 the L/18 & have lost 6 straight. LY EMU forced 4 NIU TO's (3 int & a fumble), but surprisingly were still shutout.
Sep. 22	Howard	A					The Eagles are just 4-4 vs IAA teams since 1998. The Bison finished last year 5-6 as Div IAA MEAC members, including a 56-7 loss to Rutgers.
Sep. 29	at Vanderbilt	G					This will be the 1st meeting between the Commodores & Eagles. EMU lost their only 2 games vs SEC members in '00 to SC (41-6) & '04 to Florida (49-10).
Oct. 6	at Michigan	A					E Michigan is 0-21 being outscored 730-97 vs current Big 10 teams. EMU has been shutout in 6 of their 7 all-time meetings vs UM (most vs 1 tm in school history).
Oct. 13	at Ohio	A					The Eagles are 1-5 vs the Bobcats since '96. The one win was by 1 pt & the 5 losses were by an avg of 22 pts. E Michigan is 3-5 vs the MAC East under HC Genyk.
Oct. 19	† Northwestern (Fri) (Detroit)	A					Genyk spent 12 years prior to EMU coaching at Northwestern (Master's in '94). LY EMU threw 2 int's in N'western territory on their final 2 drives of the game.
Oct. 27	W Michigan (HC)	A					EMU has allowed on avg 34 ppg the last 10 years vs WMU (low was 18 pts last yr). Including the 3 pt loss to WMU, EMU lost 6 of its 11 games last yr by 8 pts or less.
Nov. 3	at Toledo	A					EMU is 2-18 the last 20 (includes gms at Ford Field) November road games. The Eagles are 4-13 S'90 vs the Rockets w/ the avg win by 4 ppg & avg L by 21 ppg.
Nov. 9	Bowling Green (Fri)	A					Genyk played QB at Bowling Green from 1978-'81 graduating in 1982. E Michigan has dropped the last 8 games vs Bowling Green (last win was in '89).
Nov. 16	at C Michigan (Fri)	A					EMU is just 9-31-2 all-time at CMU. Their last 3 games have all gone into OT. In '04 E Michigan scored 61 pts vs CMU (#3 all-time) & the gms 119 pts is a school record.
Nov. 24							
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Walter Church 9,142 '96-'00
2. Charlie Batch 7,592 '94-'97
3. Matt Bohnet 4,988 '04-'05

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Gary Patton 3,497 '84-'87
2. Mike Strickland 3,234 '72-'74
3. Anthony Sherrell 2,888 '02-'05

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Eric Deslauriers 3,250 '03-'06
2. Kevin Walter 2,838 '99-'02
3. Jermaine Sheffield 2,043 '97-'99

JEFF GENYK (Career 9-25)

4th Year at E Michigan — Genyk's Bowl Record: 0-0

Genyk's records AT E MICHIGAN

9-25	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
4-9	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
4-14	Away	0-5	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
8-16	Vs Conference	6-17	Off A Loss

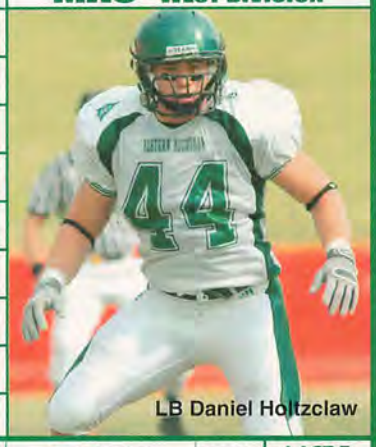
2006 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (15,22,2)
Lost: 9 (6,2,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,434 (#110)

MAC - WEST DIVISION


LB Daniel Holtzclaw

STADIUM: RYNEARSON STADIUM (30,200) (#102)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	3-9	3-9	4-7	4-7	1-11	20-60
Home	3-3	2-3	3-3	3-4	1-4	2-2	1-3	15-22
Away	0-5	0-6	0-6	0-5	2-3	2-4	0-7	4-36
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	2-5	1-6	1-7	2-6	4-4	3-5	1-7	14-40
ATS	3-8	6-3	2-8	6-4	4-5-1	7-4	6-6	34-38-1
Home Fav (Jeff Woodruff)	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	1-0	5-4
Home Dog	1-3	1-1	1-3	4-1	0-1-1	1-0	1-2	9-11-1
Away Fav (Jeff Genyk)	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	1-4	4-1	1-5	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-3	18-20
Favorite	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-1	1-0	6-5
Dog	2-7	5-2	2-8	6-4	4-3-1	4-3	5-6	28-33-1
vs Conf	2-5	6-1	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	5-3	5-3	29-24-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-3	5-14
Off SU Win	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-2	1-2	1-0	9-9
Off SU Loss	2-5	5-2	1-5	4-4	2-2-1	5-2	5-5	24-25-1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andy Schmitt	107	540	79	461	4	4.3
Tyler Jones	107	436	126	310	4	2.9
Pierre Walker	51	223	9	214	2	4.2
Dwayne Harrison	28	120	4	116	0	4.1
Terrence Blevins	26	108	2	106	0	4.1
Richard Franklin	11	29	0	29	0	2.6
DeAnthony White	12	35	14	21	0	1.8
Dontayo Gage	20	52	48	4	0	0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andy Schmitt	213	131	61.5	1182	2	6
Tyler Jones	134	74	55.2	754	4	9
Dontayo Gage	23	12	52.2	110	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Eric Deslauriers	74	898	12.1	5	79
Trumaine Riley	45	364	8.1	0	40
DeAnthony White	15	175	11.7	0	38
Dontayo Gage	28	169	6.0	0	16
Jacory Stone	13	99	7.6	1	23
John Bonner	7	95	13.6	0	25
Travis Lewis	10	89	8.9	1	39
Ken Bohnet	9	87	9.7	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Zach Johnson	65	2603	40.0	16	38.1(t)	0	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Andrew Wellock	15-15	4-5	6-7	6-9	0-1	16-22	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Daniel Holtzclaw	114	1	2.5	1	0
Michael Richardson	108	0.5	7	1	0
Darran Matthews	100	2.5	2	2	0
Jacob Wyatt	89	0	2	4	2
Chris May	89	0	4	2	2
Jason Jones	57	4	14.5	0	0
Kevin Howe	54	4	4	4	0
Josh Hunt	53	3.5	6.5	0	0
Blake Smith	39	0	1.5	4	0
André Hatchett	32	0	0	0	0
Duan Bracey	27	0	0	3	2
Eric Young	25	0.5	0	2	0
Corey Riley	21	0.5	3	1	1
Lyle Garrison	18	0	0	1	0
Cortland Selman	13	0.5	1	1	0
Chris Campa	11	0	1	0	0
Allan Cozart	10	0	1	0	0
Julius Brown	9	0	0	0	0
Jermaine Jenkins	9	0	0	0	0
Spenser Smith	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Trumaine Riley	21	169	8.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Trumaine Riley	31	678	21.9	0
Duan Bracey	2	58	29.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
87	California	NL	San Jose St	30-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 1-0

E MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	13.9	16	106	3.4	171	58.6	19.9	-6	2006	7	26.8	20	201	4.8	187	63.6	14.5
8*	21.8	19	123	3.8	223	62.1	15.9	+10	2005	5	26.8	23	199	4.7	210	62.6	15.2
7	29.8	23	166	4.3	262	51.5	14.4	-9	2004	9	41.6	26	192	4.4	278	64.5	11.3
7	17.1	15	117	3.1	154	54.2	15.8	-6	2003	10	30.9	20	191	4.5	202	61.1	12.7
5*	23.8	19	113	3.5	247	56.2	15.1	-22	2002	6	47.2	25	294	6.1	226	63.7	11.0
5	17.9	17	109	3.2	192	50.0	16.8	-7	2001	7	32.4	20	178	4.0	198	54.6	11.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

EM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Ball St	22	38-226	5.9	18-28	209	3	21	36-159	4.4	17-28	230	3	-1
–	at Michigan St	12	28-42	1.5	19-31	230	2	29	40-264	6.6	29-37	322	1	+1
–	at Northwestern	5	28-87	3.1	9-25	47	2	15	44-156	3.5	16-26	110	2	0
–	C Michigan	25	47-188	4.0	22-32	157	2	24	33-176	5.3	27-42	276	1	+1
–	at Louisiana-Lft	14	24-75	3.1	23-35	171	2	18	41-179	4.4	17-23	202	2	-1
–	at Bowling Green	18	26-82	3.2	25-39	248	3	17	42-159	3.8	14-24	165	2	-2
–	Toledo	17	37-133	3.6	17-27	196	1	19	37-175	4.7	18-31	143	1	-1
–	at W Michigan	18	32-65	2.0	22-39	220	5	17	35-178	5.1	18-32	150	2	0
–	Ohio	14	33-120	3.6	13-25	107	1	17	51-278	5.5	7-12	46	1	-1
–	† Navy	22	29-138	4.8	24-37	220	1	25	56-323	5.8	7-9	151	0	-1
–	at Kent St	12	28-68	2.4	15-34	174	1	10	41-129	3.1	9-18	188	2	-4
–	N Illinois	7	24-45	1.9	10-18	67	3	29	45-240	5.3	24-37	261	0	+3
TOTALS		186	374-1269	3.4	217-370	2046	26	241	501-2416	4.8	203-319	2244	17	-6
AVERAGES		15.5	31-106	3.4	18-31	171	2.2	20.1	42-201	4.8	17-27	187	1.4	-0.5

2002 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Michigan St - #18	+37	7-56
–	Toledo	+22	13-65
–	SE Missouri St	NL	35-32
–	at Maryland	+34'	3-45
–	S Illinois	NL	48-45 2OT
–	Akron	+11	42-34
–	at Ohio	+8	27-55
–	at Ball St	+15	17-42
–	C Michigan	+10	21-47
–	at W Michigan	+25'	31-33
–	N Illinois	+23	21-49
–	at Bowling Green	+32	21-63

2003 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Tennessee St	NL	28-21
–	W Illinois	NL	12-34
–	at Akron	+19'	17-24
–	at Navy	+12'	7-39
–	Maryland	+34	13-37
–	W Michigan	+14	3-31
–	at Toledo	+27	14-49
–	Bowling Green	+28	20-33
–	at C Michigan	+7'	10-38
–	UCF	+7	19-13
–	Ball St	+10	38-14
–	at N Illinois	+26	24-38

2004 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Buffalo	-7	37-34
–	at Florida - #11	+37	10-49
–	Toledo	+10	32-42
–	E Illinois	NL	28-31
–	Idaho	-7	41-45
–	at Ball St	+7	31-24
–	at W Michigan	+3'	35-31
–	at Bowling Green	+30	20-41
–	† C Michigan	+1	61-58 4OT
–	at Kent St	+12'	17-69
–	N Illinois	+17'	16-34

2005 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Cincinnati	+10	26-28
–	Louisiana-Lft	-7	31-10
–	at Michigan - #14	+29	0-55
–	at C Michigan	+5'	23-20 OT
–	Kent St	-3'	27-20
–	at Toledo	+20	3-30
–	at N Illinois	+21	8-24
–	Miami, Oh	+10'	23-24
–	† W Michigan	+3	36-44
–	Ball St	-6	25-26
–	at Buffalo	-6	38-14

2006 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Ball St	+5	20-38
–	at Michigan St	+25'	20-52
–	at Northwestern	+17	6-14
–	C Michigan	+4'	17-24 OT
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+8	14-33
–	at Bowling Green	+10'	21-24
–	Toledo	-1	17-13
–	at W Michigan	+15'	15-18
–	Ohio	+6'	10-16
–	† Navy	+15	21-49
–	at Kent St	+11'	6-14
–	N Illinois	+8'	0-27

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Kent St had to replace record setter Joshua Cribbs. Michael Machen (PS#59JC) was drafted by the Braves (MLB) straight out of HS in 2000. At 6'6" 235 he was a prototypical dropback QB. Kent St was in the spread offense and Machen threw for 2,078 (54.8%) with an 11-18 ratio. True frosh Jon Brown (PS#168), who ran a Texas Tech-type offense in HS, threw for 474 (61.9%) with a 2-4 ratio. Both returned last year but HC Doug Martin moved to a more run-based offense. Machen was injured and missed the first 5. Mobile Julian Edelman (PS#202JC) had 1,253 rush and 1,312 pass at JC in '05. Last year he threw for 1,859 (55.4%) with a 10-11 ratio and rushed for 868. He did miss VT (inj) and was banged up down the stretch. His best game was vs Akron when he hit 17 of 21 for 305 (69 rush). Machen played in 4 throwing for 99 yards (39.1%) and transferred to Baylor. Adding depth are Anthony Magazu (6'3" 185 So, who won the MIP Off Awd this spg), Darren Rogers and Brown (RS LY). Rogers is a mobile-type QB that will likely be the backup. I look for Edelman to top 2006's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Kent St had almost no returning experience at RB in '05. HC Martin said the RB would be true frosh Eugene Jarvis and that it wasn't even close between him and the #2 man. Unfortunately, he was ruled ineligible and Kent St's rush attack struggled as Jerry Flowers led with just 304 (3.2) and Linwood Jenkins was #2 with 95 (3.0) in the TT spread offense. Last year they got Jarvis as well as Mich St transfer Tony Howard (PS#108) upgrading the speed (both ran 4.4). Jarvis rushed for 109 vs Minny. It was the best first game rushing performance by a KSU player since '86 (QB Patrick Young). Jon Drager (6'0" 196 Sr), after two injury-plagued seasons, played in 10 and had 115 (4.6) including 84 vs Temple. Martin joked that having a 5'5" Jarvis in the backfield made Edelman look 6'2". Jarvis missed Temple but rushed for 798 (4.3) but only had 3 TD rushes. Howard got 38 rushes vs Akron and Temple but was injured and had just 9 att over the final six finishing with 262 (3.4). Flowers and Jenkins did not log any carries. This year they lose both Flowers and Howard. Drager is another year removed from his ACL and Greg Keys (PS#183), who was on the track team, returns to RB (FS LY). Adding depth is Andy Jayjack (6'1" 218 So), Andrew Tudor (5'7" 175 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Jarvis should top last year's numbers.

DB Jack Williams

RECEIVERS - In '05, Kent St had an inexperienced receiving corps but Najah Pruden emerged as a deep threat with an impressive 20.8 ypc including a 200 yard effort vs Ohio. Marcus Hill also topped 100 vs OU finishing with 33 (11.5). Five of the top 6 returned last year and Pruden had 39 (20.7) and had 6 of the team's 10 receiving TD's. Hill had 19 (10.2) and TE Tom Sitko added 15 (14.8). This year they not only lose Pruden (11 st, #2 all-time rec yds) and Hill (7 st) but also Brian Bell (1 st, 12, 16.2) and Luke Tillman (1st, 2 rec). Not listed below are WR Derek McBryde (5-11 181 So, PS#462DB) who moved from DB in spring, TE's Jarvis Williams (6'1" 208 So, PS#268DB) and Dan Durante (6'4" 274 Sr). Cameron Bobb and Shawn Lewis combined for 10 starts and 44 rec in '05 but just 3 rec last year and should have a bigger impact. There is some potential, but with the loss of their star they will be down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - One of the reasons I projected Kent St to have the most improved rush offense in the NCAA last year was THIS unit as well as the shift in offense. In 2005, injuries ravaged the group. At one point vs Navy, they had 5 backup OL's in the game. They only opened holes for 1.8 ypc (46 ypg) while allowing 33 sacks (7.1%). Last year they had to replace 1 starter but returning starting C Kiff Kinkead missed the year and LG Mike Galassi was lost over the summer so just 2 starters returned. Kent St did indeed have the NCAA's most improved rush offense, improving to 158 ypg (3.9) although they did allow 32 sacks (12.0%). This year they must replace RG Craig Rafdal (12 st, 4Y st'r) but everyone else returns. Not only do they have 9 of the top 10 back, but Kinkead returns so they have 5 players who have been full-time starters (90 career starts). This should be one of the MAC's stronger O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, the entire 2 deep returned but surprisingly the veteran unit allowed 4.2 ypc rush with just 21 sacks (34 in '04). Last year they had to replace their career sack leader in Justin Parrish, who also set a single season school record for tfl (20.5 in '05), as well as 3 backups (3 st, 49 tkl). Prishod Koonce, who started the first 6 at DE, was lost for the year after 6 starts. Returning starting DE Bruce Rice was lost over the summer so just 2 starters returned. One of those was one of the best DL's you've never heard of in Daniel Muir. Muir, a 4 year starter, earned 1st Tm MAC honors and occupied many double and triple teams. They took the RS off true frosh Kevin Hogan after 3 weeks and he started the last 6 (Rookie Yr, 7.5 sk). Unfortunately, this year Muir (UFA GB) departs as does Anthony Dugarte (1 st, 4 tkl). Basically, 6 of the top 8 return including 5 with starting experience and despite the loss of their star, this should be the Flashes' best defensive front in some time.

LINEBACKERS - A big reason for 2005's drop in rush D stats was the fact they had an inexperienced set of LB's. Their top player by far was the lone returning starter Jon Sessler who had 81 tackles in the first 6 games until injury. Last year they had to replace Sessler and returned 4 players who combined for 17 starts. This year the only loss from the 2 deep is MLB Joe Crivella (3 tkl). They add in co-Def Scout POY Tim Flores. Depth is a problem so some true frosh will have to play but it is the most experienced LB corps they've had in years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Kent St had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups in 2005 and still finished #62 in my pass D rankings. Last year their entire 2 deep returned including their top cover CB, Jack Williams. Kent St moved up to #25 allowing just 52.5% with an 8-16 ratio. This year they lose CB Usama Young (11 st, 60 tkl, 2 int, #3DC NO), 2nd Tm MAC FS Andre Kirkland (104 tkl, 13.5 tfl, 4 int, 7 pbu, UFA STL), CB Barry Drakeford (4 st, 39 tkl, 2 pbu), FS Gary Ham (22 tkl) and 3rd string CB Terrell Cheatham (3 tkl). Williams is back as are 4 of the top 8 but this group will likely drop some in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - **What's the difference between a 6-6 team and a MAC Title Team? This unit right here! Kent St's ST were atrocious in 2006 and basically cost them the MAC Title.** Against Ohio in a key game, they had a 1 yard punt then the P was tackled after a bobbled snap. Both led to short OU TD's, which was key in Kent St's 17-7 loss. Abysmal FG kicking saw them come up short going for it inside the 20 too many times as they hit just 2 of 10 FG's (long 30) and three misses inside 23 (xp territory). Travis Mayle (PS#7) departed as Kent St's all-time leader in FG's (42) and his replacement last year, soph Reid Macko (PS#11), surprisingly hit just 1 of 6. Local product Nate Reed (PS#34) hit just 1 of 4. True frosh P Jake Kilroy, who avg'd 41.8 as a senior in HS, avg just 33.0 (net 29.9). Reed even took over as the P vs OU (4-39.5) with QB's Edelman and Machen also combining for 6 punts. Reed did have solid KO's and won the ST MIP Award in the spring. The top PR was Drager (8.3) and KR soph Shawn Bayes (18.8). Lewis is one of the fastest players on the team but did not have a return. Last year's troubles were not the first time. In 2004, their 6 losses were mostly the ST's fault and Kent St finished that year #109 in my ST rankings. They only improved to #107 in '05 and last year finished #117. This is an area that HC Martin struggles in and needs to get it corrected in 2007. I can see by the HT players he is signing that he is addressing that need.

COACHES - In 2004, Kent St had to deal with the unexpected departure of HC Dean Pees, who left for the New England Patriots. Martin took over as HC just before the spring. He joined the staff in 2003 as the OC after being the OC at E Carolina for 7 years. With Martin handling the offense in 2003 & 2004, KSU had their 2nd and 3rd highest ppg production in the last 30 years. Defensively he brought in Pete Rekstis, who was the DC at Youngstown St the previous three years. His first unit ranked #17 in the NCAA rankings in total D. He now enters his 4th season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kent St has had just two winning seasons since 1977 and one of them came in QB Joshua Cribbs' first year as a starter in 2001. It was very surprising that in the four years of his career here, that it was the only one. In 2004, Kent St finished 5-6 but lost to Rutgers, despite a 24-17 FD edge due to 7 fumbles and 2 blocked punts. They had 3 other close losses to start 1-6 that year. They became the hottest team in the league and in Cribbs' final 4 had 4 blowout wins and actually outgained league foes by an avg of 123.7 ypg (2nd best). In 2005, KSU had to replace Cribbs and had very few winnable home games. They switched to the TTech offense and avg'd just 46 ypg (1.8) rushing with the offense almost seeing their point production cut in half from 30.5 ppg to 16.4. They only lost to Navy by 3 but with a cluster of injuries at RB, LB and especially the OL, they even lost to Buffalo at home (Buffalo's first ever MAC road win). Kent St played 14 true frosh which was the 2nd most in the NCAA. After ending 2004 on a high note, they finished 2005 with 9 straight losses. Last year I pointed out that Kent St was -11 in turnovers (see pg 312) and had 4 net close losses (pg 299). They had 15 returning starters in 2006 and were even more experienced due to 2005's injuries. Last year I said that Kent St would be one of the surprise teams in the country and called for them to actually appear in the MAC Title game. I thought the race would come down to Kent St and Ohio, teams that had combined for 3 MAC wins the previous year, and gave KSU the nod because they played OU at home. Kent St had a couple of tough losses or would have easily been in a bowl game in '06. They could have beaten Army but lost in OT. They beat Miami, then blew out BG (1st win at BG since '72), Akron, Temple and Toledo. Kent St stood 5-2 beating all of the teams that tied for the MAC East Title in 2005. They controlled their own MAC East destiny and had their eyes set on their first MAC Title since 1972. It was the first time they'd opened 4-0 in the MAC in school history (joined 1951). It was also the first time they had 5 straight wins since 1976. KSU had a tough loss to OU with the Bobcats getting TD's on 17 and 18 yard drives due to poor punts on a windy day. The game was also delayed 45:00. When they returned the stands were almost empty negating the large crowd that had showed up. Had they beaten OU, Kent St would have won the MAC East. The next week they led Buffalo 14-0 but gave up a long PR and FG before the half. Kent St then imploded with turnovers in the 3Q and shockingly lost to the Bulls 41-14. When they lost to Ball St in the finale, their shot at a bowl ended but they still finished 2nd in the MAC East. KSU accomplished this despite losing QB Edelman to injury. He was the key to their offense and was not 100% the last four games. Last year Kent St returned 7 starters on offense but due to Edelman's injuries only averaged 17.8 ppg. This year they will easily improve on that with 8 starters returning on offense even with losing top WR Pruden. Last year the D allowed just 20.1 ppg, their best S/'87! They have 8 starters back and should be one of the MAC's best. I'll call for KSU to have their first winning season S/'01 and appear in the MAC Title game.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 1 JULIAN EDELMAN JR. 6-0 195 PS#202JC. 1312 pass, 1253 rush JC '05. 11 st LY, 1859 (55%) 10-11 ratio, 868 rush. **15** Darren Rogers (6-0 185 So) PS#175. 3 st HB, 12 rec (12.2) LY.

RB 6 EUGENE JARVIS SO. 5-5 158 PS#83. 11 st rFr, 798 (4.3), 16 rec (7.9). **22** Jon Drager (6-0 196 Sr) 1 st, 525 all-purp 2Y. **34** Greg Keys (6-1 215 So) PS#183. 2 st, 111 ttl yd true.

HB 81 Cameron Bobb Sr. 6-5 198 PS#314. 3 st, 16 (10.1) rFr. **8** st '05, 23 (9.2) '05 4 gm LY, 2 rec. **13** Leneric Muldrow (5-8 170 rFr). Outstanding spg. **32** Alan Vanderink PS#259RB.

WR 4 SHAWN BAYES JR. 5-10 181 1 st true, 15 (12.1). 8 st LY, 6 rec, 595 all-purp yd. **16** Mark Woodson (5-11 162 Jr) PS#155. 2 st, 3 rec 2Y. **85** Aaron Robinson (5-10 175 Fr) GS.

WR 9 Phil Garner So. 5-11 175 1 st true, 6 rec (10.8). **88** Shawn Lewis (5-8 162 Jr) PS#371. 2 st, 21 rec (9.7) '05. 2 st LY (inj). **10** Coleman Lynn (5-7 147 So) PS#170.

TE 8 TOM SITKO SR. 6-3 248 PS#176QB. 4 st, 12 rec (9.2) '05. 12 st LY, 15 (14.8). **24** Johnathan Simpson PS#158. In spg. **17** Jake Parsons (6-6 239 Sr) PS#127. 3 st, 3 rec '05.

C 70 JOSHUA PERRY JR. 6-2 285 PS#562DL. 2nd string LG rFr. 10 st C in '06. **50** Bill Starry (5-11 280 Sr) PS#299. 2 st C LY, 1 letter. **LS 60** Matt Muller (6-2 244 Sr) #1LS L3Y.

RG 65 JOE MARAFINE SR. 6-4 305 PS#357. 7 st rFr (6RT, 1LT). 11 st '05 (10RT, 1RG). 12 st RT LY, Co-OL Yr Awd. **72** Dante Campbell (6-0 280 So) PS#567. 2nd string rFr.

LG 62 Kiff Kinkead Sr. 6-2 300 PS#516. 11 start rFr (10C, 1LG). 11 sts at C in '05. **73** Aaron Cooper (6-4 285 rFr) PS#290. **59** Chase Morris PS#606. **69** Randy Robinson (6-3 285 Sr).

RT 66 TRAVIS McGRAW JR. 6-5 320 PS#574. ACL '05. 12 st LG. **78** Pat Reedy (6-4 270 rFr) PS#497. Jon English (6-3 290 Sr). Damian Matuschek (6-3 275 Sr) PS#688. **Pitt trans.** DT LY.

LT 56 AUGUSTUS PARRISH JR. 6-7 315 **PS#86DL**. Took off RS in gm 6 true, 1 st LT. 11 st LT LY. **61** Shawn Donaldson (6-4 300 Sr) PS#440. 1 st C true. 1 st LT LY. Chris Pataky (6-6 265 rFr).

K 14 REID MACKO JR. 5-9 166 **PS#11**. 8 TB 37 KO true. 1 of 6 FG '06, long 21. **98** Nate Reed (5-8 175 So) PS#34. 1 of 4 FG here, long 30. **35** Will Kandray (5-10 170 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 94 KEVIN HOGAN SO. 6-3 210 Last 6 st true, 35 tkl, 7.5 sk, 3.5 tfl. **52** David Filippi (6-3 236 Jr) PS#377LB. 22 tkl, 1.5 sk 2Y. **28** Lester Troutman (6-2 207 So) PS#480DL.

DT 55 COLIN FERRELL SR. 6-0 283 1 st rFr, 19 tkl, 7 tfl. 9 st '05, 51 tkl, **13 tfl**. 12 st LY, 45 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **67** Aaron Hull (6-0 265 So) PS#273. 11 tkl, 4 tfl true. Quinton Rainey Co-Def Scout Tm Awd.

NT 91 LARRY BROWN SR. 6-1 308 1 st, 3 tkl '04-'05. 10 st in '06, 21 tkl, 2 sk, 1.5 tfl. **74** Sam Frist (6-4 258 So) PS#390. 1 st, 1 tkl rFr. **23** Dalton Memel (6-2 295 Jr) PS#305. OL LY.

DE 95 Prishod Koonce Jr. 6-3 266 PS#445OL. 3 tkl rFr. First 6 st '06 until inj, 14 tkl, 3 tfl. **90** Darrius Carter (6-5 245) **PS#423JC. In spg. 84** Nick Masters (6-4 235 rFr) PS#440.

SAM 26 JAMESON KONZ JR. 6-3 207 1 start as true, 13 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 34 tkl, 5 tfl. **57** Tim Flores (6-2 225 rFr) PS#416. Scout Tm MVP LY. **35** Will Kandray (5-10 170 rFr).

MIKE 44 STEVON MOSS JR. 5-11 230 7 st true, 42 tkl. 12 st LY, 72 tkl, 12 tfl. **51** Anthony Mirando (6-2 230 So) PS#295. 11 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. **35** Dorian Wood (6-1 225) PS#255LB.

WILL 19 DEREK BURRELL JR. 6-2 240 5 st, 35 tkl, 6 tfl '05. 1 st LY, 23 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **54 Cedrick Maxwell** (5-10 223 Jr) PS#388. 4 st rFr, 17 tkl, 1 tfl. **11 st LY**, 69 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **46** Patrick Kelley (5-11 200 rFr).

CB 2 JACK WILLIAMS SR. 5-9 176 7 st rFr, 27 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 11 st '05, 63 tkl, 4 int, 9 pbu. 10 st LY, 62 tkl, 4 int, 4 pbu. **89** Curtis Eaton (6-1 190 rFr) PS#482. On track team.

CB 37 Kirk Belgrave So. 6-1 195 PS#211. 3 tkl, 10 games true. **21** Danny Sadler (5-10 174 So) PS#427. 9 tkl, 4 gm '05. RS LY. Vondre Griffin PS#324. Sam Kirkland is PS#467.

SS 11 FRITZ JACQUES SR. 5-11 176 1 st '04, 24 tkl, 3 tfl. 5 st '05, 75 tkl, 5 pbu. 12 st LY, 72 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **7** Rico Murray (6-0 181 Jr). 7 st true, 62 tkl, 2 int, 1 pbu. 1 st FS LY, 9 tkl, 1 pbu.

FS 31 Brian Lainhart rFr. 6-1 185 PS#444. **38** Dan Hartman (6-2 200 rFr) PS#539. **49** Calvin Taylor (6-1 190 rFr). **45** Ja'Darrin Bell (6-1 185 rFr). Rontez Miles (6-1 190 Fr) is PS#443.

P 47 JAKE KILROY SO. 5-11 210 PS#127. 53 punts true, 33.0 avg, net of 29.9. **98** Nate Reed (5-8 175 So) PS#34. 4 punts, 39.5 avg true. **8** Tom Sitko (6-3 248 So) PS#176QB. #2 QB in '05.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Darrius Carter 6-5 245 PS#423JC
RB	Dwan Thornton 5-7 175 PS#186
DL	Ishmaa'lly Kitchen 6-3 316 PS#283OL
LB	Dorian Wood 6-1 225 PS#255
WR	Alan Vanderink 5-10 185 PS#259RB
WR	Rashad Tukes 6-3 185 PS#279
DB	Vondre Griffin 5-10 175 PS#324
LB	Howard Bowens 6-0 215 PS#364
LB	Markus Burton 6-3 200 PS#404
LB	Paul Stefanik 6-1 225 PS#404
DB	Rontez Miles 6-1 190 PS#443
DL	Monte Simmons 6-3 220 PS#381
OL	Michael Page 6-4 285 PS#515
RB	Andre Flowers 5-11 200 PS#429
DB	Sam Kirkland 6-1 188 PS#467
QB	Giorgio Morgan 6-4 200 PS#308
WR	Ryan Randolph 6-3 190 PS#426
TE	Johnathan Simpson 6-3 225 PS#158
DL	Chris Anzevino 6-2 308 PS#451
DL	Chris Favazzo 6-5 250 PS#451
LB	Byron Tyson 5-11 207 PS#500
OL	Michael Fay 6-4 265 PS#606
OL	Charles Lester 6-7 320 PS#606
OL	Chase Morris 6-2 260 PS#606
WR	Josiah Andrews 5-10 175 PS#495
WR	Aaron Robinson 5-10 175 PS#495

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#109

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Iowa St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 8	at Kentucky	G					
Sep. 15	Delaware St	A					
Sep. 22	at Akron	A					
Sep. 29	at Ohio	A					
Oct. 6	Miami, Oh (HC)	A					
Oct. 13	at Ohio St	G					
Oct. 20	Bowling Green	A					
Oct. 27	Central Michigan	A					
Nov. 3							
Nov. 10	at Northern Illinois	A					
Nov. 17	at Temple	G					
Nov. 24	Buffalo	A					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Joshua Cribbs 7,169 '01-'04
2. Jose Davis 6,722 '97-'99
3. Greg Kokal 5,587 '72-'75

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Astron Whatley 3,989 '94-'97
2. Eric Wilkerson 3,830 '85-'88
3. Joshua Cribbs 3,670 '01-'04

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Eugene Baker 3,513 '95-'98
2. Najah Pruden 2,131 '03-'06
3. Darrell Dowery Jr 1,931 '01-'04

The Golden Flashes are 2-27-1 since 1977 in their road opener.
Kent St is 1-6 vs current Big 12 teams including 0-4 vs ISU (last meeting in 1982).

Martin was a 4 yr letterwinner at UK from '81-'84 & after graduation ('85) coached 2 yrs.
Kent St is 0-5 all-time vs Kentucky (L/gm in '93), losing by an avg score of 35-6.

The Golden Flashes are 5-1 in home openers the last 6 yrs (All wins vs IAA opp's).
Delaware St was 8-3 last year but didn't face a Div IA opponent (Akron in 1997).

These instate schools are just 14 miles apart. Kent St is 1-7 at Akron since 1999.
QB Edelman LY vs UA had career high's in yds (305) & TD passes (2) on 17-21 (81%) comp's.

The winner has won by DD 8 of 10 games. Kent St is 3-8 including 0-2 the last 2.
LY OU's 3 scoring drives covered just 74 yds due to 3 Kent St punt miscues.

These schools have played every yr S/'55 & KSU hasn't beat UM in B2B yrs S/'87 & '88.
Kent St is 3-9 since 1995 on Homecoming, but did hand Toledo a 26 pt loss last yr.

The last & only meeting was in '02, during the year Ohio St won the National Title.
Kent St is 0-8 all-time vs current Big 10 teams with the average loss by 34 ppg.

LY KSU beat BG by 35 pts which was their largest road win S/'73 at Toledo (51-16).
In last year's win, Kent St didn't allow a TD for the first time since 1994.

Kent St is 5-20 since '77(but 2-2 L/4) vs the Chippewas. Kent St is just 3-13 before a bye week since '90. They are just 1-5 in the 2nd of back-to-back home games.

Kent St is just 2-10 vs Northern Illinois & has lost 8 straight visiting DeKalb.
The Flashes are 4-21 since 1989 in November road games.

LY was the schools' 1st meeting as the Owls are full MAC members this season.
Kent St's win last year snapped a 36 game non-conference road losing streak.

LY KSU lead 14-0 w/3:56 left in 2Q, but 5 TO's led to UB's 41 unanswered pts.
Kent St is 6-12 their last 18 Dix Stadium finales, including 2005's loss to Buffalo.

DOUG MARTIN (Career 12-22)
4th Year at Kent St
Martin's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Martin's records AT KENT ST

12-22	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
7-8	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
5-14	Away	0-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-3	Off A Bye
9-15	Vs Conference	5-15	Off A Bye

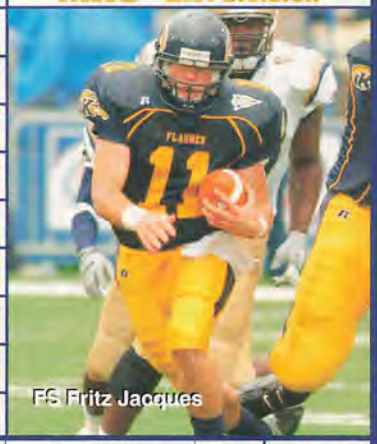
2006 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (21,15,4)
Lost: 17 (7,10,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,004 (#102)

MAC - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: DIX STADIUM (29,287) (#109)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	6-5	3-9	5-7	5-6	1-10	6-6	27-53
Home	0-5	4-1	2-4	3-3	3-2	1-4	3-2	16-21
Away	1-5	2-4	1-5	2-4	2-4	0-6	3-4	11-32
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	1-7	5-3	1-7	4-4	4-4	0-8	5-3	20-36
ATS	3-7	7-2-1	1-9	8-3	6-4	3-7	6-6	34-38-1
Home Fav (Dan Pees)	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-1	1-2	4-8
Home Dog	0-3	2-1	0-3	3-0	1-0	1-2	1-1	8-10
Away Fav (Doug Martin)	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	0-0	0-2	2-5
Away Dog	3-2	4-1-1	1-4	5-1	1-2	2-4	4-1	20-15-1
Favorite	0-2	1-0	0-2	0-2	4-2	0-1	1-4	6-13
Dog	3-5	6-2-1	1-7	8-1	2-2	3-6	5-2	28-25-1
vs Conf	1-7	6-1-1	1-7	6-2	5-3	2-6	4-4	25-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	9-8
Off SU Win	0-1	4-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	0-1	3-3	14-10
Off SU Loss	2-6	3-0-1	0-7	5-1	2-3	3-5	3-2	18-24-1

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
72	Tangerine		NL	Tampa	18-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Kent St's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

KENT ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	17.8	16	158	3.9	163	53.6	18.0	+3	2006	8	20.1	16	139	3.7	159	52.5	14.8
6	16.4	16	46	1.8	237	56.1	17.3	-11	2005	7	30.1	21	203	4.2	191	60.7	13.1
7*	30.5	21	154	4.1	225	62.8	12.4	-1	2004	10	24.0	17	111	2.9	200	54.8	13.0
5*	26.8	21	156	3.7	220	48.2	14.0	+7	2003	4	33.0	25	201	4.7	261	63.4	14.0
7*	16.8	17	215	5.3	120	49.3	19.9	-16	2002	7	35.3	22	204	4.7	202	60.8	11.5
6	22.5	19	216	5.3	146	51.9	16.1	+3	2001	8	25.5	23	191	4.2	204	57.9	15.5

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eugene Jarvis	185	883	85	798	3	4.3
Julian Edelman	169	868	210	658	7	3.9
Tony Howard	78	295	33	262	2	3.4
Jon Drager	25	120	5	115	3	4.6
Shawn Bayes	3	107	0	107	1	35.7
Michael Machen	9	14	54	-40	0	-4.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Julian Edelman	242	134	55.4	1859	10	11
Michael Machen	23	9	39.1	99	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Najah Pruden	39	808	20.7	6	68	
Tom Sitko	15	222	14.8	1	41	
Marcus Hill	19	194	10.2	1	31	
Brian Bell	12	194	16.2	2	34	
Darren Rogers	12	146	12.2	0	28	
Eugene Jarvis	16	126	7.9	0	22	
Shawn Bayes	6	75	12.5	0	27	
Phil Garner	6	65	10.8	0	21	
Tony Howard	6	51	8.5	0	15	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jake Kilroy	53	1751	33.0	15	29.9(t)	0	9
Julian Edelman	4	147	36.8	0	–	1	2
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Reid Macko	22-25	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-6	21
Nate Reed	4-5	0-1	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-4	30

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Andre Kirkland	104	3	10.5	7	4
Fritz Jacques	72	1	2.5	4	1
Stevon Moss	72	3	9	2	0
Cedrick Maxwell	69	0	2.5	0	1
Jack Williams	62	3	3	4	4
Usama Young	60	0	3	6	2
Daniel Muir	52	5.5	5.5	4	1
Colin Ferrell	45	2	7.5	1	0
Barry Drakeford	39	0	2	2	0
Kevin Hogan	35	7.5	3.5	0	0
Jameson Konz	34	0	5	0	0
Derek Burrell	23	0	1.5	1	0
Gary Ham	22	0	1	2	3
Larry Brown	21	2	1.5	0	0
Prishod Koonce	14	1	2	0	0
Anthony Mirando	11	0.5	1	0	0
Aaron Hull	11	0	4	0	0
David Filippi	10	1	0	0	0
Rico Murray	9	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jon Drager	12	100	8.3	0	
Eugene Jarvis	8	42	5.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Shawn Bayes	22	413	18.8	0	
Jack Williams	6	122	20.3	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

KSU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Minnesota	13	37-132	3.6	7-13	150	5	25	55-322	5.9	8-15	146	0	-5
–	at Army	17	41-198	4.8	9-23	92	1	18	47-171	3.6	14-28	104	1	0
–	at Miami, Oh	16	33-142	4.3	14-22	244	1	20	41-130	3.2	20-35	167	6	0
–	at Bowling Green	16	38-216	5.7	14-22	141	0	17	45-157	3.5	15-31	125	5	+6
–	Akron	22	55-156	2.8	17-21	305	2	16	23-73	3.2	19-38	261	4	+1
–	at Temple	26	49-208	4.2	15-28	207	4	11	25-50	2.0	14-26	144	4	-1
–	Toledo	19	47-270	5.7	8-15	78	1	14	38-102	2.7	17-31	132	4	+2
–	Ohio	15	45-179	4.0	7-20	79	4	14	43-209	4.9	7-15	52	1	+1
–	at Buffalo	16	34-103	3.0	18-34	195	6	15	34-176	5.2	14-20	193	2	-3
–	at Virginia Tech	9	34-84	2.5	6-16	98	3	14	36-73	2.0	12-22	141	2	-2
–	E Michigan	10	41-129	3.1	9-18	188	2	12	28-68	2.4	15-34	174	1	+4
–	at Ball St	13	32-84	2.6	19-35	181	3	18	39-137	3.5	16-31	268	0	0
TOTALS		192	486-1901	3.9	143-267	1958	32	194	454-1668	3.7	171-326	1907	30	+3
AVERAGES		16.0	41-158	3.9	12-22	163	2.7	16.2	38-139	3.7	14-27	159	2.5	0.3

2002 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
–	New Hampshire	NL	34-7	
–	at Ohio St - #8	+28'	17-51	
–	Cal Poly	NL	37-34	
–	at Miami, Oh	+11	20-27	
–	at N Illinois	+6	6-13	
–	Marshall	+14	21-42	
–	Ohio	-11'	0-50	
–	at Buffalo	-4'	16-12	
–	Bowling Green - #21	+18	14-45	
–	at Connecticut	+6'	21-63	
–	at UCF	+25	6-32	
–	Akron	+8	10-48	

2003 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
–	at Akron	+12'	41-38	
–	at Pittsburgh - #10	+28'	3-43	
–	Youngstown St	NL	16-13	
–	at Penn St	+24'	10-32	
–	UCF	+8'	36-16	
–	Ball St	-2'	17-34	
–	at Marshall	+20	33-49	
–	Connecticut	+11'	31-34	OT
–	Miami, Oh	+22	30-38	
–	at Ohio	+3	37-33	
–	at Bowling Green - #25	+20'	33-42	
–	Buffalo	-12'	34-24	

2004 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
–	at Iowa - #19	+30'	7-39	
–	Liberty	NL	38-10	
–	at Rutgers	+12'	21-29	
–	Akron	-7	19-24	
–	at C Michigan	-1	21-24	
–	at Miami, Oh	+19'	27-47	
–	Marshall	+13'	17-27	
–	Ohio	-2	42-16	
–	at Buffalo	-8'	33-7	
–	E Michigan	-12'	69-17	
–	at UCF	-8'	41-24	

2005 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
–	at Michigan St	+21	14-49	
–	SE Missouri St	NL	33-12	
–	Miami, Oh	+6'	10-27	
–	at Ohio	+4	32-35	
–	at E Michigan	+3'	20-27	
–	at Navy	+12'	31-34	
–	N Illinois	+10'	3-34	
–	at W Michigan	+7'	14-44	
–	Bowling Green	+10'	14-24	
–	Buffalo	-7	6-10	
–	at Akron	+12'	3-35	

2006 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
–	Minnesota	+15	0-44	
–	at Army	+6	14-17	OT
–	at Miami, Oh	+14	16-14	
–	at Bowling Green	+7	38-3	
–	Akron	+2'	37-15	
–	at Temple	-23'	28-17	
–	Toledo	-7'	40-14	
–	Ohio	-6'	7-17	
–	at Buffalo	-16	14-41	
–	at Virginia Tech - #20	+30'	0-23	
–	E Michigan	-11'	14-6	
–	at Ball St	+3	6-30	

MIAMI REDHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Mike Kokal stepped into some big shoes as MU's 3 previous QB's, Mike Bath, Ben Roethlisberger and Josh Betts, combined to throw for 24,382 yards. This unit had a combined 27 pass attempts heading into 2006. All of LY's QB's were more mobile than Betts and Roethlisberger and all return this year. Kokal's father, Greg, guided Kent St to its only MAC Title (1972). Daniel Raudabaugh has the biggest arm of the QB's but was slightly less accurate and mobile than Kokal. Jared Elliott (PS#152) was coming off a major shoulder injury. Kokal started strong hitting 29 of 43 for 355 vs Purdue but suffered a concussion vs Syr and missed Cincy. Raudabaugh was not told that he would start until an hour and a half before the Bearcat game and hit 21 of 47 for 190. Kokal returned and played in some tough conditions like 30-45 mph winds vs Ball St and a monsoon vs BG. He had a fine season, completing less than 50% just once throwing for 2,419 (58.6%) with a 14-8 ratio (526 rush). Raudabaugh appeared in 5 and threw for 291. Elliott moves to WR and challenging the 2 deep will be true frosh Clay Belton (PS#36). Adding depth are Kyle Decker (6'3" 217 Jr), Craig Mustard (6'2" 208 So) and Brent Miller (6'3" 216 So). This unit is vastly more experienced than 2006.

RUNNING BACKS - Miami had a 1,000 yard rusher 8 times in 10 years from 1994-2003. In 2002 Luke Clemens led with 1,009 (4.5) but missed '03 with injury. Mike Smith (802, 4.6) alternated carries with Cal Murray Jr (1,030, 5.5) in '03. Murray moved on in '04 and Clemens shared the carries with Smith. Smith was injured in Wk 7 (312, 3.9) and Clemens, a straight ahead runner, led with 899 (4.2). In the 2H of the year they used diminutive, but explosive, Brandon Murphy (PS#106) who had 248 (5.2). After 7 games in '05, Murphy was #6 in the NCAA in rushing with 923. He was injured but still topped 1,000. Jimmy Calhoun (PS#131) rushed for 187 (3.3). Good-sized Jimmy Murray (6'2" 217) started the season finale and rushed for 113 (266, 5.3). Last year the unit was besieged by injuries. Calhoun missed the season, Murray missed most of it and Murphy was never 100%. He missed the first 2 then started 6 straight, but didn't finish 5 of those ending with just 280 (3.5). RFr Andre Bratton led the team with 285 (4.5). Austin Sykes (6'0" 245, PS#117) had 1 start and 204 (2.9). This year everyone returns in the group except Murray (1 st, 35 yd) and backup FB Matt Vogele and should be healthier. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Sykes, Calhoun (6-0 215 Jr), Jamel Miller (5'11" 197 rFr, PS#136) who was the Scout Tm Off POY, Cory Jones (5'10" 199 Sr, PS#159), Paul Bowen (6'0" 216 rFr) and FB Nate Mahon (6'1" 242 So). Murphy should be one of the most improved RB's in the country and they even add to the mix true frosh Thomas Merriweather (PS#48).

RB Brandon Murphy

RECEIVERS - For three straight years Miami's career record for receptions has been broken. Michael Larkin established a new high in 2004. Meanwhile Martin Nance set the record for rec and yards in a season with 90 (16.6) in '03. In 2005 Nance slid past Larkin in the career record book. Super returnman Ryne Robinson then topped the school record for rec in a seasons (91) and moved to #1 on the all-time list for rec and yards. He was the first MU WR to record back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons. He had nearly four times the amount of catches as the #2 man Dustin Woods, who had 25 (20.2!) for 506 yards. Sean McVay added 20 (9.9) and TE Tom Crabtree had 14 (8.9). Beside Robinson (#4DC CAR), they also lose Josh Williams (2 st) who had just 5 rec (injured), Ryan Busing (11, 12.2), RJ Corbin (6 st, 12, 10.5), Patrick O'Bryan (8 st, 11, 14.7) and EJ Morton-Green (PS#191, 5, 19.2). With the loss of their star, this group is down a few notches in 2007.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, the RedHawks' OL paved the way for 3.6 ypc rush while allowing just 18 sacks (4.0%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters who were all 1st or 2nd Tm MAC. One of the two returning starters, RT Charlie Norden, was lost for the year after just four starts. Matt McKeown won the starting RG spot but was lost (inj) after six games. After the first 8, Miami had allowed 40 sacks but then just 9 in the final 4. This year the only loss is C Steve Kosky (12 st). Not only do 9 of the top 10 return, but they get Norden and McKeown back. I also project Maryland transfer Zachary Marshall (6'7" 323) to beat out undersized Steve Sutter (278 lbs) who was forced to start the last 8. Miami only averaged 2.7 ypc rush, their worst total since 1989 (2.1) and yielded 49 sacks (11.7%). This year they figure to be one of the most improved O-lines in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, Miami had to replace both starting DT's and allowed 4.1 ypc while the D had just 23 sacks. Last year the losses were even heavier as they had to replace 3 starters including both DT's. Miami allowed 4.8 ypc which was much higher then any year since 2000 (4.6). In fact, it was the highest total recorded in school history dating back to 1949 when such records were kept. The D had just 20 sacks, their lowest total since 1998. This year the losses are fairly heavy in DE Tranaine Sills (8 st, 27 tkl, 4 sk), NT Seth Painter (12 st, 33 tkl, 2.5 tfl), DT Otto Linwood (12 st, 12 tkl) and backup Kevin Samy (1 tkl). Even with the losses, this unit has more experience than 2006 and can only improve.

LINEBACKERS - Miami appeared to have the best LB corps in the MAC heading into 2005 but the unit was banged up. Last year they had to replace their top 5 LB's and did not have a single player in the 3 deep with starting experience. Joey Hudson stepped up to earn Miami's Def MVP and 2nd Tm MAC honors with 97 tackles (10 tfl). Clayton Mullins was #2 with 91. The good news this year is that both return. The only loss is OLB Dontae Wright (12 st, 65 tkl). Five of the top six are back making this group vastly more experienced than 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami finished #35 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and last year had to replace three starters including a 1st Tm MAC CB. Projected starters CB Bryan Roland and SS Sean Kavanagh (6'1" 220 So, PS#148) were both lost prior to the season. They did have two players back with starting experience including 2nd Tm MAC FS Joey Card and did not fall too far, only dropping to #56 allowing 59.3% with a 14-14 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm MAC FS Card (12 st, 90 tkl, 11 pbu) and CB Frank Wiwo (12 st, 30 tkl, 2 pbu). Six of the top 8 are back including their top cover CB Jerrid Gaines. This unit has more experience than 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ryne Robinson had 7 PR TD's in his career, one short of the NCAA record. He had 3 PR TD's in '03 and MU finished #16 in my ST rankings. They had everyone back in '04 and finished #12. In '05, Miami had a disastrous game vs BG with 4 bad snaps on punts resulting in 3 safeties (tied NCAA record) which contributed to their surprising drop #71. Last year they had everyone back including Robinson. Nathan Parseghian hit just 2 of his first 6 FG's and after a block vs Syracuse, the RedHawks opted to go for it on 4th & 5 and 4th & 8 in the redzone in the 2H. True frosh Trevor Cook, who I projected as the starting kicker, finally took over and his first att was a 49 yard FG vs Cincy, tying for 9th longest in school history. He also had a 31 yard FG with :06 left in the 1H vs NI. While both LS Dave McClain and holder Kyle Decker were injured, Cook hit 10 of 13 FG's with 1 miss from 50. P Jacob Richardson was #3 in the NCAA after two games avg 48.1 ypp but thanks to playing in miserable conditions vs Ball St and BG, his avg dropped to 41.1 (34.1 net). Overall Miami finished #66. This year they lose Robinson (school's all-time PR leader), Card (2 blk'd punts LY) and 4 year LS McClain but with solid specialists, I look for improvement in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Miami is known as the "Cradle of Coaches" with Sid Gillman, Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian and Bo Schembechler among those who have coached here. Randy Walker moved on to Northwestern in '99 and Terry Hoeppner left for Indiana in '04. HC Shane Montgomery was the OC here from '01-'04 and did a fine job. His running game coordinator the last two years has been DeAndre Smith (former N Illinois' RB coach) but he has been promoted to asst HC so the new run game coordinator is OL coach Matt Hohman. The passing game coordinator is WR coach Brian Von Bergen who enters his 9th year. This year the new DC is Jay Hood who has been the DL coach here the last two years. He was a former HC at Mesa St College from '94-'97 and also a DC at Fort Hayes St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I may be dating myself but I remember watching Miami in the early '70's when they finished #15, #10 and #12 in the final polls compiling a three year record of 32-1-1. They won three straight Tangerine Bowls, all over teams that are now in the SEC. Heading into 2003 Miami had last went to a bowl in 1986 and had 16 straight years without a MAC Title despite the fact that they had 9 straight winning seasons. In Roethlisberger's senior season, Miami went 13-1 with their only loss being to Iowa (finished #8). They entered the Top 25 for the first time since 1975 and got their first MAC East Title. They routed Louisville in the GMAC bowl and were #10 in the final AP poll! Miami was a classic Turnovers=Turnaround team in 2004 (+20 TO in '03 to -10 TO '04). When they lost at Marshall, 33-25, it appeared their hopes for a MAC Title were gone but they ran the table, got fortunate when Marshall lost to Akron and won the MAC East Title again. They dropped the MAC Title game and their bowl and finished 8-5. Montgomery took over as the HC in '05 and had 14 returning starters. Unfortunately, they lost their top two LB's early and opened 0-2 to run their losing streak to 4. They still appeared to have the MAC Title in hand until a delayed start of the BG game. With very few fans in the stands and poor punt snaps, MU lost at home. They had to settle for being co-Champs of the East, despite having 16 senior starters. Last year they were going for their 13th straight winning season (5th longest streak nationally) but I actually pegged Miami to finish FIFTH in the MAC East thanks in part to the fact that they had just 7 returning starters, including 2 on defense. Miami had most of their key MAC East games on the road and had benefited from +13 in turnovers in '05. Last year MU opened up the season 0-6. In the past 3 years, MU was 17-1 in their final 6 regular season games so they still had hope when they beat Buffalo but would notch just one more win, finishing with an ugly 2-10 record. After installing FieldTurf at their stadium in 2003, they were 13-2 at home the first 3 years but went winless last season! While MU could have actually had a winless season with 2 close wins including BG missing a FG on the final play, they also had 5 close losses. The toughest was vs Ball St where they had a 359-226 yard edge and allowed a TD with 1:11 left. WM got a FG with 1:16 left to beat them and despite their 2-6 MAC record, they were only outgained by 11.1 ypg in league play. This year UM has a much more veteran team with 8 starters back on offense. Their 18.5 ppg last year was almost 1/2 of what they had in 2005 and was their lowest total since '93 (16.9). The biggest loss is WR/KR/PR Robinson who was the team MVP and a threat to score anytime he touched the ball. The D had just 2 starters back last year but this year returns 6. They actually allowed a solid 331.8 ypg last year, their best since 1998, but also allowed 25.3 ppg for a 13.1 ypp (pg 299). Miami makes my list of Most Improved Teams in the country which means I think they will have their 13th winning season in the last 14 years.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Thomas Merriweather 5-10 190 PS#48
QB	Clay Belton 6-6 220 PS#36
WR	Chris Givens 6-2 180 PS#61
OL	Brandon Brooks 6-4 290 PS#104
DB	Cornelius Ward 6-1 170 PS#98
LB	Michael Baker 6-0 221 PS#167DB
DB	Brandon Stephens 5-10 192 PS#246 '06
LB	Alex Kaufman 6-2 215 PS#195
OL	Mike Madsen 6-5 280 PS#253
DB	DeAndre Gilmore 6-1 194 PS#239
OL	Kevin Koncelik 6-3 285 PS#277
LB	Ryan Kennedy 6-2 215 PS#222
WR	Fitz Bobo 6-4 195 PS#245
TE	Rob Reiland 6-3 225 PS#89
DL	Jordain Brown 6-0 280 PS#278
DB	Anthony Kokal 5-10 171 PS#352
TE	Kendrick Bruton 6-3 235 PS#115
DB	Jonathan Wells 5-9 175 PS#373
DL	Morris Council 6-3 230 PS#335
LB	Jerrell Wedge 5-10 205 PS#381
LB	David Davis 6-3 200 PS#426
DL	Matt Kajmowicz 6-4 232 PS#451
OL	Ken Staudinger 6-5 245 PS#606
WR	Jamal Rogers 5-11 170 PS#495

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 3 MIKE KOKAL SR. 6-2 213 PS#136. 1 st, 56 ttl yd '05. 11 st LY, 2419 (59%), 14-8 ratio, 526 rush. **12** Daniel Raudabaugh (6-4 216 So) 1 st, 291 (52%). Clay Belton PS#36.

RB 24 BRANDON MURPHY SR. 5-8 177 PS#106. 18 st 3Y, 1598 (4.5), 34 rec. **22** Andre Bratton (5-11 185 So) PS#173. 2 st, 285 (4.5), 14 rec rFr. **Thomas Merriweather is PS#48.**

WR NA Chris Givens Fr. 6-2 180 **PS#61. 18 Sean McVay** (5-10 185 Jr) PS#343DB. 20 rec (9.9) LY. **86** Donovan Potter (6-2 190 rFr). **FB 39 Nick DeBartolo** (6-1 245 Jr) **700 squat.**

WR 11 Armand Robinson rFr. 6-1 200 PS#137DB. **14** Jared Elliott (6-5 233 Jr) PS#152QB. **23** Pat LaMonica (5-8 184 Jr) 6 tkl rFr. **85** Mitchell Anderson (6-3 180 rFr).

WR 88 DUSTIN WOODS SO. 5-11 190 Tm's fastest. 4 st LY, 25 (20.2), 14 KR (23.6). **2** Eugene Harris (5-10 181 rFr) PS#373. **8** Brayden Coombs (6-1 195 So) PS#314DB.

TE 80 TOM CRABTREE JR. 6-5 235 PS#103. 9 st LY, 14 (8.9). **83** Jake O'Connell (6-4 252 Jr) 4 st LY. 7 (6.1). Pat Shepard (6-4 229 Jr) PS#271WR. 1 st, 1 rec. Mike Hohl (6-3 237 So).

C 72 STEVE MEISTER SR. 6-2 291 PS#609. 1 st LG rFr. 11 st LG '05. 12 st LG LY. Top OL Award. **61** Kyle Lovas (6-2 291 Jr) 2nd string LY. **LS 60** Chase Collins (6-2 235 So).

RG 50 MATT McKEOWN JR. 6-4 271 2nd string rFr. 6 st RG until inj LY. **52** Josh Satterthwait (6-4 302 Jr). Last 3 st RG LY. **73** Pete Walters (6-6 315 Sr) 3 st RG LY. 2 letters.

LG 68 DAVE DiFRANCO JR. 6-3 303 PS#33TE. 1 st LT rFr, backup all year, 12 st LY (10LT, 2RT). **75** Bob Gulley (6-4 295 rFr) PS#96. **70** Nate Williams (6-5 298 rFr) PS#255OL.

RT 78 Zachary Marshall So. 6-7 323 **PS#86OL. Maryland transfer.** HS wrestling champ. **55 Steve Sutter** (6-6 278 Jr) 3 tkl DL '05. **8 st RT LY. 63** Mike Armagno (6-2 294 rFr).

LT 76 CHARLIE NORDEN SR. 6-6 300 PS#221. 12 st rFr. 11 st RT '05. 4 st LY, then out year (foot inj). **71** Heath Cartwright (6-6 303 So) 2nd string rFr. Brandon Brooks is PS#104.

K 19 TREVOR COOK SO. 6-2 184 PS#48. Hit 10 of 13 FG as true, incl 49 yd FG on 1st att, 1 miss from 50+, 17-18 on xp's. **35** Nathan Parseghian (6-2 198 Jr) 2 of 6 FG, long 39 LY.

DE 58 CRAIG MESTER SR. 6-5 262 14 tkl, 5 sk rFr. 11 st '05, 27 tkl, 5.5 sk. 8 st LY, 23 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **99** Travis Craven (6-4 260 So) PS#168. 17 tkl, **8.5 tfl** rFr. **56** Kyle Collins (6-2 224 rFr).

DT 94 Ben Huddle Jr. 6-4 277 PS#354. 2 tkl rFr. 4 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY until inj. **93** Martin Channels (6-0 335 So) PS#200. 2 tkl true. Jordain Brown PS#278. Kevin Witkowski (6-3 251 rFr).

DT 98 Mark Paun So. 6-3 272 PS#133. 10 tkl true, 1 sk, 2 tfl. **65** Alex Stewart (6-2 279 rFr) PS#204OL. Added 16 lbs. **84** Sean Redwine (6-4 275 rFr) PS#215TE. TE in '06.

DE 51 JOE CONIGLIO JR. 6-2 249 PS#145RB. 1 st, 14 tkl, 4 sk, 4 tfl as rFr. 8 st LY, 28 tkl, 5 sk. **21** Jordan Stevens (6-4 262 rFr) PS#172. RS due to inj. **95** DJ Svabik (6-6 246 rFr).

SLB 44 Caleb Bostic So. 6-3 222 11 tkl true. **47** Dexter Korto (6-2 223 rFr). **30** Mickey Mann (6-0 225 Jr). **36** David Britt (6-2 196 So). **96** James Case (6-2 244 Jr) PS#350DL. Inj L/2Y.

MLB 48 JOEY HUDSON JR. 6-2 230 PS#235. 12 tkl true. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 97 tkl, 10 tfl. **20** Chris Shula (5-11 226 Jr) PS#237DL. 21 tkl LY. **45** Brad Goatley (6-2 234 So) PS#366.

WLB 9 CLAYTON MULLINS JR. 6-2 231 PS#239. 4 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 91 tkl, 4 tfl. **32** Donnie Hardy (6-1 196 rFr). **46** Rion Robinson (5-10 220 So). Scout Tm MVP. Mark Lambrechts (6-1 207 rFr).

CB 33 JERRID GAINES SR. 5-11 192 PS#184. 32 tkl, 3 pbu '03-'04. RS '05. Top cover CB LY, 11 st, 49 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Brandon Stephens (5-10 192 Fr) PS#249 GS. Cornelius Ward PS#98.

CB 26 Wendell Brunson So. 5-11 180 PS#394. 1 st rFr, 13 tkl. **16 Bryan Roland** (5-10 191 Jr) PS#266. 10 tkl '05. Proj st'r LY until inj. **3** Jeff Thompson (5-10 185 So) 8 tkl as rFr.

SS 6 ROBBIE WILSON JR. 6-0 210 PS#348RB. 4.4 spd. 9 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 59 tkl, 1 int. **15** Jason Gibson (6-1 203 So) 1 tkl LY. Ben Bennett (5-11 193 rFr) 4.43 spd. DeAndre Gilmore PS#239.

FS 13 Jordan Gafford So. 6-0 202 PS#240. 9 tkl true. **28 Peris Edwards** (6-1 201 rFr) **PS#109. 34** Tersee Nande (6-2 218 Sr) PS#324. Terna's brother. **18** Brian Palascak (6-1 213 Jr).

P 4 JACOB RICHARDSON JR. 6-1 201 46 punts rFr, 38.4, net 32.7. 58 punts LY, #4 in MAC, 41.1 avg, net 34.1. **95** Chris DiCesare (6-2 219 So) PS#86. 40.9 avg as senior in HS.

MIAMI REDHAWKS

Oxford, Ohio
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#113

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Ball St (Thur)	A					
Sep. 8	at Minnesota	A					
Sep. 15	Cincinnati	A					
Sep. 22	at Colorado	G					
Sep. 29	Syracuse	A					
Oct. 6	at Kent St	A					
Oct. 13	Bowling Green (HC)	A					
Oct. 20	at Temple	G					
Oct. 27	at Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 3	Buffalo	A					
Nov. 10							
Nov. 14	Akron (Wed)	A					
Nov. 24	at Ohio	A					
Dec. 1							

Visitor is 7-1 S/'95 in this series. MU will open the ssn for the 1st time S/'97 vs a MAC opp. Since '76 these 2 schools have played 22 gms & only combined to average 39 ppg.

LY the Redhawks suffered their worst ssn S/'88 (0-10-1) & first losing ssn S/'93 (4-7). Miami is 13-38-2 all-time vs currrent Big 10 tms being outscored on avg by 14 ppg.

LY all 3 of UC's TD's came on short drives (37,11 & 46 yds) set up by 2 TO's & a long KOR. MU & UC are colliding for the 112th time in the Battle for the Victory Bell (oldest non-conf rivalry).

First time MU & CU will meet. Coming into 2007, MU is 1-6 vs non-conf opp's on the road. MU is 1-3 vs current B12 tms (only win in '48) & last gm vs ISU in the Independence Bowl.

This will be the 4th meeting between the tms (MU 0-3) & 1st outside the Carrier Dome. Last season vs the Orange, the Redhawks were w/o its starting LT & RG allowing 8 sks.

Miami's first trip was in 1955 as they are 43-11 all-time at Kent St. LY vs KSU, MU missed a chance at OT as they were unsuccessful in their 2 pt conv w/1:04 left.

Miami, Oh is 58-28-4 on Homecoming as their 1st HC game was in 1914. Besides '02 & '04, BG & MU have played every yr S/'50 w/Miami up 39-19-5 all-time.

In their only prior meeting in 2005, MU dominated Temple with a 24-11 FD & 506-195 yd edge, not having to punt until 10:56 left 4Q after pulling the 1st team offense.

Surprisingly, MU is 11-11-1 all-time vs current SEC tms including a win last gm vs Vandy (2000) where they had a combined 33 pts scored in the 4Q. Miami is 7-3 in 2nd of B2B RG's.

Miami, Oh is 9-0 outscoring Buffalo on avg 38-10 all-time. LY's gm was postponed (played on Sunday) due to record-breaking snowfall in western NY (power outage).

Miami is 8-2 vs Akron since 1997. The last 5 years these instate schools have avg'd 64 ppg. Miami is 12-5 since 1990 in home finales, but has dropped the last 2.

This will be the 84th meeting (UM leads 51-30-2) between the 1st two public schools founded in OH. Redhawks are 13-7 the L12Y in November away games (6-1 L4Y).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ben Roethlisberger 10,829 '01-'03
2. Josh Betts 7,029 '02-'05
3. Mike Bath 6,524 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Travis Prentice 5,596 '96-'99
2. Deland McCullough 4,368 '92-'95
3. George Swarn 4,172 '83-'86

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ryne Robinson 3,697 '03-'06
2. Martin Nance 3,131 '02-'05
3. Michael Larkin 2,772 '01-'04

SHANE MONTGOMERY (Career 9-14)
3rd Year at Miami, Oh Montgomery's Bowl Record: 0-0

Montgomery's records AT MIAMI, OH

9-14	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
3-7	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
6-7	Away	1-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	2-0	Off A Bye
7-9	Vs Conference	5-8	Off A Loss

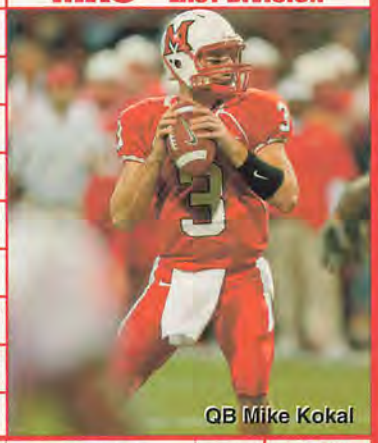
2006 RECORD: (2–10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,18,4)
Lost: 16 (10,5,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,244 (#112)

MAC – EAST DIVISION


QB Mike Kokal

STADIUM: FRED C. YAGER STADIUM (30,012) (#105)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-5	7-5	12-1	8-4	7-4	2-10	49-34
Home	3-1	4-1	2-3	5-0	5-0	3-2	0-5	22-12
Away	3-4	3-4	5-2	7-1	3-3	4-2	2-5	27-21
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	5-3	6-2	5-3	9-0	7-2	5-3	2-6	39-19
ATS	6-5	7-5	7-5	9-4	6-5	6-5	4-8	45-37
Home Fav (Terry Hoeppner)	2-1	1-2	1-3	4-1	4-0	3-2	0-2	15-11
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	4-3
Away Fav	1-2	1-1	2-1	4-2	2-2	3-1	0-1	13-10
Away Dog (Shane Montgomery)	2-2	4-1	3-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	3-3	13-12
Favorite	3-3	2-3	3-4	8-3	6-3	6-3	0-3	28-22
Dog	3-2	5-2	4-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	4-5	17-15
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-4	7-2	6-3	4-4	3-5	32-26
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	3-1	2-2	0-2	2-1	1-3	13-11
Off SU Win	2-3	4-3	5-2	8-3	4-4	3-3	0-2	26-20
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-2	1-3	1-0	2-1	3-1	4-5	16-14

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andre Bratton	63	305	20	285	4	4.5
Brandon Murphy	81	313	33	280	1	3.5
Mike Kokal	136	526	249	277	3	2.0
Austin Sykes	71	222	18	204	3	2.9
Jimmy Murray	10	25	1	24	0	2.4
Daniel Raudabaugh	13	13	50	-37	0	-2.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Mike Kokal	355	208	58.6	2419	14	8
Daniel Raudabaugh	60	31	51.7	291	1	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ryne Robinson	91	1178	12.9	8	56
Dustin Woods	25	506	20.2	4	80
Sean McVay	20	198	9.9	0	21
Pat O'Bryan	11	162	14.7	0	48
Ryan Busing	11	134	12.2	0	19
RJ Corbin	12	126	10.5	0	18
Tom Crabtree	14	124	8.9	1	30
EJ Morton-Green	5	96	19.2	0	38
Andre Bratton	14	60	4.3	0	25
Jake O'Connell	7	43	6.1	2	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jacob Richardson	58	2383	41.1	6	34.1	1	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Trevor Cook	17-18	5-6	4-5	1-1	0-1	10-13	49
Nathan Parseghian	5-5	0-0	1-1	1-4	0-1	2-6	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joey Hudson	97	1.5	8.5	0	5
Clayton Mullins	91	1.5	2.5	1	2
Joey Card	90	1	1	11	2
Dontae Wright	65	0	4	3	0
Robbie Wilson	59	0	0	2	1
Jerrid Gaines	49	1	1.5	4	2
Seth Painter	33	0	2.5	0	0
Frank Wiwo	30	0	3	2	1
Joe Coniglio	28	5	2.5	0	0
Tranaine Sills	27	4	1.5	1	0
Craig Mester	23	1.5	2	0	0
Chris Shula	21	0	0	0	0
Travis Craven	17	3	5.5	2	0
Wendell Brunson	13	0	0	0	0
Otto Linwood	12	0	0.5	0	0
Caleb Bostic	11	0	0	0	0
Mark Paun	10	1	2	1	0
Jordan Gafford	9	0	1	0	1
Tom Crabtree	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryne Robinson	18	175	9.7	1
Jordan Gafford	1	19	19.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dustin Woods	14	331	23.6	0
Andre Bratton	15	294	19.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
74	Tangerine - #15	NL	Georgia	21-10
75	Tangerine - #16	NL	South Carolina	20-7
86	California	NL	San Jose St	7-37
03	GMAC - #14	-14	Louisville	49-28
04	Independence	-1	Iowa St	13-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Miami's All-Time Bowl Record 6-3

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	18.5	18	87	2.7	232	57.4	17.2	0	2006	2	25.3	17	173	4.8	158	59.3	13.1
8*	33.7	24	134	3.6	292	57.1	12.6	+13	2005	6	23.5	18	140	4.1	208	58.4	14.8
5	31.3	22	120	3.4	280	60.2	12.8	-10	2004	8	22.9	17	123	3.3	216	57.0	14.8
7*	43.0	26	160	4.3	341	67.9	11.6	+20	2003	7	19.4	17	112	3.4	230	52.4	17.6
6*	32.0	23	128	3.4	278	62.3	12.7	+7	2002	7	27.1	21	140	4.3	273	59.2	15.2
6	26.6	21	134	3.6	265	62.8	15.0	-1	2001	6	25.8	19	142	3.8	208	53.4	13.6

2006 STATS BY GAME

MU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Northwestern	13	29 - 72	2.5	16 - 26	175	5	16	39 - 193	4.9	13 - 17	106	1	0
–	at Purdue	24	37 - 97	2.6	31 - 46	386	4	22	28 - 171	6.1	18 - 32	220	2	+1
–	Kent St	20	41 - 130	3.2	20 - 35	167	6	16	33 - 142	4.3	14 - 22	244	1	0
–	at Syracuse	19	29 - 31	1.1	25 - 39	241	8	15	34 - 152	4.5	14 - 20	163	4	-1
–	at Cincinnati	15	25 - 36	1.4	21 - 48	190	4	12	42 - 253	6.0	5 - 11	43	0	0
–	N Illinois	20	26 - 97	3.7	22 - 30	372	3	16	37 - 154	4.2	15 - 25	186	2	-1
–	at Buffalo	19	41 - 93	2.3	17 - 28	167	4	16	29 - 104	3.6	13 - 24	174	3	+1
–	at Akron	21	30 - 57	1.9	21 - 47	263	6	20	34 - 127	3.7	14 - 24	197	0	+2
–	Ball St	20	36 - 133	3.7	20 - 35	226	2	14	38 - 128	3.4	11 - 24	98	3	0
–	at W Michigan	16	29 - 93	3.2	16 - 26	282	1	27	46 - 224	4.9	23 - 35	205	1	-1
–	at Bowling Green	13	37 - 73	2.0	12 - 24	130	3	13	33 - 129	3.9	13 - 24	131	2	-1
–	Ohio	19	26 - 128	4.9	20 - 36	180	3	16	44 - 304	6.9	10 - 17	133	1	0
TOTALS		219	386 - 1040	2.7	241 - 420	2779	49	203	437 - 2081	4.8	163 - 275	1900	20	0
AVERAGES		18.3	32 - 87	2.7	20 - 35	232	4.1	16.9	36 - 173	4.8	14 - 23	158	1.7	0.0

2002 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	at North Carolina	+7	27-21
–	Iowa	+5'	24-29
–	at LSU - #25	+13	7-33
–	Kent St	-11	27-20
–	at Akron	-10	48-31
–	at Cincinnati	+5'	31-26
–	N Illinois	-8	41-48
–	at Buffalo	-16'	49-0
–	at Toledo	+3'	27-13
–	Ohio	-16'	38-20
–	at Marshall	-2'	34-36
–	UCF	-3'	31-48

2003 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
–	at Iowa	+10	3-21
–	at Northwestern	-3	44-14
–	at Colorado St	+6'	41-21
–	Cincinnati	-7	42-37
–	Akron	-16'	45-20
–	Buffalo	-36	59-3
–	at Ball St	-16	49-3
–	at Kent St	-22	38-30
–	Bowling Green - #15	-7	33-10
#23	Marshall	-12'	45-6
#18	at Ohio	-23'	49-31
#15	at UCF	-24	56-21
#14	at Bowling Green - #20	-7	49-27

2004 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	Indiana St	NL	49-0
–	at Michigan - #8	+13	10-43
–	at Cincinnati	-3'	26-45
–	Ohio	-19	40-20
–	at Marshall	+7	25-33
–	Kent St	-19'	47-27
–	at Buffalo	-20	25-7
–	UCF	-22	43-7
–	Toledo	-5'	23-16
–	at W Michigan	-20	42-21
–	at Akron	-7'	37-27
–	† Toledo	-1'	27-35

2005 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	at Ohio St - #6	+15	14-34
–	C Michigan	-22	37-38
–	at Kent St	-6'	27-10
–	Cincinnati	-10	44-16
–	at N Illinois	+3	27-38
–	Akron	-13'	51-23
–	at E Michigan	-10'	24-23
–	at Temple	-22'	41-14
–	Buffalo	-27'	54-13
–	Bowling Green	-9	14-42
–	at Ohio	-10	38-7

2006 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	Northwestern	+6	3-21
–	at Purdue	+17	31-38 OT
–	Kent St	-14	14-16
–	at Syracuse	+6'	14-34
–	at Cincinnati	+11	10-24
–	N Illinois	+13'	25-28
–	at Buffalo	-7'	38-31
–	at Akron	+7'	13-24
–	Ball St	-5	17-20
–	at W Michigan	+13'	24-27
–	at Bowling Green	+4	9-7
–	Ohio	+3	24-34

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Josh Harris (#6DC BAL) played TB for most of his frosh year but he proved to be an outstanding QB setting the school record with 27 TD passes in his senior year while throwing for 3,813 (972 rush). He was 22-6 as a starter. Good-sized Omar Jacobs (6'4" 226), who had 4.59 speed, was the backup in 2003. He had a phenomenal soph season in 2004 as he was #4 in the NCAA in pass efficiency with 4,002 yards passing (67%) and an amazing ratio of 41-4. He threw a school record 224 passes without an int. True frosh Anthony Turner (PS#36) was #2 but was able to redshirt. Jacobs opened a Heisman Trophy campaign in his first two games in '05 and threw for 458 vs Wisconsin and 428 and 5 TD's vs Ball St. He was injured missing 2 starts and for the season threw for 2,591 (60.7%) with a 26-7 ratio. Jacobs left early for the NFL (#5DC PIT). HC Brandon compares Turner more to Harris as he has sprinter speed. Turner threw for 492 (61.2%) with a 2-4 ratio and 249 rush starting 2 and playing 8 in '05. In 2006, Turner was susp vs Wisconsin so Freddie Barnes (PS#60) started and set a BG QB rushing record (158). Turner started vs Buffalo and hit 16 of 23 for 204 but then was inj in the 3Q vs FIU. Barnes, who also played RB and WR, started vs Kent St but they took the RS off Tyler Sheehan (PS#163) who played the 2H (tm had 3 TO's). Turner started the rest of the year and Barnes moved back to WR. Sheehan played in 3 more including the entire 2H vs Temple after Turner had struggled. Turner came back with a vengeance vs Akron hitting 20 of 36 for 192 (105 rush). Overall he threw for 1,596 (57.1%) with an 11-5 ratio (598 rush). Barnes threw for 210 (54%) and Sheehan threw for 192 (53.5%) with an 0-4 ratio. Not listed below are Tony Hunter (6'1" 205 So, PS#344) and true frosh Nate Brown (PS#116). Brandon has said he will open up the QB battle to include Sheehan and rFr Anthony Glaud but I expect Turner to have a vastly improved 2007 season.

RUNNING BACKS - In BG's wide-open spread offense, the RB has a lot of room to run (see Hardcore Fans). Last year they lost their top 2 rushers and Dan Macon, who redshirted in '05, was the expected starter. Macon missed 1 (Kent St, inj'd) and rushed for 387 (5.4) on the year. RFr Chris Bullock emerged and appeared on his way to a standout season. He rushed for 99 vs Kent St, 114 vs Ohio and 182 vs Temple but surprisingly had just 90 yards in the last 3. Bullock led the team with 769 (4.8). Barnes rushed for 405 (4.2) and FB Pete Winovich (3 st) added 78 (6.5). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Nate Waldron (5'11" 211 Jr), Andre Boomer (6'1" 225 Jr), Curtis Van Demark (6'2" 214 So) and Khalfani Rice (5'6" 220 Jr, PS#446JC). They add in Eric Ransom (PS#147JC) who was in for the spring so the unit is much more experienced and should maintain better health.

RECEIVERS - In 2002, Robert Redd set the single season school record with 83 rec and became the BG career leader in receiving yards. In 2003, Cole Magner, who was recruited as a QB from Alaska and was also on the basketball team, broke Redd's record with 99. Charles Sharon was #2 with 59 (15.0). The top four returned in 2004 and Magner had 77 becoming the all-time leader in rec (215) while Sanders had 55 (17.9). Magner had to be replaced in '05 and a pair of rFr, Corey Partridge and Marques Parks, won starting jobs along with Sanders and Sharon. Sanders tied for the MAC lead with 14 TD rec. Sharon was #1 in rec (74, 13.9) and left as BG's career leader (232). He and Sanders combined for 130 catches and the top returnee in 2006 was Partridge (23, 13.8). Partridge missed the first 2 and was not 100% early. He came on down the stretch and in the season finale had 14 rec and finished #1 with 55 (12.0). Kenneth Brantley suffered through an injury-plagued career but was named team captain in 2006 and had 32 (11.7). Ruben Ruiz was labeled a WR but was actually a TE and had 21 (10.8) while Barnes added 20 (10.1). This year they lose both Brantley and Ruiz but do have a healthy Partridge and Barnes should have a bigger impact. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Benjy Kennedy (6'1" 182 Sr, PS#74QB), Michael Badowsky (6'4" 200 rFr) and Darrion Carter (6'2" 192 So). Despite the losses, this unit is more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 Brandon called his OL recruits "The 5 Blocks of Granite" and was able to redshirt all five. In 2004, they averaged 4.7 ypc and allowed a minuscule 13 sacks (2.8%). They had to replace 3 starters in '05 and dropped to 3.8 ypc allowing 22 sacks (5.4%). Last year they had to replace two starters including a 1st Tm MAC LT. Starting LT Drew Nystrom was lost with three games to go but the unit remained fairly healthy. The numbers improved to 4.2 ypc rush with 20 sacks (5.8%). This year they lose RG Derrick Markray (12 st, 2Y st'r, Top OL Award) and LG John Lanning (12 st). Eight of the top 10 return and a couple of backups were converted from DL and are more experienced. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Scott Albert (6'7" 300 So), LS Kyle Cutler (6'1" 227 Sr, 25 gm 3Y) and Craig Rutherford (5'11" 204 So). This is an experienced and deep group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - It'll be strange watching a BG game without Devon Parks lining up at the DE slot. Parks was a 4 year starter and leaves ranked #2 all-time in career starts here (48) with 22 sacks. Last year Parks, who earned 1st Tm MAC honors, even got a sack off of Wisconsin's Joe Thomas (only allowed 4 sacks in 3 years). In 2004, they had 4 starters back and allowed 3.6 ypc rush. In 2005, they only had to replace 1 starter but allowed 4.1 ypc with just 23 team sacks. Last year they had 5 of the top 8 back including 2 starters but NG Nick Davis was lost for the year after 3 starts (19 tkl!). BG allowed 31 ypg less rushing (4.1) and increased the sack total to 26. This year they lose 1st Tm MAC DE Parks (11 st, 55 tkl, 9 sk), DT Brad Williams (9 st, 45 tkl, 4 sk) and 3rd string DE Trevor Frericks (2 tkl). Also moving to the O-line is DT Brady Minturn (22 tkl) and Brandon Mack (3 gm). They move starting TE Sean O'Drobinak to NT so they have 5 players back who started 3+ games last year. They also bring back Nick Lawrence (6'2" 230 So, PS#123) who briefly moved to FB (in the spring). Despite the loss of their star, this group should be at least as good as the '06 version.

LINEBACKERS - HC Gregg Brandon covets speed over size at LB and in 2005 they had to replace 2 of their 3 starters then injuries hurt the unit as just 1 LB started all 11. Last year they lost 2 starters and 2 backups but returned their #1 tackler in Terrel White. BG allowed 28.3 ppg, their worst since 1999. This year they must replace their #1 tackler in 2nd Tm MAC LB White (101 tkl, 12.5 tfl) and backups Jon Jakubowski (6 tkl) and Will Myles (8 gm). S Loren Hargrove (3 st '05) was moved to LB last year and started 2 (31 tkl). They also move PJ Mahone (2 st LY) in from SS. Five of the top 6 are back including 5 with starting experience and they add in JUCO Jerrson Davis who was in for the spring. Returning LB Erique Dozier won the BG Top Def Player Award. Despite the loss of their top guy, this unit has more overall experience and looks stronger.

LB Erique Dozier

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BG had two returning starters in 2005 and shook up the secondary with true frosh Antonio Smith starting at CB. BG slipped to #69 in my pass D rankings (from #46 in '04). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and moved Hargrove to LB so it was a lightly experienced unit. When CB Smith was injured in the 1Q vs Wisconsin, they had 3 true frosh and a soph on the field. Smith missed 2 and true frosh SS PJ Mahone, who started the first 2, missed 3 then did not regain his spot. BG slipped to #92. Mahone moves to LB but everyone else is back and they should have one of the most improved pass D rankings in the NCAA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer was Notre Dame's ST coach and in his two years at BG they finished #22 and #12 and had 7 blocked punts in 2002. They had to replace their P and both returnmen in 2003 and dropped to #46. In 2004, they moved up to #34 with the steady kicking of Shaun Suisham. In 2005, BG dropped to #93 and at times Brandon was hesitant to kick FG's. They went with 2 true frosh kickers last year and something exciting usually happened whenever BG's ST took the field. The Falcons allowed 4 blk'd punts, two returned for TD's, and three additional KR TD's. Sean Ellis (PS#78) hit just 4 of 9 FG's with a long of 38 with 3 blk'd. Alonso Rojas punted out of bounds vs Ohio St to avoid Ted Ginn Jr and had to punt in muddy conditions vs Miami but also shanked a lot of punts. BG finished next to last in punting in the NCAA (27.7 net). They did recover a fumbled KR for a TD vs FIU. Both true frosh K and P have left the team and Brandon signed two JUCO's and unlike 2006, both were in for the spring. BG had the ignominy of finishing #119 in my ST rankings in 2006 and can only improve.

COACHES - Brandon was the OC here for two years under Meyer before taking over as HC in 2003. His offense finished third in the nation in scoring (40.8 ppg in 2002) and set 17 school records and 7 MAC. His OC since 2003 had been Greg Studrawa but he departs for LSU so they promoted 4 year QB coach Mick McCall to OC. DC John Lovett departed for N Carolina in February so the new DC is Mike Ward who has been the DL coach here the last 7 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002, BG outgained MAC foes by an average of 94.9 ypg and ranked as high as #16 in the polls. In 2003, BG rose as high as #15 beating a ranked team (#16 Purdue) on the road for the first time since 1972 (#18 Purdue) and knocked off #12 N Illinois. Two losses to Miami, however, knocked them down to #23 in the final polls. In 2003, BG outgained MAC foes by an even more impressive 144 ypg. In 2004, they had to replace their star QB Harris but had 16 starters back and Jacobs had a great year with an incredible 41-4 ratio. They lost to #2 Oklahoma (40-24), the highest ranked foe that BG had ever faced. They finished 9-3 but unfortunately a 2H collapse vs Toledo (led 27-7) cost them a tie for the MAC West Title. Their avg win in 2004 was by 20.8 ppg as they benefitted from +15 in turnovers. Their 12 returning starters in 2005 were the lowest in the MAC. One Achilles' heel in 2005 was their rush D which allowed 175 ypg. Another key to the season was QB Jacobs being injured in the 1Q vs WM. Without Jacobs they dropped two straight MAC games for the first time since 2000. They did benefit from Miami delaying their game which greatly reduced the crowd and from +4 in turnovers and numerous bad snaps on punts. They still had a shot at winning the MAC East Title but lost to Toledo in 2OT, 44-41. BG outgained MAC foes by 69.6 ypg (#1 MAC East). Last year they had just 9 returning starters and had to replace QB Jacobs and I pointed out that they basically had 8 road games. The group was young and by Wk 4, 25 freshmen were playing including 15 true. They still stood 2-1 after a couple of close wins vs Buffalo and Fla Int'l but were dominated by Kent St in their worst defeat ever at Perry Stadium, 38-3. They rebounded with a win over eventual MAC East Champ Ohio on the road and gave #1 Ohio St a tougher game than the 35-7 final indicated. After beating EM they stood 4-3 and were in the thick of the MAC East race but stunningly dropped their last 5 including allowing Temple to end the NCAA's longest losing streak (BG had 407-256 yd edge). BG was just 3-5 in the MAC but was +21.6 ypg (6th best). It was their first losing season in 6 years. This year BG has 7 starters back on offense including their QB, top RB and top WR and will be much more potent. Last year's 19.5 ppg was a huge drop from Brandon's first 5 squads (including 2 as OC) which avg'd 36.6 ppg. The D also returns 8 starters including 6 of their top 7 tacklers. Last year's D was not as bad as the 28.3 ppg indicates as the 318.5 ypg was the best S/'01. Having a defensive ypp of 11.2 is a good sign for the next year (pg 299). In conf play BG had the #6 offense and #4 defense in ypg. BG makes my list of Most Improved Teams which means I think they will be bowl-eligible for the 6th time in the last 7 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BROWN — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BROWN — DEFENSE

QB 17 ANTHONY TURNER JR. 6-2 229 **PS#36.** 11 st 2Y, 2088 pass (58%) 13-9 ratio, 847 rush. **13** Tyler Sheehan (6-3 225 So) PS#163. 192 yds true. **18** Anthony Glaud (6-3 212 rFr) PS#210.

RB 31 ERIC RANSOM JR. 5-10 184 **PS#147JC.** In for spring. **33 Chris Bullock** (5-11 220 So) PS#272. 5 st rFr, 769 (4.8), 14 rec. **5 Dan Macon** (6-1 214 Sr) PS#267. 5 st, 502 (5.1) 3Y.

WR 83 Tyrone Pronty So. 6-0 181 PS#380. 1 st, 5 rec true. **84** Derek Brighton (5-10 184 rFr) PS#92DB. **81** Matt Emans (6-2 200 Sr) 1 st LY. **85** Kelvin Davis (5-11 175 rFr).

WR 1 COREY PARTRIDGE JR. 5-11 184 6 st, 23 (13.8) rFr. 10 st LY (inj 2), 55 (12.0). **6 Zach Charles** (5-10 179 So) PS#293. 5 st true til inj, 14 rec. **15** Calvin Wiley (5-11 195 So) PS#320QB.

WR 7 FREDDIE BARNES SO. 6-2 212 **PS#60QB.** 5 st true, 405 rush, 210 pass, 203 yd rec. **3** Marques Parks (5-11 192 Jr) 6 st, 14 rec 2Y. **12** Chris Wright (5-10 190 So) PS#367DB.

TE 89 Jimmy Scheidler So. 6-4 244 PS#154. 10 gm rFr. **91** Nick Rieke (6-4 250 rFr) PS#157. **FB 11 Pete Winovich** (6-3 248 Sr) PS#156QB. 27 tkl LB '05. 3 st LY, 85 tfl yds.

C 78 KORY LICHTENSTEIGER SR. 6-3 300 12 st LG rFr. 11 st LG '05. 2nd Tm MAC '04-'05. 12 st C LY, **1st Tm MAC. 65** Pat Watson (6-5 287 Sr) PS#173DL. Backup 35 gms in 3 years.

RG 55 Brandon Curtis Jr. 6-2 285 PS#236. 11 tkl NG rFr. 2nd string OL last year, 3 games. **74** Jeff Fink (6-5 290 Jr) PS#233DL. 2nd string RT in '05. Last 3 st at LT last year.

LG 75 Shane Steffy So. 6-3 302 PS#246. 10 gm rFr. **77** Brady Minturn (6-4 288 So) PS#417DL. 3 st DT rFr, 22 tkl, 1 sk. **72** Andrew Stanford (6-3 297 Sr) PS#204. 11 gms LY.

RT 73 KEVIN HUELSMAN SR. 6-5 290 PS#456. 2nd string '04-05, 18 gm. 12 st RT LY. Brandon Mack (6-5 283 Sr) 14 tkl, 2.5 sk, DL '04-05. 3 gm OL LY. Tyler Donahue (6-6 281 rFr) PS#334.

LT 71 DREW NYSTROM SR. 6-5 300 PS#267. 1 st LT rFr. 11 st RT '05. First 9 st LT LY (inj). **76** Aaron Kent (6-6 291 Jr) PS#612. 4 gm LY. **60** Jarrett Buckosh (6-7 293 So).

K 41 Sinisa Vrvilo Jr. 6-1 234 PS#230JC. 54 yd FG HS. 23 FG 2Y, 55 yd FG JC. In spg. Nick Iovinelli (6-0 188 Jr) PS#193JC. Matthew Norsic (6-1 203 So). Paul Belany (5-10 177 So).

DE 99 DIYRAL BRIGGS JR. 6-4 230 PS#71TE. 38 tkl, 4.5 sk rFr. 7 st LY, 69 tkl, 7 sk, 3.5 tfl. **97** Darius Smith (6-2 217 rFr) PS#176. **47** Adrian Baker (6-3 218 Jr) 13 tkl LY.

NG 59 Nick Davis Jr. 6-3 281 PS#353. 39 tkl, 1.5 tfl rFr. First **3 st** LY, **19 tkl,** 2 tfl, ACL. **90** Michael Ream (6-3 270 So) 24 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. **93** Garth Hartung (6-1 244 So).

DT 88 Sean O'Drobinak Sr. 6-4 270 PS#171TE. 9 st, 21 rec 2Y. **87** DJ Young (6-5 278 So) PS#177. 3 st, 7 tkl true. **63** Orlando Barrow (6-2 287 rFr). **94** Carlos Tipton (6-3 230 rFr).

DE 93 JACOB HARDWICK SO. 6-3 260 12 st rFr (6DE, 6 NG), 28 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **40** Joe Schaefer (6-4 256 Jr) PS#229LB. 12 tkl rFr. Inj'd LY. **51** Angelo Magnone (6-3 235 rFr).

SLB 25 PJ Mahone So. 5-11 201 PS#217RB. First 2 st SS true until injury, 31 tkl LY. **42** Champ Fells (6-1 215 rFr) PS#449LB. Jerrson Davis PS#460JC. In for spg.

MLB 30 ERIQUE DOZIER JR. 6-0 221 PS#396DB. 19 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 98 tkl, 9 tfl, Def MVP. Brandon Jackson (6-2 231 So) PS#58. 1 tkl true. Cody Basler (6-3 238 So) PS#367. 1 st, 10 tkl Fr.

WLB 44 JOHN HANELINE JR. 6-2 231 PS#319. 26 tkl rFr. 11 st LY, 74 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **9 Loren Hargrove** (5-11 211 Sr). 3 st SS '05, 35 tkl, 2 tfl. 2 st LB LY, 31 tkl, 2 tfl. **36** Lewis Parks (6-2 228 rFr).

CB 2 ANTONIO SMITH JR. 5-10 180 PS#385. 11 st true, 57 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. 9 st LY (inj 2), 39 tkl, 2 pbu. **23** Tarell Lewis (5-10 187 So) 3 st, 32 tkl true. Mark Wooldridge PS#83RB.

CB 21 KENNY LEWIS JR. 5-11 185 PS#174RB. 5 tkl true. 12 st LY, 70 tkl, 4 int. **39** Roger Williams (5-9 184 So). **27** Frederick Walker (5-9 184 So). Giovanni Fillari (6-0 180).

SS 4 JERETT SANDERSON SO. 6-0 189 12 st FS true, 73 tkl, 3 int, 2 pbu. **22** Vincent Corner (5-9 200 So) PS#458RB. 8 gm true, 5 tkl. **37** Aaron Davis (6-2 197 So) 2 tkl rFr.

FS 24 JAHMAL BROWN SO. 5-10 192 PS#118RB. 10 starts SS as true, 59 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu. **28** Calvin Marshall (5-11 190 rFr) PS#388. Derrick Williams PS#182. GS. **6** Alfred Tomlinson (5-9 175 Fr).

P NA Nick Iovinelli Jr. 6-0 188 PS#193JC. In for spring. 36.6 avg at JC LY, 29-32 on xp. 3 FG's. **41** Sinisa Vrvilo PS#230JC. **14** Derek Dombrowski (5-10 165 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Eric Ransom 5-10 184 PS#147JC
P	Nick Iovinelli 6-0 188 PS#193JC
LB	Mark Wooldridge 5-9 190 PS#83RB
K	Sinisa Vrvilo 6-1 234 PS#230JC
DB	Derrick Williams 6-0 175 PS#182 '06
QB	Nate Brown 6-4 225 PS#116
DL	Kevin Alvarado 6-2 255 PS#195
WR	Ray Hutson 6-2 180 PS#190
RB	Khalfani Rice 5-6 220 PS#446JC
LB	Jerrson Davis 6-2 210 PS#460JC
RB	Willie Geter 5-8 170 PS#309DB
OL	Ben Bojicic 6-4 273 PS#462
WR	Adrian Hodges 6-1 180 PS#406
LB	Christopher Young 6-0 210 PS#413
OL	Josh Dodge 6-3 290 PS#499
DL	Darren Branch 6-2 230 PS#426LB
LB	Glen Stanley 6-2 205 PS#467DB
DL	Nick Torresso 6-3 290 PS#527OL
DL	Preston Burrell 6-5 270 PS#451
DL	Andrew Johnson 6-4 265 PS#451
LB	Gary Wright 6-2 205 PS#500
DB	Anthony Smith 6-1 187 PS#540

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

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GREGG BRANDON (Career 30–19)
5th Year at Bowling Green
Brandon's Bowl Record: 2-0

Brandon's records AT BOWLING GREEN

30-19	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
15-5	Home	2-4	Vs Top 25
13-12	Away	3-5	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	2-2	Off A Bye
21-12	Vs Conference	10-5	Off A Loss

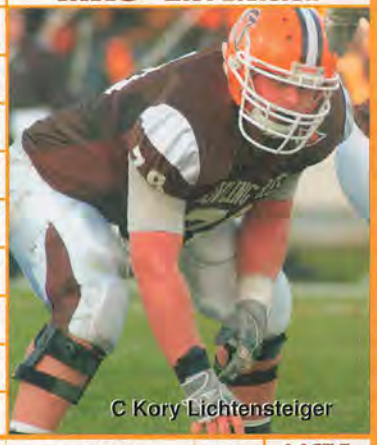
2006 RECORD: (4–8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (25,28,0)
Lost: 17 (7,8,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,834 (#103)

MAC - EAST DIVISION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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#114

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BG	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	at Minnesota	A					BG is 3-8 in road openers including a win vs Big 10 member Purdue ('03). Falcons are 4-12 all-time vs current Big 10 tms (only wins vs N'western & Purdue).
Sep. 8	at Michigan St	G					Only meeting was in '81 (MSU 10-7) as this will mark the 2nd straight season BG plays two Big 10 teams. Bowling Green is 7-3 before a bye week the last 8 seasons.
Sep. 15							
Sep. 22	Temple	A					LY vs Temple, BG had 15 more FD's & 151 more yds, but a blk'd punt, fumble in EZ, & 96 yd KOR set up 21 Owl pts. Bowling Green is 26-11 since '98 in MAC home gms.
Sep. 29	W Kentucky (HC)	A					BG is 6-0 outscoring opp's on avg 44-12 the L/6 Homecoming gms (53-22-1 all-time). Falcons are 7-0 the L6Y when hosting non-MAC teams (avg score BG 54-13).
Oct. 6	at Boston College	A					This will be the 1st meeting w/the Eagles. BG has dropped all 4 gms vs current ACC tms. Boston College is just 1 of 3 teams on BG's schedule TY that went to a bowl LY (Minn & OU).
Oct. 13	at Miami, Oh	A					Two yrs ago BG held Miami to -64 yds rushing, a school record (previous low 18 yds in '92). LY's gm was played in miserable conditions w/constant rain mixed w/20-30 mph NE wind.
Oct. 20	at Kent St	A					BG has dominated this series going 52-16-6 all-time. The Falcons did lose last year after 5 straight wins & have not dropped 2 straight gms to KSU S/'72 & '73.
Oct. 27	Ohio	A					BG scored their 3rd most pts in school history (72) in 2002 vs Ohio. The Bobcats only pts last year came off a shank punt & trick play. The Falcons have won 5 straight.
Nov. 2	Akron (Fri)	A					Bowling Green has only beaten instate UA once in their L/5 meetings. LY WR Patridge had a career high 10 catches. Falcons are 2-8 S/'03 in conf weekday gms.
Nov. 9	at E Michigan (Fri)	A					Bowling Green is 8-13 since 1996 in November road games. BG came from behind last year to beat EMU as the Falcons allowed just 17 total yds in the 4Q.
Nov. 17	at Buffalo	A					Last year's game was delayed twice for weather (KO @ 3 pm & ended @ 8:18 pm). Last year's game marked the 1st time that BG played in a 3OT affair.
Nov. 23	Toledo (Fri)	A					These 2 instate & rivals are just 26 miles apart. Last year was the 1st time in 20 years ('87) that both had losing records in the same season. BG has dropped 3 straight.
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brian McClure 10,280 '82-'85
2. Josh Harris 7,503 '00-'03
3. Omar Jacobs 6,938 '03-'05

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Dave Preston 3,423 '73-'76
2. Paul Miles 3,239 '71-'73
3. PJ Pope 3,116 '02-'05

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Charles Sharon 3,450 '02-'05
2. Robert Redd 2,726 '98-'02
3. Stan Hunter 2,679 '82-'85

STADIUM: PERRY STADIUM (23,724) (#116)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	8-3	9-3	10-3	8-3	6-5	4-8	47-34
Home	1-4	4-1	6-0	6-0	5-0	2-3	2-2	26-10
Away	1-5	4-2	3-3	4-2	3-3	4-2	2-5	21-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	6-2	7-2	6-2	5-3	3-5	34-23
ATS	5-6	7-3-1	5-6	5-5-1	7-3	3-8	3-9	35-40-2
Home Fav	1-0	1-1-1	2-2	1-2-1	3-1	2-3	0-4	10-13-2
Home Dog	3-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-1
Away Fav	0-1	2-0	2-2	2-1	3-2	0-3	0-2	9-11
Away Dog	1-4	2-2	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	3-2	10-13
Favorite	1-1	3-1-1	4-4	3-3-1	6-3	2-6	0-6	19-24-2
Dog	4-5	4-2	1-2	2-2	1-0	1-2	3-3	16-16
vs Conf	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	3-5-1	5-3	2-6	2-6	24-31-2
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-0	2-1	2-0	2-0	1-2	1-3	11-9
Off SU Win	2-0	4-3	4-5	5-3-1	5-3	2-4	1-3	23-21-1
Off SU Loss	3-5	2-0-1	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	2-5	10-16-1

Gary Blackney | Urban Meyer | Gregg Brandon

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Bullock	160	798	29	769	4	4.8
Anthony Turner	141	598	118	480	5	3.4
Freddie Barnes	96	442	37	405	9	4.2
Dan Macon	72	398	11	387	1	5.4
Pete Winovich	12	81	3	78	0	6.5
Tyler Sheehan	13	16	45	-29	0	-2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Anthony Turner	252	144	57.1	1596	11	5
Freddie Barnes	50	27	54.0	210	1	2
Tyler Sheehan	43	23	53.5	192	0	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Corey Partridge	55	658	12.0	3	40
Kenneth Brantley	32	374	11.7	2	28
Ruben Ruiz	21	226	10.8	2	25
Freddie Barnes	20	203	10.1	2	31
Sean O'Drobinak	12	169	14.1	1	59
Dan Macon	13	123	9.5	0	30
Chris Bullock	14	119	8.5	0	15
Zach Charles	14	50	3.6	0	9
Tyrone Pronty	5	37	7.4	0	10
Brandon Jones	3	33	11.0	1	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Alonso Rojas	56	1996	35.6	9	27.7	4	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sean Ellis	26-28	2-5	2-3	0-0	0-1	4-9	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Terrel White	101	4	8.5	3	2
Erique Dozier	98	3	6	4	0
John Haneline	74	0	3.5	2	1
Jerett Sanderson	73	0	0	2	3
Kenny Lewis	70	0	2	0	4
Diyral Briggs	69	7	3.5	1	0
Jahmal Brown	59	0	1	2	1
Devon Parks	55	9	4.5	3	0
Brad Williams	45	4	4	0	0
Antonio Smith	39	1	0	2	0
Tarell Lewis	32	0	0	1	0
Loren Hargrove	31	0	2	1	1
PJ Mahone	31	0	1.5	2	0
Jacob Hardwick	28	0	4.5	0	0
Michael Ream	24	1	2	0	0
Calvin Wiley	23	0	0	0	0
Brady Minturn	22	1	0	1	0
Nick Davis	19	0	2	0	0
Adrian Baker	13	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Corey Partridge	14	120	8.6	0
Zach Charles	4	12	3.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyrone Pronty	10	177	17.7	0
Brandon Jones	7	144	20.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
85	California - #20	NL	Fresno St	7-51
91	California	NL	Fresno St	28-21
92	Las Vegas	NL	Nevada	35-34
03	Motor City	-7	Northwestern	28-24
04	GMAC	-3	Memphis	52-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Bowling Green's All-Time Bowl Record 4–3

BOWLING GREEN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	19.5	19	177	4.2	169	56.2	17.7	+1	2006	4	28.3	17	144	4.1	174	63.9	11.2
6*	33.8	24	144	3.8	284	60.6	12.6	+8	2005	6	27.6	20	175	4.1	204	58.8	13.7
8	44.3	26	168	4.7	338	66.3	11.4	+15	2004	8	23.5	22	132	3.6	260	55.5	16.7
6*	33.6	27	196	4.7	300	65.3	14.8	-6	2003	8	21.7	18	153	4.2	208	54.7	16.6
8*	40.8	25	219	5.3	230	57.0	11.0	+9	2002	4	25.3	20	154	3.9	211	53.8	14.4
8*	30.3	21	167	3.8	217	60.9	12.7	+17	2001	9	19.5	16	86	2.6	233	52.9	16.3

2006 STATS BY GAME

BG 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	† Wisconsin	17	46-219	4.8	12-19	82	1	19	41-197	4.8	9-15	124	1	+1
–	Buffalo	29	58-356	6.1	18-26	214	1	17	47-105	2.2	21-32	138	2	-1
–	at Florida Int'l	22	45-161	3.6	18-34	242	2	13	28-187	6.7	14-23	145	3	+2
–	Kent St	17	45-157	3.5	15-31	125	5	16	38-216	5.7	14-22	141	0	-6
–	at Ohio	14	44-148	3.4	10-19	108	0	19	32-54	1.7	20-34	188	4	+2
–	at Ohio St	15	35-160	4.6	16-26	179	2	18	32-139	4.3	21-29	248	2	-1
–	E Michigan	17	42-159	3.8	14-24	165	2	18	26-82	3.2	25-39	248	3	+2
–	at C Michigan	15	42-130	3.1	16-30	187	1	12	25-154	6.2	15-25	212	2	+1
–	at Temple	27	46-249	5.4	19-36	158	2	12	28-94	3.4	10-13	162	4	-1
–	at Akron	21	38-176	4.6	20-36	192	2	28	39-222	5.7	17-25	248	1	+2
–	Miami, Oh	13	33-129	3.9	13-24	131	2	13	37-73	2.0	12-24	130	3	+1
–	at Toledo	20	31-76	2.5	24-42	246	0	16	47-208	4.4	10-13	107	1	-1
TOTALS		227	505-2120	4.2	195-347	2029	20	201	420-1731	4.1	188-294	2091	26	+1
AVERAGES		18.9	42-177	4.2	16-29	169	1.7	16.8	35-144	4.1	16-25	174	2.2	0.1

2002 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	41-7
–	Missouri	+3'	51-28
–	at Kansas	-10'	39-16
–	Ohio	-24	72-21
–	at C Michigan	-15	45-35
#25	W Michigan	-17	48-45 OT
#24	Ball St	-21	38-20
#21	at Kent St	-18	45-14
#20	at N Illinois	-3'	17-26
–	at USF	+3	7-29
–	E Michigan	-32	63-21
–	at Toledo	+3	24-42

2003 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #23 Score
–	E Kentucky	NL	63-13
–	at Purdue - #16	+11	27-26
–	Liberty	NL	62-3
–	at Ohio St - #5	+12'	17-24
–	C Michigan	-28'	23-3
–	at W Michigan	-9	32-21
–	at E Michigan	-28	33-20
#23	N Illinois - #12	-3'	34-18
#15	at Miami, Oh	+7	10-33
#25	Kent St	-20'	42-33
#22	at Ball St	-14'	41-14
#22	Toledo	-8	31-23
#20	† Miami, Oh - #14	+7	27-49

2004 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+32	24-40
–	SE Missouri St	NL	49-10
–	at N Illinois	-1	17-34
–	at Temple	-7	70-16
–	at C Michigan	-15	38-14
–	Ball St	-29	51-13
–	at Ohio	-14	41-16
–	E Michigan	-30	41-20
–	W Michigan	-30'	52-0
–	Marshall	-10	56-35
#25	at Toledo	-4	41-49

2005 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Wisconsin	+1'	42-56
–	at Ball St	-28'	40-31
–	at Boise St	+7'	20-48
–	Temple	-29	70-7
–	Ohio	-21	38-14
–	at Buffalo	-23'	27-7
–	W Michigan	-25	14-45
–	Akron	-14	14-24
–	at Kent St	-10'	24-14
–	at Miami, Oh	+9	42-14
–	Toledo	-4	41-44 2OT

2006 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Wisconsin	+10'	14-35
–	Buffalo	-23'	48-40 3OT
–	at Florida Int'l	-5'	33-28
–	Kent St	-7	3-38
–	at Ohio	+6	21-9
–	at Ohio St - #1	+36	7-35
–	E Michigan	-10'	24-21
–	at C Michigan	+7	14-31
–	at Temple	-16	14-28
–	at Akron	+8	28-35
–	Miami, Oh	-4	7-9
–	at Toledo	+6'	21-31

OHIO BOBCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Austen Everson (PS#113) was the backup QB in 2003 starting 2 and throwing for 491 (50%) as a true frosh. In 2004, he started two including the upset win over Kentucky and threw for 588 (44.6%). In 2005, the job was all his but the team was learning its 3rd different offense in 3 years. New coaches like their own recruits and that year HC Frank Solich did play Brandon Jones (PS#77) in six games, alternating snaps with Everson down the stretch. Everson threw for 1,151 (47.7%) with a poor 4-11 ratio (401 rush) and Jones hit just 11 of 35 for 124 yards. Last year both returned. Added to the mix was Illinois transfer Brad Bower (PS#30) who had started 4 at Illinois in 2004. He won two of those starts and threw for 658 (57%) with a 4-3 ratio with the Illini that year. Bower and Josh Febus (6'2" 211 So) split QB time on the scout team in '05. Everson and Bower both played in the '06 opener and the starting job was in question until Everson hit 23 of 31 for 322 yards with a 3-0 ratio vs N Illinois. Despite the big game in DeKalb, Everson threw for just 78 ypg in his other 11 starts. He was injured and Bower started vs Miami guiding OU to a win. On the year Bower threw for 426 (56.9%) but only a 1-7 ratio. Febus played vs both Miami and in the MAC Title game due to injuries (3 att). Added to the mix this year are Theo Scott (PS#309JC) who in 9 starts threw for 1,179 (52.4%) at JUCO and rFr Miles Schlichter (6'1" 213). Everson must be replaced but I would expect Bower to put up stronger passing numbers and be one of the MAC's top QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004, true frosh Kalvin McRae led Ohio in rushing with just 559 (3.9). OU used to run an option-offense and 2004 was the first time since 1994 that the team did not top 2,000 yards rushing (108 ypg). It appeared it would be more of the same in '05 as the top RB rusher in the first 3 gms had just 34, 50 and 34. McRae, who had just 100 yards, then took charge. He had 200 vs Kent St, 264 vs Ball St and 224 vs Buffalo becoming the first player at OU since Steveland Hookfin in 1998 to top 200+ yards in consecutive games. McRae finished with 1,153 (5.5) while JUCO Voncarie Owens had just 228 (5.2). Last year, McRae got off to a slow start topping 100 only once in the first 5 but then recorded seven straight 100 yard efforts just 1 shy of tying Hookfin's record (8). He was the first Bobcat in 30 years to top 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons and the first Bobcat since Tim Curtis ('91 & '93) to be voted 1st Tm MAC twice. McRae finished with 1,252 (4.9) and also led the team in rec (29, 9.7). Owens had just 161 (3.7) and true frosh Chris Garrett added 97 (5.1). Adding depth is Joel Scipio (5'11" 233 So) and FB Aaron Walser (6'0" 233 rFr). Owens departs while Garrett moves to WR, but McRae should become OU's all-time career leading rusher.

RECEIVERS - Scott Mayle (4.23 spd) had 25 rec (20.6!) in 2003. He improved to 33 (17.7) in '04 then was not 100% and just had 21 (16.1) in '05. Last year, Mayle's numbers increased to 28 (14.7). Solich uses the 2-TE offense and TE Rudy Sylvan had 23 (9.0). This year they must replace Mayle (13 st), Sylvan (13 st), William Norwood (24, 11.0), Justin Riley (5, 7.6), TE Ahmona Maxwell (1 rec) and Thomas Christy (12 st, 6, 11.0). They do get two significant additions at TE in N Mex St transfer Andrew Mooney who was 2nd Tm SBC in 2004 with 27 rec (13.8) and Vanderbilt transfer David Carter who had 18 tackles at DL for the SEC school. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Matt Lawson (6'0" 187 Jr), Robert Mercer (6'5" 197 rFr), Tyler Huffman (5'11" 175 Jr), Jason Brand (5'9" 199 rFr) and Eddie McHale (6'2" 176 rFr). This group must replace its top 3 receivers but could put up better stats.

OFFENSIVE LINE - OU always had a great ypc and low sack totals running the wishbone offense. But in 2004, while switching to a pass offense, the line opened holes for just 2.9 ypc rush while allowing 52 sacks (15%!!). They had to replace 3 starters and had an injury-plagued unit in Solich's first season, but still managed to improve to 4.5 ypc rush (19 sk, 7.1%). Last year they had 8 of their top 10 returning but starting LG Paul Johnson and C Tommy Stuck were susp for 9 so they basically had 3 starters back. It was still surprising to see them slip to 3.9 ypc rush with 20 sacks (6.0%). This year, they lose 1st Tm MAC LT Matt Coppage (13 st, 737 snaps) and C JJ Knabb (14 st, 791 snaps). Once again they have 3 returning starters. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Andrew Rauen (6'3" 270 rFr) and Brett Hines (6'3" 300 So) who will sit out after transferring this year. This unit should be stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Solich's first year they switched to a 4-3 front and had 5 of their top 6 DL's returning but allowed 4.3 ypc rush (17 sk). Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back. Although 3 starters returned, DE Brett Sykes lost his spot after 3 starts. They improved to 4.0 ypc rush and the sack total increased by 6 (23). This year they lose NG Shane Yates (14 st, 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and DT David Escobar (13 tkl). Six of the top 8 return and they have four players who have been full-time starters up front, including two players who made 2nd Tm MAC last year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dak Notestine (6'3" 236 rFr), Matt Ritter (6'1" 238 Jr), AJ Oxley (6'4" 280 rFr), Keenan Chapman (6'3" 223 rFr), Evan Meckstroth (6'2" 230 rFr) and Alex Trouten (6'0" 264 rFr). This group is even more experienced than 2006.

LINEBACKERS - The Bobcats had one of the most veteran LB corps in the MAC last year as all 3 starters returned including Matt Muncy, who was the #1 tackler in the MAC in 2005. This season both Tyler Russ (#1 tackler) and Muncy (#2 tackler) depart. Muncy earned 1st Tm MAC honors (14 st, 17 tfl, UFA CIN) and Russ was 2nd Tm MAC (5.5 tfl, 14 st). Also gone is #4 tkl'r Michael Graham (14 st, 55 tkl, 8.5 tfl) who logged 31 straight starts. All 3 backups return and not listed in the 3 deep below are Clevon Kirkland (6'2" 243 So) and Malone College transfer Joshua Lasure (6'3" 240 So). This is my biggest concern on the Bobcats' team as they go from three 3 year starters to a group that only has a combined 5 career starts, all by Michael Brown at SS in 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Ohio used to struggle in my pass D rankings as they ran an option-offense and rarely faced the pass in practice. In 2003, they moved up to #61 and with everyone back in 2004, were #58. In 2005, they had to replace a pair of 3 year starters and 3 backups. CB Dion Byrum was one of 12 semi's for the Jim Thorpe Award and was 2nd Tm AA. The Bobcats dropped to #85 but snagged 15 int. Last year Byrum was the only loss. The Bobcats rose to #36 allowing 52.3% with a 14-13 ratio. This year the only losses are 1st Tm MAC CB TJ Wright (14 st, 59 tkl, 4 int, UFA CIN), who set a single season school record with 18 pbu (also career record w/44), and CB Marcquis Parham (15 tkl). Virginia Tech transfer Michael Hinton was suspended during last season and is questionable. Not listed in the 3 deep below are rFr Donovan Fletcher (6'0" 186), Kyle Endicott (6'0" 198), Ian Elmore (6'1" 193), Matt Zakowski (6'1" 199), Anderson Fletcher (6'0" 196) and Kevin Culver (5'9" 191). Even with the loss of their top guy, returning CB Mark Parson had 16 pbu and this unit looks even stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bobcats have had some impressive players on their ST units like P Dave Zastudil and K/P Kevin Kerr. They were #4 in my ST rankings in 2000 and #21 in 2002. They surprisingly fell to #116 in 2005 and last year had to replace their top K, P and PR. While improvement was expected, it was stunning that they moved up to #5. One of the key players was EM transfer Matt Lasher. Lasher had 19 TB on 60 KO (#1 in the MAC KR def). He hit 13 of 18 FG's but only had a long of 38. He had an outstanding 37.3 net punting with just 5 TB's. Chris Garrett, who avg 25.9 on PR after WM, was not as explosive in the 2H of the season but still finished #7 in the NCAA (14.5). Mayle avg 20.5 on KR but Garrett (5 PR/KR TD at Fork Union in '05) took over the KR duties vs Missouri (25.0). Lasher is a big loss, but offsetting that is Washington transfer Michael Braunstein (PS#4) who connected on 10 of 12 FG's in the Pac 10 last year and Robert Hightower who was Hargrave's punter last year. Also back is Ariz St transfer Ryan Senser (6'3" 227 Sr) who was the LS in all 14 last year. It still will be very tough to duplicate last year's outstanding finish.

COACHES - Solich is from Cleveland so a return to his home state was a solid move and he immediately became one of the MAC's big name head coaches. He spent six years as HC at Nebraska compiling a record of 58-19. He was Big 12 Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2001 and produced at least 9 wins in four of his first five seasons. Solich was named MAC Coach of the Year in 2006 in only his 2nd year in the league. His OC is Tim Albin who was the OC at North Dakota St in 2004 and the passing game coordinator at Nebraska in 2003. The DC is Jimmy Burrow who was the DC at North Dakota St two years prior to arriving here and a Nebraska asst in '01 and '02.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2003, despite a 1-7 MAC record, OU was only outgained by 20.6 ypg showing things could have been much better. In 2004, they had 17 starters returning for Brian Knorr's 4th year as head man. They switched from the option to a pass attack which is a slow adjustment and offenses generally struggle. That season OU had a 290-217 yard edge at Pitt but lost. However, they would beat SEC foe Kentucky on the road 28-16 to move to 3-2 which had Bobcat fans thinking about a bowl. OU trailed Toledo just 10-5 at the half and led Akron 13-0. They gave up five TO's including a 60 yd IR for a TD, losing both games and finished just 4-7. Bobcat fans were energized in '05 when they hired Solich who returned them to a more run-oriented offense. They were picked 3rd in the MAC East in the preseason poll. In their first National TV game since 1969, OU beat Pitt in OT in front of a record crowd, 16-10. They opened the season 4-4 and had a Friday night National TV game vs Toledo, a game they trailed just 27-21 in the 4Q but lost. Ohio dropped their final two finishing with an identical record to 2004. OU was just 1-5 on the road in '05. They had 18 returning starters last year, the most in the MAC. In Solich's first season they averaged just 17.5 ppg which was the lowest since 1995. Last year they incorporated their new offensive system and with 9 starters back surprisingly only improved to 19.7 ppg. The key to OU's outstanding season was the D. With 9 starters back OU went from allowing 452 ypg to just 303! They trimmed the ppg allowed from 30.5 to 18.1! OU got a road upset vs NI to move to 2-0. After dropping a couple of games to BCS bowlers they lost at home to BG and dropped to 2-3. After beating WM they stunned Big 10 member Illinois 20-17 on the road. The Bobcats' MAC East Title came down to a road trip to Kent St. Thanks to a couple of punting miscues by the Flashes that resulted in 17 and 18 yard OU TD drives, Ohio prevailed 17-7. The Bobcats put together a 7 game win streak which earned them just their 3rd winning season since 1982. They lost the MAC Championship game to CM by 21 then in only their 3rd bowl since 1962, had just 224 yards offense (SM had just 284) in another 21 point loss. Last year's squad had 19 seniors and their 7 straight wins were the most since 1968 (10). Their 5 road wins were also the most S/'68. This year OU only returns 5 starters on offense but gets back star RB McRae and should be able to improve on their 19.7 ppg. The D loses their top 4 tacklers but should still be solid. OU had 3 net close wins (pg 299) and did outgain MAC foes by 60.6 ypg (3rd best). Despite having just 11 returning starters (fewest in the MAC), seven of my 8 sets of power ratings call for OU to be bowl-eligible once again.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Theo Scott 6-1 197 PS#309JC
LB	Noah Keller 6-1 226 PS#127
RB	Robert Hightower 5-11 190 PS#156 '06
TE	Zac Clark 6-3 236 PS#163LB
OL	Marcus O'Hara 6-6 310 PS#215
RB	Donte Harden 5-11 180 PS#190
OL	AJ Strum 6-5 292 PS#301
DB	Billy Gonzales 5-11 167 PS#265WR
OL	Joe Flading 6-4 241 PS#379
LB	Errik Ejike 6-2 205 PS#465JC
WR	Riley Dunlop 6-1 169 PS#308
LB	Jay Edwards 6-0 195 PS#228QB
QB	Brian Sweeney 6-2 192 PS#257
RB	Vince Davidson 5-11 190 PS#389
OL	Dustin Laudermilch 6-3 317 PS#485
OL	Chris Spegal 6-6 294 PS#485
DL	John Flowers 6-3 255 PS#517OL
DL	Jeff King 6-1 277 PS#411
DL	Curtis Meyers 6-2 243 PS#451
DL	Kadre Pinder 6-3 283 PS#451
DB	Kenny Jackson 5-8 148 PS#540
WR	LaVon Brazill 5-10 172 PS#495

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 14 Brad Bower Sr. 6-2 215 **PS#30**. 4 st Illinois '04, 658 pass, 118 rush. 1 st LY, 587 ttl yds. **10** Brandon Jones (6-0 190 So) PS#77. 124 pass true. RS LY. Theo Scott PS#309JC. In spg.

RB 5 KALVIN McRAE SR. 5-11 208 7 st, 559 (3.9) true. 11 st '05, 1153 (5.5). 14 st LY, 1252 (4.9). **1st Tm MAC 2Y. 31** Josh Abrams (6-0 197 Sr) 83 yd rush 3Y. Robert Hightower PS#156 '06.

TE 16 Andrew Mooney Jr. 6-3 233 PS#129TE. **2nd Tm SBC**, 27 rec New Mex St '04! **FB 39 Mitch Morsillo** (6-1 243 So) PS#335LB. 3 st, 82 ttl yd rFr. **40** Jayson White (6-1 231 Jr) PS#160.

WR 28 Chris Garrett So. 5-8 174 PS#253RB. 3 st rFr, 10 rec, 809 all-purp yards. **86 Justin Fitzgerald** (6-3 198 Sr) 11 st, 37 rec (10.4) 3Y. **23** Taylor Price (6-1 184 So) 1 st, 9 rec true.

WR 17 CHIDO NWOKOCHA SR. 6-0 190 PS#430JC. 8 st LY, 20 (10.1). **11** Terrence McCrae (6-3 203 rFr) PS#111. Robert Preston (6-1 186 Sr) 1 st '05, 3 rec. Brandon Peterson (5-10 197 So) PS#199.

TE 84 David Carter Jr. 6-5 246 8 tkl as DT, 6 gm Vandy true. 10 tkl, 2 tfl '05. **89** Kody Carr (6-5 199 rFr). **34** Nathan Caldwell (6-5 231 rFr). **38** Adam Olsheski (6-2 229 So).

C 66 Tommy Stuck Jr. 6-1 286 PS#474. 5 st C true, 384 plays, 24 pnck. 5 gm LY, 101 snaps (susp 9). **58** David White (6-1 289 So) PS#252. 1 st LG rFr, 100 snaps, 13.5 pnck.

RG 79 MATT MILLER SR. 6-3 312 PS#208DL. 8 st RG rFr. 7 st RG '05. 14 st RG LY, 851 snaps. **73** Gary Schussler (6-3 286 So) PS#368. 12 snaps rFr. **61** Michael Philibin (6-4 302 So).

LG 77 PAUL JOHNSON SR. 6-2 318 First 5 st LG '05 (inj). 5 st LG in '06 (susp 9). **76 Mike Eynon** (6-3 289 Jr) 264 plays rFr. 9 st LY, 533 snaps. **65** Dathan Ferrainolo (6-3 300 So).

RT 52 DAVID SHELBY SR. 6-4 296 2 st rFr. 10 gm '05 (inj). 264 snap. 14 st RT LY. 856 snap, 52 pnck. Shawn Fosnaugh (6-5 291 So) PS#223. 16 snaps. Cole Bunner (6-5 315 rFr) PS#227.

LT 74 Josh Leuck Jr. 6-3 289 PS#170DL. 10 tkl, 1.5 tfl DT 2Y. **57** Chris Rodgers (6-5 289 So) 3 snaps LY. **51** Jacob Black (6-5 274 rFr) PS#233. Carl Spitale (6-8 341 So). Temple trans.

K NA Michael Braunstein Sr. 5-6 198 **PS#4**. 3 of 7 FG at **Washington** in '04, 11 of 12 XP. Hit 10 of 12 FG there LY, long 47, **HM Pac 10**. **43** Matt Schulte (6-0 179 rFr) PS#47.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 90 JAMESON HARTKE JR. 6-4 262 1 st true, 34 tkl, 4 sk. 14 st LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 45 tkl, 7.5 sk, 5.5 tfl. **98** Conor Reilly (6-3 247 So) 5 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. Keenan Chapman (6-3 223 rFr) PS#202LB.

NG 94 Brett Sykes Sr. 6-2 273 PS#264LB. 9 st, 21 tkl rFr. 11 st, 27 tkl '05. First 3 st LY, 7 tkl, 14 gm. Alan Goff (6-4 266 Sr) PS#178JC. 2 tkl LY. Marcellis Williamson (6-1 339 rFr) PS#458.

DT 55 LANDON COHEN SR. 6-3 274 3 st, 17 tkl, 4 tfl true. 11 st '05, 28 tkl, 9 tfl. 14 st LY, 40 tkl, 14 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC. 96** Jacob Williamson (6-4 283 Jr) 5 tkl 2Y. **75** Pete Reese (6-4 280 rFr) PS#479.

DE 95 ERNIE HODGE SO. 6-2 271 PS#391. Hargrave '05. L/11 st true. 38 tkl, 3.5 sk. **97** Eric Kenkel (6-3 254 Jr) PS#318. 12 tkl 2Y. **54** Kris Luchsinger (6-4 250 So) PS#458. 1 tkl true.

SLB 35 Michael Brown Jr. 6-3 230 5 st SS rFr, 18 tkl. 11 tkl LY, 1 tfl (miss 9 w/inj). **19** Chris Hall (6-1 221 Jr) 7 tkl LY. Errik Ejike (6-0 205 Jr) JC 37.5" VL. Kendale Moore (6-0 224 Jr).

MLB 56 Taj Henley Sr. 6-1 232 PS#302WR. Backup MLB L/2Y. 42 tkl, 3.5 tfl 3Y. Noah Keller is PS#127. **36** Stafford Gatling (6-4 219 rFr). **28** John Ballard (6-3 215 rFr).

WLB 32 Lee Renfro So. 5-10 217 PS#178DB. 22 tkl rFr. **48** Jordan Meyers (6-0 220 Jr) 21 tkl true. 27 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **44** Chad Clemens (5-11 202 rFr). **33** Kyle Robbins (6-2 211 rFr).

CB 24 MARK PARSON JR. 5-10 188 2 st true, 17 tkl, 3 pbu. Last 10 st LY, 44 tkl, **16 pbu**! **12** Thad Turner (6-0 165 So). Dustin Tatum (5-11 170 Jr) PS#190. Julian Posey (5-11 183 rFr) PS#277.

CB 4 Tony Ward Sr. 5-11 198 8 st FS '05, 69 tkl. 6 st FS LY til susp, 38 tkl. **4 Idris Lawrence** (5-8 170 So). 9 tkl rFr. Michael Hinton (6-3 197 Sr) PS#128. VT trans. 4 st, 15 tkl here LY.

SS 34 MICHAEL MITCHELL JR. 6-1 217 21 tkl true. Last 8 st LY, 55 tkl, 5 tfl. **7** Ervin Jackson (6-0 192 Sr) PS#295JC. 1 st rFr, 10 tkl. **13** Neil Jereb (5-10 186 Jr) 6 tkl, 1 tfl, 2Y.

FS 8 TODD KOENIG SR. 6-2 214 9 st '05, 77 tkl, 2 int. 11 st in '06, 49 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **42** Steven Jackson (6-2 197 So) 2 st SS as true, 23 tkl. **22** Shannon Ballard (5-11 184 rFr) PS#355.

P 43 Matt Schulte rFr. 6-0 179 PS#47. #2 P & K here LY. Michael Braunstein **PS#4**. 41.4 avg in HS. Robert Hightower (5-11 190 Fr). PS#156 LY. P at Hargrave in '06.

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#118

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Gardner-Webb	A					
Sep. 8	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Sep. 15	at Virginia Tech	G					
Sep. 22	Wyoming	A					
Sep. 29	Kent St	A					
Oct. 6	at Buffalo	A					
Oct. 13	E Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 20	at Toledo	A					
Oct. 27	at Bowling Green	A					
Nov. 2	Temple (Fri)	A					
Nov. 7	at Akron (Wed)	A					
Nov. 17							
Nov. 24	Miami, Oh	A					
Dec. 1							

Div IAA Runnin' Bulldogs were 6-5 last year. This will be Gardner-Webb's 1st ever game vs a FBS (Div IA) team. Ohio has won 4 straight home openers.

This will not only mark the 1st gm for OU vs ULL, but also the 1st vs a SBC member. OU is 3-15 since 1989 in road openers as LY they won snapping an 8 yr losing streak.

The Bobcats are 2-14 all-time vs current ACC members, including 0-3 vs Virg Tech. In their last gm in '05, OU held VT to just a FG in the 1Q, but 2TO's (2 TD's) opened the gm up.

Ohio is 0-2 vs the Mountain West Conference both on the road (CSU & UNLV). Coming into 2007, OU has won 4 of 5 vs non-conference home games.

Ohio is 13-5-1 (3-3 L/6) vs KSU w/the avg win by 17 ppg. LY this gm was played in cold & rainy conditions w/33 mph wind gusts as action was stopped for 40:00 in 3Q (no scoring 2H).

Ohio has won 3 straight yrs over UB, outscoring the Bulls 110-27 & S/'97 is 7-2. Bobcats went 4-0 in MAC reg ssn road gms LY (1st conf road gm sweep in 38 yrs).

Ohio is 5-1 since 1996 vs E Michigan & their only loss was by 1 pt in Ypsilanti ('99). LY's win over EMU was OU's 7th which guaranteed them of snapping its 38 yr bowl drought.

The last ssn that Ohio won in Toledo was in 1967 (20-14), 0-15 since. In their L/gm vs UT ('05), OU lead 14-10 but lost 30-21 on National TV.

The Bobcats are just 4-19-1 vs the Falcons since 1982, with the avg score 28-13. Last year's loss to Bowling Green was Ohio's only regular season MAC loss.

This is the 1st meeting with the newest MAC member. OU is 7-3 at home vs the MAC after B2B road gms. Ohio is 5-16 the L6Y in November including the MAC Title gm LY.

With the win over Akron LY (just the 2nd in 8), Ohio wrapped up the MAC East Title. The Bobcats are 9-3 prior to a bye week since 1997 with their avg win by 23 ppg.

Last year vs UM, RB McRae had a season high 180 yds marking his 7th straight 100+ gm (school rec). Ohio is just 3-14 since 1990 vs their MAC rival.

Bonus: The Bobcats are 4-14 since 1989 in Peden Stadium finales.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Sammy Shon 5,412 '78-'81
2. Anthony Thornton 5,199 '87-'90
3. Danny Harrison 3,856 '79-'83

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Steveland Hookfin 3,972 '95-'98
2. Kareen Wilson 3,597 '95-'98
3. Tim Curtis 2,995 '90-'93

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Todd Snyder 2,241 '67-'69
2. Scott Mayle 1,847 '03-'06
3. Eddie Washington 1,761 '80-'83

FRANK SOLICH (Career 71-31)

3rd Year at Ohio

Solich's Bowl Record: 2-4

Solich's records AT OHIO

13-12	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
7-3	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
6-7	Away	2-4	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
10-7	Vs Conference	4-5	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (16,21,1)
Lost: 19 (11,7,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,724 (#105)

MAC - EAST DIVISION

RB Kalvin McRae

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STADIUM: PEDEN STADIUM (24,000) (#114)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	1-10	4-8	2-10	4-7	4-7	9-4	31-50
Home	4-1	0-5	3-2	2-4	2-3	3-2	4-1	18-18
Away	3-3	1-5	1-6	0-6	2-4	1-5	5-2	13-31
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	4-4	1-7	2-6	3-5	7-2	23-34
ATS	5-5	4-7	7-4	4-7	3-7	4-7	7-5	34-42
Home Fav (Jim Grobe)	2-2	0-3	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	9-10
Home Dog (Brian Kinnr)	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	1-0	7-5
Away Fav (Frank Solich)	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	4-7
Away Dog	2-1	2-1	4-3	2-3	1-4	0-5	3-2	14-19
Favorite	3-4	1-5	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	3-2	13-17
Dog	2-1	3-2	5-3	3-5	2-5	2-6	4-3	21-25
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	6-3	26-31
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-2	2-1	0-3	1-1	1-2	1-2	8-11
Off SU Win	3-2	0-1	2-2	0-2	2-2	2-2	6-3	15-14
Off SU Loss	1-3	4-5	4-2	4-5	1-5	2-4	1-2	17-26

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kalvin McRae	258	1329	77	1252	15	4.9
Austen Everson	104	529	172	357	2	3.4
Voncarie Owens	43	172	11	161	2	3.7
Chris Garrett	19	113	16	97	0	5.1
Brad Bower	41	161	71	90	1	2.2
Mitch Morsillo	20	61	1	60	0	3.0
Scott Mayle	4	57	0	57	1	14.2
Chido Nwokocha	1	53	0	53	0	53.0
Josh Abrams	19	39	3	36	0	1.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Austen Everson	253	137	54.2	1356	7	8
Brad Bower	72	41	56.9	426	1	7
Josh Febus	3	1	33.3	1	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Scott Mayle	28	411	14.7	0	58
Kalvin McRae	29	280	9.7	1	58
William Norwood	24	265	11.0	3	63
Rudy Sylvan	23	208	9.0	2	44
Chido Nwokocha	20	201	10.1	0	32
Justin Fitzgerald	15	115	7.7	0	20
Chris Garrett	10	84	8.4	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Lasher	77	3055	39.7	20	37.3(t)	0	30

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Lasher	29-32	6-8	7-8	0-2	0-0	13-18	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyler Russ	93	0.5	5	2	3
Matt Muncy	87	2.5	14.5	3	2
TJ Wright	59	1	1	18	4
Michael Graham	55	1.5	7	3	0
Michael Mitchell	55	1	4	2	2
Todd Koenig	49	1.5	3	3	0
Jameson Hartke	45	7.5	5.5	2	1
Mark Parson	44	0	2	16	1
Landon Cohen	40	2.5	11.5	0	0
Ernie Hodge	38	3.5	4	3	0
Tony Ward	38	0	0.5	1	0
Shane Yates	27	1	3.5	0	0
Jordan Meyers	27	0	3.5	1	0
Steven Jackson	23	0	0	0	0
Lee Renfro	22	0	0.5	1	0
Marcquis Parham	15	0	2	0	0
Michael Hinton	15	0	1	1	0
Taj Henley	14	0.5	2	2	0
David Escobar	13	0	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Garrett	26	378	14.5	1
Josh Abrams	2	38	19.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Scott Mayle	14	287	20.5	0
Chris Garrett	10	250	25.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
62	Sun	NL	W Texas A&M	14-15
68	Tangerine - #15	NL	Richmond	42-49
06	GMAC	+6	S Mississippi	7-28

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OHIO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	19.7	15	148	3.9	129	54.4	14.0	-4	2006	9	18.1	16	131	4.0	172	52.3	16.8
6	17.5	15	174	4.5	118	45.5	16.8	+4	2005	8	30.5	22	169	4.3	283	62.7	14.8
9*	20.1	16	108	2.9	200	50.6	15.3	+1	2004	8	24.6	19	124	3.3	195	58.8	13.0
4*	21.9	17	183	3.6	154	50.4	15.4	-1	2003	7	31.0	20	151	3.7	220	50.9	11.9
6*	24.9	17	240	4.4	87	52.5	13.1	0	2002	3	31.2	21	154	4.1	224	58.1	12.1
9*	18.0	18	240	4.7	74	46.5	17.5	-5	2001	8	29.4	24	201	4.5	244	68.2	15.1

2006 STATS BY GAME

OU RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Tennessee Martin	13	36-62	1.7	11-22	82	2	9	29-49	1.7	12-24	74	2	0
–	at N Illinois	24	37-177	4.8	25-34	332	0	22	26-201	7.7	19-42	261	1	-2
–	at Rutgers	8	26-(-6)	-0.2	14-29	125	3	13	38-217	5.7	6-16	83	0	-1
–	at Missouri	14	30-43	1.4	17-33	145	2	21	39-170	4.4	18-34	258	0	+1
–	Bowling Green	19	32-54	1.7	20-34	188	4	14	44-148	3.4	10-19	108	0	-2
–	W Michigan	10	36-257	7.1	8-16	79	0	19	35-103	2.9	24-40	243	2	0
–	at Illinois	11	36-124	3.4	9-20	114	0	21	36-211	5.9	16-34	186	2	+4
–	Buffalo	18	43-223	5.2	14-20	147	1	10	23-39	1.7	15-27	132	3	-1
–	at Kent St	14	43-209	4.9	7-15	52	1	15	45-179	4.0	7-20	79	4	-1
–	at E Michigan	17	51-278	5.5	7-12	46	1	14	33-120	3.6	13-25	107	1	+1
–	Akron	16	50-208	4.2	6-15	49	0	17	21-(-4)	-0.2	21-46	227	0	0
–	at Miami, Oh	16	44-304	6.9	10-17	133	1	19	26-128	4.9	20-36	180	3	0
–	† C Michigan	16	39-87	2.2	17-27	137	4	17	21-143	6.8	22-30	314	4	-2
–	† S Mississippi	12	22-47	2.1	15-37	177	1	17	39-124	3.2	14-22	160	1	-1
TOTALS		208	525-2067	3.9	180-331	1806	20	228	455-1828	4.0	217-415	2412	23	-4
AVERAGES		14.9	38-148	3.9	13-24	129	1.4	16.3	33-131	4.0	16-30	172	1.6	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Pittsburgh	+21	14-27
–	Northeastern	NL	0-31
–	at Florida - #12	+41'	6-34
–	at Connecticut	+4	19-37
–	Buffalo	-8	34-32
–	at Bowling Green	+24	21-72
–	E Michigan	-8	55-27
–	at Kent St	+11'	50-0
–	at Miami, Oh	+16'	20-38
–	Akron	-4	27-10
–	Marshall	+15	21-24
–	at UCF	+16'	32-42

2003 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	SE Missouri St	NL	17-3
–	at Iowa St	+18'	20-48
–	Minnesota	+19'	20-42
–	W Michigan	+2	32-39
–	at N Illinois - #17	+21'	23-30 OT
–	UCF	-1'	28-0
–	at Kentucky	+15	14-35
–	at Buffalo	-13'	17-26
–	Kent St	-3	33-37
–	at Akron	+11	28-35
–	Miami, Oh - #18	+23'	31-49
–	at Marshall	+17	0-28

2004 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	VMI	NL	42-14
–	at Pittsburgh	+17'	3-24
–	at Miami, Oh	+19	20-40
–	Buffalo	-13	34-0
–	at Kentucky	+13'	28-16
–	Marshall	+8'	13-16
–	at Toledo	+13'	13-31
–	Bowling Green	+14	16-41
–	at Kent St	+2	16-42
–	at UCF	-3	17-16 OT
–	Akron	-1'	19-31

2005 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Northwestern	+14'	14-38
–	Pittsburgh	+14	16-10 OT
–	at Virginia Tech - #4	+33	0-45
–	Kent St	-4	35-32
–	at Bowling Green	+21	14-38
–	at C Michigan	+6'	10-37
–	Ball St	-7	38-21
–	at Buffalo	-5'	34-20
–	Toledo	+10'	21-30
–	at Akron	+3	3-27
–	Miami, Oh	+10	7-38

2006 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Tenn-Martin	NL	29-3
–	at N Illinois	+16'	35-23
–	at Rutgers	+16'	7-24
–	at Missouri	+22	6-31
–	Bowling Green	-6	9-21
–	W Michigan	+4	27-20
–	at Illinois	+6	20-17
–	Buffalo	-17	42-7
–	at Kent St	+6'	17-7
–	at E Michigan	-6'	16-10
–	Akron	-4	17-7
–	at Miami, Oh	-3	34-24
–	† C Michigan	+3	10-31

MAC - MAC

AKRON ZIPS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001, Akron had to replace their career passing leader, Butchie Washington. The starting QB was injured in the opener and the Charlie Frye era began. Frye left in '04 as the school's all-time career leading passer (11,049) with 54 school records and became just the 3rd QB in MAC history to top 2,000 for 4 straight years. He was the MAC MVP and the #3DC CLE where he starts. His backup in '04 was Canadian Jabari Arthur who also played at WR. Luke Getsy (PS#58), who was at Pitt with HC Brookhart, won the starting job in '05 and became just the 2nd player in school history to top 3,000 (3,455, 53%, 23-12 ratio). Getsy was #3 in the MAC in passing but just #8 in pass efficiency. Last year they lost 80% of the skill position yards surrounding Getsy and his numbers dropped to 2,662 (52.4%) with an 18-11 ratio. Battling to replace Getsy (UFA SF) this year are Carlton Jackson (PS#144), Chris Jacquemain (PS#346WR) and Sean Hakes (PS#69). Jackson who played in 4 (1 pass) is a lefty and is more mobile than Jacquemain. Added to the mix is true frosh Matt Rodgers (PS#168). This year's QB's only have a combined 1 pass attempt and will go though a learning year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000, Brandon Payne became the first Zip RB to top 1,000 yards in IA ball (Akron joined IA in 1987). Bob Hendry became the 2nd in 2002 and just missed out in 2003 with 981 (4.2). In 2004, diminutive JC transfer Brett Biggs rushed for 510 yards in a 3 game stretch but finished with just 871 (4.7) but in 2005 had 1,230 (4.3). Dennis Kennedy, an Ohio St transfer, rushed for 131 (2.9) and was the top returning RB in '06. His backup, Alex Allen, tore his ACL in Aug and DB Andre Walker (PS#351RB) moved to RB. Kennedy suffered a shoulder injury vs CM and was out vs NT. Walker, in his lone start, had 80 yards on 19 carries. Kennedy improved as his shoulder got better and he rushed for 178 vs BG. He narrowly missed 1,000 as he had just 56 yards on 26 carries in the final 2 (914, 4.0). Walker had 245 (3.8) and true frosh Aaris Reed played in 1 game (26, 5.2) but still RS. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Phillip Morris (6'0" 210 rFr) and RB's Allen (6'0" 205 So, PS#282), Bryant McMillon (5'10" 200 So), Matt Harmon (5'9" 220 So) and Reed (5'7" 174, rFr, PS#142DB). This group is more experienced and they add in JUCO Bryan Williams who runs 100M in 10.7. I give Kennedy a good shot at topping 1,000.

RECEIVERS - In 2002, Miquel Irvin set the school record for rec in a season with 53 (10.1). His record lasted one year as Matt Cherry had 66 (13.7) in '03. In 2004, all of the top receivers departed and Frye asked Brookhart if outstanding DB Domenik Hixon could be moved over. Brookhart consented and Hixon tied the record with 66 (13.4) heading an inexperienced group. QB Arthur was #4 with 2 starts at WR. In '05, everyone returned and Hixon reset the school record with 75 (16.1). He was just the 2nd player in UA history to post over 1,000 yards receiving in a season (Dan Ruff 1,041 in 1968). Jason Montgomery (#2 '04, 42 rec) had 48 (14.6). Arthur had 8 rec and a Motor City Bowl record 180 yards, topping Randy Moss' 173. Last year they lost their top 2 receivers and Arthur was the top returnee (30, 16.1). As expected, he led with 45 (16.2). True frosh David Harvey led in rec yards (914, 21.3) and his 10 TD's set a frosh record coming up 1 short of Ruff's overall school record. He was excused from spring practice for personal reasons and there is no timetable for his return. Jermaine Lindsay (PS#129QB) added 34 (14.0) and TE Kris Kasparek had 12 (12.7). This year the entire unit returns. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Marcus Patterson (5'9" 190 Sr, 1 st LY), Stephon Fuqua (6'1" 200 Jr), Curtis Brown (5'11" 180 Fr, GS LY), Richard Sandilands (6'1" 180 rFr), Matthew Smith (6'3" 220 rFr) and TE Doug Fife (6'4" 250 Jr). If Harvey returns, he and Arthur could be the best WR duo in the MAC.

LB Brion Stokes

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003, the Zips had all 5 starters back and the O-line avg 309 lbs with their avg bench press being 460. They opened holes for 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks. Despite having 4 starters back in 2004, they dropped to 2.8 ypc allowing 40 sacks. They had to replace 4 starters in 2005 but surprisingly the O-line improved (21 sk, 3.3 ypc). Last year 9 of the top 10 were back. For the second time in 3 years, a veteran O-line underperformed as they only paved the way for 84 ypg rushing, their worst since 1960 (8.3). The ypc dropped to 2.8 while the sack total rose to 31 (8.1%). Gone are C Andy Willis (11 st, 2Y st'r), RG Andy Alleman (12 st, 2Y st'r, #3DC NO), LG Mike Donaldson (12 st, 2Y st'r) and LT Tim Crouch (11 st, 4Y st'r). A normal analysis of the O-line with 4 starters lost would call for weaker production, but while this group is less experienced, it does have a good amount of HT's and could improve upon last year's stats.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Akron plays a 3-3-5 D but their BAN is more like a DE so I'll list that position in this write-up. In 2005, they had to replace 2 starters and 3 backups from the D-line but still improved from allowing 5.0 ypc rushing in '04 to 3.9. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup but then starting BAN Kevin Grant was moved to MLB so 2 starters were gone. They did return 2nd Tm MAC NG Kiki Gonzalez. They also got a big-time addition in Rutgers' transfer Nate Robinson. Starting DE Jermaine Reid was a 2nd round DC in the CFL draft but opted to play his senior season. Gonzalez was critical to the D, occupying at least 2 blockers and freeing up the LB's. UA's D allowed just 136 ypg rush (3.4), their best since 1992 (134.5, 3.4). The D however did record just 17 sacks. This year they lose DE Reid (12 st, 47 tkl, 11 tfl), NG Gonzalez (12 st, 31 tkl, 10 sk) and BAN Mark Groza (49 tkl, 5 tfl). Not listed below are Clarence McPherson (6-3 255 Jr), John McCoy (6-2 240 So), Ryan Gibbons (6-2 260 So), Viktor Rajek (6-4 230 Jr) and Robert Lewis (6-2 320 Jr). They get an outstanding addition in Almondo Sewell who was PS#72LB when he signed at Virginia last year. Two of four starters return but with the loss of their top 2 guys, this group is down a few notches.

LINEBACKERS - As mentioned above, the Zips play a 3-3-5 D but the ROV position is more like a LB so I list them here. In 2005, the group was very young having a combined 6 career starts. Last year they had to replace their leading tackler, Jay Rohr, who had 12.5 tfl. His projected replacement, Bryan Howe, transferred over the summer so they moved starting BAN Grant to MLB and had 3 returning starters. This year's unit is a stark contrast to 2005. It is one of the most veteran LB corps with 3 starters returning for a second straight year and they were the #1, #2 and #3 tacklers!

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Akron had an experienced secondary in 2005, but after losing two starters at midyear due to injuries, dropped to #81 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had 6 players back with starting experience including 7 of the top 8. Surprisingly, Akron only moved up to #65. BC transfer Andre Jones (PS#65QB) earned the starting job in Aug and was the team's #4 tackler. They also have another BCS transfer in Davanzo Tate, a two year starter here who originally signed at W Virginia. This year the only loss is SS Jason Nedd (7 st, 41 tkl, 6 tfl). Not listed below are Geno Trundle (6'0" 190 So), Tyrone Washington (5'8" 160 Fr), Janaid Abdullah (5'10" 210 Sr), Dane Wheeler (6'2" 195 So) and grayshirt AJ Harris. This is one of the MAC's most experienced secondaries and they should make a big jump in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 with a talented group, Akron finished #33 in my ST rankings but surprisingly in '04 with almost everyone back, dropped to #72 even with the emergence of Domenik Hixon. Four PR TD's allowed saw P Billy Sullivan have a net of just 33.4. The group returned intact again in '05 but shockingly finished #96. Last year they had to replace their K, P, KR and PR and dropped even further (#115). The biggest area of concern was FG's as true frosh Igor Iveljic (PS#50) was expected to win the job but was injured and missed the season. Wisconsin transfer Matt Domonkos (PS#40) hit just 2 of 8 FG's with misses of 48 and 54 yards and missed 4 xp's. Brookhart contacted the soccer coach and he lent them Jon McClain (K in HS). McClain hit 4 of 6 FG's with a long of 35. True frosh P John Stec had a net of 32.1 and the team was -5 in the TD/Blk category including a dropped punt vs OU recovered for a TD. RFr Jones was the top PR (5.8). Dynamic newcomer Harvey did not start doing KR until game 4 and was avg 38.6 on KR after BG (30.0 for year). Everyone (except McClain) returns so this should be one of the most improved ST units, especially if Iveljic lives up to his promise.

COACHES - In '04, JD Brookhart became the 3rd head coach here since the Zips started IA ball in 1987. Brookhart, who was a WR at Colo St from '85-'87, began his coaching career as a Denver Broncos asst from 1995-'96 and went to Pitt in 1997 where he was the OC the 4 years prior to coming here. His OC is Joe Moorhead who is in his 2nd season as the OC here. The DC is Jim Fleming who was the DB coach at N Carolina in 2002-2003 and the HC at Sacred Heart (IAA) where he was 21-1 with the Pioneers. His previous DC stints were at Villanova, Brown and Boise St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Akron recorded back-to-back winning years in 1999 and 2000 under then head coach Lee Owens, breaking a streak of six straight losing seasons. They lost some close games in both 2001 and 2002 and in Owens' final season (2003), finished a solid 7-5 but he was let go. That 2003 squad outgained MAC foes by 55.3 ypg. Brookhart inherited QB Frye and 12 starters in 2004. Akron won 5 of their last 6 and was the only bowl eligible team in the NCAA that was not on suspension that did not go to a bowl. Brookhart's first Zips team went 6-2 in MAC play but was outgained by 48.9 ypg. In 2005, the Zips had 9 true frosh on the 2 deep. They had the best schedule of the MAC East schools with the most winnable games, but the season appeared lost after they blew a pair of 17-7 leads vs both CM and Miami. Akron then lost to Ball St on the road and was just 4-5. They not only won their final 3, but also had some of the right teams lose their final games. They went 5-3 in the MAC but this time won the tie-breakers and the MAC East Title. They got a TD pass with :10 left to upset NI in the MAC Title game and amazingly became MAC Champs, their first EVER conference title. They improved to +47.7 ypg in MAC play (only 6th best). Last year the Zips drew the toughest schedule of the MAC East teams and while they were pretty much the consensus pick to win the MAC East, I actually pegged them 3rd. The 2005 squad became just the 31st team in NCAA history to have a 1,000 yard rusher, 1,000 yard receiver and 3,000 yard passer on the same team but two of those players had to be replaced last year. Getsy and a veteran OL returned but the offense slipped to 19.7 ppg, their lowest total S/'96. The D had 8 starters back and the 22.6 ppg allowed was their best since 1993 (20.2). The 322 ypg allowed had them #44 in the NCAA rankings and was the best since the '96 Jason Taylor-led D (#26). Overall, the season looked solid at the beginning as they upset NCSt on the road but a 100 yard IR TD with :04 left in the half turned what would have been a 7-7 game into a 14-0 CM lead. They lost to the Chippewas on the road in their MAC opener. They were dominated by Kent St then lost to Cincy (5th road game in 6 wks) and were just 2-4. They won 3 of the next 4 and still held hopes for a MAC East Title. They dropped their final 2 and suffered their first losing season in 3 years and finished 3rd in the East with a 3-5 conf record (+4.5 ypg). Last year they lost 80% of their skill position yards to graduation but this year most of those return although they lose QB Getsy and 4 starting OL. The D has 8 starters back including the top 6 tacklers. If the Zips get quality QB play, they are capable of achieving their 4th winning season in 5 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 Carlton Jackson So. 6-2 195 PS#144. 4 gm rFr, 1-1 passing. **13** Sean Hakes (6-3 200 rFr) PS#69. **11** Chris Jacquemain (6-2 210 So) PS#346WR. Matt Rodgers is PS#168.

RB 3 DENNIS KENNEDY JR. 5-11 215 PS#179. Ohio St '04. 289 ttl yd rFr. 11 st LY, 914 (4.0), 39 rec (4.9). Bryan Williams PS#74DB '05. Andre Walker (5-10 185 Sr) 1 st LY, 245 (3.8).

TE 83 MERCE POINDEXTER JR. 6-4 245 10 st, 4 rec true. 7 st LY, 12 (10.6). **FB 33 Joe McDaniel** (5-11 220 Jr) 7 st 2Y, 69 ttl yd. **32** Joe Tuzze (5-11 230 So) PS#214. 1 st rFr, 5 yd.

WR 12 JABARI ARTHUR SR. 6-4 225 PS#446QB. Canada. QB/WR rFr, 2 st, 23 (11.7). 1 st '05, 30 (16.1). 9 st LY, 45 (16.2). **14** Johnny Long (6-1 175 Sr). 2 st, 23 rec 3Y. Vincent Hill PS#62.

WR 2 DAVID HARVEY SO. 5-11 160 7 st true, 43 rec (21.3), **2nd Tm MAC**. **18** Jermaine Lindsay (6-1 165 So) PS#129QB. 5 st rFr, 34 (14.0). Brandon Williams (6-1 180 Jr) PS#259.

TE 84 KRIS KASPAREK SR. 6-6 265 7 st rFr, 11 (12.2). 12 st '05, 27 (11.6). 12 st LY, 12 (12.7). **15** Brian Flaherty (6-4 230 Jr) PS#210QB. 2 st LY. **25** Jose Cruz (6-5 240 rFr).

C 64 Jim Holley Sr. 6-3 295 PS#623. Scout Tm rFr. 2nd string C '05 and '06. **51** Elliott Bates (6-4 295 So) PS#157. 2nd string 3 wks rFr. **LS 15** Brian Flaherty (6-4 230 Jr).

RG 78 Zach Anderson So. 6-4 295 **PS#65**. 2nd string all year as rFr. **68** Mike Schepp (6-4 315 Sr) PS#519. 2nd string C rFr. 7 st '05 (5RT, 1RG, 1LG). 2 st (1C, 1RT) LY.

LG 71 Mike Ward rFr. 6-3 300 PS#160. **70** Garrett Brewster (6-3 315 Jr) PS#361. 2nd string LG '05-'06. Zac Kasparek is PS#302. Jake Anderson is PS#380.

RT 77 Keith Huebner So. 6-7 300 PS#250. 2nd string as rFr. **69** Casey Estrada (6-5 290 Jr) is **PS#132JC**. **79** Jason Sekinger (6-9 330 So) PS#344. Orig at Minnesota.

LT 74 CHRIS KEMME JR. 6-6 300 8 st true (7RT, 1LT). 12 st LY (11RT, 1LT), **2nd Tm MAC**. **75** Corey Woods (6-5 285 rFr). RS. Added 30 lb in spring. Paul Simkovich PS#140.

K 45 Igor Iveljic rFr. 5-11 195 PS#50, 50 yd FG HS. 8-12 as Sr. Inj'd LY. RS. **39** Matt Domonkos (5-8 175 Sr) PS#40. Wisc trans. 2-8 FG here, long 46 , miss from 48 & 54.

DE 93 Eric Lively Jr. 6-2 285 PS#58TE. 3 tkl true. 9 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **48** Tevin Petit-Frere (6-3 210 rFr). **10.8 in 100m**. 14 sk Sr in HS. **65** Craig Truax (6-4 255 Jr). Dan Marcoux is PS#365.

NG 95 Nate Robinson Sr. 6-5 315 PS#62. **Miami, FI** '03 then Rutgers. 18 tkl RU 2Y. 23 tkl, 6 tfl here LY. **91** Wallace Pendleton (6-1 315 So) 2 tkl rFr. **98** Nick Legger (6-2 245 Jr).

DT 55 JARED CECCHETTI SR. 6-2 270 PS#586OL. 2 st, 23 tkl, 3 tfl '04-'05. 12 st DT LY, 39 tkl, 2 tfl. **94** Shawn Lemon PS#299OL. GS. Joe Rash (6-2 260 Fr) PS#93TE. Dantley Cline (6-2 290 rFr).

BAN 54 DOUG WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 235 PS#544. 5 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 50 tkl, 7 tfl. **Almondo Sewell** (6-2 235 Fr) **PS#72LB. Virg '06. 52** Michael Alphonse (6-0 230 So) #3BAN LY, 0 tkl.

SLB 43 BRION STOKES SR. 5-11 220 13 st '05, 89 tkl, 11 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC '05**. 12 st LY, 79 tkl, 5.5 sk, 9.5 tfl. **7** Parris McNeal (6-0 220 Sr) 46 tkl, 3Y. **50** Ray Siler (6-1 225 Sr). 1 tkl '05.

MLB 30 KEVIN GRANT JR. 6-2 245 PS#244. 13 st BAN rFr, 73 tkl, 11.5 tfl. 12 st MLB '06, 87 tkl, 9 tfl. **47** Al-Teric Balaam (6-1 235 So) PS#233. 10 tkl rFr. **41** Levon Morefield (5-9 210 rFr).

ROV 19 JOHN MACKEY SR. 5-10 215 PS#318. 13 st '05, 95 tkl, 9 tfl. 12 st, 88 tkl, 7 tfl, #1 tackler LY. **27** Wayne Cobham (6-2 190 So) 4 tkl as true. **22** Mitchell Magloire (6-1 220 Jr).

CB 20 REGGIE CORNER SR. 5-9 175 PS#161WR. 11 st, 55 tkl, 6 pbu. 13 st '05, 46 tkl, 9 pbu. 10 st LY, 44 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu. **11** Miguel Graham PS#306JC. Ryan Brinson (5-9 175 rFr) PS#82. WV trans.

CB 5 DAVANZO TATE SR. 5-10 185 PS#188. **WV**. 10 st here, 41 tkl, 6 pbu '05. 11 st LY, 54 tkl, **13 pbu**. **23** Rodney Etienne (6-2 195 So) 6 tkl. Delvin Davis (6-0 174 rFr). Matt Bell (5-10 185 rFr).

SS 10 Chevin Pace Sr. 5-10 185 PS#159LB. 9 st rFr, 68 tkl, 4 tfl. 6 st '05 til inj, 26 tkl, 2 sk. 4 st LY, 28 tkl. **28** Brandon Anderson (5-11 175 Jr) 4 st, 49 tkl, 5 pbu 2Y. Evan Laube (6-0 205 So).

FS 21 ANDRE JONES JR. 5-11 185 **PS#65QB. Boston Coll**. 12 st FS, 77 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu here LY. **8** Yamari Dixon (5-9 200 Sr) 1 st, 3Y, 69 tkl. **46** Amin Kabir (6-1 190 So) PS#618. 8 tkl true.

P 38 JOHN STEC SO. 5-9 190 PS#102. 44.6 avg in HS, 60 punts as true, 38.6 avg, net 32.1. **16** Andy Hildreth (6-0 190 Jr). Backup P L/3Y. **39** Matt Domonkos 41.9 avg HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Vincent Hill 5-11 175 PS#62
OL	Casey Estrada 6-5 290 PS#132JC
LB	Almondo Sewell 6-2 235 PS#72 '06
RB	Bryan Williams 6-0 195 PS#252JC
OL	Paul Simkovich 6-4 300 PS#140
DB	Miguel Graham 5-9 160 PS#306JC
DB	AJ Harris 6-0 195 PS#239 '06
DB	Da-Von Moore 5-11 200 PS#228
RB	Gary Pride 5-9 180 PS#201
LB	Aaron Williams 6-0 200 PS#225
OL	Zac Kasparek 6-6 300 PS#302
QB	Matt Rodgers 6-2 195 PS#168
DL	Joe Rash 6-2 260 PS#93TE
DL	Shawn Lemon 6-1 225 PS#299OL
OL	Jake Anderson 6-4 280 PS#380
DL	Dan Marcoux 6-3 260 PS#365
DL	Shane Shead 6-5 225 PS#365
LB	Matt Little 6-2 200 PS#404
OL	Dan Ronsman 6-3 280 PS#485
LB	Sean Fobbs 6-1 205 PS#443DB
WR	Jerome Royal 6-2 180 PS#406
DB	Jalil Carter 6-1 175 PS#406WR
DL	Marquinn Davis 6-6 265 PS#451
DL	Deni Odofin 6-4 230 PS#451
DL	Ryan Simpson 6-2 270 PS#451
LB	Brian Brikowski 6-4 215 PS#500
WR	Curtis Brown 5-11 180 PS#705 '06
DB	Tyrone Washington 5-8 160 PS#580

AKRON ZIPS

Akron, Ohio
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#98

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	† Army (Cleveland)	G						UA is 0-3 vs Army having been shutout twice including their last meeting in 2005. Akron has dropped 5 straight season openers by an average of 24 pts.
Sep. 8	at Ohio St	G						These instate schools are 123 miles apart & UA is 1-5 vs OSU all-time, but the win was in 1894. Akron is 0-9 the L/9 gms vs the Big 10 being outscored on avg 44-17.
Sep. 15	at Indiana	A						This will be the Hoosiers & Zips first meeting. Akron is just 1-4 in the 2nd of back-to-back road games. The Zips have won 3 of 4 prior to facing rival Kent St.
Sep. 22	Kent St	A						This will be the 50th meeting (UA leads 27-20-2) between the rivals & 36th Wagon Wheel Game. Akron is 21-9 at the Rubber Bowl since '01 including 6 of the last 7.
Sep. 29	at Connecticut	G						UA is 2-10 all-time vs current BE tms, but their 2 losses to UC ('00 & '03) are by a combined 4 pts. After playing arch rival KSU, Akron is 0-10 S/'93 the following wk in reg ssn play.
Oct. 6	at Western Michigan	A						UA & WMU have only avg'd 32 ppg in their 10 meetings since 1990. Akron has dropped 10 of 11 games vs Western Michigan including 7 straight at Kalamazoo.
Oct. 13	Temple (HC)	A						Their last game was in 1999 as UA is 5-1 the last 6 meetings vs Temple (this will be their 1st gm as MAC members). The Zips are 50-31-2 all-time on Homecoming.
Oct. 20								
Oct. 27	at Buffalo	A						Akron is 6-1 after a bye week S/'98 & 2 of the wins are vs Buffalo. Zips have had at least 3 sks in their last 6 gms vs the Bulls & during that time have outsk'd them 24-12.
Nov. 2	at Bowling Green (Fri)	A						Akron is 5-13 since 1994 in November road games. RB Kennedy had a career high 178 yds rushing (7.4) & 2 TD's last year vs Bowling Green. Akron has won 4 of 5.
Nov. 7	Ohio (Wed)	A						The home team is this series is 10-4 the last 14 years & Akron has won 6 of 8. Last year OU had a 35:39-24:21 TOP edge (Akron had the ball for just 2:43 in 2Q!).
Nov. 14	at Miami, Oh (Wed)	A						UA is 1-8-1 all-time in Oxford as their last & only win came in '39. Last year's win snapped a 5 game series losing streak. Akron trailed 13-12 late 3Q & scored the last 12 pts.
Nov. 23	C Michigan (Fri)	A						Akron is just 1-5 vs CMU. Two yrs ago Akron was crowned MAC Champs & last yr C Michigan took home the honors. Akron is 10-5-1 since 1991 in Rubber Bowl finales.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Charlie Frye 11,049 '01-'04
2. James Washington 6,699 '97-'00
3. Luke Getsy 6,117 '05-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Clark 4,257 '84-'86
2. James Black 3,054 '80-'83
3. Jack Beidleman 3,032 '67-'70

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Lavel Bailey 2,577 '97-'00
2. Dan Ruff 2,531 '67-'70
3. Domenik Hixon 2,092 '02-'05

JD BROOKHART (Career 18-18)

4th Year at Akron

Brookhart Bowl Record: 0-1

Brookhart's records AT AKRON

18-18	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
10-5	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
7-12	Away	1-5	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	3-0	Off A Bye
15-10	Vs Conference	10-5	Off A Loss

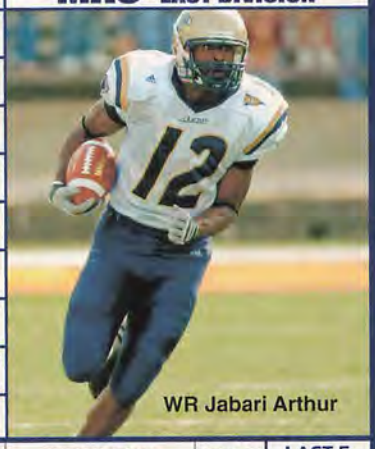
2006 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (23,22,2)
Lost: 14 (6,6,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,132 (#107)

MAC - EAST DIVISION


WR Jabari Arthur

STADIUM: RUBBER BOWL (31,000) (#93)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	4-7	4-8	7-5	6-5	7-5	5-7	39-42
Home	3-3	3-1	3-2	5-1	3-2	3-2	4-1	24-12
Away	3-2	1-6	1-6	2-4	3-3	3-3	1-6	14-30
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	6-2	6-3	3-5	32-25
ATS (Lee Owens)	7-4	4-6-1	4-7	5-5	6-5	7-5	4-8	37-40-1
Home Fav	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-1	2-2	2-3	8-13
Home Dog	3-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	7-5
Away Fav	1-2	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-0	0-2	0-3	5-8
Away Dog	2-0	2-3-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	3-1	2-2	16-14-1
Favorite	2-3	1-2	1-2	3-3	2-1	2-4	2-6	13-21
Dog	5-1	3-4-1	3-5	2-2	4-4	5-1	2-2	24-19-1
vs Conf	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	5-4	1-7	26-30-1
Vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	0-3	2-1	3-1	11-10
Off SU Win	3-2	1-2	2-1	3-2	4-2	3-3	0-5	16-17
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-4-1	2-5	2-2	2-2	3-2	4-2	18-19-1

(JD Brookhart)

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	Motor City		+4	Memphis	31-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Akron's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

AKRON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	19.7	17	84	2.8	227	52.6	15.8	+1	2006	8	22.6	18	136	3.4	186	55.4	14.3
5	23.6	20	107	3.3	277	52.5	16.3	-7	2005	7	24.5	17	159	3.9	181	58.6	13.9
6*	24.6	19	97	2.8	240	63.4	13.7	+6	2004	6	31.5	22	189	5.0	237	64.9	13.5
11*	36.3	25	159	4.0	311	63.9	13.0	+7	2003	6	29.4	21	178	4.7	226	57.1	13.7
4*	27.1	23	158	3.9	247	65.6	14.9	-1	2002	6	31.6	21	167	4.1	227	62.9	12.5
7	25.5	20	181	3.9	194	58.2	14.7	+4	2001	4	32.7	24	186	4.6	285	58.8	14.4

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dennis Kennedy	226	999	85	914	9	4.0
Andre Walker	65	261	16	245	4	3.8
Aaris Reed	5	26	0	26	0	5.2
David Harvey	2	7	0	7	0	3.5
Carlton Jackson	2	0	6	-6	0	-3.0
Luke Getsy	58	134	276	-142	0	-2.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Luke Getsy	380	199	52.4	2662	18	11
Dennis Kennedy	2	2	100.0	56	0	0
Carlton Jackson	1	1	100.0	2	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
David Harvey	43	914	21.3	10	77	
Jabari Arthur	45	730	16.2	4	57	
Jermaine Lindsay	34	477	14.0	2	43	
Dennis Kennedy	39	193	4.9	0	21	
Kris Kasparek	12	152	12.7	0	31	
Merce Poindexter	12	127	10.6	2	20	
Johnny Long	5	47	9.4	0	15	
Andre Walker	7	31	4.4	0	10	
Joe McDaniel	3	20	6.7	0	8	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
John Stec	60	2318	38.6	12	32.1(t)	4	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jon McClain	9-11	2-3	2-2	0-1	0-0	4-6	35
Matt Domonkos	13-17	0-1	0-2	2-4	0-1	2-8	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
John Mackey	88	0	7	2	0
Kevin Grant	87	0	9	1	0
Brion Stokes	79	5.5	9.5	3	0
Andre Jones	77	0	4	7	1
Davanzo Tate	54	0	5	13	0
Doug Williams	50	1	6	1	0
Mark Groza	49	2	3	4	1
Jermaine Reid	47	3	8	1	0
Reggie Corner	44	0	0	8	4
Jason Nedd	41	1	5	0	0
Jared Cecchetti	39	0	2	1	0
Kiki Gonzalez	31	3	7	2	0
Chevin Pace	28	0	1	1	0
Brandon Anderson	27	0	0	3	1
Nate Robinson	23	1	5	2	0
Yamari Dixon	22	0	0	0	0
Parris McNeal	15	0	0	0	0
Al-Teric Balaam	10	0	2	0	0
Eric Lively	9	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andre Jones	9	52	5.8	0
David Harvey	7	8	1.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Harvey	17	510	30.0	0
Andre Jones	11	204	18.5	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

UA 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Penn St	18	34-33	1.0	23-43	192	5	13	27-76	2.8	16-32	206	0	-1
–	at NC State	18	42-114	2.7	13-32	267	4	15	32-81	2.5	16-32	209	1	+3
–	at C Michigan	24	31-61	2.0	25-46	375	3	16	36-129	3.6	16-23	162	0	-1
–	North Texas	17	31-105	3.4	14-20	173	2	21	36-175	4.9	17-36	112	0	+3
–	at Kent St	16	23-73	3.2	19-38	261	4	22	55-156	2.8	17-21	305	2	-1
–	at Cincinnati	10	19-36	1.9	16-33	183	2	23	53-194	3.7	16-24	230	1	+3
–	Miami, Oh	20	34-127	3.7	14-24	197	0	21	30-57	1.9	21-47	263	6	-2
–	at Toledo	14	34-107	3.1	13-29	191	4	16	50-175	3.5	9-17	139	1	-1
–	Bowling Green	28	39-222	5.7	17-25	248	1	21	38-176	4.6	20-36	192	2	-2
–	Buffalo	16	37-144	3.9	14-21	274	1	13	36-98	2.7	15-24	150	4	+1
–	at Ohio	17	21-(-4)	-0.2	21-46	227	0	16	50-208	4.2	6-15	49	0	0
–	W Michigan	8	20-(-13)	-0.7	13-27	132	5	18	42-110	2.6	17-29	217	0	-1
TOTALS		206	365-1005	2.8	202-384	2720	31	215	485-1635	3.4	186-336	2234	17	+1
AVERAGES		17.2	30-84	2.8	17-32	227	2.6	17.9	40-136	3.4	16-28	186	1.4	0.1

2002 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa	+19	21-57
–	at Maryland	+21	14-44
–	C Michigan	+1	17-24
–	at Virginia	+23	29-48
–	Miami, Oh	+10	31-48
–	at E Michigan	-11	34-42
–	Liberty	NL	49-21
–	at UCF	+19	17-28
–	Marshall	+17'	34-20
–	at Ohio	+4	10-27
–	Buffalo	-15	21-10
–	at Kent St	-8	48-10

2003 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Kent St	-12'	38-41
–	at Wisconsin - #18	+24'	31-48
–	E Michigan	-19'	24-17
–	Howard	NL	65-7
–	at Buffalo	-15	38-21
–	at Miami, Oh	+16'	20-45
–	Cal-Poly	NL	45-14
–	UCF	-6'	38-24
–	at Connecticut	+8	37-38
–	at Marshall	+14	24-42
–	at C Michigan	-7	40-28
–	Ohio	-11	35-28

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Penn St	+15'	10-48
–	Middle Tenn	-6'	24-31
–	at Virginia - #12	+31'	0-51
–	at Kent St	+7	24-19
–	at N Illinois	+17'	19-49
–	Buffalo	-8'	44-21
–	at UCF	+2'	26-21
–	Ball St	-10	35-23
–	Marshall	+9	31-28
–	at Ohio	+1'	31-19
–	Miami, Oh	+7'	27-37

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Purdue - #13	+34'	24-49
–	at Middle Tenn	+6	17-7
–	N Illinois	+7	48-42 OT
–	C Michigan	-11	17-31
–	at Buffalo	-10	13-7
–	at Miami, Oh	+13'	23-51
–	Army	-9	0-20
–	at Bowling Green	+14	24-14
–	at Ball St	-3	17-23
–	Ohio	-3	27-3
–	Kent St	-12'	35-3
–	† N Illinois	+13	31-30

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Penn St - #19	+17'	16-34
–	at NC State	+9	20-17
–	at C Michigan	-1	21-24
–	North Texas	-17	33-13
–	at Kent St	-2'	15-37
–	at Cincinnati	+6'	14-20
–	Miami, Oh	-7'	24-13
–	at Toledo	-4'	20-35
–	Bowling Green	-8	35-28
–	Buffalo	-17'	31-16
–	at Ohio	+4	7-17
–	W Michigan	-2'	0-17

TEMPLE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Temple used three QB's and they combined for just 164 ypg (48.3%) with a 4-13 ratio. The only returnee last year was Colin Clancy (6'0" 190 So) who hit 10 of 19 for 121 yards with a 1-0 ratio in '05. Clancy was one of four QB's last year but it boiled down to just two in true frosh Vaughn Charlton (PS#142) and Soph Adam DiMichele (PS#172). DiMichele originally signed at Penn St but was drafted by Toronto (MLB) and did not play football for a few years. DiMichele opened as the starter and Charlton played vs L'ville then took over in the 2H vs Minny. He started vs WM and Vandy but DiMichele led a 14 play, 80 yard drive for a TD vs Vandy and started vs Kent St throwing for 144. Charlton played the entire game vs Clemson (13-25 110) but DiMichele played the entire game vs N Illinois (20-29 322). DiMichele engineered the upset of BG hitting 10 of 13 for 162 and had a solid effort vs CM hitting 24 of 35 for 228 and 3 TD's. He struggled in the last 2 with just 2 FD's the entire game vs Penn St and 2 in the 1H vs Navy in the finale. DiMichele threw for 1,518 (61.4%) with a 10-12 ratio (133 rush) and Charlton threw for 417 (55.3%) with a 2-2 ratio (20 rush). Interestingly, vs six MAC opponents, DiMichele completed 65.5% for 1,053 yards with a 9-6 ratio. Everyone returns including Clancy (RS LY), Andrew Case (5'9" 185 So), Rob Beckey (6'0" 210 So) and true frosh Chester Stewart (PS#135). This unit is vastly more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - When JUCO Tim Brown (PS#44) signed in 2004, I expected him to be the feature back. He unfortunately suffered through an injury-plagued 2004 and led with just 432 (4.0) but also had 33 rec. He was ineligible in '05 and last year got in the doghouse early not traveling to Minny or WM. True frosh Jason Harper (PS#161) rushed for 134 (5.2) in those two games. Brown returned and would top 100 in four of the next six games. The entire team struggled in the final two and Brown had just 45 yards on 26 carries, dropping his ypc. He finished with 731 (4.0) and led in rec's with 33 (6.6). This year they must replace Brown and not listed in the 3 deep below are David HW Ricks (5'11" 195 rFr), Jonathan Metz (5'8" 195 Jr), Jared Kinney (5'8" 174 rFr), Jason Kinney (5'8" 175 rFr) and FB Bryce Buffaloe (6'1" 235 So). Even with the loss of Brown, this unit should come close to last year's standards.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers with the top returnee being Jamel Harris (20, 12.1). Unfortunately, Harris was injured early and played in just 7 (8, 9.0). TE Ben Hendy, who started six as a true frosh, had 2 (8.5). Soph Bruce Francis led in rec yards with 484 (15.1). Travis Shelton sat down the first six games but was dynamic when inserted into the lineup. He had 20 rec (17.2) over the last 6 and would have been #1 in the NCAA in all-purp ypg (196.7) had he played enough games. Shelton has 4.24 speed and had 204 rec yards vs N Illinois. This year they must replace Harris (2 st), Mike Holley (8 st, 31, 11.0), Nick Santa Cruz (1 st, 9 rec), Jarrett Dunston (4 rec) and Hendy (trans to Utah). Shelton's first cousin, Devon Hester, made quite an impact in the NFL and Shelton should have the same impact in his first year here in the MAC. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Josue Louis (6'0" 175 So), Gary Stockman (5'6" 160 Sr) and Josh Hutchison (5'10" 175 rFr).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Temple's O-line only paved the way for 2.4 ypc rushing while allowing 28 sacks in 2005. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups plus learn a new system. RT Elliott Seifert was on a preseason list for the Lombardi. Golden made a comment prior to the season saying that they had not had a full year in the weight room and that he was going to be pleased with this group in another year. C Alex Derenthal earned Tm MVP honors. Devin Tyler moved from DE to LT in August and started all 12. Starting LG Brison Manor was lost after 5 starts. The unit struggled paving the way for just 53.7 ypg and 1.9 ypc rush while allowing 48 sacks (15.6%). This year they lose RT Seifert (12 st, 3Y st'r), RG Neil Dickson (5 st) and 2nd stringer Carl Spitale. Some players may lose their starting spots but it's a good sized group and should greatly improve upon 2006's paltry numbers.

DT Terrance Knighton

DEFENSIVE LINE - A surprising stat is that Temple has actually had two top 20 finishes in the NCAA defensive rankings in the last six years. In 2002, with a Dan Klecko led unit, they allowed just 2.8 ypc. Things have been different the last 4 years. They allowed 4.6, 5.0 and 4.7 ypc from 2003-'05. Last year they had to replace their top 5 players and shifted to a 3-4 due to the lack of bodies. Temple's D was run over for 6.0 ypc rush and the 243.6 ypg allowed was the worst since 1993. This year the only losses are DT Doug Morris (6 st, 25 tkl, 5 tfl) and DE David Fatherly (3 st, 18 tkl). They are much deeper up front and move back to a 4 man unit but do move a couple of starting OLB's to DE. They also have a new DL coach in Jared Backus who spent the last two seasons as DC at Bucknell. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Andrew Foster (6'5" 260 rFr) and Jared Brabham (6'2" 285 rFr). Two of the players listed 3rd string below combined for 10 starts last year and this should be one of the most improved D-lines in the NCAA.

LINEBACKERS - The Owls switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4 last year and only had one returning starter to this unit. They did add in TE Leyon Azubuike (5 st '05). Walter Mebane led in tackles with 68 and Ryan Gore was tied for #2 with 59. This year they must replace Mebane (11 st, ECAC All Star), Gore (9 st, 7.5 tfl), Ryan Herting (2 st, 14 tkl) and three LB's who move to the new 4-man front in Brian Sanford (3 st), Azubuike (8 st) and Junior Galette (9 st). This year's LB corps has a combined 4 starts but could actually be in better shape. They add in Syracuse transfer Lamar McPherson (PS#63RB), Oregon St transfer Wallace Bates (PS#153DL) and JC transfer Tommie Weatherspoon (PS#86JC). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Omar McDonnaugh-Hales (5'11" 235 So) and James Smith (6'2" 225 Sr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Owls have had inexperienced secondaries in each of the last four years and finished #101, #109, #117 and #101 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had just one returning starter in SS Chris Page and allowed 59% with a 22-9 ratio. This year they have their most experienced secondary in 4 years as six of the top eight are back including 5 with starting experience. The only losses are Page (11 st, 50 tkl) and CB David Reese (10 st, 50 tkl). Not listed below are Jonathan Miller (6'0" 210 Jr), Nick Iadonis (5'11" 193 Jr) and Ricky Uebberoth (6'3" 190 So).

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2004 and 2005 Temple's ST finished just #112 and #119 in my rankings. Of course, having 23 players (after they were counted on after spring practice) not make the fall roster had something to do with it. Last year they had to replace all of their top players and had a freshmen-laden squad. They could have easily finished worse in the NCAA in the ST rankings (#113) but Travis Shelton joined the team midyear. Shelton, in just six games, had 27 KR (28.8) and tied a school record with a 96 yard KR TD vs BG (Paul Loughren, 1971). His 205 KR yards vs Clemson set a school record. Navy transfer P Jake Brownell did a fine job under the circumstances as getting a punt snap to him was a problem with 3 snaps hitting the ground vs Minny. Brownell (PS#23) avg 38.5 while also handling the KO and then took over the FG duties hitting 2 of 3 with a long of 32. Temple returned just 11 punts (3.2). True frosh Galette made ESPN's #2 Play of the Week with his amazing punt block vs BG. Provided Shelton stays eligible all year, they could be the NCAA's most improved ST unit.

COACHES - After 9 seasons, HC Bobby Wallace stepped aside at the end of last season and finished with just a 19-71 mark. Al Golden was the youngest DC (31) in the NCAA in 2001 and was Virginia's DC the 5 years before coming here as HC. Golden was also an asst at Penn St. The OC is George DeLeone, who spent the 2005 season as the run game coordinator at Mississippi. DeLeone has 36 seasons of coaching experience. The DC is Mark D'Onofrio, who was drafted by Green Bay and retired in '94. He also comes from Virginia where he coached ILB in '05 and TE in '04. He was the LB coach at Rutgers the 3 years prior. The average age of the 10 coaches last year was just 35.8 years old.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Temple is now in their 5th season of play at Lincoln Financial Field and has an unusual home field advantage with their small crowds usually lulling opponents to sleep in such a large venue. The Owls have not had a winning season in 16 straight years and in fact, have not even topped four wins in a season since 1990! There have been calls for Temple to move to IAA, but in 2005 they made a great move. After being set free by the Big East, they opted to join the MAC where they will be much more competitive. This also brings a major market (Philadelphia) into the MAC which should benefit the conference. Perhaps Temple will increase their avg home attendance which slipped as low as 12,735 in 2005. Temple took on one of the toughest schedules in the country in '05 with 9 of their 11 foes being bowl-eligible then had 5 projected starters ruled ineligible just prior to the year. The Owls went 0-11 being outscored by an average of 45.3-9.7! Wallace resigned after a 19-71 mark in his 9 seasons which were under tough circumstances with Temple being booted out of the Big East, which greatly hurt their recruiting. Golden stepped into a pure rebuilding situation as the Owls had just 6 returning starters and played 21 true frosh which was the most in the NCAA. Once again the schedule was tough as 9 of their 12 opponents would end up being bowl-eligible. Temple did manage to grab a win beating BG by 14 points, even though they were outFD'd 27-12. They also had an OT loss vs Buffalo but with such a young squad and learning new schemes on both offense and defense, had no chance vs most others. This year the schedule gets softer and the Owls are a much more veteran unit. All of those true frosh are now soph who have a spring practice under their belt. They have 8 starters back on offense and should easily top last year's 10.9 ppg (actually 1.2 ppg better than '05). The D allowed 41.3 ppg (4.0 better than '05!) and has 6 starters back and 15 players overall who earned starts last season. They move from a 3-4 to a 4-3 this year. They are also at the top of both offensive and defensive ypp indicators pointing towards more success this year (pg 299). They do have just 2 scholarship seniors on the roster. Last year the Owls had 8 road games including 7 plane trips. This year they have 6 road games needing to fly to just 4 of them. As you can tell from above, the Owls are a much improved team but are still at least a year away from flirting with bowl-eligibility.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 13 ADAM DiMICHELE JR. 6-1 188 PS#172 '02 Penn St. Baseball 3Y. 9 st LY, 1518 (61.4%) 10-12. **12 Vaughn Charlton** (6-4 229 So) PS#142. 3 st true, 417 (55.3%) 2-2, 127 rush.

RB 5 Marcellous Grigsby Jr. 5-11 202 **PS#56JC** in spring. **34** Jason Harper (5-9 195 So) PS#161. 2 st true. 678 all-purp yds. Kee-Ayre Griffin (5-10 185 Fr) PS#105 LY. GS.

WR 18 Domerio Hamilton Sr. 6-0 195 PS#295JC. 3 st, 16 rec, 2Y. **FB 39 Josh Bundy** (5-10 228 Sr) PS#367LB. 6 st FB '05. 6 st LY, 143 all-purp yds 2Y. Alex DiMichele (6-1 240 So) 1 st true.

WR 82 BRUCE FRANCIS JR. 6-0 180 PS#371. 14 rec true. 7 st LY, 32 (15.1). **19** Dale Parris (6-1 200 rFr) PS#346. **81** Phil Bartocci (6-0 200 So). **80** Josue Louis (6-0 175 So).

WR 22 TRAVIS SHELTON JR. 5-11 185 **4.24 spd!** Last 6 gm LY (susp 6) **#1 NCAA 196.7 all-purp ypg. 10** Delano Green PS#495 in spring. **20** AJ Bunton (5-10 175 rFr) PS#407.

TE 83 MARCUS BROWN SO. 6-4 260 PS#69. 10 st true. 7 rec. **88** Kevin Armstrong (6-3 250 So) 5 tkl 2Y. **86** Steve Maneri (6-6 255 So) PS#157TE. 6 rec. **85** Travis Manger (6-3 235 Jr) 1 st LY.

C 59 ALEX DERENTHAL JR. 6-4 292 PS#372. 11 st C rFr. 12 st C LY, ECAC all-star. **Tm MVP. 69** Dave Nwasike (6-2 265 So). **LS 94** Philip Simpson (6-2 285 Jr) PS#220QB. 7 st DL.

RG 75 BRISON MANOR JR. 6-3 285 JUCO. First 5 st LY until inj. **57** Darius Morris (6-4 300 So) PS#215. 10 gm true, lettered. **67** Marcos Hanna (6-1 285 Jr) 2nd string 2Y.

LG 77 John Palumbo Fr. 6-6 285 PS#517. **74 Sean Satchell** (6-3 300 Jr) PS#524DL. Last 7 st LG LY. **62** Bryce Carter (6-3 307 So) PS#296. **54** Kevin Bennage (6-3 275 rFr).

RT 79 DWAVON BATTLE JR. 6-3 310 PS#460DL. 2nd string rFr. Last 7 st RG '06. ECAC all-star. **66** Andre Douglas (6-5 305 Jr) Scout Tm POY LY. **78** Charles Smith (6-6 332 rFr) PS#250.

LT 73 DEVIN TYLER SO. 6-7 275 PS#451DL. 12 st at LT as rFr. Added 30 lbs. **71** Jabari Ferguson (6-5 300 Jr) 2nd string rFr. **5 st TE '06. 63** Anthony Ivory (6-10 350 So).

K 47 JAKE BROWNELL SO. 5-10 195 PS#23. Navy transfer. 2 of 3 FG LY, long 32, also 16 KO. **90** Garrett Clawson (5-11 160 rFr). **97** Drew Reinhard (5-10 140 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 93 LEYON AZUBUIKE JR. 6-3 250 5 st TE, 5 rec, 1 tkl rFr. 8 st OLB LY, 24 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **52 Brian Sanford** (6-2 253 So) 3 st true, 24 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **33** Jordan Wadley (6-3 245 So).

DT 94 PHILIP SIMPSON JR. 6-2 285 PS#220QB. 7 tkl true. RS '05. 7 st LY, 29 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **91** Daniel Popper (6-1 275 So). **80** Marcques Henderson (6-0 260 Jr). **72** Grigory Frenk (6-1 292 rFr).

NT 98 ANDRE NEBLETT SO. 6-2 285 PS#459. 9 st true, 18 tkl, 2 tfl. **92 Terrance Knighton** (6-4 311 Jr) PS#348. 11 st LY. 74 tkl, 10.5 tfl 2Y. **55** Terrance Banks (6-1 280 So) 1 st, 18 tkl true.

DE 42 JAMES TINDALL JR. 6-2 240 PS#49TE. #2 WLB at Minn LY, transfer. **45** Morris Blueford (6-4 220 Fr) PS#381. Fork Union. **4 Junior Galette** (6-2 225 So) 9 st SLB, 52 tkl, 5.5 tfl.

SLB 11 Lamar McPherson So. 5-11 205 PS#63RB. Syr trans. Off Scout POY LY. **36** Le'Ron Irwin (6-1 232 So) PS#459. 10 gm true. **48** John Brownell (6-0 212 rFr). James Namude (6-1 210 So).

MLB NA Tommie Weatherspoon Jr. 6-2 245 **PS#86JC. 38 Alex Joseph** (6-2 228 So) PS#559DB. 19 tkl true. **46** John Haley (6-1 205 So) 26 tkl, 4 tfl true. **35** Seth Amoah (6-0 230 So).

WLB 6 Wallace Bates Jr. 6-2 230 **PS#153DL '04 Oregon St.** PS#249JC in spring. **53** Dave Chiavacci (6-0 220 So) 3 tkl true. **43** Keith Holt (6-1 215 Jr) 4 st, 49 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y.

CB 28 EVAN COOPER JR. 5-10 190 4 tkl true. 9 st CB, 52 tkl, 1 pbu. **15** Dy'Onne Crudup (5-9 175 So) PS#238QB. 2 rec true. **27** Jamal Schulters (5-10 185 Fr) PS#447RB '05. Kansas St.

CB 9 Anthony Ferla So. 5-10 187 PS#111. 17 tkl true, 1 pbu. **24** Tommie Williams (5-10 175 Jr) PS#462 '05. In spring. **23** James Nelson (5-11 172 So). Daryl Robinson PS#111.

SS 25 Richard Sheppard Jr. 6-0 205 2 tkl true. Last 5 st FS LY. 35 tkl. **1** Wilbert Brinson (6-0 200 So) PS#424. Fork Union. 4 st true, 31 tkl. **37** Abioye Oyeyemi (5-10 185 Sr).

FS 21 DOMINIQUE HARRIS SO. 6-3 205 7 st rFr. 59 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **29** Georg Coleman (6-0 180 Jr) PS#325WR. 1 st RB '05, 270 all-purpose. 3 st CB LY, 36 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 2 int.

P 95 JONATHAN BOYER rFR. 6-5 215 PS#79K. **47** Jake Brownell (5-10 195 So) PS#23. #1 in spring. 78 punts here LY. 38.5 avg & net of 30.8. Snap problems early. Award Scholarship.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Marcellous Grigsby 5-11 202 PS#56JC
LB	Tommie Weatherspoon 6-2 245 PS#86JC
DB	Daryl Robinson 5-9 175 PS#111
RB	Kee-Ayre Griffin 5-10 185 PS#105 '06
LB	Wallace Bates 6-2 230 PS#153DL '04
TE	Matt Balasavage 6-5 240 PS#47
LB	Amara Kamara 6-1 210 PS#149
DB	Jared Williams 5-9 190 PS#184
DL	Chris Tremel 6-4 270 PS#189
QB	Chester Stewart 6-3 195 PS#135
RB	Corwin Acker 5-10 185 PS#197
DB	Richie Walls 6-0 190 PS#243RB
DL	Muhammed Wilkerson 6-5 255 PS#337
DL	Tyreek Spain 6-2 210 PS#365
DB	Tommie Williams 5-10 175 PS#462 '05
RB	Kitt Anderson 5-9 180 PS#400
DB	Moses Parker 6-0 175 PS#453
DL	Morris Blueford 6-4 220 PS#381
DB	Jamal Schulters 5-10 185 PS#447RB '05
WR	Michael Campbell 6-2 200 PS#426
OL	John Palumbo 6-6 285 PS#517 '06
OL	Lloyd Cododa 6-3 315 PS#559
DL	Elisha Joseph 6-3 235 PS#451
LB	Elijah Joseph 6-1 215 PS#500
OL	Derek Dennis 6-4 280 PS#606
OL	Jeffrey Howie 6-3 305 PS#606
WR	Delano Green 5-10 165 PS#495
RB	Jemarr Anderson 5-9 175 PS#506
RB	Joseph Jones 5-11 200 PS#506

TEMPLE OWLS

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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Phil's Homefield Edge-1.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#105

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 31	Navy (Fri)	G				
Sep. 8	Buffalo	G				
Sep. 15	at Connecticut	G				
Sep. 22	at Bowling Green	A				
Sep. 29	at Army	A				
Oct. 6	N Illinois (HC)	G				
Oct. 13	at Akron	A				
Oct. 20	Miami, Oh	G				
Oct. 27						
Nov. 2	at Ohio (Fri)	A				
Nov. 10	Penn St	G				
Nov. 17	Kent St	G				
Nov. 24	at Western Michigan	A				
Dec. 1						

Temple is hoping for a sellout (66,000+) with Navy bringing about 30,000 fans. TU has allowed a combined 795 rush yds L2Y vs Navy & the home tm is 5-1 L/6 gms.

LY vs UB, 11 True Fr played for the youngest Temple tm in program history (9 others 1st gm). First MAC gm for TU as they are full members TY after being an Independent LY.

The Owls were BE members from '91-'04 (14-80 rec) & are 7-2 all-time vs UC. Temple is 6-21 since 1980 in road openers, including losing the last 6 years.

LY's win vs BG was the only 1 in '06, Golden's 1st win as HC & snapped a 20 gm losing streak. Travis Shelton had a 96 yd KR LY vs BG which is the longest in Owls IA history.

Coming into '07, TU has lost 22 straight road gms & their last win was at MT in 2003. Temple is 1-3 all-time vs Army but won the last meeting 23-22 in 1994.

Temple has faced N Illinois twice, losing both & trailed 40-0 last year. LY WR Shelton had 311 all-purpose yds vs N Illinois, including 204 rec yds (2nd highest in TU history).

Temple's 9 all-time wins over Akron are the most vs any current MAC member. Temple finished their L/2 seasons in the Big East losing 6 straight conf road games.

Miami & Temple are 2 of the 12 Div IA schools (10%) LY that had 10 or more losses. Temple is 2-12 since 1995 before a bye week (9 straight loses).

Bonus: TU is 4-22 their L/26 HG's & the Owls last winning ssn was a 7-4 campaign in '90.

This will be the Owls & Bobcats 1st meeting & the only other MAC team TU has not played is Ball St. Temple is 3-21 since 1991 in November/December road games.

Five members of the Temple coaching staff, including Golden played under Paterno. The Owls are 3-32-1 all-time vs the Nittany Lions (last win was in 1941).

LY was their 1st meeting. Temple had 92 (47%) of their 194 offensive yds in the 1st 3Q's (down 21-10). Temple is 2-14 in home finales including 5 straight losses (all by 14+ pts).

Owls are 1-4 vs WM but had to forfeit their only win ('86 ineligible player). After a scoreless 1Q last year, 4 TU TO's resulted in 21 WMU pts, including a huge blk'd FG before HT.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Henry Burris 7,495 '93-'96	1. Paul Palmer 4,895 '83-'86	1. Willie Marshall 2,272 '83-'86
2. Mike McGann 5,967 '01-'05	2. Tarnado Sharps 3,260 '99-'02	2. Gerald Lucear 1,882 '78-'81
3. Lee Saltz 5,371 '83-'86	3. Anthony Anderson 2,610 '75-'78	3. Van Johnson 1,869 '92-'96

AL GOLDEN (Career 1–11)

2nd Year at Temple — Golden's Bowl Record: 0-0

Golden's records AT TEMPLE

1-11	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
1-3	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
0-7	Away	0-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	1-9	Off A Loss

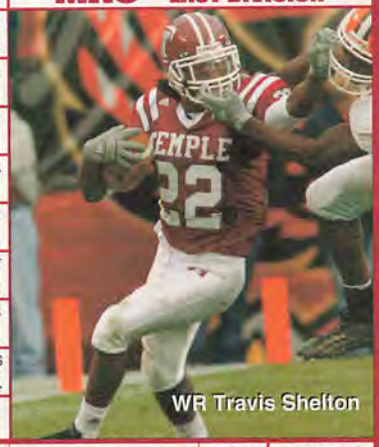
2006 RECORD: (1–11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (24,19,1)
Lost: 20 (10,9,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,810 (#108)

MAC – EAST DIVISION



WR Travis Shelton

STADIUM: LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD (68,532) (#31)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	4-7	4-8	1-11	2-9	0-11	1-11	16-64
Home	2-4	3-3	2-5	0-5	2-4	0-5	1-3	10-29
Away	2-3	1-4	2-3	1-6	0-5	0-6	0-7	6-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	1-7	2-5	2-5	0-7	1-5	–	–	6-29
ATS	7-4	5-6	5-6	7-4	6-4	5-6	5-6-1	40-36-1
Home Fav	1-1	3-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3
Home Dog	2-2	0-2	2-4	2-1	2-3	3-2	3-1	14-15
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2
Away Dog	3-1	2-2	2-1	5-2	4-1	2-4	2-4-1	20-15-1
Favorite	2-1	3-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-5
Dog	5-3	2-4	4-5	7-3	6-4	5-6	5-6-1	34-31-1
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	4-3	3-4	5-1	0-0	0-0	19-15
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	1-3	4-0	1-3	5-6	5-6-1	21-21-1
Off SU Win	2-2	1-2	2-2	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-0	6-9
Off SU Loss	4-2	3-4	3-4	6-3	6-1	5-5	4-6	31-25

Bobby Wallace / Al Golden

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
34	Sugar	NL	Tulane	14-20
79	Garden St - #20	+1	California	28-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Temple's All-Time Bowl Record 1–1

TEMPLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	10.9	12	54	1.9	162	59.7	19.8	-9	2006	2	41.3	23	244	6.0	209	59.0	10.9
4	9.7	15	82	2.4	165	47.7	25.4	-8	2005	5	45.3	24	202	4.7	259	66.2	10.2
7*	21.6	20	173	4.2	221	56.3	18.2	+2	2004	7	36.3	21	194	5.0	245	65.5	12.1
5*	19.6	20	120	3.5	225	52.7	17.6	+5	2003	3	32.8	22	202	4.6	227	63.2	13.1
10*	20.2	18	137	3.5	181	48.9	15.8	-14	2002	7	29.2	19	108	2.8	207	59.0	10.8
9*	18.0	16	118	3.1	167	48.2	15.8	-3	2001	10	28.3	16	130	3.4	183	54.4	11.1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tim Brown	182	795	64	731	2	4.0
Jason Harper	47	211	25	186	2	4.0
Travis Shelton	6	53	9	44	0	7.3
Josh Bundy	7	14	1	13	0	1.9
Vaughn Charlton	25	20	127	-107	0	-4.3
Adam DiMichele	73	133	317	-184	0	-2.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Adam DiMichele	220	135	61.4	1518	10	12
Vaughn Charlton	85	47	55.3	417	2	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Bruce Francis	32	484	15.1	4	54	
Travis Shelton	20	344	17.2	3	65	
Mike Holley	31	342	11.0	0	28	
Tim Brown	33	218	6.6	0	27	
Jason Harper	9	99	11.0	0	67	
Nick Santa Cruz	9	94	10.4	0	22	
Domerio Hamilton	10	77	7.7	0	15	
Jamel Harris	8	72	9.0	0	20	
Steve Maneri	6	61	10.2	2	30	
Marcus Brown	7	29	4.1	2	10	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jake Brownell	78	3004	38.5	12	30.8(t)	1	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jake Brownell	12-13	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-3	32
Danny Murphy	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3	20

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Walter Mebane	68	1	5	1	0
Ryan Gore	59	1	6.5	2	0
Dominique Harris	59	0	1	4	2
Terrance Knighton	57	3	3.5	4	0
Junior Galette	52	1	4.5	1	0
Evan Cooper	52	0	1	1	0
David Reese	50	0	1	2	1
Chris Page	50	0	0.5	3	2
Georg Coleman	36	1	2.5	1	2
Richard Sheppard	35	0	0.5	0	0
Wilbert Brinson	31	0	1	1	0
Philip Simpson	29	2	1	2	1
John Haley	26	2	2	0	0
Doug Morris	25	2	3	0	0
Leyon Azubuike	24	2	3	1	0
Brian Sanford	24	0	3.5	0	0
Alex Joseph	19	0	1.5	0	1
Andre Neblett	18	0	2	2	0
David Fatherly	18	0	1	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Tim Brown	4	20	5.0	0	
Travis Shelton	2	14	7.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Travis Shelton	27	778	28.8	1	
Jason Harper	18	393	21.8	0	

2006 STATS BY GAME

TU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Buffalo	13	27 - 80	3.0	20 - 25	103	1	19	41 - 168	4.1	13 - 24	188	4	-1
–	Louisville	12	27 - 16	0.6	14 - 29	214	5	31	43 - 312	7.3	21 - 35	359	1	-1
–	at Minnesota	7	29 - 61	2.1	17 - 30	96	3	20	45 - 282	6.3	9 - 17	166	0	-2
–	at W Michigan	12	29 - 9	0.3	12 - 26	140	5	15	34 - 151	4.4	15 - 26	143	0	-3
–	at Vanderbilt	14	40 - 122	3.1	11 - 17	148	3	20	31 - 279	9.0	11 - 23	169	1	-2
–	Kent St	11	25 - 50	2.0	14 - 26	144	4	26	49 - 208	4.2	15 - 28	207	4	+1
–	† Clemson	11	29 - 111	3.8	13 - 25	110	5	24	45 - 337	7.5	12 - 13	222	0	+1
–	at N Illinois	12	22 - (-6)	-0.3	20 - 29	322	6	26	35 - 89	2.5	27 - 42	377	0	-2
–	Bowling Green	12	28 - 94	3.4	10 - 13	162	4	27	46 - 249	5.4	19 - 36	158	2	+1
–	C Michigan	21	33 - 78	2.4	25 - 36	231	4	23	32 - 216	6.8	19 - 25	283	2	0
–	at Penn St	2	29 - 16	0.6	8 - 19	58	2	19	33 - 212	6.4	17 - 30	199	0	-1
–	at Navy	11	27 - 13	0.5	20 - 33	216	6	25	56 - 420	7.5	3 - 8	35	1	0
TOTALS		138	345 - 644	1.9	184 - 308	1944	48	275	490 - 2923	6.0	181 - 307	2506	15	-9
AVERAGES		11.5	29 - 54	1.9	15 - 26	162	4.0	22.9	41 - 244	6.0	15 - 26	209	1.3	-0.8

2002 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Richmond	NL	34-7
–	Oregon St	+11	3-35
–	Miami, Fl - #1	+37'	21-44
–	at South Carolina	+16'	21-42
–	Cincinnati	+4'	22-35
–	Syracuse	+4	17-16
–	at Connecticut	-1	38-24
–	at Virginia Tech - #3	+28'	10-20
–	West Virginia	+7	20-46
–	at Pittsburgh - #22	+16	22-29
–	at Rutgers	-7'	20-17
–	Boston College	+8'	14-36

2003 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Penn St	+25	10-23
–	Villanova	NL	20-23 2OT
–	at Cincinnati	+13'	24-30 3OT
–	at Louisville	+14'	12-21
–	at Middle Tenn	+3	44-36
–	Boston College	+9'	13-38
–	at Miami, Fl - #2	+31	14-52
–	Rutgers	-3'	14-30
–	at Syracuse	+18	17-41
–	Virginia Tech - #12	+26'	23-24 OT
–	Pittsburgh - #21	+15	16-30
–	at West Virginia - #24	+21'	28-45

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Virginia - #16	+16	14-44
–	at Maryland - #23	+26'	22-45
–	Florida A&M	NL	38-7
–	at Toledo	+7'	17-45
–	Bowling Green	+7	16-70
–	Pittsburgh	+12	22-27
–	at Rutgers	+13	6-16
–	at Connecticut	+18'	31-45
–	at West Virginia - #15	+28	21-42
–	Syracuse	+8	34-24
–	Boston College - #19	+14	17-34

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Arizona St - #20	+31'	16-63
–	at Wisconsin	+32'	0-65
–	Toledo	+28	17-42
–	W Michigan	+3'	16-19
–	at Bowling Green	+29	7-70
–	Maryland	+28	7-38
–	Miami, Fl - #7	+41'	3-34
–	at Clemson	+36'	7-37
–	Miami, Oh	+22'	14-41
–	at Virginia	+34	3-51
–	at Navy	+27	17-38

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Buffalo	+6	3-9 OT
–	Louisville - #13	+40'	0-62
–	at Minnesota	+41'	0-62
–	at W Michigan	+30	7-41
–	at Vanderbilt	+34	14-43
–	Kent St	+23'	17-28
–	† Clemson - #12	+44'	9-63
–	at Northern Illinois	+32	21-43
–	Bowling Green	+16	28-14
–	C Michigan	+20	26-42
–	at Penn St	+36	0-47
–	at Navy	+31'	6-42

BUFFALO BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Buffalo had to replace their top 2 QB's. The battle was between JC Tony Paoli, true frosh Drew Willy (PS#61) and Stewart Sampsel. Sampsel won the job but struggled in the first 2. The next week then HC Jim Hofher changed the offense to the spread and Sampsel adapted well hitting 15 of 26 for 140 vs Rutgers. Unfortunately, he missed the rest of the year (broken collarbone). Willy took control and finished with 1,481 (60.6%) with a 6-12 ratio (234 rush). Paoli played in just 3 but hit 17 of 23 (73.9%) for 185 yds with a 1-1 ratio. With current HC Turner Gill's Nebraska background, a mobile QB may be the best fit for the offense and Willy was the clear-cut starter in '06. Willy's 60.6% in '05 was a school record as was his 9.9 yards per completion. Last year Willy was the only starting QB in the NCAA with zero int after four games. He hit a career best 27 of 40 for 321 vs Ball St but tossed his first int (132nd att). Willy was injured vs BC and missed the rest of the year. In 8 starts he threw for 1,391 (59.7%) with a 6-6 ratio (167 rush). In his first start Paoli hit 14 of 20 for 193 engineering the upset of Kent St. In his other 3 starts he hit a combined 27 of 60 and avg'd 107 ypg. Paoli was inj'd vs CM and Sampsel hit 15 of 28 for 161 with 2 TD's. This year they lose both Sampsel and Paoli. Willy's new backup will be Naaman Roosevelt who had 3,452 all-purp yards in HS as a QB in 2005. Roosevelt started 7 as a WR here last year. I look for Willy to have his best season yet.

RUNNING BACKS - Buffalo's last 1,000 yard rusher was Anthony Swan in 1996. In 2004, Steven King had a pair of 100 yard games at midseason but only finished with 445 (4.7). Chris McDuffie had 4 starts and rushed for 404 (4.3) and was #4 in rec. King led the team in rushing the first 3 in '05 with 136 before Jared Patterson, who had 416 (3.5) in his first two years, led with 47 vs WM. They were going to redshirt 270 lb true frosh Philip Warren but he led with 92 vs BG and finished the season with 239 (4.1). King finished the season #1 with 532 (3.9) while Patterson added 374 (4.2). Chris McDuffie (PS#117) had 658 (4.2) in his first two years, but missed '05 with injury. Everyone was expected to return last season, but Warren did not make it back and McDuffie was still injured. King suffered through an injury-plagued season and moved to FB. Backup QB James Starks, who has great size (6'2" 210), moved to RB and became the feature. Starks not only led the team with 704 rush (4.0), he also had 34 rec (6.6). Starks had a couple of rough games rushing for 13 yards on a combined 20 carries vs BC and Ohio but then had a career high 164 vs Kent St. King rushed for 199 (3.6) and Patterson added 136 (3.7). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Brandon Thermilus (5'11" 210 rFr) and true frosh Obi Ezemma (PS#300). This year they must replace King (6 st) and Patterson (2 st) but expect Starks to top 1,000 yards.

RECEIVERS - In 2005, the Bulls expected both their #2 receiver in Terrance Breaux (23, 14.3) and star TE Chad Upshaw (13, 11.2) to return. Breaux missed '05 with injury but Upshaw was back. Brett Hamlin had 6 starts with 38 (9.8) and Upshaw added 37 (9.7). Evan Wallace (11 st) was the team's deep threat with 25 (14.3). All 3 returned LY as did Breaux and they added converted QB Roosevelt. Breaux had 8 rec vs N Ill and led the team in yards (444, 13.9). Upshaw led in rec (35, 12.0) and Roosevelt had 31 (13.8) despite only starting 7. Wallace's numbers dropped drastically to 7 (13.7). Hamlin had 7 rec in the first 3, but missed the rest of the season. This year they lose Upshaw (12 st), Wallace (3 st) and TE Brian Watson (1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Brad Beggs (6'0" 180 Jr) and Skyler Hagg (5'11" 172 rFr). Roosevelt moved to QB in the spring but could return to WR. They also get Hamlin back so despite the loss of Upshaw, this group could be improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004, the Bulls ran an option offense and opened holes for 3.7 ypc rush with 19 sks allowed. In 2005, they went to more of a passing offense and had to replace two starters. The ypc dropped to 2.9 and the sack total increased to 43 (13%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 3 backups. Projected starting RT Travis Coughlin was declared ineligible and LG Jon Geddes was lost after 5 starts (inj). Not surprisingly, the Bulls had their lowest ypc rushing (90.2, 2.8) since joining IA. They also allowed 39 sacks (11%) while avg just 90.2 ypg rushing. Once true frosh Jordan Jerrold took over the LT spot, the sacks did drop off. This figures to be one of the NCAA's most improved O-lines being in the second year of Gill's system and the only loss from the 2 deep is RT Gerry Weissinger (12 st). Five players return that started 5 or more games last year and Coughlin also returns.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls had a veteran front in 2005 but yielded 4.8 ypc rush with the D recording just 18 sacks. Last year the front was wiped out by graduation losing all 4 starters and their top backup (44 tkl). Surprisingly, the Bulls improved slightly allowing 4.7 ypc rush while the D recorded 7 more sacks (25). The star of the unit was converted TE Trevor Scott who in his first year on the D-line set a Buffalo IA school record with 9 sacks. Gill mixed and matched all year with 8 different players earning starts. This year all 8 return and not even listed below is Andrae Smith (6-4 246 Sr, PS#357WR, inj'd LY) who had 13 tackles and 2 sacks in '05 and this year's true frosh. This group is vastly more experienced.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulls had to replace their #2 tackler last year and a backup. Jeff Bublavi and Ramon Guzman were #6 and #4 in tackles in 2005 and both returned LY. Those two were more productive in 2006 with Bublavi leading the team (110, 12 st) and Guzman was #5 (67, 8 st). This year they both must be replaced along with 3rd string Marck Abraham (6 tkl). Ollice Ervin was the #2 tackler in his first year as a starter. Three players return with starting experience plus they add JC Adekunle Akingba who joined the team in the spring. Last year FS Kareem Byrom was forced to start 4 at LB due to injuries. This unit is my biggest concern on the entire team.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Buffalo finished #1 in the MAC in pass D in 2005 led by CB Gemara Williams who set UB's school record for career pd (39). They had their best finish ever in my pass D rankings at #54. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups. Returning starter CB Gerald Jackson did not make the 3 deep, so basically 2 starters returned. None of them started all 12 games at DB (Byrom started 4 at LB) with 8 players earning starts. UB dropped to #116 allowing 66.9% with a 21-10 ratio. The good news this year is the entire 2 deep returns. UB should make a large jump in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coming into last year the Bulls' ST units had only finished #111, #109, #98, #117 and #118. The unit had its high points. True frosh Roosevelt got Buffalo's first KO for a TD since 1989 (178 games, BUF's Hall of Famer, Alan Bell). Roosevelt had a school record avg 25.9 on KR's (13.1 on PR). Against BG they blocked 2 xp's, a FG and a punt and their 7 blocked kicks were the most since joining IA. K Gerry McGroarty (PS#11) missed the year with an injury and true frosh Taylor Packwood struggled hitting 3 of 6 FG's with a long of 27. JUCO Adam Tanalski took over hitting 6 of 7 with a long of 42 and was perfect on xp's (17/17). Punter Ben Woods avg 41.2 as a true but has slipped the last 2 years (37.1, 38.0). Four K's combined for 6 TB on 42 KO. It surprises me that the Bulls were only #94 in my ST rankings in '06. This year they must replace K's Tanalski and Packwood and if Roosevelt ends up in the QB rotation, they may need to find a new returnman. McGroarty is back and the Bulls should move up.

COACHES - Turner Gill was a Heisman finalist in 1983 when he played QB at Nebraska and was regarded as one of the top recruiters at NU from 1992-2004. He was also an offensive asst at Green Bay in 2005. Gill will serve as his own OC in 2007 due to OC Gerald Carr being fired at the end of last season. The DC is Jimmy Williams (Neb AA in '81) who begins his 2nd year here. He played 12 years in the NFL and was an asst coach at both Toledo and Nebraska.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Buffalo made strides in their first 3 years of IA ball moving from 0 to 2 to 3 wins but in the last five years they have had just seven victories. In 2002, the Bulls were outgained by 162.4 ypg in league play and 150.7 ypg in 2003 despite having 15 starters back . Both times it was the worst mark in the MAC. In 2004, they returned 15 starters again and were "only" outgained by 109.8 ypg in MAC play (2nd worst). They managed to win two games in MAC play which is the most in their eight years in the league. In 2005, they had ex-HC Hofher's most experienced team with 13 returning starters and 15 seniors in the 2 deep. Still, the media picked them last in the MAC East, which is where they've been pegged every season. Buffalo actually escaped the basement finishing 1-7 in the MAC East and was only outgained by 41.6 ypg (4th worst). They did not score a TD until the 4th game. Buffalo did achieve its first MAC road win when they knocked off Kent St, banishing the Flashes to the basement. The win came the week after they announced Hofher would not be back. In their home finale, they outgained EM 441-316 but were done in by 5 turnovers. Their 1-10 mark was their 9th straight losing year. Gill inherited 12 starters from a team that was -15 in turnovers (pg 312) and in his inaugural season he played a lot of younger players. Twenty-three underclassmen started at least once (9 had 7 or more). They won the opening game in OT vs Temple with a 356-183 yard edge. In Wk 2, they took BG to 3OT's but lost (outgained 570-243). Last year I gave Buffalo no shot at a winning season and the Bulls lost 10 of their final 11. In their only other win, they caught Kent St in a flat spot and were trailing 14-0 in the 2Q but three 3Q turnovers turned the game around and the Bulls won 41-14. The Bulls were outgained by 111.3 ypg in MAC play (league worst). It was their 10th straight losing season and they are now 8-56 in 8 years of MAC play. This year they only lose 4 starters. In Gill's first season their offense averaged 18.3 ppg. The only season to top that since they joined IA ball was in 2001 (18.6 ppg). They also have 9 offensive starters back including QB Willy and should top that total. The D had just 5 starters back last year and allowed 35.9 ppg but with 9 starters back, should be much tougher. This is a MUCH improved team and while their record should be better in '07, unfortunately I will call for an 11th straight losing season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 16 DREW WILLY JR. 6-3 209 PS#61. 8 st true, 1481 (61%) 6-12 ratio. 8 st LY (inj). 1391 (60%) 6-6. 167 rush. **18 Naaman Roosevelt** (6-0 184 So) PS#192QB. 7 st WR true, 31 (13.8).

RB 19 JAMES STARKS SO. 6-2 210 PS#283QB. 7 st rFr, **2nd Tm MAC**. 704 (4.0), 34 rec (6.6). **28** Mario Henry (5-9 202 So) PS#112. 2 st S, 13 tkl '05. Da'Von McCune (5-10 185 So) 11 yd.

FB 32 Chris Scharon Jr. 6-2 242 PS#311LB. 4 st FB as rFr. 1 st FB LY. **42** Kyle Brey (6-2 245 rFr) PS#108TE. 355 bench. **36** Ike Nduka (5-11 220 So). 5 gm, 22 all-purp yd '06.

WR 88 BRETT HAMLIN JR. 6-1 182 PS#355. 6 st, **#1 rec** 38 (9.8), true. 7 rec 2 gm LY until inj. **3** Gary Rice (5-9 163 Jr) 9 tkl CB true. 1 st, 9 rec LY. **Naaman Roosevelt 7 st LY.**

WR 24 TERRANCE BREAUX SR. 6-2 215 8 st rFr, #2 with 23 (14.3). Inj'd '05. 10 st LY, 32 (13.9). **21** Ernest Jackson (6-2 215 Jr) 18 rec (13.9) 2Y. **3** Alex Pierre (6-1 191 So) 2 st, 3 rec LY.

TE 45 ROBERT YEALU JR. 6-3 241 PS#224WR. 4 st LY, 6 rec (16.2). **82 Jesse Rack** (6-3 247 So) 2 st TE rFr, 2 rec. **81** Bryan Kisabeth (6-4 220 Jr) PS#128WR. 4 rec true '04. Inj'd 2 yrs.

C 71 JAMEY RICHARD SR. 6-4 301 2 st C rFr. 11 st C '05. 12 st C LY. Top OL Award. **79** Chris Lauzze (6-2 300 Jr) PS#388OL. Scout Tm '05. 2nd string in 2006, 7 games.

RG 75 JEFF NIEDERMIER JR. 6-3 310 PS#463. 6 st RG rFr. 12 st RG LY. **76** Matt Bacoulis (6-3 307 So) PS#289. Top backup OG. 1 letter. **68** Brian Kelly (6-6 305 rFr) PS#394.

LG 57 Jon Geddes Jr. 6-4 337 3 gm rFr. First 5 starts in '06 at LG until injury. **73** Peter Bittner (6-4 293 rFr) PS#373. Solomon Richberg PS#480 LY. GS. In for spring.

RT 78 JORDAN JERROLD SO. 6-8 306 8 gm as true, including L/7 st. **69** Travis Coughlin (6-6 305 Jr) PS#277. 6 gm '04-'05. Inelig LY (Acad). **72** Andrew West (6-6 313 So).

LT 70 RAY NORELL JR. 6-6 296 1 st LT true. 12 st LY (5LT, 7LG). **67** Jon Burgio (6-9 359 Sr) PS#389. 2nd string in '05 and '06. **66 Brandon Flanagan** (6-2 299 rFr) **PS#74.**

K 10 Gerry McGroarty Jr. 6-2 219 **PS#11**. 64 yd FG in HS! 2 of 5 FG rFr, long 46, 0-0 xp. Inj'd last year. **8** Ben Woods (6-2 201 Sr) PS#84K. 5 of 7 FG as senior in HS.

DE 89 TREVOR SCOTT SR. 6-5 258 PS#174TE. TE '05. 12 st LY, UB IA rec **9 sk**. 45 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **48 Chris Callahan** (6-3 247 Jr) PS#284LB. 17 tkl, 2 tfl, 2Y. Matt Abdo (6-3 276 Jr).

DT 55 LABINOT HAKANJIN SR. 6-0 279 PS#295JC. 5 st DT LY, 16 tkl. **60** Mike Thompson (6-1 271 Jr) PS#317. 4 st, 6 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **63** Kevin Johnson (6-4 296 So) PS#216OL in '05.

DT 95 RONALD HILAIRE JR. 6-0 288 14 tkl rFr. 8 st '06, 20 tkl, 1 sk. **74** Anel Montanez (6-0 290 So) 1 st LY, 9 tkl. **94** Frankie Pointer (5-11 303 So) PS#391. 2 st in '06, zero tackles.

DE 91 JAMES JUDGES SR. 6-6 262 PS#223. 5 tkl, 1 sk '05. 12 st in '06, 27 tkl, 3 sk. **92** Dane Robinson (6-2 267 So) PS#236. 4 st, 13 tkl, 2 sk LY. **90** Bruno LaPointe (6-5 259 So).

OLB 6 OLLICE ERVIN JR. 6-1 232 34 tkl '04-'05. 11 st LY, #2 tackler with 96, 6.5 tfl. **54** Adekunle Akingba PS#475JC. 90 tkl LY at JC. In for spg. **56** Stephen Nowak (6-0 220 Jr).

ILB 4 Jamal Chisam Jr. 5-11 208 3 st, 20 tkl true. MedRS '05. 1 tkl, 6 gm '06. **47** Todd Robertson (6-1 244 Sr) 16 tkl '04-'05. 10 tkl LY. **44** David Hubbard (6-0 225 Jr) JC. 11 tkl LY.

OLB 46 Larry Hutchinson Sr. 6-1 212 85 tkl, 13 sk JC. 10 tkl here LY. **52** Tom Drewes (6-1 246 So) PS#359. Milford. 1 st, 11 tkl true. **33** LaRon Haymore (5-11 238 Sr) 20 tkl 3Y.

CB 11 ANDRE EVANS JR. 5-10 171 6 st 2Y (L/3 LY) 24 tkl. **22 Sherrod Lott** (5-10 170 So) 6 st rFr, 33 tkl, 1 pbu. **29** Ronald Sears (6-0 186 Sr). **40** Tom Corradino (5-7 180 Jr).

CB 12 KENDRIC HAWKINS SO. 5-10 184 11 st rFr, 70 tkl, 8 tfl, 5 pbu. **17** Keon Perry (5-9 170 Sr) PS#444JC. 2 st, 8 tkl LY. Lost 43 lbs. **13 Gerald Jackson** (5-11 176 Jr) **8 st '05**, 14 tkl, 4 pbu.

SS 30 MIKE NEWTON SO. 5-10 195 PS#406. 9 st SS rFr, 60 tkl, 4 tfl, 5 int. **14** Jesse Imes (5-10 202 Sr) PS#300. 2 st '04. 8 st '05. 6 st LY. 115 tkl, 3 pbu 3Y. Josh Copeland PS#350.

FS 20 KAREEM BYROM SR. 5-10 200 10 st FS '05, 85 tkl, 3 int. 12 st LY, 88 tkl, 9 tfl, 3 pbu. **43 Chris Storr** (6-0 189 So) 3 st true, 11 tkl, 1 tfl. **38** Lucas West (5-9 209 rFr) PS#560.

P 8 BEN WOODS SR. 6-2 201 PS#84. 72 punt '04, 41.2 avg as true. 80 punts in '05, 37.1 avg, net 30.5. 67 punts, 37.9 avg, tm net 31.3. **10** Gerry McGroarty 42.5 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Derrick Brown 6-3 280 PS#288OL
WR	Marcus Rivers 6-4 205 PS#248
LB	Fred Branch 6-3 200 PS#272
WR	Terrell Jackson 6-1 180 PS#197QB
RB	Obi Ezemma 6-0 215 PS#300
OL	Matt Ostrowski 6-7 300 PS#371
DL	Robert Torn 6-3 265 PS#297
DL	Richie Smith 6-3 300 PS#300
DB	Josh Copeland 6-0 195 PS#350
LB	Adekunle Akingba 6-4 205 PS#475JC
OL	Ted Carlson 6-4 295 PS#443
TE	Aaron Connacher 6-3 230 PS#133
DB	Alan Hayes 5-11 190 PS#443
OL	Solomon Richberg 6-4 300 PS#480 '06
DB	Davonte Shannon 6-1 180 PS#458
QB	Zack Ingle 6-3 185 PS#308
DB	Domonic Cook 5-9 175 PS#448WR
DL	Gordon DuBois 6-2 230 PS#451
LB	Sergio Smith 6-1 210 PS#451DL
LB	Jerry Housey 6-1 230 PS#500
DB	Joshua Thomas 5-10 175 PS#540
QB	Ed Young 6-0 180 PS#366

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#95

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UB	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	at Rutgers (Thur)	A						Buffalo is 1-9 in their last 10 road openers. That win came vs Rutgers in 2002. UB has been shutout 10 times & are 1-6 in weekday gms since joining the IA in '99.
Sep. 8	at Temple	G						LY this gm was scoreless for over 52:00 as UB (up 3-0) had a GL stand late to force OT (FG by UT). Buffalo is 10-1 all-time vs Temple as this will be just the 2nd meeting since 1970.
Sep. 15	at Penn St	G						Bulls are 1-4 all-time vs current Big 10 teams with their only win in 1900 (Penn St)! Beaver Stadium will be the largest facility (107,282) in which a UB football tm has ever played.
Sep. 22	Baylor	A						Buffalo is 5-9 in home openers S/'93, but did snap a 7 yr losing skid LY vs Temple. Bulls are 1-9 vs non-conf opponents at home since joining the MAC, the only win was LY.
Sep. 29	at Ball St	A						LY UB fell behind 14-0 in the 1st 5:00 of the gm, never recovering from BSU's quick start. The Bulls are just 1-18 vs MAC West Division tms since moving up to the IA level.
Oct. 6	Ohio (HC)	A						Buffalo is 0-8 the last 8 years on Homecoming with the average loss by 20 ppg. Gill served as Frank Solich's asst coach while at Nebraska from 1998-2003.
Oct. 13	Toledo	A						Heading into 2007, the Bulls are 7-25 all-time in MAC home games. Buffalo is just 3-7 in the second of back-to-back home games.
Oct. 20	at Syracuse	A						These instate schools 1st played in 1896, which was UB's 5th football gm in school history. In their 2 trips to the Carrier Dome ('00 & '05), UB is 0-2 being outscored 94-7 & outgained 867-393.
Oct. 27	Akron	A						Buffalo is 0-8 all-time vs Akron as these schools have played every year since 1999. LY's gm between UA & UB was televised by ESPNU (1st ESPN TV gm for Buffalo).
Nov. 3	at Miami, Oh	A						The Bulls had 8 TO's the last trip to Oxford including 5 in the 1st half. Buffalo is 2-14 since 1997 in November road games. They have dropped all 9 meetings to Miami.
Nov. 10								
Nov. 17	Bowling Green	A						In their 1st meeting ('00), not only was BG UB's 1st MAC win, but also its 1st as a IA program. Bulls are 10-20 (2-12 L14Y) in home finales since starting football back up in '77.
Nov. 24	at Kent St	A						Buffalo has beat KSU more times (3) than any other conf member since joining the MAC. LY vs Kent St, RB J. Starks had a career high 162 yds rushing (6.8) with 3 TD's.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cliff Scott 7,578 '91-'94
2. Marty Barrett 6,945 '80-'83
3. Joe Freedy 5,912 '98-'01

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Anthony Swan 3,103 '94-'97
2. Alan Bell 3,022 '89-'92
3. OD Underwood 2,062 '86-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Drew Haddad 3,409 '96-'99
2. Chris D'Amico 2,331 '80-'84
3. Kali Watkins 2,260 '95-'98

TURNER GILL (Career 2-10)

2nd Year at Buffalo — Gill's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Gill's records AT BUFFALO

2-10	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
2-3	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
0-7	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
1-7	Vs Conference	1-8	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 56 (24,30,2)
Lost: 14 (10,2,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,417 (#106)

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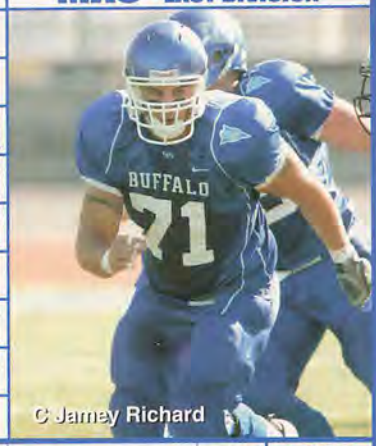

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STADIUM: UB STADIUM (29,013) (#110)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sportexe Momentum)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	1-11	1-11	2-9	1-10	2-10	12-68
Home	2-3	1-4	0-6	1-5	2-3	0-5	2-3	8-29
Away	0-6	2-4	1-5	0-6	0-6	1-5	0-7	4-39
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-6	1-7	0-8	1-7	2-6	1-7	1-7	8-48
ATS	7-4	5-6	5-6	4-7	4-7	6-5	7-4-1	38-39-1
Home Fav (Craig Ciesus)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-0-1
Home Dog (Jim Hofher)	5-0	2-3	1-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-2	18-16
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog (Turner Gill)	2-4	3-3	4-2	2-4	1-5	3-3	5-2	20-23
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-0-1
Dog	7-4	5-6	5-6	4-7	4-7	6-5	7-4	38-39
vs Conf	6-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-3	30-26
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-3	0-3	1-2	2-1-1	8-13-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	2-0	4-8
Off SU Loss	6-2	4-3	5-5	4-5	3-5	6-3	5-4	33-27

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

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2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Starks	175	773	69	704	6	4.0
Steven King	55	207	8	199	6	3.6
Jared Patterson	37	147	11	136	2	3.7
Chris McDuffie	8	26	1	25	0	3.1
Stewart Sampsel	3	6	3	3	0	1.0
Tony Paoli	24	51	50	1	0	0.0
Drew Willy	68	167	169	-2	1	0.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Drew Willy	231	138	59.7	1391	6	6
Tony Paoli	94	47	50.0	584	1	5
Stewart Sampsel	29	15	51.7	161	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Terrance Breaux	32	444	13.9	3	50
Naaman Roosevelt	31	429	13.8	2	53
Chad Upshaw	35	419	12.0	1	33
James Starks	34	226	6.6	0	30
Ernest Jackson	11	162	14.7	1	20
Robert Yealu	6	97	16.2	0	23
Evan Wallace	7	96	13.7	1	33
Gary Rice	9	64	7.1	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ben Woods	67	2545	38.0	6	31.3(t)	3	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Tanalski	17-17	2-3	2-2	2-2	0-0	6-7	42
Taylor Packwood	6-8	3-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	3-6	27

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeff Bublavi	110	1.5	5	1	0
Ollice Ervin	96	1.5	5	3	1
Kareem Byrom	88	2	7	3	1
Kendric Hawkins	70	1	7	5	2
Ramon Guzman	67	1	7	2	0
Mike Newton	60	0.5	3.5	2	5
Jesse Imes	48	0	1.5	2	1
Trevor Scott	45	9	4.5	1	0
Sherrod Lott	33	0	2.5	1	0
James Judges	27	3	2	0	0
Ronald Hilaire	20	1	0.5	1	0
Labinot Hakanjin	16	0	1	0	0
Dane Robinson	13	2	2	1	0
Chris Callahan	13	1	1	0	0
David Hubbard	11	1.5	0	0	0
Tom Drewes	11	0	1	0	0
Todd Robertson	10	0	0.5	0	0
Chris Storr	10	0	0	0	0
Larry Hutchinson	10	0	0	1	0
Andre Evans	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Naaman Roosevelt	11	144	13.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Naaman Roosevelt	28	724	25.9	1
Gary Rice	6	105	17.5	0

BUFFALO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	18.3	15	90	2.8	178	56.5	14.6	-4	2006	5	35.9	18	185	4.7	206	66.9	10.9
5	10.0	16	109	2.9	171	57.7	28.0	-15	2005	8	29.7	18	190	4.8	174	55.1	12.2
9*	17.9	14	148	3.7	121	45.4	15.1	+1	2004	6	31.9	20	188	4.4	214	60.6	12.6
7*	14.8	16	169	3.8	122	51.0	19.7	-2	2003	8	37.1	24	223	5.3	253	59.8	12.8
7	17.8	16	98	3.1	178	48.4	15.5	+6	2002	4	34.7	23	207	4.5	228	57.8	12.5
7*	18.6	19	114	3.3	203	49.6	17.0	-2	2001	6	26.0	20	177	4.1	180	60.5	13.7

2006 STATS BY GAME

UB 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Temple	19	41 - 168	4.1	13 - 24	188	4	13	27 - 80	3.0	20 - 25	103	1	0
–	at Bowling Green	17	47 - 105	2.2	21 - 32	138	2	29	58 - 356	6.1	18 - 26	214	1	+1
–	at N Illinois	23	32 - 99	3.1	25 - 41	250	4	19	36 - 344	9.6	12 - 19	156	2	+1
–	at Auburn	14	39 - 87	2.2	12 - 24	111	3	19	36 - 261	7.3	10 - 14	153	1	+1
–	Ball St	21	30 - 42	1.4	30 - 44	364	7	19	42 - 232	5.5	12 - 15	262	0	-2
–	Miami, Oh	16	29 - 104	3.6	13 - 24	174	3	19	41 - 93	2.3	17 - 28	167	4	-1
–	at Ohio	10	23 - 39	1.7	15 - 27	132	3	18	43 - 223	5.2	14 - 20	147	1	+1
–	at Boston College	6	14 - (-12)	-0.9	15 - 30	104	2	20	48 - 207	4.3	17 - 26	142	2	-4
–	Kent St	15	34 - 176	5.2	14 - 20	193	2	16	34 - 103	3.0	18 - 34	195	6	+3
–	at Akron	13	36 - 98	2.7	15 - 24	150	3	16	37 - 144	3.9	14 - 21	274	1	-1
–	at Wisconsin	6	28 - 52	1.9	6 - 23	107	4	19	42 - 128	3.0	16 - 27	308	3	-1
–	C Michigan	19	27 - 124	4.6	21 - 41	225	2	14	29 - 47	1.6	16 - 20	346	3	-2
TOTALS		179	380 - 1082	2.8	200 - 354	2136	39	221	473 - 2218	4.7	184 - 275	2467	25	-4
AVERAGES		14.9	32 - 90	2.8	17 - 30	178	3.3	18.4	39 - 185	4.7	15 - 23	206	2.1	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Lehigh	NL	26-37
–	at Rutgers	+7	34-11
–	Connecticut	+2	3-24
–	at Minnesota	+31	17-41
–	at Ohio	+8	32-34
–	W Michigan	+11	17-31
–	at Marshall	+31	21-66
–	Miami, Oh	+16'	0-49
–	Kent St	+4'	12-16
–	UCF	+17	21-45
–	at Akron	+15	10-21
–	at Ball St	+16	21-41

2003 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Rutgers	+12	10-24
–	at Iowa	+35'	7-56
–	Colgate	NL	15-38
–	Connecticut	+23'	7-38
–	Akron	+15	21-38
–	at UCF	+23'	10-19
–	at Miami, Oh	+36	3-59
–	Marshall	+29	16-26
–	Ohio	+13'	26-17
–	at Toledo	+26	29-56
–	N Illinois - #23	+23	9-40
–	at Kent St	+12'	24-34

2004 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at E Michigan	+7	34-37
–	Syracuse	+15'	17-37
–	at Nevada	+16	13-38
–	at Ohio	+13	0-34
–	UCF	+7'	48-20
–	at Akron	+8'	21-44
–	Miami, Oh	+20	7-25
–	at Marshall	+25	14-48
–	Kent St	+8'	7-33
–	C Michigan	+5	36-6
–	at Connecticut	+25'	0-29

2005 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Connecticut	+18	0-38
–	at Syracuse	+24	0-31
–	Rutgers	+21	3-17
–	at W Michigan	+10'	21-31
–	Akron	+10	7-13
–	Bowling Green	+23'	7-27
–	at Toledo	+30'	15-38
–	Ohio	+5'	20-34
–	at Miami, Oh	+27'	13-54
–	at Kent St	+7	10-6
–	E Michigan	+6	14-38

2006 RESULTS

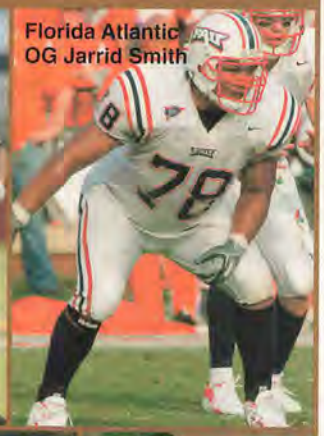
UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Temple	-6	9-3 OT
–	at Bowling Green	+23'	40-48 3OT
–	at N Illinois	+24	13-31
–	at Auburn - #2	+41	7-38
–	Ball St	+3'	25-55
–	Miami, Oh	+7'	31-38
–	at Ohio	+17	7-42
–	at Boston College - #18	+34	0-41
–	Kent St	+16	41-14
–	at Akron	+17'	16-31
–	at Wisconsin - #12	+38	3-35
–	C Michigan	+14'	28-55

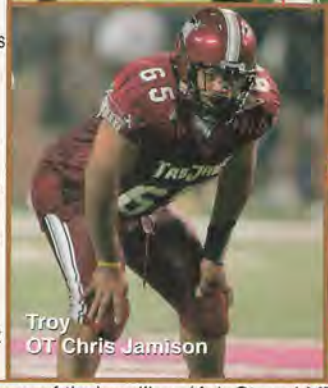
SUN BELT CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 SUN BELT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Omar Haugabook, Troy	Corey Leonard, Ark St	Rusty Smith, FAU	Kinsmon Lancaster, ULM
RB	Calvin Dawson, ULM	Tyrell Fenroy, ULL	Kenny Cattouse, Troy	Cam Montgomery, N Texas
RB	Jamario Thomas, N Texas	Reggie Arnold, Ark St	Charles Pierre, FAU	Sean Dawkins, Troy
WR	Derrick Smith, ULL	Bobby Williams, MTSt	Brandon Jackson, N Texas	Taron Henry, MTSt
WR	LaGregory Sapp, ULM	Levi Dejohnette, Ark St	Mykeal Terry, Troy	Kevin Jones, Ark St
WR	Gary Banks, Troy	Frantz Simeon, FAU	Patrick Higgins, Ark St	Jeremy Dickens, FIU
TE	Kenneth "Zeek" Zacharie, ULM	Stephen Chicola, MTSt	Clinton Corder, MTSt	David Johnson, Ark St
C	Adam Hill, ULM	Nick Paris, FAU	Xaiver Shannon, FIU	Brandon Nix, MTSt
G	Chad Rose, N Texas	Jarrid Smith, FAU	Adam Venegas, N Texas	Jeffery Eugene, FIU
G	Aaron Schutz, ULM	Windham Rotunda, Troy	Matt Reibe, Ark St	Patrick Avinger, ULM
T	Chris Jamison, Troy	Matt Mandich, Ark St	Jesse Newman, ULL	David Price, MTSt
T	Kyle Cunningham, ULM	Franklin Dunbar, MTSt	Larry Shappley, ULM	Andy Leavine, FIU
DL	Tavares Jones, MTSt	Jeremiah Chapman, N Texas	Rodney Hardeway, ULL	Brian Flagg, Ark St
DL	Josh Pinnick, FAU	Korey Raymond, ULL	Wes Hofacker, MTSt	Chris Bradwell, Troy
DL	Jervonte Jackson, FAU	Trevor Jenkins, MTSt	Brandon Perry, MTSt	Montey Stevenson, N Texas
DL	Erik Walden, MTSt	Kenny Mainor, Troy	Sean Mosley, MTSt	Roland Clarke, FIU
LB	Koby McKinnon, Ark St	Brenton Burkhalter, ULL	Boris Lee, Troy	Ben Owens, Ark St
LB	Cardia Jackson, ULM	Maurice Holman, N Texas	Brandon Monroe, N Texas	Colt Mahan, N Texas
LB	Josh Thompson, ULM	Cergile Sincere, FAU	Frantz Joseph, FAU	Derek Mendoza, N Texas
CB	Bradley Robinson, MTSt	Lionell Singleton, FIU	Greg James, ULM	Antoine Bush, N Texas
CB	Kyle Ward, ULL	Montis Harrison, Ark St	Leodis McKelvin, Troy	Dominique Green, N Texas
SS	Tyrell Johnson, Ark St	Trevor Ford, Troy	Lamar Morgan, ULL	Kris Bartels, FAU
FS	Damon Nickson, MTSt	Khayyam Burns, Ark St	Taheem Acevedo, FAU	Aaron Weathers, N Texas
K	Drew Edmiston, ULL	Cole Wilson, ULM	Josh Arauco, Ark St	Greg Whibbs, Troy
P	Truman Spencer, N Texas	Brett Shrable, Ark St	Mike O'Neill, FAU	Chris Cook, FIU
KR	Damon Nickson, MTSt	Leodis McKelvin, Troy	Lionell Singleton, FIU	Brandon Thompkins, Ark St
PR	Frantz Simeon, FAU	Leodis McKelvin, Troy	Desmond Gee, MTSt	Lionell Singleton, FIU

ULM
LB Josh Thompson


Florida Atlantic
OG Jarrid Smith


Troy
OT Chris Jamison

North Texas
P Truman Spencer

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 SUN BELT FORECAST

1. TROY - Troy was fortunate to win the SBC last year overcoming a 13 point deficit in the final minutes vs Middle Tenn. They were impressive in the bowl and will have an explosive offense led by QB Haugabook in the 2nd year of the spread offense. They will need the young O-line to come together quickly. Troy's D has had only 3 and 4 returning starters in each of the last two seasons. With 8 starters back this season they should come close to resembling their dominating 2004 unit. This looks like the most complete team in the SBC. They have 4 SBC home games, and get their toughest foes at home so Troy is my favorite to repeat as SBC champions.

2. FLORIDA ATLANTIC - I rate Schnellenberger the conference's best coach and after taking some lumps with an inexperienced team the last few years this year he has the most returning starters (18), and highest percentage of lettermen returning (85%). The Owls get most of their major contenders (Middle Tenn, ULM, Ark St) at home and the SBC Championship looks as if it will come down to their December 1 matchup at Troy.

3. ULM - ULM was -5 in net close losses last year which is an NCAA high and that means good things for 2007. ULM, despite their 3-4 conf record, outgained conf foes by 29.3 ypg and figure to have the most explosive offense in the SBC this year. They do have to face both Florida Atlantic and Troy on the road and despite a tough non-conf schedule (Tulsa, Clemson, Texas A&M and Alabama) this team should not only have a winning SBC season, but could have a winning year overall.

4. MIDDLE TENNESSEE - The Blue Raiders were arguably the best team in the SBC last year and would have won the league had they held on to the 13 point lead over Troy with 3:50 left. This year's squad however is tied for the fewest amount of returning starters in the league (12), and has the 2nd most lettermen lost (17). They also have 4 league road games including all 3 teams I peg for the top spots in the conference. I generally side with defense and Middle Tennessee has the best defense in the SBC this year, but with the schedule and question marks on offense, I have them dropping a notch in the SBC standings.

4. ARKANSAS ST - ASU finished tied for 3rd last year and while they were outscored in league play by 17 points overall, they had the best ypg in SBC action, outgaining league foes by 50.4 ypg. That makes them a very dangerous foe for 2007, especially with 14 returning starters. Steve Roberts has 4 SBC home games which could have them contending for top honors but unfortunately their 3 road games are vs ULM, Middle Tennessee and Florida Atlantic, their main rivals in the upper half of the league. They are 17-6 at Indian Stadium under Roberts and have a great shot at another winning year in SBC play.

6. LOUISIANA-LFT - ULL's 12 retuning starters tie for fewest in the league and their 16 lettermen lost are the most in the SBC. They should be explosive on offense but the defense is my major question mark as I rate them near the bottom of the league in that category. I rate ULL in the middle of the SBC pack talent-wise. While they host the leagues upper tier they face the two other teams of their caliber (Ark St and MTSt) on the road. I hate picking a Ricky Bustle squad this low, but they will need the defense to play beyond its experience to move up any higher in the standings.

7. FLORIDA INT'L - FIU has some positive factors this year as they were -9 in turnovers, had 5 net close losses, qualified for both ends of my ypp system (pg 299) and also had 42 starts lost to either injury or suspension last year. That makes it a no-brainer that they will improve their record this year, especially since they were 0-12. They must however learn new schemes on both sides of the ball and have a 1st time HC. FIU was outgained by 75.6 ypg in league play (2nd worst) last year. While last year's team was much better than the final record would indicate (especially in the 1H of the season), this year's squad probably will not move up much in the SBC standings.

8. NORTH TEXAS - NT has some good things going for it, like 15 returning starters and the fact they were -15 in turnovers last year. The troubling aspects for this season is the fact that they got rid of their excellent HC, Darrell Dickey and must learn new systems on both offense and defense. NT was outgained by 95.3 ypg in SBC play, the league's worst. Plus they have four SBC road games while their home games are against 3 of the toughest in the league. This looks like a rebuilding year for NT.

Sun Belt Notes: My 2006 SBC Player of the Year was Kevin Payne of ULM. Payne was the starting SS for the Warhawks and led the team in tackles with 98. He was also the teams punter and avg a solid 40.6. He had 11 KR's and added 3 PR's. He was a RB in 2003-04 and would gladly have handled those duties as well last year but Calvin Dawson did a nice job at RB leading the conference with 1210 rush yards. It was an interesting battle at the end of the year for the rush title as Dawson rushed for 129 in a head to head battle with Tyrell Fenroy in the season finale. Fenroy rushed for 118 and ended with 1193 just 17 yards short. This is the 32nd year of the Sun Belt conference but just the 6th year of football in the league. The Sun Belt was just 4-31 in non conf play last year and their 4 wins were all vs non BCS schools. Naturally they are a popular opponent for BCS schools and went 0-24 vs those leagues last year. The Sun Belt was 1-1 in bowls with Troy's win over Rice. Their 50% record in the bowls was the 5th best of all the conferences. North Texas coach Darrell Dickey was the last original football head coach of a Sun Belt league that was formed in 2001 (that is a lot of turnaround). This year Western Kentucky begins their move to IA (FBS) football and membership in the SBC. I have added 1 page for them at the end of the Sun Belt pages as they play a limited FBS schedule and will not be eligible for the SBC Championship or bowl berth until the 2009 season. I will give them 2 full pages next year when they should play the full SBC schedule. In 2005 home teams were 25-6 in league play. Last year it was stunning to see the road teams have a 16-11 record in conf play showing how quickly things can turn around. The Sun Belt had 5 players selected in the NFL draft with Troy, Ark St and ULM each having one selected. It was very surprising to see the leader of the league was the 0-12 Florida International squad who had 2 players selected.

2006 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
84	ULM	23.1	3	354.0	1	149.4	5	4.17	3	204.6	1	59.1	3	15.3	3	11	2	8	1
94	Troy	25.3	2	347.7	2	150.6	4	4.15	4	197.1	2	64.0	2	13.8	2	16	7	13	3
101	Louisiana-Lft	18.0	5	323.3	4	174.1	2	4.45	1	149.1	7	52.2	7	18.0	5	17	8	16	5
108	Middle Tennessee	29.1	1	317.9	5	168.4	3	4.11	5	149.4	6	66.5	1	10.9	1	9	1	13	3
111	Arkansas St	18.0	5	338.0	3	186.7	1	4.42	2	151.3	5	46.4	8	18.8	6	14	4	17	7
114	Florida Atlantic	18.4	4	308.4	6	118.1	7	2.62	7	190.3	3	57.1	4	16.7	4	12	3	10	2
117	Florida Int'l	7.7	8	229.1	7	44.9	8	1.93	8	184.3	4	56.2	5	29.7	8	14	4	22	8
118	North Texas	10.9	7	226.7	8	119.7	6	3.24	6	107.0	8	54.9	6	20.9	7	15	6	16	5

2006 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '06 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
75	Middle Tennessee	13.1	1	280.9	1	105.6	1	3.23	2	175.3	6	54.8	3	21.4	1	16	3	25	1
89	Arkansas St	20.4	5	287.6	2	148.7	6	4.43	8	138.9	2	58.9	6	14.1	7	14	4	9	8
90	Florida Int'l	24.6	8	304.7	4	177.3	8	3.80	4	127.4	1	56.1	4	12.4	8	10	6	17	3
98	Florida Atlantic	14.3	2	297.0	3	139.9	5	4.35	7	157.1	3	54.7	2	20.8	2	19	2	11	5
100	Troy	19.4	4	319.4	6	108.4	2	3.07	1	211.0	8	54.5	1	16.4	4	10	6	19	2
102	North Texas	21.0	6	322.0	7	156.6	7	3.67	3	165.4	4	61.1	8	15.3	5	5	8	10	7
103	ULM	16.1	3	324.7	8	136.6	3	3.89	5	188.1	7	59.6	7	20.1	3	22	1	11	5
108	Louisiana-Lft	21.6	7	308.9	5	139.0	4	4.04	6	169.9	5	56.3	5	14.3	6	12	5	13	4

2006 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2006	2005	2004
Troy	6	1	177	136	8	5	296	289	+28.3	-0.7	+9.2
Middle Tenn	6	1	204	92	7	6	296	302	+37.0	+30.1	-12.7
Arkansas St	4	3	126	143	6	6	182	289	+50.4	+26.8	-52.1
Florida Atl	4	3	129	100	5	7	181	299	+11.4	-43.9	+49.7
ULM	3	4	162	113	4	8	262	267	+29.3	+11.8	+16.2
Louisiana-Lft	3	4	126	151	6	6	248	296	+14.4	+68.2	+19.8
N Texas	2	5	76	147	3	9	154	304	-95.3	-67.3	+15.3
Florida Int'l	0	7	54	172	0	12	115	313	-75.6	-25.0	-100.2

Coach of the Year: Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee

2005 SUN BELT STANDINGS

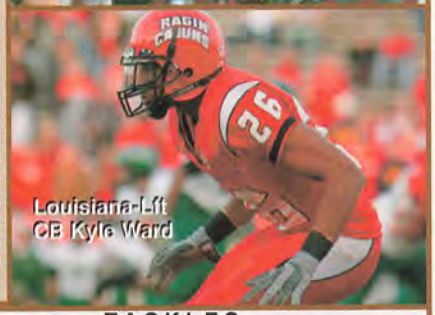
	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Arkansas St	5	2	182	163	6	6	294	303
Louisiana-Lft	5	2	203	161	6	5	286	304
ULM	5	2	194	186	5	6	239	339
FIU	3	4	172	191	5	6	257	323
Middle Tenn	3	4	176	124	4	7	210	206
Troy	3	4	100	121	4	7	175	255
Florida Atl	2	5	109	179	2	9	148	339
N Texas	2	5	131	142	2	9	157	346

Coach of the Year: Steve Roberts, Ark St

2004 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
N Texas	7	0	251	153	7	5	309	358
Troy	5	2	197	96	7	5	286	200
N Mex St	4	3	187	182	5	6	273	355
ULM	4	3	153	172	5	6	211	303
Middle Tenn	4	4	202	190	5	6	269	293
Ark St	3	4	136	185	3	8	215	365
UL-Lft	2	5	145	167	4	7	242	272
Utah St	2	5	124	181	3	8	184	333
Idaho	2	5	154	218	3	9	245	473

Coach of the Year: Darrell Dickey, N Texas



2006 SUN BELT LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Chandler Williams, FIU	10	67	664	1	66.4	6.7	9.9
LaGregory Sapp, ULM	12	43	796	3	66.3	3.6	18.5
Johnny Quinn, North Texas	11	57	633	4	57.6	5.2	11.1
Frantz Simeon, FAU	12	35	590	1	49.2	2.9	16.9
Gary Banks, Troy	13	68	603	8	46.4	5.2	8.9
Derrick Smith, La.-Lafayette	12	41	551	1	45.9	3.4	13.4
Samuel Smith, FIU	10	47	458	2	45.8	4.7	9.7
Mykeal Terry, Troy	13	27	477	5	36.7	2.1	17.7
Zeek Zacharie, ULM	12	30	405	2	33.8	2.5	13.5
Toris Rutledge, Troy	13	30	418	4	32.2	2.3	13.9
Kevin Jones, Ark St	12	25	355	2	29.6	2.1	14.2

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Calvin Dawson, ULM	12	213	1210	11	5.7	100.8
Tyrell Fenroy, La.-Lafayette	12	223	1197	10	5.4	99.4
Reggie Arnold, Ark St	12	209	1076	4	5.1	89.7
Eugene Gross, Middle Tenn	13	202	882	11	4.4	67.8
Kenny Cattouse, Troy	12	168	810	4	4.8	67.5
Charles Pierre, FAU	12	207	756	5	3.7	63.0
Jamario Thomas, North Texas	11	181	668	2	3.7	60.7
DeMarco McNair, Middle Tenn	13	139	586	7	4.2	45.1
A'mod Ned, FIU	10	94	445	2	4.7	44.5
Cedric Wilkerson, Ark St	11	86	362	2	4.2	32.9
Julian Reams, FIU	10	104	325	3	3.1	32.5
Evan Robertson, North Texas	12	78	381	2	4.9	31.8

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YPA	YDS	TD	EFF
Omar Haugabook, Troy	393	241	61.3	17	6.1	2401	21	121.6
Clint Marks, MT	283	171	60.4	9	6.8	1917	8	120.3
Kinsmon Lancaster, ULM	250	142	56.8	14	7.2	1789	7	115.0
Rusty Smith, FAU	194	108	55.7	8	6.6	1285	6	113.3
Sean Clayton, FAU	154	78	50.6	6	6.0	926	5	104.0
Corey Leonard, Ark St	222	109	49.1	8	6.0	1321	8	103.8
Jerry Babb, La.-Lafayette	262	140	53.4	14	5.9	1535	9	103.3
Josh Padrick, FIU	388	213	54.9	14	5.2	2014	5	95.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS/PG
Omar Haugabook, Troy	13	241	313	393	2401	2714	208.8
Kinsmon Lancaster, ULM	12	111	333	250	1789	2122	176.8
Jerry Babb, La.-Lafayette	12	104	359	262	1535	1894	157.9
Josh Padrick, FIU	12	57	-146	388	2014	1868	155.7
Clint Marks, MT	13	52	-46	283	1917	1871	143.9
Corey Leonard, Ark St	12	116	331	222	1321	1652	137.7
Calvin Dawson, ULM	12	213	1210	0	0	1210	100.8
Tyrell Fenroy, La.-Lafayette	12	223	1197	0	0	1197	99.8
Sean Clayton, FAU	11	58	153	154	926	1079	98.1
Rusty Smith, FAU	12	25	-110	194	1285	1175	97.9
Reggie Arnold, Ark St	12	209	1076	0	0	1076	89.7
Eugene Gross, MT	13	202	882	0	0	882	67.9

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Keyonvis Bouie, FIU	10	69	51	119	11.9
Kevin Payne, ULM	12	76	22	98	8.2
Alexander Bostic III, FIU	12	54	43	97	8.1
Brannon Condren, Troy	13	86	12	98	7.5
Aaron Weathers, N Texas	11	45	33	78	7.1
Josh Thompson, ULM	12	47	36	83	6.9
Cergile Sincere, FAU	12	42	36	78	6.5
Maurice Holman, N Texas	12	38	36	74	6.2
Kris Bartels, FAU	12	44	25	69	5.8
Antwan Barnes, FIU	12	42	27	69	5.8
Tyrell Johnson, Ark St	11	43	20	63	5.7

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Erik Walden, MT	11.5	76
Alexander Bostic III, FIU	7	44
Kenny Mainor, Troy	6.5	47
Antwan Barnes, FIU	6	51
Rodney Hardeway, ULL	6	26
Tavares Jones, MT	5.5	38
Josh Pinnick, FAU	5	36
Joe Bradley, ULL	5	36
Ryan Babb, Troy	4.5	33
Jeremiah Chapman, NT	4.5	29

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Antwan Barnes, FIU	22.5	87
Keyonvis Bouie, FIU	19	62
Alexander Bostic III, FIU	18	71
Franklin Lloyd, Troy	15.5	45
Erik Walden, MT	14.5	90
J.K. Sabb, MT	14.5	69
Josh Pinnick, FAU	11.5	46
Kenny Mainor, Troy	10.5	69
Trevor Jenkins, MT	10.5	24
Jeremiah Chapman, NT	10	43

*Numbers come from SBC final statistics.

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	FG PCT	LONG
Cole Wilson, ULM	12	14	15	93.3	49
Drew Edmiston, La.-Laf	12	11	14	78.6	51
Josh Arauco, Ark St	10	12	16	75.0	38
Denis Hopovac, NT	11	15	21	71.4	42
Warley Leroy, FAU	11	9	14	64.3	41
Colby Smith, MT	13	8	13	61.5	48
Greg Whibbs, Troy	13	11	19	57.9	47

KICKOFF RETURNS

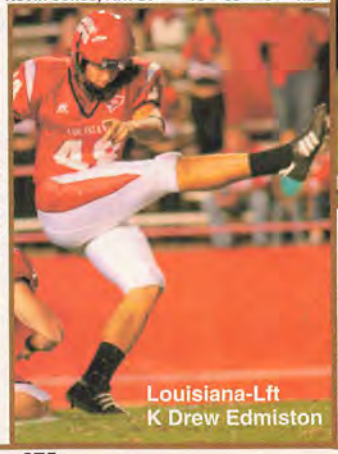
	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Damon Nickson, MT	21	605	2	28.8
Lionell Singleton, FIU	13	373	1	28.7
Leodis McKelvin, Troy	26	610	0	23.5
Brandon Thompkins, Ark St	25	548	0	21.9
Kris Bartels, FAU	16	345	0	21.6
Evan Robertson, NT	16	320	0	20.0
Deon Wallace, La.-Laf	20	395	0	19.8
Zach Muzzy, North Texas	19	359	0	18.9
Daunte Owens, FIU	12	212	0	17.7

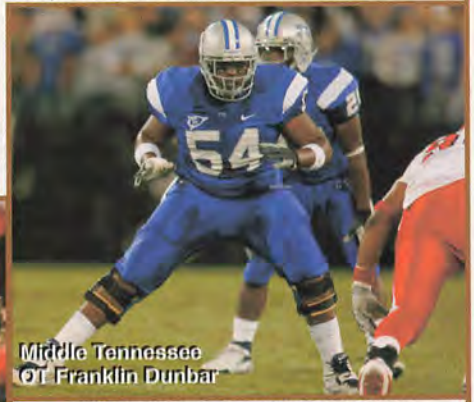
PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Colby Smith, MT	13	69	2830	41.0
Truman Spencer, NT	10	55	2245	40.8
Kevin Payne, ULM	12	45	1826	40.6
Jason Wright, Troy	13	59	2359	40.0
Brit Framel, La.-Laf	12	54	2109	39.1
Brett Shrable, Ark St	12	52	1983	38.1
Mike O'Neill, FAU	12	60	2233	37.2

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Frantz Simeon, FAU	15	201	0	13.4
Leodis McKelvin, Troy	28	314	1	11.2
Lionell Singleton, FIU	14	140	0	10.0
Kevin Jones, Ark St	15	63	0	4.2





PHIL'S SUN BELT UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Troy	1	5	3	6	2	4	2	1	2
Florida Atlantic	3	6	6	7	3	1	2	5	1
ULM	2	3	1	1	5	3	7	5	4
Middle Tennessee	6	7	2	3	1	5	4	2	5
Arkansas St	4	3	4	5	7	7	1	3	2
Louisiana-Lft	5	2	5	2	6	6	7	5	5
Florida Int'l	8	8	8	4	7	8	6	8	7
North Texas	7	1	7	8	4	2	5	4	8

TROY TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Troy signed DT McDowell (PS#37) who originally committed to Nebraska but signed with the Anaheim Angels. McDowell took over and started the final 6 and threw for 585 (40.4%) with a 5-4 ratio (312 rush) guiding the team to its first ever bowl game. Much was expected of him in '05 but he was ruled ineligible. Carl Meadows started the first two but was then beat out by true frosh Julian Foster (6'2" 186 Jr). In Foster's most impressive game he hit 17 of 27 for 271 with 3 TD's vs FAU but he was suspended for the season finale and Meadows started. Last year Meadows left the team over the summer and Foster returned but I projected Omar Haugabook to be the starter in the new spread offense. Haugabook threw for 2,425 (56.9%) with 21 TD's and 223 rush at JC in '05. He was the clear-cut starter and threw for 2,401 (61.3%) with a 21-17 ratio. Foster got in 4 games hitting 5 of 6 for 33 with 1 TD. Both QB's return and Haugabook should have much better stats in his 2nd year of the new offense. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Foster, Levi Brown (6'5" 220 Jr, PS#238) who transfers in from Richmond were he threw for 684 yards (50%) the last two years, Joseph Anderson (6'2" 185 So) and this year's true frosh.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Troy signed Kenny Cattouse (PS#98) who is New Jersey's all-time leading HS rusher. He got in 4 games as a true (51 yds). Walk-on senior Joel Whinghter led the team in '05 with 531 (5.6). Cattouse was the #1 rusher in 3 games but finished with just 314 (3.5). FB Sean Dawkins added 285 (3.8) and true frosh Anthony Jones had 188 (5.2). Last year they had to replace Whinghter and Dawkins (knee) redshirted. Jones led the team in rushing in the opener with 88. WR Josh Allen moved to FB for the first 5 games and led the team vs Nebraska with 39. Justin Bray led with 36 vs UAB and another true frosh, Justin Brooks, who was supposed to be a short-yardage back, led with 64 vs ULM. Cattouse then took over. He led the team in rushing in each of the last 6, avg 107.8 ypg over the last 5 including a career-high 172 yds vs ULL. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Justin Brooks (5'10" 190 So), Josh Brownell (5'10" 210 So), Fernandez Edwards (5'8" 180 So, PS#332), Stanley Taylor (5'5" 150 rFr, PS#315), Travis King (5'11" 240 rFr) and Tim Bolton (5'11" 173 So). They also add in Kent St transfer Jerry Flowers (389 ttl yd '05). Troy is in the 2nd year of the spread offense and Cattouse will likely break the 1,000 yard barrier this year. Besides Jones (trans to Jacksonville St), everyone else returns including Dawkins.

RB Kenny Cattouse

RECEIVERS - In 2005 JUCO Smokey Hampton led the team with 39 rec (14.9). Gary Banks moved from QB to WR in the spring and was #2 with 25 (11.7) and was named 2nd Tm SBC all-purp, playing on special teams. Last year Banks was by far the go-to receiver hauling in 68 (8.9). Toris Rutledge finished #2 with 30 (13.9). Hampton only started 5 but came on down the stretch with 7 rec in a key game vs MTSt including the game winning TD. When Banks injured his ankle, Mykeal Terry saw more action and had two 100+ rec yd games, finishing with 27 rec and an impressive 17.7 ypc. While Troy often lined up with 4 WR's they also used a 2-TE set with Josh Pruitt and Josh Henderson. This year they must replace Hampton (25, 13.2), Rutledge (12 st), Marlo East (11 st, 14, 7.3), Pruitt (1 st, 0 rec) and Henderson, who moves to the DL. Not listed below are Brad Sanders (6'2" 205 rFr), Travis Boyd (6'3" 200 So), Tim Johnson (6'3" 180 Jr), Tulsa transfer Roderick Foster (5'9" 168 Jr), Chris Lucas (5'10" 180 So, 1 rec LY) and Clarence Denmark (6'0" 180 Sr, PS#319JC). With 2 of the top 3 back and this being the 2nd year of the spread offense, this unit should be improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004, with four starters back, the OL paved the way for 3.9 ypc rush with 31 sacks allowed. In 2005 they had to replace 4 starters, including two All-SBC members. The inexperienced O-line only opened holes for 3.0 ypc rush, while allowing 38 sacks (12.8%!). Last year they had to replace two starters but had 8 of their top 10 back. As you would expect, the numbers improved to 3.8 ypc rush while allowing 29 sacks (7.1%). This year, much like 2004, they lose four starters in 1st Tm SBC C Zach Yenser (13 st, 2Y st'r), LT Rob Austin (13 st), RG James Gardner (11 st), 2nd Tm SBC RT Kirbie Bodiford (13 st, 2Y st'r) and backup Kenny Griffin. They signed 5 JUCO's, three of whom were in for the spring, but Mark Cogburn (6'4" 286) was lost for the year with a knee inj. This unit is my main question mark on the 2007 squad.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Troy's D-line produced a #2 NFL DC in Osi Umenyiora after the 2002 season and after 2004 a #1 DC in DeMarcus Ware. After yielding just 2.7 ypc rush in 2004, they had to replace all four starters and a backup in '05. That inexperienced unit allowed 3.7 ypc rush, their highest in 4 years while the D had just 17 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy again as they had to replace three starters. DE Kenny Mainor was called the next DeMarcus Ware and had decent numbers as a soph, leading the team with 6.5 sacks. They expected to add VHT Chris Bradwell at DT but he was suspended for the season. Troy still yielded 3.7 ypc but increased the sack total to 36. This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC NT Franklin Lloyd (13 st, 61 tkl, 15.5 tfl), DE Boo Smith (4 tkl, 1 tfl), NT David Cain (1 st, 7 tkl) and DE Jon Jackson (1 sk, 3 tkl). Four players return with starting experience on the DL and they have five HT's in Brandon Lang (PS#84), Dion Gales (PS#80JC), Chris Bradwell (PS#36JC), Brandon Suggs (PS#161) and Akeem Brown (PS#161LB). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Junior Tagovailoa (6'2" 257 Sr, PS#262JC), Josh Henderson (6'1" 286 Jr), Justin Kettles (6'2" 215 rFr), Marlon Quinn (6'3" 295 So) and this year's newcomers. This group is more experienced and has added talent.

LINEBACKERS - Troy had three starters back at LB in 2004 and two returned in 2005. Last year they had to replace their top two LB tacklers. The only returning starter, Marcus Richardson, broke his collarbone vs GT (missed 2 weeks) and saw his total tackles drop from 59 in 2005 to 40. Former FB Ryan Babb moved to LB and took over a starting spot. He has 4.4 speed and returns for his senior season. This year the only losses are WLB Babb (10 st, 55 tkl, 4.5 sk) and backup Jason Richardson (2 gm). Not listed below are Nathan Nolin (6'1" 205 So), Bear Woods (6'0" 231 Jr, 5 tkl), Bethune Cookman transfer Torian Salary (5-9 227 Jr) and Peter Quinn (6'0" 225 So). Five of the top 6 return and they add in a couple of transfers making this unit more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Troy was #9 in my pass D rankings in 2004 with 25 int which tied a school record. They had two outstanding CB starters back in 2005 but surprisingly slipped to #87. Last year they lost both of those CB's. Starting FS Sherrod Martin was injured prior to the season so they had just one starter back. Troy finished #83 allowing 58% with a 17-16 ratio. This year the only loss is 1st Tm SBC SS Brannon Condren (13 st, 98 tkl, 7 tfl, #4DC IND). Not only are 7 of the top 8 back, but they add in VHT Florida St transfer Trevor Ford (PS#35) and get Martin back so they have four players that have been full-time starters returning. Not even listed in the 2 deep below are Darryl Watts (5'10" 187 Jr, 12 tkl 2Y) and Terry Fulton (5-9 173 Jr). This season I expect Troy to significantly improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Blakeney always puts an emphasis on this unit and they have fared well including a #45 finish in my ST rankings in '04. They slipped some to #77 in '05 and only had to replace their P in '06. Leodis McKelvin avg 25.8 on KR and 12.6 on PR in '05 but slipped a little to 23.5 and 11.2 in '06. Greg Whibbs, who hit 11 of 20 FG's with a long of 48 (1 miss 50+) in '05, hit 11 of 19 FG's with a long of 47 and was 2 of 5 from 40+ in '06. Whibbs had 20 TB's on 62 KO. Senior Jason Wright took over the punting duties and avg'd 40.0 with a team net of 36.5. JUCO Elbert Mack did have a 91 yd KR TD in the spring of '06 but avg just 16.0 on 7 KR. This year the only loss is Wright and I list his potential replacements below including Texas Southern transfer Adrian Vera. Troy finished #70 last year and should improve upon that once again.

COACHES - This is Larry Blakeney's 17th year and he has guided the team from Div II to IAA and finally to IA in 2001. The team won three Southland Conference Titles in the final 5 years of IAA ball and in 1999 beat Cincinnati, USF and MTSU, finishing #6 in IAA. In 2003 Troy switched from the confusing spread to the I-formation but in 2006 they brought in new OC Tony Franklin who moved them back to the spread. He was an asst with Kentucky during the Mumme years. Blakeney has lost some outstanding DC's including Wayne Bolt to UAB in '03 and Vic Koenning in '05. His co-DC's last year were Jeremy Rowell and Mike Pelton. Pelton left for Iowa St prior to LY's bowl game so this year Rowell will handle the DC duties. Blakeney is #7 in active coaches in the NCAA in wins at their current school (127).

PHIL'S FORECAST

This is a team that went from Div II to IAA to IA in 13 years. Troy suffered their first losing season in 5 years in 2002 as they upgraded their schedule to take on more IA teams. They expanded their stadium to 30,000 and switched to an AstroPlay surface in 2003. Despite 8 road games, posting the highest travel mileage total in school history (7,270) plus having just 9 starters returning, they managed a 6-6 record. In 2004, they had 17 starters returning, led by an outstanding DL and a schedule which did not have them facing N Texas and I called them the 9th most improved team in the country. They upset Marshall on the road, then beat #19 Missouri at home on ESPN on a Thurs night which led to their first IA bowl berth. Despite a 7-5 overall record, they were actually outgained by 26.8 ypg in 2004 while also benefitting from +11 in turnovers. In 2005 they were the least experienced team in the SBC with just 7 starters back. Troy was picked 2nd in the preseason SBC poll but I did not make a lot of friends in Troy when I pegged them 6th. As I expected, Troy struggled finishing 4-7 and was -9 in turnovers. Last year they had just 10 returning starters, second fewest in the league, but had a favorable conf schedule. They played tough vs #9 Florida St and ACC Coastal Champ Georgia Tech. They did benefit from 4 close wins in SBC play including their miracle vs MTSt where they trailed 20-7 with 3:33 left but pulled out the win with the TD with :14 left. Troy not only got to a bowl game but thumped CUSA member Rice 41-17. Troy returns QB Haugabook, who was the SBC Offensive POY, as well as all of their top rushers and top 2 receivers. Now that they are in the 2nd year of the new offense, I'll call for them to have their best offensive ppg in the last seven years. After returning just 4 & 3 staters the last 2 seasons on defense, they have 8 back this year from a unit that played better down the stretch. While they lose 3 of their top 6 tacklers, the stop unit could draw comparisons to 2004's bowl squad which allowed just 16.7 ppg. Five of my 8 sets of power ratings call Troy the best team in the league and they have 4 of the toughest SBC opponents at home so I will call for the Trojans to repeat as the SBC champs.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

QB 17 OMAR HAUGABOOK SR. 6-2 220 **PS#7JC.** 13 st LY, **SBC Off POY**, 2401 (61%) 21-17, 554 rush. **11** Tanner Jones (6-2 200 rFr) PS#99. **16** Jonathan Chandler (6-1 190 So) PS#92.

RB 22 KENNY CATTOUSE SR. 5-10 207 PS#98. 365 (3.6) '04-'05. Last 7 st LY, 810 (4.8), 16 rec (6.1). **32** Sean Dawkins (5-10 225 Sr) PS#102. 16 st RB '04-'05, 400 (4.0). Inj LY.

WR 18 Andrew Davis So. 5-9 165 18 rec (7.2) true. **10** Gerald Tate (5-10 185 Sr) PS#235JC. 1 rec last year. **FB 5** Jerry Flowers (5-8 180 Jr) 5 st, 389 ttl yd at Kent St '05.

WR 1 Cornelius Williams So. 6-1 180 **PS#99.** 6 rec true. **21** Austin Silvoy (6-3 180 rFr). **4** Randy Underwood (6-6 210 So) 13 tkl, 1 sk LB true. **86** Patrick Cherry (6-1 200 rFr) PS#205.

WR 8 GARY BANKS SR. 6-1 196 PS#135QB. 11 st, 25 (11.7) '05. 13 st, **1st Tm SBC LY**, 68 (8.9). **80** Josh Allen (5-11 192 Sr). 5 st FB LY. 215 ttl yds. Zack Marcum (5-10 160 So) 1 st '06.

WR 81 MYKEAL TERRY JR. 5-10 175 JUCO. 8 st (L/7) LY, 27 rec (17.7). 7 Kennard Burton PS#164JC. In spg. **19** Justin Bray (5-11 170 So). 115 ttl yd true. Fred Turner (5-8 173 Jr).

C 77 Danny Franks So. 6-4 320 PS#560. 1 st at RG in '06, 2nd string all year. **73** Steven Adams (6-4 315 So) PS#524. **64** Jim Bob Williams (6-4 260 So) PS#279. GS '05.

RG 63 Windham Rotunda Jr. 6-3 310 **PS#88JC.** In for spring. **69 Steven Merkel** (6-5 298 Jr) PS#641. 360 bench. 2nd string both '05 & '06. Tyrell Curtis (6-4 290 Jr) PS#422JC.

LG 68 Will Chambliss III Jr. 6-6 292 PS#639. 2nd string '05 & '06, 2 letters. 1 st RG LY, 5 gm. **66** Nic Riley (6-4 270 So) PS#177. Wesley Potter (6-5 320 Jr) PS#422JC.

RT 74 Dion Small Jr. 6-2 280 PS#422JC. In spg. Jamarr Thompson **PS#76.** Comm to La Tech '06, DNP. **70** Germaine Flanagan-Brown (6-4 269 So). Mike Fair (6-4 255 rFr) PS#210.

LT 65 CHRIS JAMISON JR. 6-3 285 PS#640. Last 8 starts LG rFr. 13 st LG in '06. **62** Emeka Okosa (6-3 319 Jr) 2nd string '05, 2 letters. Micah Grimes (6-4 300 Fr) PS#115.

K 3 GREG WHIBBS SR. 5-10 166 12 of 14 FG rFr, long 43. 11 of 20 FG '05, long 48. 11 of 19 FG '06, long 47. **48** Patrick McGlon (5-10 170 So). **38** Sam Glusman (5-9 161 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

BAN 51 KENNY MAINOR JR. 6-4 230 10 st rFr, 43 tkl, 3 tfl. 13 st '06, 47 tkl, 6.5 sk, 3.5 tfl. **90** Cameron Sheffield (6-2 225 So) 4 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **99** Jamare Mathis (6-4 210 rFr) PS#427.

DT 4 CHRIS BRADWELL JR. 6-5 280 **PS#59DL '03 at Fla St.** PS#36JC. JCAA 2005. **93** Marcus Pittman (6-4 290 Sr) PS#428JC. 6 st LY. 20 tkl, 4 tfl. **95** Maurice Coleman (6-1 273 Jr).

NT NA Dion Gales Jr. 6-6 290 **PS#73DL at Ole Miss.** PS#80JC. **92** Steve McLendon (6-4 280 Jr). 7 st DT LY. 36 tkl, 2Y. **97 Brandon Suggs** (6-2 263 Jr) PS#161. 3 st TE '05.

DE 91 BRANDON LANG SO. 6-5 220 PS#84 '04, Hargrave. 26 tkl, 4.5 sk, 3.5 tfl true. **58 Shawn Todd** (6-3 245 Sr) 1 st, 15 tkl '05. 13 st, 31 tkl, 3.5 sk. Jeremy Hawkins (6-4 225 So) PS#388.

SLB 41 Romanique Lewis Sr. 6-2 225 17 tkl, 2 tfl '05. 3 st LY, 26 tkl, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. **Johnathan Reese** (6-1 210 Jr) PS#308JC. 4 tkl LY. **16** Carvel Jones (5-11 215 Jr) Miss St transfer.

MLB 30 BORIS LEE SO. 6-2 210 PS#495. GS '05. 9 st true LY, 62 tkl, 6 tfl, HM SBC. **David McDowell** (6-3 245 Jr) PS#127JC. **57** John Mark Patrick (6-3 215 rFr) PS#439.

WLB 26 MARCUS RICHARDSON SR. 6-3 214 **4.4 spd!** 11 st '05, 59 tkl, 7 tfl. 11 st LY (inj 2), 40 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **24** Josh Maxwell (6-0 204 Sr) 6 st, 48 tkl 3Y. **43** Trinidy Thomas (5-11 191 Jr). 4 tkl, 2Y.

CB 34 LEODIS McKELVIN SR. 5-11 187 PS#345. **2nd Tm SBC** RS 2Y, 1st Tm '05, 2616 ret yds 3Y. 13 st LY, 66 tkl, 7 pbu. Chris Bowens (6-0 185 So) 4 tkl, 1 int true. Henry Chubb (5-11 185 Jr) 1 st, 48 tkl, 2Y.

CB 13 ELBERT MACK SR. 5-10 168 4 int, 18 pbu JC '05. 12 st here LY, 33 tkl, 8 pd. **25** Derick Pendergrass (6-0 195 Sr) PS#270JC. **4.35.** 33 tkl 2Y. Courtland Fuller (6-1 183 So) PS#130WR. 8 tkl 'LY.

SS 5 Trevor Ford Jr. 6-1 194 **PS#35. 13 tkl rFr at Florida St.** Sat out 2006. **20** Terence Moore (6-3 195 Jr) 37 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu, 2Y. **22** Bryant McKissic (6-1 190 rFr) PS#481.

FS 15 TAVARES WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 190 PS#341. 11 tkl rFr. 13 st FS in '06, 58 tkl, 8 pbu. **6 Sherrod Martin** (6-1 187 Jr) 7 st SS '04, 68 tkl, 3 int. 11 st '05, 78 tkl, 2 int, 11 pbu. Miss '06 inj.

P 31 Adrian Vera Sr. 6-2 201 PS#349JC. Texas Southern trans. 1 gm, 1 punt here LY (27.0). **48** Patrick McGlon 36.5 avg HS, 15-27 FG's. Will Goggans PS#53. 41.0 net in HS '06.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DL	Dion Gales 6-6 290 PS#80JC
OL	Windham Rotunda 6-3 310 PS#88JC
LB	David McDowell 6-3 245 PS#127JC
OL	Jamarr Thompson 6-7 325 PS#76 '06
WR	Kennard Burton 5-9 180 PS#164JC
OL	Micah Grimes 6-4 300 PS#115
OL	Jeremiah Wright 6-3 275 PS#142
LB	Jeffrey Daniels 6-1 210 PS#155
OL	Mark Cogburn 6-4 286 PS#409JC
QB	Jamie Hampton 6-2 180 PS#111
OL	Wesley Potter 6-5 320 PS#422JC
OL	Tyrell Curtis 6-4 290 PS#422JC
OL	Dion Small 6-2 280 PS#422JC
K	Michael Taylor 5-10 180 PS#18
RB	Stanley Jones 6-0 190 PS#204WR
RB	Ricky McGee 5-8 175 PS#222
QB	Jerrel Jernigan 5-10 175 PS#155
OL	Jacob Creech 6-3 275 PS#298
LB	Xavier Lamb 6-0 215 PS#303
K	Will Goggans 6-2 210 PS#53
DL	Barry Stokes 6-4 300 PS#313
WR	Richie Henderson 6-2 185 PS#343
LB	Lennie Richardson 6-3 210 PS#354
DL	Brandon Boudreaux 6-1 230 PS#381
LB	Donnell Golden 6-2 215 PS#437
DL	Rashad Roussell 6-4 270 PS#520JC
DL	Eugene Kinlaw 6-3 280 PS#411
DB	Stacey Williams 6-0 185 PS#540
RB	DuJuan Harris 5-9 180 PS#506
RB	Fred Hawkins 6-0 180 PS#506

TROY TROJANS

Troy, Alabama
Weather (800) 628-9252

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#97

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at Arkansas	G						Trojans are 1-5 in road openers. Troy's only game vs Ark was a 23-0 loss in 2002. Troy will play 3 SEC members TY & HC Blakeney spent 14 yrs as an ass't w/Auburn.
Sep. 8	at Florida	G						Troy plays 4 BCS schools, all of which went to bowls LY with 3 winning their game. In '04 Troy played at LSU & almost pulled a huge upset the yr after LSU won the National Title.
Sep. 14	Oklahoma St (Fri)	A						Under Blakeney, Troy is 70-11-1 at home, including 16-0 in home openers. Troy upset B12 member Missouri (#19) in '04 on a Thurs Night gm broadcasted by ESPN.
Sep. 22	at Louisiana-Lft	G						Louisiana-Lft leads the series 7-3 but Troy is 2-1 in Sun Belt Conf games. LY RB Cattouse rushed for a career high 172 yds (7.2) with 2 TD's vs ULL.
Sep. 29	ULM	A						Troy is 9-2 when hosting Sun Belt Conference teams & won all 3 conf home openers. Including last year's win, Troy is 4-0 vs ULM when hosting the Warhawks.
Oct. 6	at Florida Int'l	A						Troy is 3-0 in this series. The win over FIU last year secured Troy of going to a bowl for the 2nd time in the last 3 years. Troy is 7-3 since 1998 prior to a bye week.
Oct. 13								
Oct. 20	North Texas (HC)	A						The Trojans are 29-9-1 since '68 on Homecoming including 9 straight wins. Troy leads the series 3-1 & the 2 have combined to average just 25 ppg.
Oct. 27	at Arkansas St	A						Troy is just 1-6 all-time vs ASU, but their 4 recent loses (S/'91) are by a combined 20 pts. The 12 pts combined in Troy's last trip to Jonesboro are the fewest in 1 gm as a IA member.
Nov. 3	at Georgia	G						This will be the first meeting in school history. Troy is 1-9 in 2nd of back-to-back road games & just 1-5 vs the SEC. Troy is 14-7 in their last 21 Nov/Dec games.
Nov. 10	at W Kentucky	A						This will be their 1st game since 1995 as the Trojans are 4-0-1 vs the Hilltoppers. WKU has made the jump to IA TY & will compete in the SBC full-time next season.
Nov. 20	Middle Tenn (Tues)	A						This game is billed as the "World's Largest Toga Party" playing for the Palladium Trophy. Troy is just 3-11 vs MT but has won 2 of 3. LY's win led Troy to the New Orleans Bowl.
Nov. 24								
Dec. 1	Florida Atlantic	A						Troy has won all 4 meetings. LY QB Haugabook passed for 325 yds vs FAU (2nd best day in Troy's IA history). Troy is 12-4 in home finales under Blakeney, but has dropped the L/2.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brock Nutter 7,791 '98-'01
2. Sim Byrd 7,619 '66-'68
3. Mike Turk 4,174 '84-'87

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. DeWhitt Betterson 3,441 '01-'04
2. Ted Horstead 2,926 '83-'86
3. Mike Turk 2,533 '84-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Danny Grant 2,907 '66-'69
2. Vince Green 2,281 '67-'70
3. Jason Samples 2,224 '01-'04

LARRY BLAKENEY (Career 36-35) (Div IAA 92-29-1)
17th Year at Troy — Blakeney's Bowl Record: 1-1

Blakeney's records AT TROY

36-35	Straight Up (Div IA)	0-5	Vs Top 10
24-4	Home	1-10	Vs Top 25
10-30	Away	2-19	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	4-4	Off A Bye
14-7	Vs Conference	17-15	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,26,1)
Lost: 21 (11,8,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,810 (#89)

SUN BELT

DE Kenny Mainor

STADIUM: MOVIE GALLERY VETERANS STADIUM (30,000) (#107)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

Larry Blakeney

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	7-4	4-8	6-6	7-4	4-7	7-5	44-37
Home	4-1	5-0	3-1	4-0	5-0	3-2	4-1	28-5
Away	5-2	2-4	0-7	2-6	2-4	1-5	3-4	15-32
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	5-2	3-4	6-1	14-7
ATS	–	4-3	5-3	4-6	8-3	2-7-1	6-5	29-27-1
Home Fav	–	0-1	0-1	0-1	4-0	1-1	0-3	5-7
Home Dog	–	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	3-2
Away Fav	–	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-1	2-0	3-4
Away Dog	–	3-2	5-2	3-5	3-0	1-3-1	3-2	18-14-1
Favorite	–	1-1	0-1	0-1	4-3	1-2	2-3	8-11
Dog	–	3-2	5-2	4-5	4-0	1-5-1	4-2	21-16-1
vs Conf	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	2-4-1	4-3	10-10-1
vs Non-Conf	–	4-3	5-3	4-6	4-0	0-3	2-2	19-17
Off SU Win	–	1-2	2-2	1-3	3-3	0-3-1	4-2	11-15-1
Off SU Loss	–	2-1	2-1	2-3	4-0	2-4	2-3	14-12

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kenny Cattouse	168	837	27	810	4	4.8
Omar Haugabook	140	554	241	313	5	2.2
Anthony Jones	52	276	12	264	2	5.1
Josh Allen	17	96	1	95	0	5.6
Justin Brooks	17	73	1	72	3	4.2
Justin Bray	12	57	0	57	0	4.8
Gary Banks	6	21	0	21	0	3.5
Julian Foster	4	20	12	8	1	2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Omar Haugabook	393	241	61.3	2401	21	17
Gary Banks	4	3	75.0	44	0	0
Julian Foster	6	5	83.3	33	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Gary Banks	68	603	8.9	8	58
Mykeal Terry	27	477	17.7	5	67
Toris Rutledge	30	418	13.9	4	70
Smokey Hampton	25	331	13.2	2	60
Andrew Davis	18	130	7.2	2	28
Josh Allen	17	120	7.1	0	21
Marlo East	14	102	7.3	0	26
Kenny Cattouse	16	97	6.1	0	32

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jason Wright	59	2359	40.0	20	36.5(t)	1	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Greg Whibbs	35-38	5-5	4-9	2-5	0-0	11-19	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brannon Condren	98	1	6	4	2
Leodis McKelvin	66	0	1	7	1
Boris Lee	62	2	4	4	3
Franklin Lloyd	61	3.5	12	0	0
Tavares Williams	58	0	1	8	1
Ryan Babb	55	4.5	2.5	0	0
Kenny Mainor	47	6.5	4	3	0
Marcus Richardson	40	1.5	3	2	0
Henry Chubb	38	1.5	0.5	1	1
Elbert Mack	33	0	2.5	6	2
Shawn Todd	31	3.5	3.5	1	0
Terence Moore	29	0	1	2	2
Brandon Lang	26	4.5	3.5	2	0
Romanique Lewis	26	1	4	1	0
Marcus Pittman	20	2	2	3	0
Steve McLendon	20	0	0	0	0
Josh Maxwell	17	0	0	0	1
Randy Underwood	13	1	0	0	0
Derick Pendergrass	11	0	0	1	0
Fred Turner	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leodis McKelvin	28	314	11.2	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leodis McKelvin	27	634	23.5	0
Elbert Mack	7	112	16.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Silicon Valley	-3	N Illinois	21-34
06	New Orleans	+5	Rice	41-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Troy's All-Time Bowl Record 1–1

TROY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	22.8	17	129	3.8	191	61.8	14.1	-5	2006	3	22.2	19	130	3.7	215	58.0	15.5
3	15.9	17	118	3.0	167	50.3	17.9	-9	2005	4	23.2	18	143	3.7	184	58.5	14.1
8*	23.8	15	167	3.9	117	42.7	11.9	+11	2004	9	16.7	17	101	2.7	210	53.4	18.7
5*	15.4	16	155	3.6	139	42.4	19.1	+4	2003	4	22.7	18	126	3.4	224	59.0	15.4
8	18.2	18	176	3.9	127	43.3	16.7	-10	2002	8	21.0	15	105	2.8	172	52.1	13.2
4*	22.4	19	103	2.8	210	56.5	14.0	-1	2001	8	24.5	19	173	3.8	193	49.8	15.0

2006 STATS BY GAME

TU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	OFF SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	DEF SKS BY	DEF TURN
–	Alabama St	24	38 - 238	6.3	25 - 39	191	1	8	33 - 65	2.0	11 - 22	69	4	-1
–	at Florida St	13	14 - 24	1.7	31 - 48	271	0	23	28 - 45	1.6	30 - 43	336	3	+1
–	at Georgia Tech	15	38 - 101	2.7	18 - 33	182	3	25	41 - 320	7.8	15 - 32	180	1	-1
–	at Nebraska	10	27 - 48	1.8	15 - 24	92	4	25	46 - 316	6.9	16 - 23	281	1	-2
–	at UAB	14	32 - 58	1.8	18 - 32	144	6	18	42 - 140	3.3	11 - 16	145	4	0
–	ULM	24	37 - 161	4.4	27 - 40	246	1	18	32 - 141	4.4	19 - 40	249	1	-1
–	North Texas	11	39 - 142	3.6	13 - 22	101	2	12	35 - 83	2.4	11 - 25	147	2	-2
–	Louisiana-Lft	19	39 - 208	5.3	12 - 19	153	2	18	38 - 170	4.5	16 - 30	230	3	-1
–	at Florida Atlantic	18	39 - 129	3.3	20 - 29	325	1	18	27 - 35	1.3	24 - 37	312	2	0
–	Arkansas St	18	26 - 88	3.4	19 - 30	267	2	25	51 - 233	4.6	13 - 26	188	2	-3
–	at Middle Tenn	19	31 - 81	2.6	30 - 40	235	4	13	39 - 77	2.0	13 - 22	126	3	0
–	at Florida Int'l	15	43 - 245	5.7	9 - 23	53	1	19	25 - 20	0.8	30 - 51	225	6	+1
–	† Rice	15	33 - 148	4.5	15 - 29	228	2	19	21 - 39	1.9	35 - 54	305	4	+4
TOTALS		215	436 - 1671	3.8	252 - 408	2488	29	241	458 - 1684	3.7	244 - 421	2793	36	-5
AVERAGES		16.5	34 - 129	3.8	19 - 31	191	2.2	18.5	35 - 130	3.7	19 - 32	215	2.8	-0.4

2002 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Nebraska - #9	+32	16-31
–	at UAB	+1'	26-27
–	S Utah	NL	40-15
–	at Iowa St - #21	+17	12-42
–	at Missouri	+12	7-44
–	Austin Peay	NL	41-3
–	at Mississippi St	+11	8-11
–	at Marshall	+20	7-24
–	Florida Atlantic	NL	21-6
–	at Arkansas	+24	0-23
–	† Florida A&M	NL	24-7
–	Utah St	-7'	16-19 OT

2003 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas St - #7	+37'	5-41
–	at Minnesota	+24'	7-48
–	at UAB	+11'	20-9
–	SE Louisiana	NL	28-0
–	Marshall	+12'	33-24
–	at Nebraska - #12	+27	0-30
–	Florida Int'l	NL	21-10
–	at Virginia	+21	0-24
–	at North Texas	+10'	0-21
–	at Middle Tenn	+4	20-27
–	at Utah St	+6'	23-14
–	ULM	-14'	28-24

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Marshall	+14'	17-15
–	Missouri - #19	+11'	24-14
–	at New Mexico St	-10	18-22
–	at South Carolina	+14	7-17
–	Utah St	-14	49-21
–	at Arkansas St	-13	9-13
–	at LSU - #18	+24	20-24
–	Idaho	-24'	47-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-13	24-6
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-13	13-10
–	Middle Tenn	-14	37-17

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Cal Poly	NL	27-10
–	UAB	+9'	7-27
–	at Missouri	+20	21-52
–	at South Carolina	+20	20-45
–	at North Texas	+2	13-10
–	at ULM	-1'	3-27
–	Florida Int'l	-9'	18-13
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+3	28-31 OT
–	Florida Atlantic	-3'	28-14
–	at Arkansas St	+3	3-9
–	Middle Tenn	+6'	7-17

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Alabama St	NL	38-0
–	at Florida St - #9	+29'	17-24
–	at Georgia Tech	+17'	20-35
–	at Nebraska - #23	+23'	0-56
–	at UAB	+5'	3-21
–	ULM	-9	24-19
–	North Texas	-10'	14-6
–	Louisiana-Lft	+1	42-28
–	at Florida Atlantic	-4	24-17
–	Arkansas St	-8	26-33
–	at Middle Tenn	+7	21-20
–	at Florida Int'l	-10'	26-13

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 the Owls had to replace their "all-time career leading passer" Jared Allen. W Virginia transfer Danny Embick (PS#28) had 1,038 yards (61.9%) with an 8-5 ratio in his two years as Allen's backup. He won the job but broke his thumb after 9 starts and Mich St transfer Sean Clayton (PS#108) started the final two. Clayton, who has excellent size (6'5" 225), played in 9 and led the team to a win over NT in his first start. Clayton threw for 329 (54.4%) with a 1-3 ratio. Last year he was the only experienced QB returning and battled rFr Rusty Smith for the starting job. Smith won the job and started the opener but Clayton outplayed him and took control. Clayton hit just 3 of 9 with an int vs MT before being injured and Smith took the majority of snaps for the rest of the year as the Owls went 2-1. Smith's best game was 24 of 37 for 312 vs Troy. On the season, Smith threw for 1,285 (55.7%) with a 6-8 ratio while Clayton threw for 926 (50.6%) with a 5-6 ratio. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jason Grant (6'2" 212 Jr), Jeff VanCamp (6'5" 210 rFr) and this year's true frosh. The good news is that Clayton and Smith return and can only improve upon 2006's stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 the Owls also had to replace their "all-time career leading rusher" in Doug Parker. The top two backs were both rFr in Charles Pierre (517, 3.6) and Dilvory Edgecomb (295, 3.3). Both were scheduled to return last year but Edgecomb was an academic casualty. Also missing the year due to academics was FB Dominick Walker who had 7 starts in '05 with 132 total yards. Pierre had a solid season including 103 vs S Utah, 122 vs Ark St and 116 vs N Texas finishing #1 with 756 (3.7). Solid blocking FB Aaron Sanchez missed '05 with injury and had 19 career starts and 862 total career yards heading into 2006. He was the #2 rusher with 251 (3.7) and #3 receiver with 22 rec (8.2). True frosh Willie Floyd had 155 (4.0) and BJ Manley (5'9" 190 Sr) had 137 (4.2). Backup FB Willie Rose added 31 (3.9). This year the only losses are Sanchez (12 st) and backup FB Glynn Bostic (3 gm). Not only are Walker and Edgecomb back, but they bring in true frosh Xavier Stinson (PS#46) and Jeff Blanchard, who rushed for 1,266 yards at JC last year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Felix Collazo (5'8" 185 So) and Kyle Watkins (6'2" 210 Jr). Pierre has a good shot at topping 1,000 yards provided he can hold off the talented newcomers.

RECEIVERS - In each of the last 2 years FAU has had a young receiving corps. Last year they had to replace their #1 WR who had 29 rec (20.1) and three of the top 5. Frantz Simeon was #2 in receiving yards in '05 with 274 (18 rec) and Casey McGahee was #3 with 269 (23). Last year the team lost TE Mike Wilds to a knee injury prior to the season. McGahee battled knee and ankle injuries and played in just 6 but had 15 (12.2). Six frosh and 3 soph saw plenty of playing time. Simeon led the team with 35 (16.9) and TE Jason Harmon added 26 (10.0). True frosh Avery Holley had 18 (12.4) and rFr Conshario Johnson had 15 (13.0). Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE's Ed Wertepny (6'5" 215 rFr) and Damian Amondo (6'6" 230 rFr) along with WR's Antwone Smoot (6'1" 195 Sr), Phillip McDonald (6'1" 188 rFr), Rod Huggins (6'1" 185 rFr) and Wilfred Rivera (5'10" 170 Jr). This year they lose McGahee. This is the Owls' most experienced receiving corps in the last 3 years and will improve in the second season with their QB's.

WR Frantz Simeon

OFFENSIVE LINE - Schnellenberger favors lighter and more mobile OL's and in 2003 they avg'd just 255 lbs. They played mostly IAA foes and only opened holes for 3.2 ypc rushing with 46 sacks allowed. They had 3 starters back in '04 but were plagued by injuries and averaged the same 3.2 ypc vs a tougher schedule. In 2005 they had to replace 3 starters then lost a projected starter to injury. They only opened holes for 3.0 ypc rush while allowing 34 sacks (11.4%). Last year they had 4 starters back but surprisingly the ypc dropped to 2.9 although the sack total did decrease to 25 (7.1%). LG Brandon Jackson had 5 starts but was suspended and never regained his job. LT Nello Faulk held Clemson's Gaines Adams (#1DC TB) to zero sacks and earned 1st Tm SBC honors. Unfortunately this year they must replace Faulk (12 st, 3Y st'r) and RT Antes Perkins (L/6 st, 2Y st'r). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Tyler Reed (6'1" 240 rFr), Derrek Skop (6'2" 253 rFr), Preston Kendrick (6'1" 300 Jr, PS#389), Peter Pantelakos (6-2 235 Sr) and Joseph Dawson (6-5 300 rFr). If Schnellenberger wants to bulk up the line he has a couple of large rFr in Dennis Bowling (313 lbs) and Ryan Wischnefski (310 lbs). Eight of the top 10 return and this unit can only improve on 2006's paltry production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Owls had a lightly experienced D-line in 2005 and yielded 4.9 ypc rush while the D recorded just 6 sacks. Last year the entire 2 deep returned but they had 3 soph starters. Both DT's earned all-conf honors in Josh Pinnick (1st Tm SBC) and Jervonte Jackson (2nd Tm SBC). This year they lose DE Josh Jenkins (17 tkl, 4.5 tfl) but have 7 of the top 8 back although DE Randy Hunter was suspended indefinitely in the spring. The 2006 unit allowed 54 rush ypg less but still the same 4.9 ypc, although they increased the sack total to 19. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ryan Sollazzo (6'4" 247 So), Hal Chaires (6'2" 244 rFr), Gil Monzon (6'3" 265 Sr), Joshua McClover (6'5" 225 So) and Jermaine Council (6'5" 238 So). This year I look for improvement in both sacks and run defense with the most veteran D-line they've had since 2004 when they allowed just 3.2 ypc.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Owls had to replace 1st Tm SBC Shomari Earls but had 2 starters back. They lost two backups at the start of the year including Brad Gagne (2 st, 11 tkl) who quit after 3 games so the unit consisted of a junior, 5 soph and a rFr. BC transfer Frantz Joseph was suspended for the opener but still managed 10 starts and was the #3 tackler. Andre Clark missed the SC game (inj) and finished #5. Cergile Sincere led the team with 78 and was named HM SBC. Five players are back with starting experience. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dustin Forston (6'1" 200 So, PS#107, 6 tkl), Patrick Gywnn (5'10" 210 rFr) and Justin Walton (6'1" 215 So). I look for continued improvement from the LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '04, FAU finished #71 in my pass D rankings. In '05 they had to replace two players who combined for 14 starts but thanks to a pair of solid cover CB's, moved up to #51 allowing a 10-14 ratio. Last year they had to replace both CB's including a 1st Tm SBC. Greg Joseph, who was the #4 tackler in '05, lost his starting spot and projected starting CB Quincy Skinner (18 st, 2Y) was susp for the season. All of that player movement combined to turn it into a lightly experienced group with basically one returning starter. They dropped a little in my rankings to #53 allowing 53.4% with a 16-18 ratio. This year CB Rickey Bethel (12 st, 3 int, 32 tkl), FS Troy Pindell (1 st, 27 tkl, 1 int) and SS John DeShields (10 tkl) depart. Six of the top eight are back including both 2nd Tm SBC safeties Kris Bartels and Taheem Acevedo. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ed Alexander (6'1" 163 rFr), Chris Lena (6'2" 230 rFr) and John Jones (5-10 183, PS#296). With the best defense they have fielded yet in IA, FAU should achieve their best finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Owls were #33 in my ST rankings in their first year in '04 but lost most of their key players and dropped all the way down to #117 in '05. FAU blocked 11 punts from 2002-'04 but have had zero the last two years. Last year they had to replace their top P, K, KR and PR. As you would expect, the unit struggled again finishing #104. Soph K Warley Leroy hit 9 of 14 FG's with a long of 41 and had a miss from 51. Mike O'Neill avg just 37.2 with a team net of 33.3. The top PR was soph Frantz Simeon (13.4, #1 SBC) and the top KR was Kris Bartels (21.6). This is the Owls' most experienced ST unit in 3 years and it should make a good-sized improvement in my rankings in 2007.

COACHES - Howard Schnellenberger enters his 9th year with the program and 7th on the football field. He, of course, owns a National Title from when he took a Miami, Fl program that was struggling and built them into perennial National Title contenders. He was the HC at Miami, Fl from 1979-1984 and at Louisville from 1985-'94, helping that program become an annual bowl contender. He had a one year stint at Okla in '95 before coming here in 1999. In 2004 he made a solid hire by bringing in QB coach Gary Nord who primed UTEP for its first bowl appearance since 2000 with his solid recruiting. Nord was elevated to OC prior to the 2005 season. He was also the OC for Schnellenberger at L'ville and Okla. The DC is Kirk Hoza (7th yr).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Florida Atlantic did not play its first true football game until 2001. Coach Schnellenberger did a remarkable job in 2003 guiding the team to an 9-3 finish, beating a pair of ranked IAA teams and SBC member MTSt all on the road. They finished #4 in Div IAA ball and were the youngest start-up program to ever make the IAA playoffs. In 2004 they moved to IA and had 19 starters back. They started the season with five consecutive road wins including 3 upsets (Hawaii, N Texas and MTSt) with 2 of those squads going to bowl games and finished 9-3. 2005 was the first year that they had to replace a senior class and they had just six returning starters. I called for FAU to finish 7th in the SBC and they finished 2-9. Last year they had 15 starters back but a brutal opening schedule. FAU faced Clemson, K-St, Okla St and S Carolina all on the road and they lost those games by a combined 192-20. Schnellenberger said that the schedule had toughened the team up for the SBC and he was proven correct as the Owls went 4-3 in league play outscoring foes by 29 points while winning five of their last eight. This year they return 8 starters on offense including QB's Smith and Clayton. The last 2 years they returned just 7 and 2 starters on that side of the ball and averaged just 15.1 and 13.5 ppg. In 2004 they had 9 starters back and averaged 24.9 including 16.6 vs current SBC teams (FAU not in SBC til '05) and should again show that type of improvement. The Owls' 18.4 ppg in SBC play was the 4th best mark in the league. FAU does not have a lot of VHT's on D but I like their overall team speed. In 2005, they had 4 starters back on D and allowed 30.8 ppg and with 8 starters back last year improved to 24.9 ppg. This year they have 10 starters back and should be one of the SBC's best D's. The Owls have the most returning starters in the SBC (18) and return 85% of their lettermen (see page 314) plus have the best coach in the conf. They look like one of the prime contenders for the SBC crown and have a great shot at bowl-eligibility despite another killer non-conf schedule.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 11 **RUSTY SMITH SO.** 6-5 212 4 st LY, 1285 (56%) 6-8. 15 **Sean Clayton** (6-5 225 Sr) PS#108. Mich St trans. 10 st 2Y, 1255 (52%), 6-9 ratio, 322 rush. 14 Eli Cranor (6-2 195 rFr) PS#213.

RB 20 **CHARLES PIERRE JR.** 5-9 195 PS#213. 14 st 2Y, 1273 (3.6), 13 rec. **HM SBC** LY **Xavier Stinson PS#46.** 32 Dilvory Edgecomb (5-10 185 Jr) PS#205. 544 ttl '05. **Jeff Blanchard 1266 yd JC.**

FB 2 **Dominick Walker Sr.** 5-11 203 24 ttl yd '04. 7 st '05, 132 ttl yds. 46 Willie Rose (6-1 227 So) 55 ttl yd 2Y. 28 Willie Floyd (5-9 165 So), 155 rush (4.0) 14 KR (18.2) LY.

WR 17 **CHAD WILKES JR.** 6-0 175 8 st LY. 11 rec (10.6) 2Y. 16 Cortez Gent (6-2 170 So) PS#162. 4 st, 6 rec rFr. 7 Chris Bonner (6-3 195 So) 14 (12.7) LY. 29 Grant Glover (5-9 170 rFr).

WR 6 **FRANTZ SIMEON JR.** 5-10 185 PS#320. 11 st rFr, 18 (15.2). 12 st LY, 35 (16.9). 84 Conshario Johnson (6-1 186 So) 15 (13.0) rFr. 1 Avery Holley (6-0 150 So) 18 (12.4) true.

TE 87 **JAMARI GRANT SO.** 6-5 210 7 st rFr, 12 (11.2). 88 **Jason Harmon** (6-3 184 Jr) 26 (10.0) LY. 81 Rob Housler (6-5 210 So) 5 st, 2 rec '06. 85 Mike Wilds (6-4 230 Sr) 9 rec '05.

C 68 **NICK PARIS JR.** 6-1 290 PS#397. 11 st rFR (9LG, 2C). 9 st C LY. 72 David Matlock (6-2 239 So) PS#480DL. 4 st rFr (3C, 1LG). **LS** 53 Alex Pecorella (6-1 190 So).

RG 78 **JARRID SMITH SR.** 6-2 258 9 st rFr (8LG, 1LT). 11 st '05 (9C, 2LG). 12 st LY (6RG, 6LG). 73 Kevin Miller (6-3 304 So) PS#358. 69 Broderick Bolton (6-3 292 Jr).

LG 65 **Brandon Jackson Jr.** 6-3 245 PS#546. 4 st LG true. RS '05. 5 st LG LY until susp. 67 Zachary Wichner (6-4 260 Sr) 1 st, 10 gm '05. 2nd string LY. 58 Raul Valero (6-4 253 So).

RT 71 **JOHN RIZZO JR.** 6-3 280 4 st true (3RG, 1RT). 12 st LY (6RT, 6RG). 79 Jarret McDonald (6-5 290 Jr) 2nd string '05 & '06. 70 Lavoris Williams (6-3 250 So). 2nd string LY.

LT 76 **Ryan Wischnefski rFr.** 6-2 310 **PS#159OL.** 66 Dennis Bowling (6-3 313 rFr) PS#630. 60 Devon Irwin (6-6 255 rFr) PS#309. Max Karrick (6-6 280 Fr) PS#606.

K 34 **WARLEY LEROY JR.** 5-10 170 Hit 1 of 3 as rFr, long 22. 9 of 14 FG's LY, long 41. 18 Keegan Peterson (6-0 185 So) PS#107. 99 Ryan Paros (5-11 170) PS#65.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 99 **RANDY HUNTER JR.** 6-3 260 PS#343. Villanova trans. 11 st LY, 30 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 57 Vinnie Henderson (6-5 270 Jr) 5 tkl 2Y. 43 Julian Myers (6-3 218 Jr) PS#438LB. 13 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y.

DT 97 **JOSH PINNICK SR.** 6-5 240 6 st, 14 tkl true. 10 st '05, 18 tkl, 4 tfl. **1st Tm SBC** LY. 12 st, 33 tkl, 5 sk. 95 Josh Savidge (6-2 280 Jr) 7 st '05. 31 tkl L2Y. 90 Mauricio Riquer (6-4 275 rFr).

DT 92 **JERVONTE JACKSON JR.** 6-3 280 11 st rFr, 38 tkl, 4 tfl. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 46 tkl, 3 sk. 96 John Mertilus (6-2 288 So) 2 tkl rFr. 54 Michael Hancock (6-7 230 Jr) 3 tkl, 1 sk LY.

DE 98 **ROBERT ST. CLAIR JR.** 6-4 250 2 st true, 24 tkl, 8 tfl. 12 st LY, 25 tkl, 4.5 tfl. Added 49 lbs. 93 EJ Jones (6-3 240 Jr) 7 st 2Y, 30 tkl, 3 tfl. Jamere Johnson (6-4 220 Fr) is PS#365.

SLB 49 **ANDRE CLARK JR.** 6-1 220 10 st rFr, 62 tkl, 3 tfl. 10 st LY, 49 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 44 Ted Czepiga (6-0 230 Jr) PS#222. 1 st, 5 tkl LY. 59 Michael Lockley (6-2 220 rFr) PS#537.

MLB 56 **FRANTZ JOSEPH JR.** 6-1 229 Boston College trans. 10 st LY, 61 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 1 int. 81 Kris Rush (6-0 220 Jr) 18 tkl, 2Y. 47 Edward Bradwell (6-1 200 Jr) PS#433. 2 tkl true.

WLB 45 **CERGILE SINCERE SR.** 6-0 215 11 st '05, 70 tkl, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. 12 st LY, 78 tkl, 5.5 tfl, **HM SBC.** 50 George Allen (6-0 220 Jr) 2 st LY, 16 tkl, 1 sk. 39 Malik Eugene (6-3 200 rFr).

CB 3 **Greg Joseph Jr.** 5-11 195 **9 st FS** '05, 67 tkl, 4 tfl. 14 tkl LY, 12 gm. 21 Erick McIntosh (6-0 180 So) WR '05, RS. 11 tkl LY, 6 KR (19.5). 5 Tavious Polo (5-10 146 rFr).

CB 26 **COREY SMALL JR.** 5-10 170 6 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 46 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu. 29 Gedel Merzius (5-9 180 Jr) 8 tkl LY. 12 Drameko Moore (5-11 188 So). Curtis Cross is PS#540.

SS 27 **KRIS BARTELS SR.** 5-10 200 14 tkl true. 11 st '05, 82 tkl, 1 int. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 69 tkl, 2 int, 3.5 tfl. 18 Mark Maycock (5-10 182 Sr) 1 rec LY. Austin Jensen is PS#250.

FS 9 **TAHEEM ACEVEDO SR.** 6-1 220 16 tkl '03. 4 st '04, 24 tkl, 2 pbu. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 56 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. 4 Carldayle Brantley (6-1 169 Jr) 10 tkl 2Y. Rod Huggins (6-1 185 rFr).

P 38 **MIKE O'NEILL SR.** 5-11 182 60 P LY (37.2), tm net 33.3. 18 Keegan Peterson PS#107. 4 P, 41.5 avg LY. Mickey Groody is PS#13. Avg 41.0 HS. 37 Logan Chipperfield (6-2 184 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Xavier Stinson	5-9 225 PS#46
K	Mickey Groody	5-11 170 PS#13
RB	Alfred Morris	5-11 222 PS#146
DL	Jarvis Givens	6-3 300 PS#170
RB	Jeff Blanchard	5-9 195 PS#413JC
DB	Austin Jensen	6-1 190 PS#250
WR	Darian Williams	6-3 195 PS#234
DL	Dino Cox	6-3 240 PS#312
DL	Jamere Johnson	6-4 220 PS#365
DL	Chris Newbold	6-4 250 PS#373
QB	Tim Moscato	6-2 200 PS#288
DL	Dustin Anglin	6-4 250 PS#378
RB	Jhermel Knight	5-10 183 PS#426
DB	Avionne Rolle	5-9 180 PS#463
DB	Curtis Cross	5-10 170 PS#540
OL	Max Karrick	6-6 280 PS#606
OL	Samuel McRoy	6-4 249 PS#606
WR	Lestar Jean	6-3 195 PS#495

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#86

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FAU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	Middle Tennessee	G				
Sep. 8	at Oklahoma St	A				
Sep. 15	Minnesota *(Miami)*	G				
Sep. 22	at North Texas	A				
Sep. 29	at Kentucky	G				
Oct. 6	USF	G				
Oct. 13						
Oct. 20	at Louisiana-Lft	G				
Oct. 27	ULM	G				
Nov. 3						
Nov. 10	Arkansas St	G				
Nov. 17	at Florida	G				
Nov. 24	at Florida Int'l	A				
Dec. 1	at Troy	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jared Allen 8,100 '01-'04
2. Danny Embick 2,569 '03-'05
3. Rusty Smith 1,285 '06-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Doug Parker 1,981 '01, '03-'04
2. Anthony Jackson 1,349 '01-'04
3. Charles Pierre 1,273 '05-Present

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Anthony Crissinger-Hill 2,071 '01, '03-'04
2. Thomas Parker 1,549 '01-'02, '04-'05
3. Brittney Tellis 1,540 '01-'04

Florida Atlantic is 1-5 in home openers, but did win last year vs Southern Utah. The Owls won their 1st two meetings vs Middle Tenn but dropped the last 2.

FAU has dropped 7 straight non-conf road games by an avg of 39 ppg. As HC of Oklahoma in 1995, Howard Schnellenberger lost 12-0 to Oklahoma St.

FAU lost to Minny 46-7 in '05. FAU has played in Dolphin Stadium 4 times the L3Y. All of FAU's non-conf opp's made it to a bowl LY, including the National Champs: Florida.

FAU is 3-0 vs 4 time SBC Champ North Texas but they were outgained LY 338-239. The Owls went 3-1 in conf road gms LY, but 2 wins were by a combined 3 pts.

Schnellenberger was a 1955 AA end at his alma mater Kentucky & learned as a player there from Paul "Bear" Bryant. FAU's only other SEC opp was S Carolina LY.

In FAU's 2nd yr in exsistence ('02), they opened the season at USF which marked their 1st gm vs a IA school. The Owls are 6-3 before a bye week.

In their only 2 meetings the visitor has gone 2-0. LY FAU drove to the ULL 8 on the gm's final possession, but an EZ pass fell incomplete in the 6 pt loss.

The winner in all 3 gms in this series (1st gm in '04) has won by a TD or less. FAU earned their 1st victory over ULM LY in its 5th straight road gm to open the ssn.

Florida Atlantic is 5-1 in home finales but lost last year to SBC Champ, Troy. In their shutout of ASU last year, FAU forced 6 TO's (5 int's & a fumble).

Florida Atlantic is 1-4 in Nov/Dec true road gms the L3Y (No Dolphin Stadium gms). While the HC at Miami ('79-'83) & in '92 w/UL, Schnellenberger faced Fla 6x's (3-3).

This will be FAU's 6th meeting with rival FIU as the Owls are 4-1 (avg win by 14 ppg). Heading into '07, FAU is in their 7th yr as a football program & FIU is in its 6th yr.

FAU is 0-4 vs Troy & have only rushed for a combined 152 yds (1.3). These schools' 4 meetings have been defensive battles avg just 35 ppg.

HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER (Career 116-96-3)
7th Year at Fla Atlantic (Div IAA 17-18) Schnellenberger's Bowl Record: 4-0

Schnellenberger's records AT FLA ATLANTIC

16-19	Straight Up (Div IA)	0-0	Vs Top 10
5-7	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
9-12	Away	0-8	Vs BCS Teams
2-0	Neutral	2-2	Off A Bye
9-11	Vs Conference	7-11	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 10
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (21,28,2)
Lost: 9 (4,4,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 9,276 (#119)

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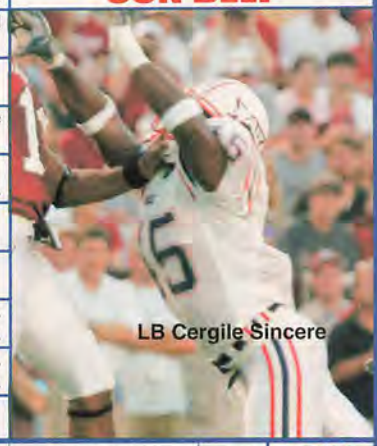
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STADIUM: LOCKHART STADIUM (20,500) (#117)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	4-6	2-9	9-2	9-3	2-9	5-7	31-36
Home	–	3-4	2-2	5-1	2-2	1-3	2-2	15-14
Away	–	1-2	0-7	3-1	6-1	1-6	2-5	13-22
Neutral	–	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	3-0
vs Conf	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	2-5	4-3	9-11
ATS	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	3-8	5-6	11-18
Home Fav	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-4
Home Dog	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	2-3
Away Fav	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	3-4	2-5	8-10
Favorite	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-2	1-0	1-5
Dog	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	3-6	4-6	10-13
vs Conf	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4	2-5	5-2	9-11
vs Non-Conf	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-3	0-4	2-7
Off SU Win	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-2	2-1	4-6
Off SU Loss	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-6	3-4	5-11

Started Football in 2001 - Howard Schnellenberger
Became a Div IA Team in 2004

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Charles Pierre	207	817	61	756	5	3.7
Aaron Sanchez	67	258	7	251	1	3.7
Willie Floyd	39	163	8	155	0	4.0
Sean Clayton	58	250	97	153	0	2.6
BJ Manley	33	157	20	137	2	4.2
Rusty Smith	25	14	124	-110	0	-4.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rusty Smith	194	108	55.7	1285	6	8
Sean Clayton	154	78	50.6	926	5	6
Frantz Simeon	3	3	100.0	44	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Frantz Simeon	35	590	16.9	1	54
Jason Harmon	26	261	10.0	2	34
Avery Holley	18	223	12.4	2	33
Conshario Johnson	15	195	13.0	0	37
Casey McGahee	15	183	12.2	1	32
Aaron Sanchez	22	180	8.2	3	39
Chris Bonner	14	178	12.7	0	47
Jamari Grant	12	135	11.2	1	19
Chad Wilkes	9	89	9.9	1	19
Cortez Gent	6	66	11.0	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Mike O'Neill	60	2233	37.2	14	33.3(t)	0	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Warley Leroy	18-20	5-5	1-3	3-5	0-1	9-14	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cergile Sincere	78	3	2.5	1	2
Kris Bartels	69	0	3.5	2	2
Frantz Joseph	61	1	1.5	2	1
Taheem Acevedo	56	0	2	5	4
Andre Clark	49	0	3.5	0	0
Jervonte Jackson	46	3	3	3	0
Corey Small	46	0	3.5	8	4
Josh Pinnick	33	5	6.5	1	0
Rickey Bethel	32	0	0.5	2	3
Randy Hunter	30	2	2.5	0	0
Troy Pindell	27	0	0	4	1
Robert St Clair	25	1	3.5	1	0
Josh Jenkins	17	1	3.5	1	0
George Allen	16	1	0	1	0
Kris Rush	14	0	0	0	0
Greg Joseph	14	0	0	0	0
EJ Jones	12	0	2	0	0
Josh Savidge	12	0	0	1	0
Erick McIntosh	11	0	0	1	0
Brad Gagne	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Frantz Simeon	15	201	13.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kris Bartels	16	345	21.6	0
Willie Floyd	14	255	18.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Florida Atlantic's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

FLORIDA ATLANTIC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	15.1	17	109	2.9	188	53.7	19.7	+1	2006	8	24.9	16	164	4.9	171	53.4	13.4
2	13.5	16	114	3.0	178	52.5	21.7	-7	2005	4	30.8	21	218	4.9	177	51.8	12.8
9*	24.9	19	127	3.2	268	59.1	15.8	0	2004	10	17.3	18	107	3.2	238	55.5	20.0
11*	28.9	19	128	3.2	244	64.7	12.9	+7	2003	10	21.9	20	145	3.9	225	56.9	16.9
11*	16.0	15	70	1.8	156	48.0	14.1	-7	2002	10	30.8	18	190	4.2	175	57.0	11.8
–	17.7	14	92	2.8	165	45.3	14.5	-3	2001	–	24.5	19	4.5	4.5	158	51.6	15.1

2006 STATS BY GAME

FAU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Clemson	18	34 - 47	1.4	20 - 43	216	3	21	39 - 199	5.1	14 - 23	173	1	0
–	at Kansas St	13	42 - 59	1.4	12 - 25	141	4	18	30 - 221	7.4	10 - 24	125	0	0
–	at Oklahoma St	13	35 - 49	1.4	16 - 28	166	5	19	43 - 246	5.7	9 - 19	186	4	-3
–	at S Carolina	13	35 - 138	3.9	8 - 25	105	3	25	38 - 200	5.3	19 - 34	292	3	-2
–	at ULM	20	38 - 151	4.0	13 - 19	185	1	20	28 - 122	4.4	23 - 38	285	1	+2
–	S Utah	25	41 - 193	4.7	21 - 35	295	0	12	22 - 118	5.4	17 - 33	173	0	-1
–	Louisiana-Lft	10	26 - 86	3.3	18 - 34	151	2	12	37 - 147	4.0	11 - 21	84	2	-3
–	Arkansas St	17	46 - 178	3.9	9 - 20	91	1	8	26 - 6	0.2	9 - 24	98	3	+5
–	at Middle Tenn	23	45 - 103	2.3	21 - 39	267	3	13	36 - 271	7.5	5 - 11	71	1	-2
–	Troy	18	27 - 35	1.3	24 - 37	312	2	18	39 - 129	3.3	20 - 29	325	1	0
–	at North Texas	17	38 - 132	3.5	12 - 25	107	0	17	40 - 254	6.4	11 - 18	84	1	+4
–	† Florida Int'l	22	45 - 142	3.2	15 - 22	219	1	13	19 - 50	2.6	15 - 31	153	2	+1
TOTALS		209	452 - 1313	2.9	189 - 352	2255	25	196	397 - 1963	4.9	163 - 305	2049	19	+1
AVERAGES		17.4	38 - 109	2.9	16 - 29	188	2.1	16.3	33 - 164	4.9	14 - 25	171	1.6	0.1

2002 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at USF	NL	10-51
–	Bethune-Cookman	NL	17-30
–	at James Madison	NL	13-16
–	at E Kentucky	NL	6-22
–	at Nicholls St	NL	22-33
–	Youngstown St	NL	17-24
–	at Troy	NL	6-21
–	at Connecticut	NL	14-61
–	Morris Brown	NL	34-13
–	at E Illinois	NL	6-47
–	Florida Int'l	NL	31-21

2003 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Middle Tenn	NL	20-19
–	Valdosta St	NL	17-45
–	at UCF	NL	29-33
–	at Youngstown St	NL	13-6
–	at Illinois St	NL	28-10
–	Texas St	NL	27-14
–	Nicholls St	NL	31-23
–	Northern Colorado	NL	21-19
–	Gardner-Webb	NL	31-26
–	Siena	NL	51-3
–	† Florida Int'l	NL	32-23

2004 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Hawaii	+21	35-28 OT
–	at North Texas	+7'	20-13
–	at Middle Tenn	+2'	27-20
–	at Texas St	NL	20-13
–	at Northern Colorado	NL	39-24
–	ULM	-14	13-17
–	at Florida A&M	NL	38-8
–	at Troy	+13	6-24
–	New Mexico St	-7	7-35
–	Illinois St	NL	28-0
–	Edward Waters	NL	49-15
–	† Florida Int'l	-13'	17-10

2005 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Kansas	+24	19-30
–	Oklahoma St	+13'	3-23
–	at Minnesota	+30'	7-46
–	ULM	-7'	21-28
–	at Louisville - #24	+39	10-61
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+5'	28-10
–	Middle Tenn	+3'	14-35
–	at Arkansas St	+7'	0-3 OT
–	at Troy	+3'	14-28
–	North Texas	-4	26-23
–	at Florida Int'l	+1	6-52

2006 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Clemson - #18	+31	6-54
–	at Kansas St	+20'	0-45
–	at Oklahoma St	+30	8-48
–	at S Carolina	+28'	6-45
–	at ULM	+14	21-19
–	Southern Utah	NL	32-7
–	Louisiana-Lft	+9	0-6
–	Arkansas St	+6'	29-0
–	at Middle Tenn	+11'	14-35
–	Troy	+4	17-24
–	at North Texas	+4	17-16
–	† Florida Int'l	-4'	31-0

ULM WARHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Steven Jyles departed in '05 as the SBC and ULM's all-time career passing leader. Kinsmon Lancaster looked great in Aug 2004 and almost played as a true frosh. In '05 he played in 10 games in a slash role hitting just 7 of 24 for 54 yards but rushed for 270. Lancaster battled Army transfer Chance Payne (PS#382) for the job last year. Weatherbie says Lancaster is quicker than Jyles but he was a soph starter as opposed to a 4 year veteran senior. Lancaster had injury problems as he missed portions of 4 straight games from Wk 4 through Wk 7. Fans started to call for backup Payne after the team's slow start but Weatherbie was firm in sticking with Lancaster. He led NCAA with 13 int's in the 1st 8 but had just 1 in the last 4 when the team avg'd 34 ppg and won 3 of 4. For the season Lancaster threw for 1,789 (56.8%) with a poor 7-14 ratio and was the team's #3 rusher. Payne played in all 12 throwing for 404 (58.6%) with a 2-1 ratio. Darrell McNeal (PS#141 QB) moved to WR but hit 3 of 4 for 117 yards. Adding depth are Beau Ferguson (6'1" 217 So, PS#309), Al Lewis (5'10" 180 rFr, PS#347) and true frosh Antron Mason (PS#311). Payne was moved to LB in the spring and rFr Trey Revell (PS#191) took all of the 2nd string snaps. However, I expect the backup and possible starter in the fall to be Brice Beck (PS#45) who originally signed with Iowa St. Beck threw for 1,015 (52%) at JC last year.

RUNNING BACKS - ULM had been in a slump running the ball as in the eight years prior to 2002, the team's high water mark was 129 ypg (3.2) in '99. In '02 Brian Jacobs finally topped 1,000 yards. In '03 the top rusher had just 529 (4.2). In 2004 Mason Denham led RB's with 529 (4.2) but QB Jyles was the team's top rusher. In 2005 Calvin Dawson, who Weatherbie compared to NT's Jamario Thomas, was the leading rusher with 666 (4.9). RB Coach Dickerson said that the 2006 unit was one of the best groups at RB that they have had in terms of talent. No ULM RB had led their conference in rushing since 1993 (Roosevelt Potts). Calvin Dawson did not start the first 2 due to poor practice habits but then took charge and topped 100 yards rushing 7 times and led the SBC in rushing with 1,210 (5.7) besting ULL's Tyrell Fenroy in a head-to-head matchup in the finale. Dawson actually avg'd more vs SEC foes (141.7) in 3 games than he did vs SBC foes. Backup Erroll Hogan rushed for 338 (4.4) including 82 vs Kentucky and 86 vs NT. QB's and WR's made up the rest of the top 5 rushers. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Gary Frazier (5'8" 209 So, 7 yd) and this year's true frosh. This year they must replace Hogan (5 st) but Dawson is back and while it will be tough to improve upon last year's stats, he remains one of the SBC's top backs.

#15 TE Zeek Zacharie
#22 RB Calvin Dawson

RECEIVERS - ULM's best known WR is Miami Dolphins' star Marty Booker who left with school records for both receptions and yards in a season. Mack Vincent smashed those numbers in 2002 with 79 rec and 1,198 yards and left as the school's career record holder in 2003. Drouzon "Tree" Quillen had 44 (17.2) in '04 and 45 (15.7) in '05. Last year they had to replace four of their top five including Quillen and 1st Tm SBC TE Joey Trappey (42, 10.1) with the top returnee being Marty Humphrey (20, 13.4). The new TE's were Mitch Doyle (275 lbs), who is a punishing blocker, and converted WR Zeek Zacharie. Zacharie had 10 rec the first 3 but just 20 over the last 9. Joseph Merritt came into the season with 19 starts and 24 career rec and was expected to be the leader. Unfortunately he got in the staff's doghouse in August, was suspended for a time during the season and also broke his foot. He played in 6 and had 8 (17.6). Soph LaGregory Sapp (6'3") emerged as the main man and had 43 (18.5) to lead the SBC in receiving yards with 796. Converted QB Darrell McNeal started 11 (25, 11.0). JJ McCoy had 4 starts (16, 13.5) but missed the final 4 (knee). The only loss this year is Merritt (3 st) so the group is more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Depth has been a problem at times for Weatherbie on the offensive front as in a couple of his springs here he was not able to hold a game due to the lack of a healthy OL. This spring he had 11 scholarship OL including two 3-year returning starters. In 2005 ULM had 3 soph and two true frosh starting and opened holes for 3.9 ypc rush and allowed just 9 sacks. Of course, having a mobile QB like Steven Jyles helped those numbers. In fact, OL coach Steve Farmer's groups allowed just 9, 9 and 13 sacks in his 3 seasons. Last year they had all 5 starters back but C Brent Gregston (11 st '05) dropped to 3rd string. Last year's group had 78 starts returning and this year's group is even more veteran as the only loss is RT Nicolas Silva (2 st). They have a combined 141 starts returning making this one of the most veteran lines in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - ULM had a veteran defensive front in 2005 but surprisingly allowed 4.6 ypc rush while the D recorded just 18 sacks and that was with career tfl leader DE Brandon Guillory (9.5 sacks, 1st Tm SBC). Last year they had to replace all 4 starters and just one player returned with starting experience. Surprisingly ULM improved to allowing 4.3 ypc rush (40 ypg less). JUCO's David Cooper and Kendall Mouton did not take over as starters until the last five. This year they only have to replace DE Christiaan Cambridge (12 st, 30 tkl, 3 sk) and have 7 of the top 8 back including 5 who have started 5 or more games. The lineup I list below goes 4 deep.

LINEBACKERS - In 2003 ULM switched to a 4-2-5 defense but I list their ROV under LB. Last year they had to replace one starter but then returning starter Harry Bradley (11 st '05) saw limited action (4 tkl). True frosh Cardia Jackson, who was not cleared to practice until mid-Aug, showed size, speed and heart starting all 12. This year they lose Josh Alexander (9 st, 41 tkl, 5.5 tfl), Ryan Roussel (3 st, 31 tkl) and Bradley. Basically 4 of the top 6 are back and they also add in QB Chance Payne. Jackson and Josh Thompson form one of the SBC's better duos.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ULM had an experienced secondary in 2004 which finished #57 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters and four backups in 2005 and dropped to #100. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups. Quintez Secka started the first 3 before being lost for the year (inj) and true frosh Greg James started the last 9. Among the returnees were CB Chaz Williams who earned 1st Tm SBC honors in 2005 and Kevin Payne, the multi-talented FS who took home 1st Tm SBC honors in 2006. ULM climbed to #74 allowing a 15-19 ratio. This year the unit is my top concern on the entire team. Gone are Payne (98 tkl, 3 tfl, #5DC CHI), Williams (12 st, 67 tkl, 5 pbu) and SS Austin Willis (10 st, 46 tkl, 2 pbu). They do have four players back with starting experience and last year's unit did get banged up as at the end of the year they were forced to go with a couple of backup CB's, a walk-on and Payne. Even with the loss of their top two, this unit might not drop as much as expected, especially with a stronger front seven and the CB position is stronger than in 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS - ULM's highest ever finish in my ST rankings is #80. Weatherbie, who has coached 3 NFL punters, called Joel Stelly the best he'd coached and Stelly was #3, #6 and #10 in the NCAA in punting and had a net of 36.7 in '05, helping ULM to a #86 finish. Last year they brought in Kirk Botkin to coach the unit but had to replace Stelly. The amazing Kevin Payne, who started at SS and had 240 return yards, took over the punting job and did well (40.6). He was questionable for Arkansas but played and only avg 27.5 which hurt his overall avg. He was the only full-time P in the NCAA that also started at another position in a non-special teams capacity. Ragan Walters hit 6 of 10 FG's with a long of 42 in 2005 but was 1 of 2 on FG's and missed 1 xp and Cole Wilson took over. Wilson was 5 of 8 on FG's with a long of 47 in his first 2 years and had an outstanding year hitting 14 of 15. He had 3 FG's vs N Texas including a career long 49 yd'r and 4 vs ULL. His only miss was from 50 yards! Wilson also had 11 TB's on 59 KO's. The top KR was Calvin Dawson (22.3) and the top PR was Darrell McNeal (5.2). Payne departs but they add in true frosh Radi Jabour (PS#11K) who had 8 career FG's from 50+ yds in HS. I look for ULM to have its highest finish yet in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Charlie Weatherbie was hired AFTER spring practice in 2003. He retained Mike Collins' entire staff for that season. Weatherbie was the HC at Navy and Utah St and took both to bowls. Last year the new OC was Bob Leahy, who has been an asst HC here the last 3 years. He was an OC at Wash St (1976), Pitt (1977), Okla St (1979-'82), the Buffalo Bills (1985-'86), E Tenn St ('88) and Liberty ('89-'99). Kim Dameron took over as the DC in '05 after spending four years as the DC at Stephen F. Austin.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Charlie Weatherbie stepped into an extremely difficult situation, taking over the team in May 2003 after spring practices were complete. ULM finished 1-11 but had 6 losses by 7 or less and could easily have opened up the season 4-3 as opposed to 1-6. They were also -19 in turnovers (see pg 312). Weatherbie had spring practice with the team in 2004 and had 15 starters back, the second most in the conference. Despite starting 3 frosh on the O-line, ULM was one of the key teams helping me win the "Most Accurate Magazine" title. I pegged the 1-11 team for 4th in the SBC and that is precisely where they finished with most other magazines projecting them near the basement. In 2005 they were #5 in the preseason SBC poll despite winning 5 of their last 7 in 2004. They had 8 starters back on offense including QB Jyles. In the season finale, ULM controlled their own destiny and could have won the SBC with a victory over ULL. That would have made them 6-1 and given them their first winning season since 1993. That loss cost them a bowl bid and the SBC Title. Their opening day loss to IAA NWSt, a game they led 23-0 at the half, cost them a shot at a winning season. Last year ULM missed 4 key 2 pt conversions and had they made them, they would have been a 7-3 team as opposed to a 2-8 after 10 games. Against a couple of bowl teams, they led MTSt 21-14 at the half and Kentucky 34-33 after 3Q's. I have an asterisk under their turnovers from last year as they do not reflect two bad snaps on punts vs Arkansas which were like turnovers so I only list them at +8 as opposed to the +10 that they are in the NCAA stats. In 2005 they averaged 21.7 ppg on offense which was their best total since 1994. They topped that at 21.8 last year and this season, with 11 starters back including an experienced QB in Lancaster, a 1,200 yard rusher in Dawson and their top five receivers, I look for ULM to have their best offensive ppg since becoming a Div I member in 1993! Last year's D had just five returning starters and this year's has six, including three of the top five tacklers. Despite the inexperience last year, they allowed just 22 ppg and 346 ypg and could improve upon those solid numbers. ULM tied for the top in the NCAA with 5 net close losses last year (see SEC Regional Magazine) and has 17 returning starters, the 2nd most in the SBC while losing just 16 lettermen. I rate their offense #1 in the conference. They do have to play both Troy and Florida Atlantic on the road (as well as Clemson, TX A&M and Alabama!) but this is Weatherbie's best team yet and a contender for the SBC Title.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 KINSMON LANCASTER JR. 5-11 202 PS#289. 1 st WR '05, 386 ttl yds. 12 st QB LY, 1789 (56.8%) 7-14 ratio, 464 rush. **Brice Beck PS#45 '05 Iowa St.** 12 Trey Revell (6-4 210 rFr) PS#191.

RB 22 CALVIN DAWSON SR. 5-10 207 PS#322. 11 st '05, 666 (4.9), 21 rec. 7 st LY, 1210 (5.7), 21 rec, **1st Tm SBC.** 5 Frank Goodin (5-9 194 rFr) PS#207. **24** Tay Olgetree (6-0 195 rFr) PS#226.

WR 3 DARRELL McNEAL SO. 6-0 210 PS#141QB. 11 st rFr, 25 rec (11.0), 4 pass QB, 287 ret yd. **6** Marty Humphrey (6-1 187 Jr) 5 st, 28 rec (13.6) 2Y. **31** Guy Smith (5-10 185 So).

WR 18 LaGREGORY SAPP JR. 6-3 200 1 st true, 1 rec. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 43 (18.5!). **9** Aaron Stringfellow (5-11 186 So) 4 st true, 7 (11.3). **8** Josh Boudreaux (6-3 219 rFr) PS#277QB.

WR 4 DARRIN TAYLOR SO. 6-3 204 PS#128. Miss '06. **1 JJ McCoy** (5-11 175 Jr) 4 st LY, 16 (13.5). **83** Cody Heidbreder (5-10 140 So). **42** Derrian Webb (5-8 165 rFr). Tim Taylor PS#246.

TE 15 KENNETH "ZEEK" ZACHARIE JR. 6-3 230 3 st rFr, **2nd Tm SBC**, 30 rec (13.5). **88 Mitch Doyle** (6-5 275 Jr) 1 st true. 10 st LY, 4 rec. **92** Ryan Autin (6-3 220 rFr). Justin Waller (6-3 230 So).

C 79 ADAM HILL SR. 6-1 325 PS#255. 11 st LG true. 11 st RG '05, **2nd Tm SBC**. 12 st C LY. **62 Brent Gregston** (6-2 260 Sr) **11 st '05. LS 59** Cecil Pollock (6-2 225 Jr).

RG 55 PATRICK AVINGER SR. 6-3 275 "Big Country" 5 st RG true. 2nd string '05. 12 st RG LY. **65** Brett Thompson (6-3 270 So) PS#442. **66** Josh Andrews (6-5 325 rFr) PS#462.

LG 70 AARON SCHUTZ JR. 6-3 310 PS#270. 11 st LG true, 50 kd. 12 st at LG in '06. **74** Andrew Stout (6-2 290 rFr) PS#335. 2nd string true but RS. **87** AJ DeGroot (6-5 275 rFr) PS#412.

RT 76 LARRY SHAPPLEY JR. 6-5 290 PS#100. 11 st RT true, 55 kd. 10 st RT LY until injury. Missed spring. **68** Kyle Kersten (6-4 275 Jr) 3 games D-line rFr. 2nd string OL LY.

LT 75 KYLE CUNNINGHAM SR. 6-4 295 11 st RT true. Move from DT in fall. 11 st LT '05, 12 st LT. **2nd Tm SBC '05-'06.** Doug Stroud (6-6 345 rFr) PS#78. Joseph Joseph (6-3 305 Sr) 1 st '04.

K 87 COLE WILSON SR. 5-10 195 5 of 8 FG '04-'05, long 47. 14 of 15 FG LY, long 49. **2nd Tm SBC. 10** Ragan Walters (5-9 190 Sr) PS#22. 13 of 23 FG 3Y, long 42. Radi Jabour PS#11.

DE 58 Alaric Coleman So. 6-3 250 PS#106LB. 9 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **93** Aaron Morgan (6-5 215 So) PS#241. 7 tkl, **4 sk** true. **59** Cecil Pollock (6-2 225 Jr) PS#395LB. Troy Evans PS#230.

NT 98 KENDALL MOUTON SR. 6-1 315 PS#428JC. L/5 st LY, 11 tkl, 1 sk. **53 Ricky Williams** (6-2 280 Sr) 11 st. 2Y, 47 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **86** Patrick Sturgeon (6-0 250 Sr). **61** Chuckie Beyer (6-1 320 rFr).

DT 99 DAVID COOPER SR. 6-1 273 PS#430JC. L/5 st, 19 tkl. **90** DeMarcus Carmouche (6-5 293 Jr) PS#192. 7 st LY, 15 tkl, 2 sk. Patrick Frazier (6-3 280 Sr). Aaron Moore (5-10 275 rFr).

DE 95 JAMESON JORDAN SO. 6-5 235 12 st rFr, 25 tkl, 1 tfl. **43** Travis Eickman (6-3 230 Jr) PS#476. 5 tkl rFr. 23 tkl, 3 tfl LY. Jordan Landry PS#176. **78** Victor Gaines (6-1 250 Jr).

SLB 13 Chance Payne Jr. 6-2 230 PS#382QB. Army trans. 422 ttl yds at QB in '06. **35 Jeremy Moll** (6-1 220 Jr) 4 st, 58 tkl 2Y. **47** Ben Murphy (6-0 240 Sr) 9 tkl. **CC Carpenter PS#126.**

WLB 51 CARDIA JACKSON SO. 6-2 228 PS#181. 12 st true, 58 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **50** Josh Thomas (6-1 195 So) 18 tkl, 3 tfl true. **45** Matt Freeman (6-0 225 Sr) PS#428JC. 5 tkl. Alvin Jordan PS#200.

ROV 28 JOSH THOMPSON JR. 6-2 215 PS#222. 5 st true, 40 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 12 st LY, 83 tkl, 6 int, 4 pbu. **27** Alex Ibe II (6-3 197 rFr) PS#219. Devin Joseph (6-0 204 So). Lavell Eleam (5-11 180 rFr).

CB 21 Quintez Secka Sr. 6-0 193 PS#270JC. 6 st '05, 36 tkl, 5 pbu. 3 st LY until inj. 10 tkl. **19** Darrius Battles (6-0 180 Sr) 4 st '05. 43 tkl, 4 int 2Y. **38** Eddie Webb (6-0 180 Sr) 14 tkl.

CB 2 GREG JAMES SO. 6-1 195 PS#422. GS '05. 9 st "true" LY, 46 tkl, 5 int, 5 pbu. **32** Alex Blake (5-11 170 rFr). **23** Richard Walker (5-9 170 rFr). **48** Kerry Fisher (5-8 165 So).

SS 39 James Wright Sr. 6-2 209 3 tkl '05. 26 tkl, 1 int LY. **37** Preston Fuller (6-0 197 rFr) PS#465. **16** Roland Ricca (6-1 186 rFr) PS#506. **29** Jake Watts (5-10 200 rFr) PS#560.

FS 34 James Truxillo So. 6-1 190 4 st rFr, 35 tkl, 1 pbu. **46** Bridger Durham (5-11 190 Jr) ULL transfer. **40** Darnell Barbour (5-10 184 So). **36** Jamiah Holder (6-0 175 rFr).

P 48 Scott Love So. 6-0 190 PS#71K. 5 punts true. 36.8 avg, trimmed 15 lbs. Radi Jabour (6-2 183 Fr) PS#11K. 59 yd FG in HS. Jonathan Nugent (5-8 175 rFr) PS#50.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

QB	Brice Beck 6-3 245 PS#45 '05
LB	Chris "CC" Carpenter 6-0 230 PS#126
DL	Jordan Landry 6-3 205 PS#176
OL	Cade Burks 6-5 285 PS#219
LB	Alvin Jordan 6-2 225 PS#200
RB	Michael Green 5-6 165 PS#212
DL	Troy Evans 6-1 236 PS#230
WR	Tim Taylor 5-9 160 PS#246
K	Radi Jabour 6-2 183 PS#11
RB	Nathaniel Brown 5-10 175 PS#345
RB	Jamal Recasner 5-10 205 PS#380
DB	Jeremy Stafford 6-2 191 PS#466
DB	Adrian Joseph 5-11 180 PS#467
QB	Antron Mason 6-0 203 PS#311
DB	Jonathan Price 6-0 175 PS#500
WR	Anthony McCall 6-1 170 PS#463
DL	Anthony Montgomery 6-4 250 PS#451
WR	Dominique LeBlanc 5-11 202 PS#495
LB	Kenneth Dorsey 6-0 250 PS#500
LB	Lincston Jones 6-0 213 PS#500
LB	Theo Smith 5-11 200 PS#500
RB	Robert Williams 6-0 180 PS#506
DB	Jered Berry 5-11 205 PS#540
OL	Brandon McCray 6-1 278 PS#606
OL	Justin Roberts 6-5 291 PS#606
RB	Cedric Richardson 5-8 195 PS#506

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CHARLIE WEATHERBIE (Career 60-95)
5th Year at ULM
Weatherbie's Bowl Record: 2-0

Weatherbie's records AT ULM

15-31	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
7-11	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
8-20	Away	0-11	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-4	Off A Bye
13-15	Vs Conference	9-20	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,20,3)
Lost: 16 (7,8,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,313 (#84)

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.25
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#106

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ULM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Tulsa (Thur)	A					
Sep. 8	at Clemson	G					
Sep. 15	at Texas A&M	G					
Sep. 22							
Sep. 29	at Troy	A					
Oct. 6	Arkansas St	A					
Oct. 13	at North Texas	A					
Oct. 20	Florida Int'l (HC)	A					
Oct. 27	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Nov. 3	Middle Tennessee	A					
Nov. 10	Grambling St	A					
Nov. 17	at Alabama	G					
Nov. 24	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Steven Jyles 8,987 '02-'05
2. John Holman 7,827 '79-'82
3. Raymond Philyaw 7,061 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Roosevelt Potts 3,061 '90-'92
2. Joe Profit 2,818 '67-'70
3. Nathan Johnson 2,330 '77-'80

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Stepfret Williams 3,177 '92-'95
2. Marty Booker 2,784 '95-'98
3. Mack Vincent 2,673 '00-'03

ULM is 1-5 in home openers with a win vs Alcorn St LY. The Warhawks are 4-33 vs non-conf teams the last 7 years. They've split 2 meetings w/Tulsa including a '99 win.

Warhawks are 0-13 since 1994 in road openers being shutout 4 times. All 4 of ULM's IA non-conf opp's made it to a bowl LY & 3 are from the BCS (ACC, B12 & SEC).

ULM is 0-9 all-time vs current B12 tms being outscored by an avg of 33 ppg. LY vs B12 member KU, QB K. Lancaster had a career high 377 yds (59%, 2-0 ratio).

ULM is just 2-11 since 1996 after a bye week. The home team has won 3 straight. This series started on the IAA level in 1970 & ULM is 2-6-1 vs Troy.

The 16 combined pts scored LY was this series lowest since its 1st meeting in '59 (15 pts). The winner in SBC play has won on avg by just 7 ppg w/ULM dropping 4 of 5.

LY ULM held NT to just 137 yds which is the fewest allowed since rejoining IA in '94. ULM is 8-3 vs North Texas since 1990, including winning the last 2 games.

ULM is 17-8-1 (68%) on Homecoming. ULM is 2-1 in the series scoring 28+ in each gm. Last year the Warhawks recorded their 1st shutout since 1999 (10-0 vs MT) vs FIU.

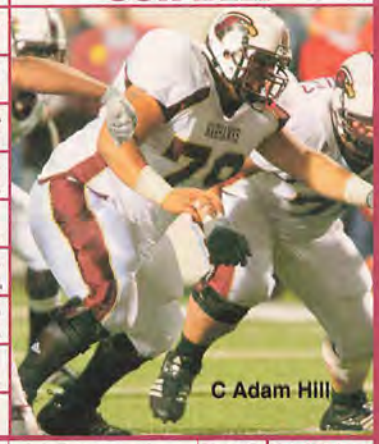
This series started in 2004 & the visitor has won all 3 meetings by an avg of 3 ppg. LY QB Lancaster & RB Dawson sustained inj's during the gm limiting the ULM off vs FAU.

ULM won the TO battle LY 4-0, but could only score once off the miscues. These 2 schools have avg'd 50 ppg in the series, but 62 ppg the last 5 meetings.

Tigers finished 3-8 LY as SWAC members (IAA), but 6 of the losses were by a TD or less. First meeting in FB, but they play each other on a reg basis as they are only 30 miles apart.

ULM is 2-29-1 vs the SEC, including LY's 0-3 mark vs the conf (avg score 42-19). The Warhawks are 7-16 in Nov/Dec regular season road games the last 12 years.

ULM is 8-4 since 1991 vs Louisiana-Lft in the annual Battle of the Bayou. LY RB Dawson had 129 yds vs ULL to become the SBC's leading rusher (1,210 yds).



STADIUM: MALONE STADIUM (30,427) (#99)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Proplay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	3-9	1-11	5-6	5-6	4-8	21-59
Home	1-4	1-4	3-3	0-5	3-1	2-3	2-2	12-22
Away	0-6	1-5	0-6	1-6	2-5	3-3	2-6	9-37
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–	2-4	2-4	1-6	4-3	5-2	3-4	17-23
ATS	1-7	6-4	6-5	4-6	5-6	6-4	8-3	36-35
Home Fav	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-3	0-2	1-1	2-8
Home Dog	1-0	2-2	3-1	1-2	0-0	2-0	0-1	9-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-0
Away Dog	0-6	4-2	3-3	3-4	3-3	3-2	6-1	22-21
Favorite	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-3	1-2	2-1	5-8
Dog	1-6	6-4	6-4	4-6	3-3	5-2	6-2	31-27
vs Conf	–	5-1	4-2	3-3	3-4	5-2	5-2	25-14
vs Non-Conf	1-7	1-3	2-3	1-3	2-2	1-2	3-1	11-21
Off SU Win	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-3	2-3	3-0	7-11
Off SU Loss	1-5	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-3	4-1	5-3	27-22

Bobby Kessler/Mike Collins: Bobby Kessler
Charlie Weatherbie: Charlie Weatherbie

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ULM's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

ULM'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	21.8	17	155	4.2	193	57.2	15.9	+10	2006	5	22.3	19	150	4.3	196	59.4	15.6
8*	21.7	20	141	3.9	210	53.6	16.2	+1	2005	5	30.8	22	190	4.6	210	58.1	13.0
7*	19.2	20	140	3.8	213	55.5	18.4	-1	2004	8	27.5	22	177	4.5	211	59.4	14.1
6*	19.9	18	99	3.0	221	53.3	16.1	-19	2003	5	38.9	21	182	4.2	232	59.6	10.7
8	19.7	18	122	3.5	222	48.3	17.5	-7	2002	9	37.6	23	196	4.7	238	60.0	11.5
6*	13.5	14	74	2.5	171	50.4	18.2	-2	2001	6	31.9	23	137	3.5	265	65.6	12.6

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Calvin Dawson	213	1258	48	1210	11	5.7
Erroll Hogan	77	355	17	338	3	4.4
Kinsmon Lancaster	111	464	131	333	5	3.0
Darrell McNeal	6	54	0	54	0	9.0
JJ McCoy	6	35	7	28	0	4.7
Chance Payne	11	18	16	2	0	0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kinsmon Lancaster	250	142	56.8	1789	7	14
Chance Payne	58	34	58.6	404	2	1
Darrell McNeal	4	3	75.0	117	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
LaGregory Sapp	43	796	18.5	3	64	
Zeek Zacharie	30	405	13.5	2	59	
Darrell McNeal	25	276	11.0	2	40	
JJ McCoy	16	216	13.5	1	61	
Calvin Dawson	21	155	7.4	0	28	
Joe Merritt	8	141	17.6	1	55	
Marty Humphrey	8	113	14.1	0	22	
Erroll Hogan	17	110	6.5	0	17	
Aaron Stringfellow	7	79	11.3	0	17	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kevin Payne	45	1826	40.6	3	32.4(t)	0	7
Scott Love	5	184	36.8	0	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Cole Wilson	21-23	4-4	4-4	6-6	0-1	14-15	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Payne	98	1	2	3	4
Josh Thompson	83	0	2	4	6
Chaz Williams	67	1	1.5	5	2
Cardia Jackson	58	0	2.5	1	0
Greg James	46	0	1	5	5
Austin Willis	46	0	2.5	2	1
Josh Alexander	41	3	2.5	0	0
James Truxillo	35	0	1	1	0
Ryan Roussel	31	0	1.5	2	0
Christiaan Cambridge	30	3	3.5	1	0
James Wright	26	0	1	0	1
Jameson Jordan	25	0	1	3	0
Travis Eickman	23	1	2	0	0
Ricky Williams	23	1	0	1	0
Jeremy Moll	19	0	0	0	0
David Cooper	19	0	0	0	0
Josh Thomas	18	0	3	1	0
DeMarcus Carmouche	15	2	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darrell McNeal	14	73	5.2	0
Kevin Payne	3	9	3.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Calvin Dawson	12	268	22.3	0
Darrell McNeal	12	214	17.8	0
Kevin Payne	11	231	21.0	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

ULM 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Alcorn St	16	46-179	3.9	11-20	131	1	9	26-40	1.5	17-33	165	2	+1
–	at Kansas	18	23-51	2.2	24-41	377	1	16	40-161	4.0	17-28	190	2	+2
–	at Alabama	10	30-123	4.1	10-21	73	0	22	43-219	5.1	15-23	225	1	-1
–	Florida Atlantic	20	28-122	4.4	23-38	285	1	20	38-151	4.0	13-19	185	1	-2
–	at Arkansas St	13	35-130	3.7	15-25	93	0	21	38-172	4.5	19-36	200	1	+3
–	at Troy	18	32-141	4.4	19-40	249	1	24	37-161	4.4	27-40	246	1	+1
–	Middle Tenn	15	29-102	3.5	15-28	184	3	24	46-215	4.7	19-24	234	1	+4
–	at Arkansas	18	38-114	3.0	14-26	147	2	23	40-331	8.3	10-23	97	0	-3
–	at Florida Int'l	16	47-162	3.4	15-18	184	2	9	21-10	0.5	19-36	200	4	+1
–	at Kentucky	28	57-351	6.2	10-19	150	1	24	29-98	3.4	25-35	359	3	0
–	North Texas	21	47-216	4.6	12-19	193	0	7	25-74	3.0	11-21	63	1	+2
–	at Louisiana-Lft	16	33-173	5.2	11-18	244	1	24	41-173	4.2	22-42	189	2	+2
TOTALS		209	445-1864	4.2	179-313	2310	13	223	424-1805	4.3	214-360	2353	19	+10
AVERAGES		17.4	37-155	4.2	15-26	193	1.1	18.6	35-150	4.3	18-30	196	1.6	0.8

2002 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Mississippi	+31'	3-31
–	at Kansas St	+37'	0-68
–	McNeese St	NL	19-24
–	Arkansas St	-3	21-33
–	Tulane	+13'	9-52
–	Idaho	+10'	34-14
–	at New Mexico St	+18	21-34
–	Utah St	+6	51-48 2OT
–	at North Texas	+17	2-41
–	at Auburn	+35	14-52
–	at Middle Tenn	+17	28-44
–	Louisiana-Lft	+4	34-10

2003 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at LSU - #14	+34'	7-49
–	Stephen F. Austin	NL	21-23
–	at Mississippi	+28	14-59
–	Northwestern St	NL	10-14
–	at Utah St	+13'	10-28
–	at Arkansas St	+7'	41-44
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+4	45-42
–	New Mexico St	+4	14-21
–	at Auburn	+37	7-73
–	North Texas	+17'	26-28
–	Idaho	+1'	20-58
–	at Troy	+14'	24-28

2004 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Auburn - #17	+38	0-31
–	at Arkansas	+31	20-49
–	Arkansas St	-6	21-28
–	at Wyoming	+14	10-31
–	at Idaho	-1	16-14
–	Florida Int'l	-9'	28-20
–	at Florida Atlantic	+14	17-13
–	at North Texas	+8	30-45
–	Utah St	-6'	32-25
–	at Middle Tenn	+6	24-37
–	Louisiana-Lft	-4	13-10

2005 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northwestern St	NL	23-27
–	at Wyoming	+21	0-38
–	at Georgia - #7	+39	7-44
–	at Florida Atlantic	+7'	28-21
–	Arkansas St	+3	31-27
–	at Arkansas	+26	15-44
–	Troy	+1'	27-3
–	Florida Int'l	-10	29-31
–	at Middle Tenn	+11	34-31
–	at North Texas	-4	24-19
–	Louisiana-Lft	-2	21-54

2006 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Alcorn St	NL	24-6
–	at Kansas	+23'	19-21
–	at Alabama	+24'	7-41
–	Florida Atlantic	-14	19-21
–	at Arkansas St	+6'	6-10
–	at Troy	+9	19-24
–	Middle Tenn	+3'	21-35
–	at Arkansas - #13	+35	10-44
–	at Florida Int'l	-1'	35-0
–	at Kentucky	+20	40-42
–	North Texas	-7	23-3
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+3	39-20

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Wes Counts led the NCAA with a 72.6 completion % and had a 17-4 ratio. Clint Marks had two starts in '03 and then won the starter's job in '04, breaking the single-season passing record set by Counts in '99 (2,603) by throwing for 2,749 (70.4%) with a 14-14 ratio. Marks struggled in 2005 not topping 200 yards passing in any of the first 5 games (142.8 ypg). He did avg 228 ypg over the last 6 and led the SBC in pass eff. Eventually he became the first MT QB to top 2,000 yards for 2 straight years hitting 66.1% with an 8-7 ratio. Despite having to learn a new offensive scheme last year, he had four 200 yard games finishing his career with 18 (tied w/Counts). With 1,917 (60.4%) and an 8-9 ratio he passed Kelly Holcomb for the #2 spot on MT's career passing list. Strong-armed Joe Craddock (PS#204) appeared in 9 games throwing for 75 yards. He will battle Patrick Jackson (6'0" 192 Sr, PS#168), who played in 2 gms (3 att), Salin Simpson (6'3" 210 rFr, PS#265) and Duke transfer Gene Delle Donne (PS#16). Despite the loss of a veteran senior QB, the stats could improve in the 2nd year of Stockstill's system.

RUNNING BACKS - Eugene Gross, who was a wishbone QB in HS, led the team in rushing 4 straight years with totals of 735 (3.9), 412 (4.0), 724 (4.0) and 882 (4.4) the latter in 2006. DeMarco McNair (PS#214) rushed for 112 (5.3) in '04 after moving from SS but was ineligible in '05. He improved down the stretch last year and led the team in rushing in two of the last 3 reg season games finishing with 586 (4.2). Stockstill brought in Desmond Gee (PS#61) and as a true frosh he was #3 rusher with 277 (4.5) while also starting at WR. Gee scored a TD in each of the last 6 reg season games. Alex Suber (PS#115) moved to DB in Sept as did Phillip Tanner (PS#190). Tanner moved back to RB this spring and at 200 lbs, was #4 in the SBC in the 55m sprint with the track team. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Bradley Nix (5'10" 222 Sr), FB's Brodey Mann (6'1" 241 Jr) and Albert Webb (5'6" 170 Jr). This year they lose Gross, but have everyone else back and could come close to last year's rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Blue Raiders have had some fine receivers through the years including Tyrone Calico (#2DC TEN '03). Ex-coach McCollum labeled true frosh Bobby Williams as a big-play man in '05 (even though he didn't join the team until Aug) and he was the leading returning receiver last year. The team did have to replace its top WR by far in Cleannord Saintil who had 3 times as many receptions as Williams. Williams had just 7 rec over the last 5 but still led the team with 36 (10.5) despite a couple of key drops. Stockstill commented on how improved he was this spring. RB/WR Gee was #2 with 27 (13.0) including 9 in the bowl while walk-on Jonathan Grigsby was #3 with 24 (13.3). Projected starter Pierre Ingram (2 rec) missed most of the year with a hamstring injury. TE Stephen Chicola, who had 29 (8.0) in '05, surprisingly lost his starting job to Clinton Corder due to his blocking ability. This year almost everyone returns and the only losses are Ingram, Walt Bell (0 rec) and Luke Paschall (13, 12.0). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR Ben Graves (6'3" 208 rFr), TE Chris DeGeorge (6'0" 200 So) and TE John Marc Stephens (6'4" 256 Jr). This unit is much more experienced than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - MT had strong OL performances at the start of the decade as the units paved the way for 5.3, 5.5 and 4.7 ypc rushing. They lost 4 starters in 2003 and only avg'd 3.5 ypc. They had to replace 3 more starters in 2004 and had their lowest ypc since 1996 (3.3). In 2005 they had to replace two starters and lost their starting RG after 5 games to an injury. The unit only paved the way for 2.8 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 19 starts and G Richard Bortner (6 st '05) lost his spot. MT improved to 3.6 ypc rush with 28 sacks (8.9%). This year they lose 3 starters in RG Marcus Gates (9 st, 3Y st'r), 2nd Tm SBC RT Germayle Franklin (12 st, 4Y st'r), C Paul Cantrell (12 st) and backup Cade Becher (8 gm). Three players return with 7 or more starts from last year plus Bortner is back to fill the RG spot. I also look for a much bigger impact from Miss St transfer RT David Price (PS#55) who started just 3 last year. This is the 2nd year of the new offense so despite the losses, I'll call the unit improved.

DEFENSIVE LINE - MT had the top D-line in the SBC in 2005 but surprisingly allowed 3.9 ypc rushing and the team had just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 players who were in NFL camps including SBC Def POY Jeff Littlejohn and 2nd Tm SBC Quinton Staton. They returned DE Erik Walden whose 11.5 sacks set a school record in 2006 despite the fact that he was not listed as a starter. Walden was the team's Lifter of the Year and won 1st Tm SBC honors. Also snagging 1st Tm SBC was his cohort at DE Tavares Jones. The DL itself had 22 sacks (team 36), 32 tfl, 7 FF and yielded just 3.6 ypc rushing. The great news for MT is that the entire 2 deep returns including Walden who is now the school's career record holder for sacks. The 3 deep I list below is remarkable for an SBC team as it contains 2 VHT's and Vanderbilt transfer Lamar Divens (3 st, 37 tkl 2Y at VU)! This is the SBC's top D-line.

DE Erik Walden

LINEBACKERS - Last year MT had to replace two players who combined for 14 starts but did get back Justin Rainey who had 8 starts in 2003 before going to JUCO in '04 and missing most of 2005 with a knee injury. Chance Dunleavy (4 st '05) started the opener but was lost for the year with a knee injury. JK Sabb was the team's #1 tackler in 2005 and was making a case to be named SBC Def POY but suffered a back injury towards the end of the season and was not 100%. Despite being hampered he still tied Rainey for the #1 spot. This year they lose both WLB Sabb (1st Tm SBC, 9 st, 69 tkl, 14.5 tfl) and 2nd Tm SBC MLB Rainey (12 st, 69 tkl, 8.5 tfl). Also departing is SLB Marcus Brandon (11 st, 49 tkl, 5.5 tfl). While this unit would appear wiped out by graduation, Dunleavy is back in the same role he was last year (projected starter), Lonnie Clemons has 5 starts and Danny Carmichael saw plenty of action as a frosh (10 tkl vs Ark St). They also add two JUCO's in Andrew Harrington and Ivon Hickmon who were in for the spring and Stockstill is high on both. With the loss of both Sabb and Rainey there is bound to be some dropoff but it may not be as big as most expect.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - MT had to replace seven players who combined for 51 starts in 2004 and the inexperienced group finished just #114 in my pass D rankings. In 2005 all four starters returned but S Kevin Copeland missed the year with injury. I called them one of the most improved secondaries in the NCAA and they moved up to #57 allowing an 11-14 ratio. The star was CB Bradley Robinson (HM SBC) whose 5 int were the most at MT since 1998. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups. Damon Nickson had a great year earning 1st Tm SBC honors as both a DB and a return specialist. He set SBC and MT records with 4 int in one game and is the team's leading returning tackler. Despite his performance, MT slipped some to #67 allowing 57.5% with an 18-14 ratio. This year they lose SS Jonathan Harris (12 st, 40 tkl, 3.5 tfl), CB Roy Polite (9 st, 34 tkl, 8 pbu) and CB Reggie Doucet (5 st, 40 tkl, 8 pbu). Alex Suber (PS#115RB) moved to DB in Wk 3 and started 4 games so he basically has had an entire year in the secondary under his belt. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Sherman Neal (5'9" 170 rFr). Despite being hobbled with a hamstring injury last year, Robinson was the team's top CB and with Nickson back, I'll call for them to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - McCollum's ST finished #48 in my rankings in '04 thanks to the emergence of K Colby Smith. He was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award hitting 15 of 17 FG's and handled the punting (34.7 net). Surprisingly, MT dropped to #82 in '05 as they had to replace their top KR and PR and Smith hit just 7 of 16 FG's. Last year Smith hit 8 of 13 FG's with a career long 48 yarder and continued punting with a 35.1 net. Matt King had 8 TB's on 47 KO and will battle for placement and punting duties. Bradley Robinson avg 9.2 on PR in '05 but Desmond Gee took over last year (9.9). Damon Nickson was #2 in the SBC avg 28.8 on KR with 2 TD's and returns for his senior season. MT moved up to #62 in my ST rankings and even with the loss of Smith, should still be solid in '07.

COACHES - Rick Stockstill has been a coach under Lou Holtz, Steve Spurrier, Danny Ford, Ken Hatfield, Tommy West and Tommy Bowden. He was the OC at ECar in 2003 and was the recruiting coordinator at SCar the prior two years. The former Fla St QB has recruited 16 NFL signees over the last seven years. In his first year here he led MTSt to its 1st ever bowl and was the SBC Coach of the Year! His OC is G.A. Mangus who came to MT after a two year HC stint at Delaware Valley and was a QB at Florida under Spurrier. Manny Diaz is in his 2nd year as DC. Diaz spent the previous six years on Chuck Amato's staff at NCSt. His 2006 defense set school records with 36 sacks and 105 tfl.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When the SBC was formed, MT looked like the class of the league and was favored to win it in each of the first two seasons. After an 8-3 record in 2001 when they narrowly missed out on the title, they dropped to 4-8 in 2002 including 2-4 in conf play despite outscoring foes by an avg of 11.1 ppg. In 2003 they again finished 4-8 with a couple of OT losses and had 5 losses by 8 or less. MT actually tied for 2nd in the SBC at 4-3 despite being outgained by 79.9 ypg in league play. In 2004 they improved to 5-6 and in 2005 had 17 returning starters and were arguably the most talented team in the league. Amazingly, MT outscored league foes by an SBC best 7.4 ppg but ended up with a 3-4 SBC record and a losing year! They trailed Alabama just 9-7 at the half and had an 18-8 FD edge vs Meineke Car Care Bowl Champ NCSt. They also beat SEC member Vanderbilt 17-15 (a game which basically knocked Vandy and Jay Cutler out of a bowl) and destroyed league champ Ark St 45-7. MT outgained league opp's by 30.1 ypg (2nd best). They had an amazing loss to NT in which they outFD'd them 22-14 but suffered -5 turnovers. They lost to Akron the next week in a flat spot. Last year I said it was a great situation for new Coach Stockstill to step into as he had 13 starters including QB Marks from a team that could have easily been 7-4. With 9 starters back from an underachieving offense they managed to improve to 22.8 ppg. Stockstill did say that they did not have a lot of athletes on offense. Surmising the team prior to CMich, he said, "we are not a team with a lot of size or speed. We are a blue collar team. We have to work hard to stay in games." Two dropped TD's cost them vs Maryland but they were once again arguably the best team in the SBC. Stockstill had just over 70 scholarship players, well below the NCAA's 85 limit, but in their 8th year in IA managed to get to a bowl game outgaining league foes by 37.0 ypg (2nd best). They had the SBC Title seemingly wrapped up with a 13 point lead over Troy and the ball with 3:50 to go but somehow lost and ended up in the Motor City Bowl. They did have a league best 4 SBC road wins. MT was picked 6th in the preseason SBC poll but I had them pegged 2nd, higher than any other magazine. This year they have 6 starters back on offense and must replace QB Marks and their top RB Gross. MT's 2005 D allowed just 18.7 ppg, their best mark since moving to IA ball by 7.3 ppg. Last year they only had 4 starters back on D and allowed 4.5 ppg more. This year they have 6 starters back and are in the 2nd year under DC Diaz and should improve. The Blue Raiders have the best D in the SBC which makes them a contender for the top honors but do have 4 SBC road games including 3 vs the teams I peg for the top spots. The Raiders also have to play non-conf games vs L'ville, LSU and Virginia which makes it unlikely they will top last year's 7 win total.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 12 **Joe Craddock Jr.** 5-11 200 PS#204. 9 gm, 75 yd LY. 16 **Gene Delle Donne** (6-5 240 So) **PS#16**. Duke trans. 10 Patrick Jackson (6-0 192 Sr) PS#168. 3 **Salin Simpson** (6-3 210 rFr).

RB 22 **DeMarco McNair Sr.** 5-11 195 PS#214. 1 st 2Y, 698 (4.4), 17 rec. 21 Phillip Tanner (6-0 200 So) PS#190. 2 **Desmond Gee** (5-8 163 So) PS#61. 2 st WR true, 27 rec (13.0).

WR 83 **JONATHAN GRIGSBY SR.** 5-9 186 4 st LY, 24 rec (13.3). 88 Michael Cannon (5-10 180 Jr) PS#286. 1 st, 3 rec 2Y. **FB** 38 **Hunter Birtsch** (5-11 241 Sr) 5 st, 33 rec yd 2Y. Josh Dutton (6-0 241 Sr).

WR 87 **BOBBY WILLIAMS JR.** 6-3 196 10 st true, 22 (13.8). 10 st LY, 36 (10.5). 89 Rod Taylor (6-2 200 So). 2 rec LY. 84 Dale Galvin (6-1 210 So) PS#371. Wes Caldwell PS#118.

WR 13 **TARON HENRY SR.** 6-1 189 PS#127DB. 4 st '05, 20 rec. 12 st '06, 18 (15.4). 86 Patrick Honeycutt (5-9 173 So) PS#382. Fastest WR. Inj LY. Jay Robinson (6-3 200 So) PS#178.

TE 85 **STEPHEN CHICOLA SR.** 6-4 258 PS#116. 4 st, 14 rec (10.9) true. 10 st, 29 (8.0) '05. 6 st, 9 (8.8) LY. 80 **Clinton Corder** (6-3 245 Sr) **9 st**, 8 rec LY. 82 Alvin Ingle (6-2 240 rFr) PS#138.

C 79 **BRANDON NIX SR.** 6-4 296 PS#185DL. 4 tkl, 2 tfl true. 6 st LG '05, 86.5 kd. 9 st LY (6LG, 3RG) 34 kd. 71 Jake Padrick PS#520. USAF '06. **LS** 42 **Jonathan Parks** (6-0 230 Sr).

RG 70 **Richard Bortner Jr.** 6-6 327 PS#583. 6 st RG rFr, 497 snaps. 2nd string LY. 75 Chris Hawkins (6-3 285 rFr) PS#630. 62 Evon Lettsome (6-4 287 rFr) PS#630.

LG 72 **Mark Thompson So.** 6-4 312 PS#189DL. 7 st rFr (6LG, 1RT) 31 kd. 76 Jamal Lewis (6-4 295 rFr) PS#475. 2nd string LY but still RS. 430 bench. Mike Williams (6-3 260 Fr).

RT 77 **David Price Jr.** 6-4 312 **PS#55. Miss St transfer.** 9 gm here LY, 3 st (2RG, 1LG). 69 JC Moore (6-6 320 rFr) PS#562. Darrell Howard (6-5 278 Jr) PS#492DL. 3 gm LY.

LT 54 **FRANKLIN DUNBAR JR.** 6-5 320 PS#434. Last 5 st LG rFr, 77 kd, 545 snaps. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm SBC**. 63 Chris Ritter (6-2 300 Jr) PS#421. Ryan Cooper (6-5 325 So).

K 35 **Matt King Jr.** 5-10 190 Strong leg, #2 punter LY. 0 FG att 2Y. Richard Billings (6-2 202 So). Michael Zacco (5-10 182 rFr). Justin Woodward (5-11 173 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 19 **TAVARES JONES SR.** 6-2 242 PS#290LB. 1 st, 19 tkl '05. **1st Tm SBC '06**, 13 st, 38 tkl, 5.5 sk. 49 Andre Wicker (6-1 265 rFr) PS#150LB, +40 lbs. 98 Chris McCoy (6-4 277 So) 6 tkl rFr.

DT 97 **TREVOR JENKINS JR.** 6-1 285 PS#237. 13 st LY, 35 tkl, 10.5 tfl. 92 **Brandon Perry** (6-1 325 Jr) **PS#26**. 10 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. 95 Jonathan Presley (6-4 258 Jr) 1 st, 18 tkl 2Y.

DT 56 **WES HOFACKER JR.** 6-2 260 15 tkl true at E Carolina '04. 11 st here '06, 19 tkl, 6 tfl. 90 **Chris Anderson** (6-2 270 Sr) **PS#20. Fla St signee.** 78 Derek Mason (6-4 271 Sr) PS#281JC. 4 tkl LY.

DE 43 **ERIK WALDEN SR.** 6-2 238 PS#113. 6 sk rFr, 8 st, 33 tkl, 3 sk '05. **1st Tm SBC '06**, 48 tkl, **11.5 sk**. 45 Sean Mosley (6-2 260 Sr) PS#99LB. 27 st, 3Y, 101 tkl, 7 sk. Lamar Divens (6-4 300 Sr).

SLB 44 **Danny Carmichael So.** 6-0 240 PS#184. 26 tkl, 1 sk, 2.5 tfl as true. 53 Ivon Hickmon (6-1 215 Jr) PS#520JC. In for spg. Devin Dutton (6-0 231 So). Antwan Davis PS#404.

MLB 11 **Chance Dunleavy Sr.** 6-2 238 PS#208JC. 4 st MLB '05, 31 tkl, 2 sk. 1 st LY, inj in opener! 94 Derek Shropshire (6-3 236 Sr) PS#266JC. 2 tkl. Ralpheal Ousley (6-4 245 rFr) PS#166.

WLB 55 **Andrew Harrington Jr.** 6-2 220 PS#453JC. 75 tkl JC LY. In for spg. 29 **Lonnie Clemons** (6-1 230 Jr) 5 st LY, 22 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 30 Cam Robinson (6-1 220 So) 9 tkl as true.

CB 24 **BRADLEY ROBINSON SR.** 5-10 175 10 st rFr, 46 tkl, 2 int. 4.43 spd. 11 st '05, 41 tkl, 5 int, 7 pbu. 9 st LY (inj), 37 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 31 David Raymond (5-10 174 Jr) WR in '06.

CB 7 **Alex Suber Jr.** 5-9 163 PS#115RB. 84 tfl yd RB true. Moved CB Wk 3 LY, 4 st, 17 tkl. Josh Gregory (5-9 194 So) PS#211RB. Ted Riley PS#348JC. Stuart Taylor (6-2 175 rFr).

SS 37 **Anthony Glover Jr.** 6-2 218 PS#496. 13 tkl, 1 tfl '04-'05. RS LY. 32 Dana Stewart (6-0 198 Sr) 8 tkl '04-'05. 1 st LY, 35 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 15 Brandon Gantt (6-1 193 So) PS#272. QB in spg.

FS 5 **DAMON NICKSON SR.** 6-0 177 9 st, 58 tkl '04-'05. 13 st LY, **1st Tm SBC. As both S & RS**, 61 tkl, 5 int, 2 pbu. 21 Phillip Tanner, 16 tkl true. RB spg. Phillip Taylor (5-7 190 So) Tenn St trans.

P NA **David DeFatta So.** 5-9 195 42.3 avg senior in HS. 1 of 3 FG as true, 2-3 xp at Marshall in '05. Richard Billings (6-2 202 So). 35 Matt King (5-10 190 Jr) 8 TB on 47 KO LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Wes Caldwell 6-2 170 PS#118
DB	Ted Riley 6-1 190 PS#348JC
DL	SaCoby Carter 6-2 235 PS#208
LB	Andrew Harrington 6-2 220 PS#453JC
RB	Wesley Hale 6-1 232 PS#202
QB	Dwight Dasher 5-10 198 PS#153
OL	Colin Boss 6-4 324 PS#315
OL	Mike Williams 6-3 260 PS#334
RB	Marquise Branton 5-11 217 PS#282
DL	Demarcus Cleveland 6-2 248 PS#285
DB	Kevin Brown 6-1 185 PS#334
DL	Emmanuel Perez 6-2 220 PS#311LB
TE	Byron McLeod 6-2 215 PS#113
DL	Antonio Hill 6-0 240 PS#320
LB	Antwan Davis 6-1 206 PS#404
LB	Landon Givers 6-2 205 PS#404
DB	Jeremy Kellem 5-10 175 PS#441
OL	Jake Padrick 6-0 297 PS#520
DL	Dwight Smith 6-1 270 PS#451
LB	Ivon Hickmon 6-1 215 PS#500
DB	Rod Issac 5-11 168 PS#540
OL	Mark Fisher 6-4 265 PS#606
WR	Walter Dozier 6-0 195 PS#495
WR	DD Kyles 6-1 190 PS#495

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#92

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MT	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	at Florida Atlantic	G				
Sep. 6	at Louisville (Thur)	A				
Sep. 15	at LSU	G				
Sep. 20	W Kentucky (Thur)	A				
Sep. 29	Florida Int'l	A				
Oct. 6	Virginia	A				
Oct. 13	at Memphis	A				
Oct. 20	Arkansas St (HC)	A				
Oct. 27	at North Texas	A				
Nov. 3	at ULM	A				
Nov. 10	Louisiana-Lft	A				
Nov. 20	at Troy (Tues)	A				
Nov. 24						
Dec. 1						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Wes Counts 8,007 '98-'01
2. Clint Marks 7,342 '03-'06
3. Kelly Holcomb 7,064 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Joe Campbell 3,823 '88-'91
2. Mike Moore 3,678 '74-'77
3. Dwone Hicks 3,613 '99-'02

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kendall Newson 3,074 '98-'01
2. Tyrone Calico 2,636 '99-'02
3. Demetric Mostiller 2,205 '93-'96

In '03, FAU beat MT on a 62 yd last play "Hail Mary" on a Thursday to open the season (1st meeting). Middle Tenn was a perfect 4-0 in SBC away gms LY, winning by an avg of 23 ppg.

Middle Tenn trailed only 16-10 with less than 1:00 left in the 1H in last year's game. LY vs UL, Nickson broke the school record w/187 KR yds in one gm (2 yds short of SBC rec).

Middle Tenn is 3-25 all-time vs SEC tms as all 3 wins came against Vandy ('01, '02, & '05). Blue Raiders faced LSU in '01 losing 30-14, Mid Tenn is 2-15 away vs BCS teams.

Both schools played in the IAA Ohio Valley Conf. This will be their 1st meeting S/'91. This is a transition yr for WKU as next ssn they will be full-time SBC members.

Middle Tennessee is 13-7 in SBC home games (SBC started in 2001). The home team in this series has won both meetings, but by just 1 & 4 pts.

Blue Raiders & Cavaliers will be meeting for the 1st time in school history. Middle Tennessee is 2-6 all-time vs current ACC teams.

These two schools are 207 miles apart. MT leads the all-time series 12-7-1. Stockstill was an ass't coach under Memphis HC West while at Clemson from '93-'98.

Middle Tennessee is 7-1 all-time vs Arkansas St, including 4 straight wins. The last 3 games have been decided by an average margin of 31 pts.

The shutout in LY's gm was the 1st on the road for MT since blanking Austin Peay in '95. LY Middle Tenn was TO free vs North Texas after surrendering 17 in the first 5 gms.

Mid Tenn is 3-8 S/'01 in Nov/Dec road games. These tms have played every yr S/'99 & the winner has won by DD's in 6 of 7. MT scored 21 unanswered 2H pts LY.

LY vs ULL, safety Damon Nickson broke a MT record w/4 int's in 1 game. Middle Tenn is 17-4 since '86 in Murfreesboro finales. MT has dropped L/2 at home to ULL.

Troy & Middle Tennessee shared the SBC Title last year because the Blue Raiders failed to hold a 13 pt 4Q lead as the Trojans scored twice in the final 3:33.

RICK STOCKSTILL (Career 7-6)

2nd Year at Middle Tenn (Stockstill's Bowl Record: 0-1)

Stockstill's records AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

7-6	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
3-1	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
4-3	Away	0-4	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	1-0	Off A Bye
6-1	Vs Conference	3-1	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (14,17,2)
Lost: 17 (9,7,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,037 (#85)

SUN BELT

FS Damon Nickson

STADIUM: JOHNNY "RED" FLOYD STADIUM (30,788) (#95)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sportexe)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-3	4-8	4-8	5-6	4-7	7-5	38-42
Home	5-0	5-0	3-2	2-4	4-1	1-4	3-1	23-12
Away	1-5	3-3	1-6	2-4	1-5	3-3	4-3	15-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	–	5-1	2-4	4-3	4-4	3-4	6-1	24-17
ATS	7-2	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	5-6	7-4	40-35
Home Fav (Andy McCollum)	1-1	2-3	2-1	2-2	4-1	1-4	1-2	13-14
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2
Away Fav (Rick Stockstill)	1-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	0-2	2-1	2-0	8-7
Away Dog	4-1	2-1	3-2	2-2	1-3	2-1	3-2	17-12
Favorite	2-1	3-5	2-3	4-2	4-3	3-5	3-2	21-21
Dog	5-1	2-1	3-3	2-3	1-3	2-1	4-2	19-14
vs Conf	3-1	2-4	2-4	3-3	4-4	3-4	5-2	22-22
vs Non-Conf	4-1	3-2	3-2	3-2	1-2	2-2	2-2	18-13
Off SU Win	3-1	4-3	1-2	1-2	1-4	1-3	5-2	16-17
Off SU Loss	3-1	0-3	3-4	5-3	3-2	3-3	2-1	19-17

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eugene Gross	202	942	60	882	11	4.4
DeMarco McNair	139	632	46	586	7	4.2
Desmond Gee	62	296	19	277	5	4.5
Joe Craddock	13	46	13	33	0	2.5
Clint Marks	52	137	183	-46	1	-0.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Clint Marks	283	171	60.4	1917	8	9
Joe Craddock	24	9	37.5	75	0	1
Patrick Jackson	3	0	0.0	0	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Bobby Williams	36	378	10.5	1	55	
Desmond Gee	27	351	13.0	3	73	
Jonathan Grigsby	24	319	13.3	0	53	
Taron Henry	16	247	15.4	1	30	
Luke Paschall	13	156	12.0	1	30	
DeMarco McNair	16	139	8.7	0	27	
Eugene Gross	16	127	7.9	0	24	
Stephen Chicola	9	79	8.8	2	19	
Clinton Corder	8	78	9.8	0	18	
Bradley Robinson	3	31	10.3	0	21	
Hunter Birtsch	4	27	6.8	0	15	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Colby Smith	69	2830	41.0	17	35.1	1	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Colby Smith	38-39	5-5	1-2	2-6	0-0	8-13	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
JK Sabb	69	4	10.5	2	0
Justin Rainey	69	4	4.5	4	1
Damon Nickson	61	1	2	2	5
Marcus Brandon	49	1	4.5	3	0
Erik Walden	48	11.5	3	1	0
Sean Mosley	40	2	7.5	2	0
Jonathan Harris	40	1	2.5	4	1
Reggie Doucet	40	0	2	8	3
Tavares Jones	38	5.5	4	1	0
Bradley Robinson	37	0	1	3	2
Trevor Jenkins	35	0	10.5	0	0
Dana Stewart	35	1	2.5	1	0
Roy Polite	34	0	3	8	1
Danny Carmichael	26	1	2.5	0	0
Lonnie Clemons	22	0	1.5	0	1
Wes Hofacker	19	1	5	0	0
Alex Suber	17	0	0	0	0
Phillip Tanner	16	1	0	0	0
Jonathan Presley	13	1	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Desmond Gee	12	119	9.9	0
Bradley Robinson	4	9	2.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damon Nickson	21	605	28.8	2
Phillip Tanner	9	197	21.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
06	Motor City	+8	C Michigan	14-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Mid Tenn's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	22.8	16	131	3.6	154	57.8	12.5	+6	2006	4	23.2	18	120	3.6	204	57.5	14.0
8*	19.1	17	109	2.8	198	65.8	16.1	+6	2005	9	18.7	19	136	3.9	198	58.1	17.8
6	24.5	20	107	3.3	268	69.8	15.3	-6	2004	6	26.6	22	138	3.7	273	64.9	15.5
5*	27.7	19	145	3.5	227	61.2	13.4	+2	2003	8	31.3	23	171	4.2	254	61.8	13.6
9	24.8	18	209	4.7	154	57.8	14.7	0	2002	6	27.7	20	172	4.3	229	61.4	14.5
7*	37.1	26	238	5.5	244	69.0	13.0	-4	2001	6	26.0	22	140	3.8	255	58.8	15.2

2006 STATS BY GAME

MT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	DEFENSE SKS FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS TURN
–	Florida Int'l	12	35-92	2.6	11-18	83	6	15	25-97	3.9	22-39	150	2	0
–	at Maryland	21	33-105	3.2	22-41	216	3	16	34-135	4.0	11-16	139	2	-2
–	Tenn Tech	14	29-174	6.0	12-24	127	1	11	33-10	0.3	13-28	125	3	+4
–	at Oklahoma	7	28-22	0.8	6-20	73	3	21	44-190	4.3	14-20	272	1	-3
–	at North Texas	24	57-212	3.7	13-18	154	1	8	24-40	1.7	7-16	63	6	+3
–	† Louisville	15	35-83	2.4	17-34	167	1	26	31-186	6.0	17-32	340	1	+1
–	at ULM	24	46-215	4.7	19-24	234	1	15	29-102	3.5	15-28	184	3	-4
–	at Louisiana-Lft	17	37-101	2.7	19-27	244	1	17	30-154	5.1	12-24	182	2	+5
–	Florida Atlantic	13	36-271	7.5	5-11	71	1	23	45-103	2.3	21-39	267	3	+2
–	at Arkansas St	15	37-211	5.7	11-14	134	0	20	45-162	3.6	14-35	146	5	+1
–	at S Carolina	12	32-81	2.5	6-19	119	4	25	28-154	5.5	22-29	391	1	+1
–	Troy	13	39-77	2.0	13-22	126	3	19	31-81	2.6	30-40	235	4	0
–	† C Michigan	19	30-61	2.0	27-41	259	3	22	32-149	4.7	16-26	162	3	-2
TOTALS		206	474-1705	3.6	181-313	2007	28	238	431-1563	3.6	214-372	2656	36	+6
AVERAGES		15.8	36-131	3.6	14-24	154	2.2	18.3	33-120	3.6	16-29	204	2.8	0.5

2002 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Alabama	+17	34-39
–	at Tennessee - #4	+22	3-26
–	at Kentucky	+5'	22-44
–	SE Missouri	NL	14-24
–	at Arkansas St	-16	7-13
–	at Vanderbilt	+6'	21-20
–	Louisiana-Lft	-9'	48-35
–	at Idaho	-3'	18-21
–	at New Mexico St	+6'	21-24
–	ULM	-17	44-28
–	North Texas	+2'	20-30
–	Utah St	-6'	45-28

2003 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Florida Atlantic	NL	19-20
–	at Georgia - #8	+29	10-29
–	at Clemson	+14	14-37
–	at Missouri - #23	+21'	40-41 OT
–	Temple	-3	36-44
–	New Mexico St	-4	35-18
–	at Idaho	-3'	28-21 OT
–	North Texas	+2'	28-33
–	at Utah St	+2	20-41
–	Troy	-4	27-20
–	Louisiana-Lft	-14'	51-57 4OT
–	at Arkansas St	-6	24-14

2004 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Akron	+6'	31-24
–	Florida Atlantic	-2'	20-27
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-2	17-24
–	at North Texas	+3	21-30
–	Arkansas St	-6	45-17
–	at Florida - #22	+28'	16-52
–	Idaho	-10	34-14
–	Utah St	-9'	21-0
–	at New Mexico St	-3	10-44
–	ULM	-6	37-24
–	at Troy	+14	17-37

2005 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Alabama	+21'	7-26
–	North Texas	-4	7-14
–	Akron	-6	7-17
–	at Vanderbilt	+14	17-15
–	at Florida Atlantic	-3'	35-14
–	Louisiana-Lft	-14	10-13
–	Arkansas St	-4'	45-7
–	ULM	-11	31-34
–	at NC State	+18	3-24
–	at Troy	-6'	17-7
–	at Florida Int'l	-6	31-35

2006 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Florida Int'l	-9	7-6
–	at Maryland	+22	10-24
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	44-0
–	at Oklahoma - #17	+28	0-59
–	at North Texas	+3'	35-0
–	† Louisville - #8	+29'	17-44
–	at ULM	-3'	35-21
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+3	34-20
–	Florida Atlantic	-11'	35-14
–	at Arkansas St	-3'	38-10
–	at South Carolina	+15'	7-52
–	Troy	-7	20-21

ARKANSAS ST INDIANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 Steve Roberts basically wasted Nick Noce's soph season by bringing him in for the 8th game and he att'd just 31 passes. Noce's eligibility expired in '05 after he threw for 2,052 (55.3%) with a 12-10 ratio. He left as the Indians 5th leading passer with 4,343 career yards. Travis Hewitt (PS#148) played in 6 as Noce's backup as a rFr hitting 3 of 8 for 50 yards. Last year Hewitt battled rFr Corey Leonard (PS#90) and true frosh TC Jennings, who was a finalist for the HS Mr Football Award in Tenn. Hewitt has an accurate arm, makes good decisions and had the best grasp of the offense. Leonard has more speed, an outstanding arm and is dangerous in the open field. It was a dead heat in August until Leonard missed 4 practices so Hewitt took the lead. They split time early and Hewitt led both scoring drives vs Army. Leonard got his first start vs SMU and hit 6 of 14 for 110 in a 55-9 loss. Hewitt started vs FIU and led 4 TD drives but was just 6 of 17. Leonard got a 10 yd TD run with 2:07 left to beat ULM then fired a 53 yd Hail Mary pass that beat Memphis. He played every snap in 5 of their last 7. Leonard threw for 1,321 (49.1%) with an 8-8 ratio (554 rush). Hewitt threw for 414 (45.5%) with a poor 0-7 ratio. Adding depth along with Jennings are Scott Davis (6'1" 197 rFr) and true frosh Chris Lambeth (PS#241). This group is far more experienced and Leonard should be one of the SBC's top QB's as a soph.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 ASU had to replace the school's #2 all-time leading rusher, Jonathan Adams (PS#6). Danny Smith stepped in for the injured starter and set a school record with 1,390 (5.5). Antonio Warren, a power back with sub-4.5 speed, had two straight 1,000 yard seasons in '04 and '05. Last year the unit was so thinned by injuries in August that even walk-on Robert Dupree was getting snaps in practice and the top 2 RB's were rFr. Reggie Arnold (PS#161) who is a power back and benches 440. Arnold rushed for 140 vs Army and also had 142 vs FIU, 121 vs N Texas, 115 vs MT and 156 vs ULL to become the 4th 1,000 yard rusher under Roberts. Cedric Wilkerson missed the first 2 but had 116 vs Memphis and rushed for 362 (4.2). RB Coach Gunn calls Wilkerson and Arnold "Thunder and Lightning". Chris James had 204 (5.5) and FB Oren O'Neal who missed 3 games and 59 (7.4). Arnold was slowed by an ankle injury vs ULM midyear but became ASU's first player to win the SBC Frosh of the Year. He missed spring rehabbing his ankle. Preston Brown (PS#91) also returns after originally signing at Oklahoma St. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jerime Henderson (6'0" 194 Sr) who had 35 tackles at DB the last 3 years and Chris Easley has 662 career rush yards and RS'd last year. Added to the mix are true frosh Bamidele Ayoola and Derek Lawson who rushed for his HS record 3,090 (9.2) and 36 TD's as a senior. The only losses are O'Neal (7 st, HM SBC, #6DC OAK), FB Jon Hoeflinger (2 st, 6 yd) and James. With added talent and hopefully better health for Arnold, this unit could even surpass last year's numbers.

RB Reggie Arnold

RECEIVERS - In 2005 Levi Dejohnette led with 43 rec (12.9) while Patrick Higgins had 28 (12.8), Joe Smith had 18 (18.1), Gary Vincent had 16 (11.6) and Kevin Jones had 8 (20.1). All 5 WR's returned in '06. Vincent did not report in August but later returned and Dejohnette had his arm in a cast after the opener and missed 2. When he returned he had the cast for 2 more games. Higgins avg'd a super 30.7 on 7 rec but was injured and missed the final 3. Vincent was injured in practice and missed the final 2 finishing with 12 (14.3). Dejohnette had 23 (12.2) and TE David Johnson added 13 (15.4). True frosh Brandon Thompkins, who is one of the fastest players on the team, had 8 (11.1). Due to injuries, Jones led the team with 25 (14.2) and Chris Miller (6'1" 205) added 13 (10.2). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Bud Tillman (6'0" 163 So), Jarriel Norman (5'9" 173 So, 3 rec), Jonathan White (5'11" 175 rFr), Richard Neal (6'1" 200 Jr) and Sam Leahey (5'10" 177 So). Everyone returns this year with the exception of Vincent (4 st) and TE Brandon Henson (1 st, 1 rec). This group should stay healthier and has much more experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Indians had to replace 4 starters in 2005 but Roberts said at the beginning of the year the unit would be tremendous once it came together. The group avg 310 lbs per man and they ran to the left most of the time behind large LG Lance Martin and LT Matt Mandich. While the sacks allowed increased to 31, the ypc also increased to 4.8. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but returned 8 of the top 10. RG Kyle Koets (12 st '05) suffered a spring injury and was just 2nd string all year, so they essentially had 2 starters returning. While they were #2 in the SBC in rushing (168 ypg), the ypc dropped to 4.0 and the sacks rose to 37 (SBC worst). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 1st Tm SBC C Tanner Jenkins (11 st, 4Y st'r), LG Jess McDonald (12 st), RT Dale Maas (12 st) and RG Shawn Shoemake (6 st). If Koets is healthy and regains his starting form, this unit actually has more experience than last year with Matt Mandich (2nd Tm SBC L2Y), Koets and Matt Reibe, who started the last 4 at RG, all back. This is one of the deeper O-lines in the SBC. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Tom Castilaw (6'4" 270 rFr), Terry Bowman (5'11" 262 rFr), Cory Meachum (6'3" 323 So), Page Gill (6'3" 269 Jr, DL '06), Rudy Harrell (6'6" 280 So, PS#193DL) and Alfred Louis (6'3" 280 rFr). Despite the massive losses, this unit could be even more effective than last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 ASU had an excellent D-line led by beefy DT's Jonathan Bradley (300 lbs) and Corey Williams (295), who earned 1st and 2nd Tm SBC honors. ASU allowed just 3.9 ypc rushing. In 2004 those two and one other starter departed and the unit was much smaller and allowed 4.6 ypc rushing, while the D had just 13 sacks. 2005's unit was a veteran one which just had to replace one player who had 5 starts. The group included DT Myron Anderson (1st Tm SBC in '04) and Ohio St signee DE Quinton Thomas. They improved to allowing 4.2 ypc. Last year they had to replace Anderson and Thomas and then lost 2 year starting DE Brian Flagg (knee) so they basically had one starter back. Brandon Rollins started the first two but was lost for the season due to injury. The Indians slipped to allowing 4.5 ypc and the D recorded just 13 sacks. This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC DT Jamarrow James (12 st, 28 tkl, 7.5 tfl), DE Reggie Green (12 st, 36 tkl) and DE Jonathan Najm (4 st, 30 tkl, 3 tfl, HM SBC). Four players return who combined for 20 starts last year. DL Coach Peoples noted last year that there was not much difference between their best DL and the 8th and 9th DL, so I look for this group to be improved, especially if Flagg returns 100% healthy.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 ASU did not have any LB's on the roster that had played a snap of IA ball at LB. JUCO Devrett Wade exceeded expectations and earned 2nd Tm SBC honors. Last year they returned two starters and got the large addition of Josh Williams, who was 1st Tm SBC as rFr in 2004 with 110 tackles and 10 tfl but was suspended in 2005. Koby McKinnon earned 2nd Tm SBC honors and returns for his third year as a starter. Ben Owens got plenty of PT (34 tkl) but this is a lightly experienced group and I expect some true frosh to play immediately. This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC WLB Wade (48 tkl, 5.5 tfl), Williams (12 st, 55 tkl, 7 tfl) and WLB Elias Ellis (23 tkl, 1 tfl). This unit is my biggest question mark of the 2007 squad.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Despite having two starters back in 2004, ASU slipped to #111 in my pass D rankings. They had 3 starters returning in 2005 including Montis Harrison who was the team's shutdown CB. Harrison missed a good part of Aug then was lost for the year after 8 starts. The unit only moved up to #96. Co-DC Curtis said the overall speed of the unit was finally getting up to the level he desired in 2006 and they had 7 of the top 10 back. They put up some good stats allowing just 160.9 ypg (#12 in NCAA) and 57% with a 14-19 ratio but did take on a soft slate of opposing QB's so they only ranked #68. CB Harrison missed the spring with shoulder surgery and didn't start until the last 4 in '06. His replacement, Dominique Williams, was the #3 tackler after 4 games with 3 int and 3 pbu, but tailed off down the stretch. SS Tyrell Johnson earned 1st Tm SBC honors and FS Khayyam Burns earned 2nd Tm. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jemale Garrett (6'0" 205 Jr) and Steve Reeves (6'1" 185 Jr). This is the best secondary in the SBC as the unit returns almost intact with the only losses being CB Kelvin Cox and SS Marcus Brown (1 st, 12 tkl).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Steve Roberts coaches this unit himself so it was surprising that ASU finished #85 (in '02) and #105 ('03) in his first 2 years. They improved to #50 and #64 the next 2 years but surprisingly dropped to #103 last season although they did have to replace their top P, K and PR. Darren Toney (PS#158), who is a member of ASU's 4x100 relay team and has a 40" VL, avg 21.7 on KR's and true frosh Brandon Thompkins avg 21.9. Kevin Jones was the top PR (4.2) while P Brett Shrable had a net of 33.7. Josh Arauco got off to a slow start but they changed holders (to Shrable) after 5 games and Arauco tied a school record with 10 straight FG's to end the season. Coach Roberts says he has a much stronger leg and had unbelievable accuracy during the spring. Also back is LS Nick Emfinger (6'1" 260 Jr). I expect significant improvement in the ST rankings as this unit goes from a weakness to a strength.

COACHES - Steve Roberts enters his 6th year here after being the HC at Northwestern St (LA) in 2000-'01 where he was 14-9. He was the HC at Southern Arkansas from '94-'99, going 26-5 over his final 3 years. He has the 5th most victories among ASU's 26 all-time HC's with 26 (Larry Lacewell 1979-'89 has 69). He brought his NWSt staff with him to ASU (OC Doug Ruse and co-DC's Kevin Corless and Jack Curtis). Roberts has a contract which runs through 2010 and was named SBC Coach of the Year in 2005.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Steve Roberts is doing a fine job here despite many narrow losses and tough non-conf schedules early on in his tenure. In 2002 ASU came within 11 points of the SBC Title finishing 3rd. They were just three plays away from a 9-4 season but also two plays away from finishing 4-9. Despite finishing 3-3 in SBC play in 2003, they were outgained by a league worst 123 ypg and overcame DD deficits in all 3 wins. Since 1992, ASU has only had 5 seasons of 5+ wins and Roberts is responsible for four. In 2004 ASU led the SBC in lettermen lost (26) and faced three Top 25 foes in their non-conf slate. They were 3-4 in SBC play despite being -9 in turnovers and were outgained by 52.1 ypg in league play. In 2005 I gave ASU a shot at a winning season and they won the SBC getting to their first bowl ever. They started up to 6 frosh at times on defense in 2004 and allowed nearly 8 ppg less in '05. They won 2 games in which they scored less than 10 points, the first time that occurred since 1949. ASU had their first undefeated year in Jonesboro since 1986 and ended the streak of 9 straight losing years at 6-6. They benefitted from 4 close wins in SBC play. Last year they had to replace their QB and top two RB's but had 13 returning starters. Expectations were raised and Roberts noted at the end of 2006 that their 6-6 record with 8 road games and no IAA opponents was a "heck of a year" despite fan disappointment. A 53 yard Hail Mary pass vs Memphis delivered a win and their 5-2 start was the best since 1987 but they had four of their last five on the road with more than 5,000 miles of travel. In their final home game for 15 seniors, ASU trailed by 7 and were driving but suffered an 88 yard IR TD which turned the game around. In the season finale vs ULL, 9 of their 12 drives got to the ULL side of the field but they were SOD at the 30 and the 6 and had a FG blocked. This year they have 7 starters back on offense including their top 2 QB's, top 3 rushers and top 4 receivers. They should easily top 2006's 15.2 ppg which was their lowest total since 1994. They also return 7 starters on D including their top 3 tacklers and will try to improve on their ppg allowed for a 5th straight year. While ASU was 4-3 in conf play, there were 2 surprises: they were outscored by 17 pts on the season in SBC play and they outgained SBC foes by 50.4 ypg (league best). They are 18-8 in Indian Stadium under Roberts where they do have a great shot at another winning year in SBC play. They have 4 SBC home games but are saddled with a tough schedule. This includes facing 3 of their main conf rivals on the road plus Texas, Tenn and SMiss so it will be difficult to top 2006's 6-win total. Last year they set a school record for single season avg attendance (19,069).

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BED — DEFENSE

QB 1 COREY LEONARD SO. 6-1 196 PS#90. 8 st rFr, 1321 (49%) 8-8 ratio, 554 rush. **17** Travis Hewitt (6-1 210 Jr) PS#148. 4 st 2Y, 464 pass, 103 rush. **12** TC Jennings (6-2 185 rFr).

RB 2 REGGIE ARNOLD SO. 5-9 217 PS#161. 12 st rFr, 1076 (5.1) **1st Tm SBC**, 440 bench. **23** Cedric Wilkerson (5-6 182 So) 362 (4.2), 16 rec rFr. **25** Preston Brown (5-9 180 rFr) PS#91.

WR 6 Kevin Jones Jr. 5-10 169 PS#276. 8 rec rFr. 1 st LY, #1 w/25 (14.2). **FB 34 Danny McNeal** (6-1 227 rFr) PS#293. **30** Tyler Chambers (5-11 225 So) PS#485LB.

WR 10 PATRICK HIGGINS SR. 6-2 184 10 rec (14.3) rFr. 1 st '05, 28 (12.8). 9 st LY, 7 rec (30.7!), missed L/3, inj. **14** Brandon Thompkins (5-10 170 So) 2 st true, 684 all-purp yards.

WR 9 LEVI DEJOHNETTE SR. 6-0 175 25 rec (11.2) rFr. 12 st '05, 43 (12.9). 7 st LY, 23 (12.2). **19** Joe Smith (6-4 186 Sr) 3 st 3Y, 28 rec (14.4). **86** Travis Jones (6-0 181 So) PS#371.

TE 85 DAVID JOHNSON JR. 6-2 268 PS#107. 12 st LY, 13 (15.4). **87** JT Jordan (6-1 261 So) PS#220. 3 rec rFr. **80** Trevor Gillott (6-2 200 So) PS#507DB. Vernon Catlin is PS#445JC.

C 65 Heath Lockley Sr. 6-0 285 8 gm '05 on ST's. 2nd string C at in 2006, 1 start. **55** Brandon Ciaramitaro (6-3 280 Jr) PS#445JC. In spg. **93** Jonathan Hissam (6-0 273 So) PS#480DL.

RG 76 Kyle Koets Jr. 6-4 292 PS#577. 1 st RT rFr. 12 st RG '05. **60** Dominic Padrta (6-3 288 So). **64** Chris Johnson (6-3 328 rFr). **77** Tyson Holligan (6-2 315 rFr) PS#334.

LG 58 MATT REIBE SR. 6-3 300 PS#115TE. 5 gm rFr. 2nd string C '05, 12 gm. 6 st RG LY (incl L/4). **61** Drew Hilton (6-4 295 rFr) **PS#127. 57** Sean Marshall (6-3 280 Jr).

RT 72 Vincent Thrower Sr. 6-6 347 PS#634. 2nd string L2Y, 2 letter. **59** Anthony Jackson (6-4 353 So) PS#209. Huge. 3 tkl DL rFr. Moved to OL. Seth Monroe (6-3 290 So).

LT 63 MATT MANDICH JR. 6-3 282 12 st rFr. 12 st LY. **2nd Tm SBC 2Y. 71** Zach Eichenberger (6-4 270 Jr) 10 gm '05. Mark Clemons (6-4 330 Jr) PS#290JC.

K 89 JOSH ARAUCO SO. 5-9 193 Hit 2 of first 6 LY before connecting on 10 straight FG to end yr (long 38). **84** Brian Sheffield (6-2 210 So) PS#32. 51 yd FG HS. 4 TB, 45 KO true.

DE 44 BRIAN FLAGG JR. 6-2 243 11 st true, 36 tkl, 5 tfl. 10 st in 2005, 32 tkl, 5 sk. **98** Alex Carrington (6-5 267 So) 6 st rFr, 14 tkl, 2 tfl. **49** Stanley Wakwe (6-2 232 So) PS#352.

NT 91 Curtis Bonds Sr. 6-4 285 PS#452. 12 tkl, 2 tfl '05. 1 st, 15 tkl, 2 sk last year. **52** Khari Mays (6-2 283 So) Broken foot rFr. **94** Brandon Rollins (6-5 257 Sr) PS#227. 3 st, 34 tkl 3Y.

DT 79 PRINCE HICKMAN SR. 6-1 289 2 st '04-'05, 19 tkl, 2 tfl. 11 st in 2006, 21 tkl, 1 tfl. **62** Bryan Hall (6-2 260 rFr) PS#530. **Stanley Porter is PS#104. 56** Mario Donnerson (5-11 337 Jr).

DE 96 Rob Ramage Sr. 6-3 236 PS#278JC. RS '05. 8 tkl, 2 sk LY. **50** Levi Thompson (6-4 245 rFr) PS#379. **53** Anthony Harris (6-0 238 Sr) 9 tkl 2Y. Mario Donnerson (5-11 337 Jr).

SLB 37 KOBY McKINNON SR. 6-3 211 PS#387DB. 12 st '05, 55 tkl, 2 tfl, 2 int. 12 st LY, 57 tkl, 3 sk. **2nd Tm SBC. 46** Darius Glover (6-2 210 rFr). Elroy Brown (6-0 213 Fr) PS#370.

MLB 48 Ben Owens Jr. 6-2 223 PS#103RB. 5 tkl true. 34 tkl, 2 sk LY. **41** Gregory Hardy (6-0 215 So) PS#257. 3 tkl true. **42** Kurt Delt (6-2 228 rFr) PS#440. Vernon Catlin PS#445JC.

WLB 31 Matt Taylor So. 6-3 212 PS#262DB. 2 tkl rFr. Charlton Hankston (6-2 256 Jr) PS#389JC. **51** Javon McKinnon (6-0 205 rFr). Najel Byrd PS#370. Demario Davis PS#500.

CB 20 MONTIS HARRISON SR. 5-10 179 Top cover CB '04, 9 st, 30 tkl. 8 st '05 (inj), 30 tkl. Inj LY, started last 4, 3 pbu. **8** Dominique Williams (5-10 172 Jr) 4 st '05, 2 int, 7 pbu. 10 st LY, 25 tkl, 3 int.

CB 3 DARREN TONEY SR. 5-11 185 PS#158RB. 4.45 spd, 40" VL. 29 tkl '04-'05. 10 st LY, 39 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. **36** Daylan Walker (5-9 166 So) 6 tkl rFr. Marquette Williams (6-0 185 rFr) PS#194.

SS 16 TYRELL JOHNSON SR. 6-1 197 11 st rFr, 94 tkl, 4 int. 12 st '05, 112 tkl. 11 st LY, 63 tkl, 4 pbu. **1st Tm SBC 2Y. 26** MD Jennings (6-0 165 rFr) PS#379. **22** Brandon Williams (6-0 202 Jr).

FS 21 KHAYYAM BURNS SR. 6-0 184 PS#145. 11 st rFr, 85 tkl, 7 pbu. 12 st '05, 89 tkl, 6 pbu. 12 st LY, 60 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu, **2nd Tm SBC. 39** Evan Van Dolah (6-2 199 So) PS#386. 1 tkl.

P 13 BRETT SHRABLE JR. 6-2 226 PS#314LB. 8 tkl true. 52 punts LY, 38.1 avg and net of 33.7. **89** Josh Arauco (5-9 193 So). **84** Brian Sheffield PS#32. 15 KO thru uprights HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Paul Henry 6-8 270 PS#86
RB	William Anderson 5-11 228 PS#64
DL	Stanley Porter 6-4 240 PS#104
OL	Mark Clemons 6-4 330 PS#290JC
LB	Charlton Hankston 6-2 256 PS#389JC
LB/TE	Vernon Catlin 6-4 225 PS#445JC
OL	Brandon Ciaramitaro 6-3 280 PS#445JC
OL	Brandon Johnson 6-4 307 PS#268
DB	Jaquan Kilcrease 6-3 195 PS#245
WR	Linzsy Harris 5-9 175 PS#314
QB	Chris Lambeth 6-1 195 PS#241
LB	Najel Byrd 6-0 215 PS#370
LB	Elroy Brown 6-0 213 PS#370
OL	Alex Birton 6-2 297 PS#449
DB	Kelcie McCray 6-2 180 PS#467
LB	Dorvus Woods 6-3 259 PS#443
RB	Derek Lawson 5-11 210 PS#446
RB	Bamidele Ayoola 6-2 244 PS#506
DL	Spencer Canole 6-3 230 PS#451
DL	Jeremy Gibson 6-6 240 PS#451
LB	Michael Adams 6-1 230 PS#500
LB	Demario Davis 6-3 210 PS#500
OL	Rudy Harrell 6-6 280 PS#606
OL	Tim Kavanaugh 6-2 270 PS#606
OL	Aaron Lavender 6-3 220 PS#606
OL	Delano Moore 6-5 306 PS#606
RB	Jermaine Robertson 5-11 227 PS#506

ARKANSAS STATE INDIANS

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STEVE ROBERTS (Career 26–34) (Div IAA 49-33-1)
6th Year at Arkansas St Roberts' Bowl Record: 0-1

Roberts' records AT ARKANSAS ST

26-34	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
18-8	Home	0-6	Vs Top 25
8-24	Away	0-12	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	1-4	Off A Bye
18-16	Vs Conference	17-13	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (6–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (25,25,3)
Lost: 18 (9,9,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,069 (#97)

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#93

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 1	at Texas	G				
Sep. 8	Memphis	A				
Sep. 15	SMU	A				
Sep. 22	at Tennessee	G				
Sep. 29						
Oct. 6	at ULM	A				
Oct. 13	Louisiana-Lft (HC)	A				
Oct. 20	at Middle Tennessee	A				
Oct. 27	Troy	A				
Nov. 3	Florida Int'l	A				
Nov. 10	at Florida Atlantic	G				
Nov. 15	North Texas (Thur)	A				
Nov. 24	at S Mississippi	A				
Dec. 1						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cleo Lemon 7,706 '97-'00
2. James Hamilton 5,383 '68-'71
3. Roy Johnson 4,597 '88-'91

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Richie Woit 3,947 '50-'53
2. Antonio Warren 3,040 '02-'05
3. Jonathan Adams 3,005 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Lennie Johnson 2,730 '95-'98
2. Robert Kilow 2,446 '98-'00
3. Fred Barnett 1,571 '86-'89

Arkansas St is 0-16 since '91 in road openers being outscored on avg 42-13 ppg. This will be the 1st meeting, but ASU is 0-14 vs current B12 tms (avg loss by 26 ppg).

LY Leonard hit Higgins on a 53 yd Hail Mary TD on the last play to pull off a 26-23 upset. This will be the schools' 53rd meeting as ASU dropped 10 straight before winning LY.

LY was the 1st meeting of these 2 teams. Ark St is 25-41-5 vs current CUSA teams. The 6 home gms equals the most reg-ssn gms ever at Indian Stadium (6 in 2002).

First meeting. The Indians are 1-44-3 vs current SEC tms with the avg losing score of 35-9. Arkansas St is 1-5 the last 9 years before a bye week.

Bonus: ASU has produced a 18-8 home record under HC Roberts in his 5 seasons.

Arkansas St is 1-4 after a bye since 2003, being outscored 230-86. The Indians are 8-17 in conference road games since 1999. HT has won 3 of 4.

Arkansas St is 52-26 (67%) all-time on Homecoming including 7 straight wins. Seven of the last 8 meetings in this series have been decided by 6 pts or less.

Arkansas St has dropped all 4 trips to Murfreesboro being outscored 158-37. Including MT, 4 of ASU's 6 road gms TY are vs bowl tms from LY (only 1 at home).

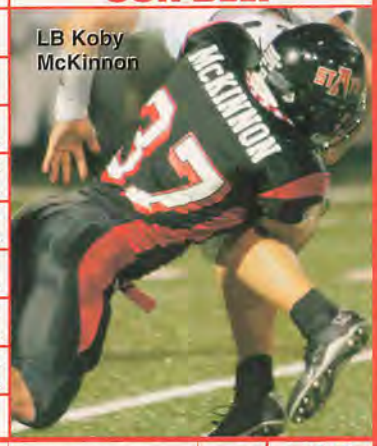
ASU has gone 6-1 vs Troy in all, 3 as SBC members have been decided by 7 or less. LY ASU scored w/:17 left & on their winning drive converted a 4th & 8 from the T40.

ASU is 4-9 their L/13 November gms, including LY's 1-3 mark that cost them a bowl. The 66 pts ASU scored hosting FIU in '05 was the most vs a IA opp in school history.

In the series brief 2 yr history, the loser has been shutout in both games. Two yrs ago (1st meeting) marked the 1st time ever a IA gm went to OT scoreless.

In the 1st 4 yrs of SBC play, NT dominated ASU (4-0), but the Indians have won the L2Y. ASU is 2-4 (1-3 L/4 yrs) in Indian Stadium finales since the SBC was formed in 2001.

Indians are 2-7 vs the Golden Eagles & haven't traveled to Hattiesburg since 1980. A rematch of the '05 New Orleans Bowl that marked ASU's 1st post ssn berth in 19 yrs.



STADIUM: INDIAN STADIUM (30,406) (#100)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (ProGreen)

Joe Hollis / Steve Roberts

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	6-7	5-7	3-8	6-5	6-6	29-52
Home	1-4	2-4	4-3	4-1	2-2	5-0	3-2	21-16
Away	0-6	0-5	2-4	1-6	1-6	1-4	3-4	8-35
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	1-4	2-4	3-3	3-4	3-4	5-2	4-3	21-24
ATS	4-6	5-4	7-4	3-7	6-4-1	4-6	6-6	35-37-1
Home Fav	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	6-6
Home Dog	1-2	2-0	4-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	1-2	11-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-4
Away Dog	2-4	2-3	3-3	2-4	3-2-1	1-2	4-2	17-20-1
Favorite	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	3-3	1-2	7-10
Dog	3-6	4-3	7-3	3-5	5-3-1	1-3	5-4	28-27-1
vs Conf	1-4	3-3	6-0	2-4	3-3-1	3-4	3-4	21-22-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-1	1-4	1-3	3-1	1-2	3-2	14-15
Off SU Win	0-0	0-2	2-2	1-3	1-1-1	1-4	2-4	7-16-1
Off SU Loss	3-6	4-2	5-1	1-4	4-3	3-1	3-2	23-19

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	New Orleans	+15'	S Mississippi	19-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Arkansas St's All-Time Bowl Record 0–1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Reggie Arnold	209	1109	33	1076	4	5.1
Cedric Wilkerson	86	368	6	362	2	4.2
Corey Leonard	116	554	223	331	2	2.9
Chris James	37	208	4	204	0	5.5
Oren O'Neal	8	59	0	59	0	7.4
Brandon Thompkins	7	47	0	47	1	6.7
Travis Hewitt	31	86	78	8	3	0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Corey Leonard	222	109	49.1	1321	8	8
Travis Hewitt	77	35	45.5	414	0	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kevin Jones	25	355	14.2	2	45
Levi Dejohnette	23	281	12.2	2	47
Patrick Higgins	7	215	30.7	3	69
David Johnson	13	200	15.4	1	62
Gary Vincent	12	172	14.3	0	44
Chris Miller	13	132	10.2	0	18
Cedric Wilkerson	16	103	6.4	0	20
Brandon Thompkins	8	89	11.1	0	33
Joe Smith	9	73	8.1	0	16
JT Jordan	3	26	8.7	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brett Shrable	52	1983	38.1	4	33.7(t)	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Josh Arauco	16-19	7-8	5-7	0-1	0-0	12-16	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyrell Johnson	63	0	1	4	1
Khayyam Burns	60	0	1.5	7	4
Koby McKinnon	57	3	2.5	2	2
Josh Williams	55	0	7	1	1
Devrett Wade	48	0	5.5	1	0
Darren Toney	39	0	3.5	5	3
Reggie Green	36	0	2.5	0	0
Ben Owens	34	2	0	0	1
Jonathan Najm	30	1	2	0	1
Jamarrow James	28	1	6.5	0	0
Dominique Williams	25	0	2	6	3
Elias Ellis	23	1	0	0	0
Prince Hickman	21	0	1	0	0
Montis Harrison	18	0	1	3	1
Curtis Bonds	15	2	0.5	0	0
Alex Carrington	14	1	1	0	0
Jerime Henderson	14	0	0	0	0
Marcus Brown	12	0	0.5	0	0
Rob Ramage	8	2	2	0	1
Jeremy Wallace	8	0	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Jones	15	63	4.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Thompkins	25	548	21.9	0
Darren Toney	13	282	21.7	0

ARKANSAS ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	15.2	19	168	4.0	145	48.0	20.6	-4	2006	7	24.1	16	149	4.5	161	57.0	12.8
4*	24.5	18	193	4.8	177	54.2	15.1	+5	2005	7	25.3	20	187	4.2	192	56.9	15.0
7*	19.5	18	151	4.2	206	51.8	18.3	-9	2004	3	33.2	22	197	4.6	226	60.3	12.7
5*	20.2	16	159	4.2	151	49.1	15.4	-3	2003	9	33.4	21	149	3.9	250	59.9	12.0
8*	19.9	16	183	4.4	144	51.7	16.4	+7	2002	6	27.8	19	166	4.1	176	57.8	12.3
5	16.1	15	146	3.8	137	45.5	17.6	-5	2001	4	32.5	21	182	4.1	220	61.7	12.4

2006 STATS BY GAME

ASU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Army	19	45-222	4.9	11-16	97	3	10	27-69	2.6	12-23	95	1	0
–	Oklahoma St	14	39-110	2.8	7-19	78	6	15	41-171	4.2	11-18	167	0	0
–	at SMU	14	41-69	1.7	13-28	193	5	20	31-226	7.3	17-28	231	2	-3
–	at Florida Int'l	21	47-222	4.7	10-22	108	1	13	19-9	0.5	18-35	177	3	+3
–	ULM	21	38-172	4.5	19-36	200	1	13	35-130	3.7	15-25	93	0	-3
–	at Memphis	27	51-216	4.2	12-23	219	4	19	31-127	4.1	13-28	215	1	-3
–	North Texas	23	51-279	5.5	11-19	187	1	13	31-160	5.2	11-16	103	2	+2
–	at Florida Atlantic	8	26-6	0.2	9-24	98	3	17	46-178	3.9	9-20	91	1	-5
–	at Auburn	14	35-88	2.5	12-22	89	2	16	28-148	5.3	12-22	251	0	+2
–	Middle Tenn	20	45-162	3.6	14-35	146	4	15	37-211	5.7	11-14	134	0	-1
–	at Troy	25	51-233	4.6	13-26	188	3	18	26-88	3.4	19-30	267	2	+3
–	at Louisiana-Lft	18	38-233	6.1	13-30	132	4	18	41-265	6.5	10-18	107	1	+1
TOTALS		224	507-2012	4.0	144-300	1735	37	187	393-1782	4.5	158-277	1931	13	-4
AVERAGES		18.7	42-168	4.0	12-25	145	3.1	15.6	33-149	4.5	13-23	161	1.1	-0.3

2002 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	at Virginia Tech - #16	+37	7-63
–	–	San Jose St	-1	14-33
–	–	Tulsa	+4'	21-19
–	–	at Illinois	+31'	7-59
–	–	at ULM	+3	33-21
–	–	Tenn-Martin	NL	30-10
–	–	Middle Tenn	+16	13-7
–	–	at Mississippi - #25	+29	17-52
–	–	North Texas	+8'	10-13
–	–	New Mexico St	+7	21-26
–	–	S Utah	NL	38-16
–	–	at Louisiana-Lft	+3'	10-13
–	–	at Idaho	+3'	38-29

2003 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	at Texas A&M	+29	11-26
–	–	Tenn-Martin	NL	63-6
–	–	SE Missouri St	NL	21-3
–	–	at Tulsa	-3'	7-54
–	–	at Memphis	+16	16-38
–	–	ULM	-7'	44-41
–	–	at Mississippi	+26	0-55
–	–	at Utah St	+8'	0-49
–	–	at New Mexico St	+15	28-24
–	–	Idaho	+1'	24-23
–	–	at North Texas	+20	14-58
–	–	Middle Tenn	+6	14-24

2004 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	at Missouri - #18	+32'	20-52
–	–	at LSU - #6	+40	3-53
–	–	Memphis - #25	+23	35-47
–	–	at ULM	+6	28-21
–	–	at Mississippi	+18'	21-28
–	–	at Middle Tenn	+6	17-45
–	–	Troy	+13	13-9
–	–	at Louisiana-Lft	+3	24-27
–	–	at Idaho	-2'	31-45
–	–	Utah St	-7	16-7
–	–	North Texas	+5	7-31

2005 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	† Missouri	+24'	17-44
–	–	Tenn-Martin	NL	56-7
–	–	at Oklahoma St	+24'	10-20
–	–	Florida Int'l	-9'	66-24
–	–	at ULM	-3	27-31
–	–	Louisiana-Lft	-11'	39-36
–	–	Florida Atlantic	-7'	3-0 OT
–	–	at Middle Tenn	+4'	7-45
–	–	Troy	-3	9-3
–	–	at Army	+8'	10-38
–	–	at North Texas	-2'	31-24

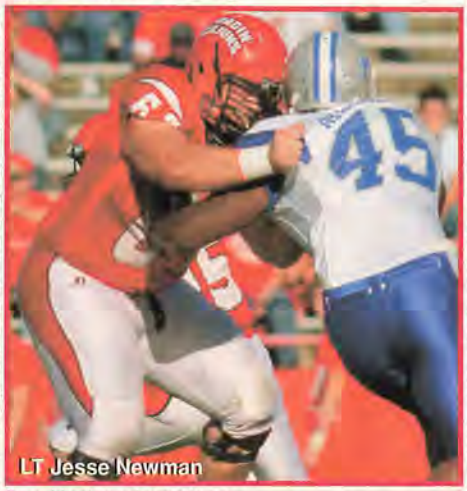
2006 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre-Post	Opponent	Line	Score
–	–	Army	+4'	14-6
–	–	Oklahoma St	+13'	7-35
–	–	at SMU	+7	9-55
–	–	at Florida Int'l	+7'	31-6
–	–	ULM	-6'	10-6
–	–	at Memphis	+8'	26-23
–	–	North Texas	-10	29-10
–	–	at Florida Atlantic	-6'	0-29
–	–	at Auburn - #6	+31'	0-27
–	–	Middle Tenn	+3'	10-38
–	–	at Troy	+8	33-26
–	–	at Louisiana-Lft	+6	13-28

LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - This year the Cajuns must replace Jerry Babb who was a 4 year starter. In '05 when he was injured, Michael Desormeaux came off the bench and started 4, throwing for 597 (53%) with an 0-5 ratio but was the team's #2 rusher (583 gross). Last year Desormeaux got into a 4-wheeler accident which required 100 stitches and he was not 100% to start the year. He led a 74 yard, 7 play drive for a TD vs Texas A&M and saw most of his action at slotback. He was one of 10 players in the NCAA to play on offense, defense and ST's and was named 2nd Tm SBC all-purp. He only had 9 pass attempts, while rushing for 207 with 6 rec (4 vs Ark St). Babb threw for 1,535 (53.4%) with a surprisingly poor 9-14 ratio and 474 rush. Despite the average numbers, Babb became the first player in league history to be named the SBC Offensive POW 3 straight times (Wk's 3-5). Desormeaux returns and will battle John Hundley (6'3" 218 So, PS#57) who played in 4 games with 1 pass attempt. Also in the mix are Connor Morel (6'0" 198 Sr), who was named the Scout Tm POW for the Houston game imitating Kevin Kolb, and this year's true frosh. It will be tough to replace a veteran four year starter but Babb's numbers were lower than expected. They have a new OC in Blake Anderson who was in the same capacity at Middle Tenn where completion % is a key factor for the QB. It would not surprise me to see Hundley win the starting QB job and Desormeaux move to WR where he has 1st Tm SBC potential. No matter who wins the job, they should come close to last year's QB stats.


LT Jesse Newman

RUNNING BACKS - Prior to Tyrell Fenroy enrolling here in 2005, the Ragin' Cajuns had NEVER produced a 1,000 yard RB (QB Brian Mitchell was the only player to top 1,000 rush). In 2005 ULL lost its starting RB to injury and true frosh Fenroy started the last 10 and rushed for 1,053 (5.9). He avg'd 142 ypg over the final 4. QB's Desormeaux and Babb were the #2 and #3 rushers with Josh Harrison adding 265 (4.1). Last year everyone returned and Fenroy had another fine season including a career high 178 vs Ark St and topping 100 six times. He finished with 1,197 (5.4) and just missed out on the SBC's rushing title (by 14 yards). Harrison was lost for the year in game 4. The #2 RB was rFr Deon Wallace (PS#89) who had 252 (5.4). Fenroy, Wallace, Abdule Levier (5'11" 200 Sr, PS#313, 396 career rush yds) and FB's Chancellor Roberson (6'1" 260 Jr), Matt Desormeaux (6'1" 210 rFr) and Matt Dupre (5'10" 185 So) all return. The only losses are FB Chester Johnson (11 st, 136 ttl yd) and Harrison. This looks like ULL's best ever RB corps.

RECEIVERS - The 2005 receiving corps was fairly inexperienced with the exception of the leading returning receiver, Bill Sampy (57, 13.6). He led the team that year with 29 (13.8) and JUCO Corey Fredrick was #2 with 21 (14.0). True frosh Derrick Smith, who has 4.38 speed, added 22 (11.4). Last year they had to replace Sampy as well as their #4 and #5 receivers. Fredrick, the leading returnee, injured his ankle and had just 10 (15.7). Smith led with 41 (13.4) and soph Jason Chery had 16 (13.9). This year they only lose Fredrick (1 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ray Givens (6'3" 195 Sr, 7 career rec), Darrius Duffy (5'10" 184 So), Richie Falgout (6'0" 177 rFr), Ryan Finney (5'10" 187 Jr), Chad Fontenot (5'9" 168 Jr), Verlin Moore (5'10" 160 rFr, PS#211) and TE Quent Evans (6'5" 230 Jr). Adding Desormeaux to the mix would make this unit even more improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 ULL only had to replace one starter and prior to the season I called it the best O-line HC Bustle had fielded. That unit opened holes for a school record 254 ypg rushing (5.3) while allowing just 9 sacks (3.8%). Of course, having a mobile QB like Babb helps those numbers. Last year they returned 1st Tm SBC RT Brandon Cox and 2nd Tm SBC LT Jesse Newman but did have to replace two starters. Projected starter William Chance was also lost prior to the season with an injury. The numbers dropped some to 189 ypg rush (4.7) while the sack total rose to 25 (9.1%). This year they lose RG Tim Falter (12 st, 2Y st'r), 1st Tm SBC RT Cox (12 st, ULL record 46 straight st) and backup C Ryan Gilles. Seven players return with starting experience and 7 of the top 10 are back making this unit just as experienced as in 2006.

DEFENSIVE LINE - ULL's D-line struggled vs the run in 2003 (216 ypg, 5.1) and 2004 (213 ypg, 5.2). In 2005 they returned 3 starters and improved to 181 ypg (4.5). Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup. They improved again allowing just 127 ypg rush (3.9) while the D had 26 sacks. This year they lose DT Marshall Delesdernier (9 st, 11 tkl, 1 sk), DE Anthony Hills (10 st, 37 tkl, 4.5 sk), DT Travis Ferguson (6 st, 11 tkl) and DE Joe Bradley (3 st, 17 tkl, 5 sk). Rodney Hardeway was the DL's leader in tackles, tfl, sacks and FF and returns as does Korey Raymond who started 6 as a JC transfer last year. This group is slightly less experienced than 2006 but should be just as strong.

LINEBACKERS - Part of the reason for 2003's poor run D was ULL's LB unit which had a combined six starts returning with 2 soph starters. Naturally they had more experienced units the next two years. Last season they had to replace their leading tackler but appeared to have two starters back. However Mark Risher, who had 11 starts in 2005, missed most of the year with an injury. Tre' Green (11 starts in '04) also was limited (13 tkl). Brenton Burkhalter led the team with 61 tackles. This year they lose their #2 tackler in OLB Wes Simon (12 st, 60 tkl, 3 tfl), ILB Mack Fair (10 st, 19 tkl), Jantz Theriot (11 tkl), Joseph Hadnot (4 tkl) and Derek Morel (2 tkl). Not listed below are Phillip Walker (6'0" 195 So, 1 tkl) and Trae Fitzgerald (6'0" 230 rFr). While two starters depart, the #3 tackler among the LB's was backup Antwyne Zanders (43 tkl) and he returns. Plus, Risher and Green have both been full-time starters and the top man, Burkhalter, is back as well. That makes this unit more experienced than its one returning starter would suggest.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cajuns have struggled in my pass D rankings finishing #108 in 2005 allowing a 21-6 ratio (9-9 ratio '04). Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 7 back with starting experience. Surprisingly, they still finished #108 allowing 61.7% with a 16-6 ratio. This year they lose their top CB Michael Adams (10 st, 40 tkl, 3 pbu) as well as SS Johnny Felders (12 st, 55 tkl, 2 sk) and 3rd stringers Michael Zatarain (1 tkl) and Jemarcus Smith (2 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back plus they add in 2 JC's and a HT true frosh. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Michael Schultz (5'11" 185 Sr) and Maurice Rolle (6'1" 170 rFr). The highest finish for ULL in my pass D rankings since 2002 has been #82 and despite this group being a little less experienced, I give them a shot at topping that number.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Rickey Bustle came from Virg Tech and knows the importance of this unit. ULL finished #45 in his first season but surprisingly dropped to #109, #100 and #112 in his next three. In the 5 years since Bustle took over, they have now blocked 28 kicks (8 punts). Derrick Smith was the top KR (20.2) in '05 and has 4.38 speed. Last year they had to replace their K but had all the other key players back and moved up to #91. New K Drew Edmiston (PS#76) nailed a 51 yarder vs Houston, the longest here since 1995 (Mike Shafer, 53 & 52 vs NMSt). Edmiston looked like he would set the school record for FG's in a season as he had 10 in the first 7 but had just 1 att over the last 5 as ULL went for it on 4th down 17 times. He hit 11 of 14 FG's with 1 miss from 50. Brit Framel avg'd 39.1 (32.4 net) and had 7 TB on 51 KO. Deon Wallace (19.8) and Jason Chery (17.2) were the top KR's. Michael Adams (7.4) was the top PR. This year they must replace Adams and Framel but could improve in the rankings once again.

COACHES - Rickey Bustle was the OC at Virg Tech from 1995 to 2001. He enters his 6th season here and the team has shown improvement each year going 3-9, 4-8, 4-7 and 6-5 but dropped to 6-6 last season. He did have his contract extended through 2010. His OC the first 5 years, Rob Christophel, was let go and his new OC for this year is Blake Anderson. He was the co-OC at MTSt from 2002-2004 but has been out of coaching the last two years. His DC, Brent Pry, was also let go after 5 years but Bustle brings in an excellent hire in Kevin Fouquier who was the DC at Florida Int'l. Fouquier spent 5 years at MTSt and one with the Panthers where his squad finished #1 in the NCAA in tfl and #1 in the SBC in total D.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Ragin' Cajuns had 3 straight winning seasons under Nelson Stokley from 1993-'95, but then had 9 straight losing years. Rickey Bustle's first edition (2002) went 3-9 and the next year they returned just 10 starters, the fewest in the SBC. They still managed to improve to 4-8 and finished 2nd in the SBC (4-3) led by exciting QB Jerry Babb. ULL won 4 of their last 5 so they took momentum into 2004. They finished a hard-luck 2-5 in SBC play in '04, but improved their record by a half game to 4-7. Despite losing five SBC games, they outgained league foes by an avg of 19.8 ypg. Six of their 7 losses came by a combined 36 points. In 2005 I called for ULL to have their first winning season since 1995 and they were arguably the best team in the SBC at the end of the year. The Cajuns outgained league foes by 68.2 ypg and finished with a winning record. Katrina did effect the team early as they had 15 players from New Orleans and are just 130 miles away from the city. They only lost to CUSA East Champ UCF by 3 and did not have QB Babb vs FAU which was one of their two SBC losses (the other was lost on a last second 35 yard FG to Ark St). But they won their final 5 (longest win streak since 1995) and had 3 straight road wins (first time since 1993). Bustle did have 83 scholarship players in 2006, a high in his 5 year tenure. ULL had 13 starters returning in 2006 including Babb and was the preseason pick to win the SBC. They once again played the team that went on to win the CUSA Title (this time Houston) and pulled out a 31-28 upset. When they knocked down a pass in the EZ from the 8 with :02 left to beat FAU 6-0, they were 4-2. They dropped their next two to MTSt and Troy but at 4-4 their final four foes only had a combined 8-26 record so things looked good. Unfortunately, NT fired Coach Dickey prior to their game and the fired up Mean Green beat them 16-7. They won their next two and had they beaten ULM in the season finale, they may have gotten to a bowl with 7 wins but they lost 39-20. This year they must replace Babb but do return their top 3 receivers and 1,000 yard rusher Fenroy. Michael Desormeaux did well as the starting QB in 2005 and ULL should top 2006's 20.7 ppg. Defensively, they return just five starters and are less experienced than last year's D which allowed 24.7 ppg and just 331 ypg. ULL is tied for the fewest amount of returning starters in the SBC and while I like the job Bustle is doing, it will be tough for ULL to top its 6 win total of the past 2 seasons.

2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB **3 John Hundley So.** 6-3 218 **PS#57.** 4 rush yd rFr. **6 Michael Desormeaux** (6-1 195 Jr) **PS#98** 4 st 2Y, 612 pass, 790 rush. **10** Connor Morel (6-0 198 Sr). Scout Tm.

RB **32 TYRELL FENROY JR.** 5-10 180 PS#124. 10 st true, 1053 **(5.9).** 12 st LY, 1197 (5.4), **1st Tm SBC**. **31** Deon Wallace (5-9 186 So) **PS#89.** 252 (5.4), 20 KR (19.8) as rFr.

WR **24 Phillip Nevels So.** 5-11 201 PS#251. 1 st, 14 (9.4), 90 ret yds. **85** Luke Aubrey (6-3 210 So) **PS#95.** **FB** **45** Chancellor Roberson (6-1 260 Jr) PS#193DL. 1 start, 10 ttl yd 2Y.

WR **18 DERRICK SMITH JR.** 6-1 185 1 st, 22 rec (11.4) true. **4.38 spd.** 9 st, 41 (13.4) LY. **7** Caleb Rubin (5-7 161 Jr) 167 yd rush at RB, 2Y. **85** Marlin Miller (5-10 170 rFr).

WR **5 JASON CHERY JR.** 5-11 180 7 rec, 8 KR true. 11 st in '06, 16 (13.9). 14 KR **17** Jordan Jackson (6-6 211 Sr) **PS#74.** 1 st, 2 rec 3Y. **84** Louis Lee (5-11 175 So) PS#163. 2 st, 8 rec.

TE **87 KEVIN BELTON SR.** 6-4 247 1 st '05, 2 rec. 8 st LY, 3 rec. **88** Erik Jones (6-4 240 Jr) **10 st '05,** 4 rec. 4 st LY. 1 rec. **98** Keith Talamo (6-3 265 Sr) 4 tkl DE/OG LY.

C **79 CHRIS FISHER SO.** 6-3 275 PS#596. 10 st rFr, 11 gm. **60** Ian Burks (6-2 265 rFr). **68** Dusty Mack (6-3 227 So). **LS** **54** Scott Hayes (6-0 225 So) 12 gm rFr.

RG **58 JUNIOR RAMOS SR.** 6-3 311 JUCO. 11 st LY, 12 gm. **75** Brad Bustle (6-2 285 So) 11 gm true, 1 st. **72** Jordan Folse (6-1 285 rFr). **74** Kyle Plouhar is PS#246.

LG **70 Zachary Leger Sr.** 6-4 278 PS#289. 8 gm rFr, 2nd string. 4 gm, 51 snap '05. 12 gm LY, 2nd string, 1 st. **56** William Chance (6-3 298 Sr) 14 snaps '04. 3 st '05, 10 gm. Inj LY.

RT **76 Damian Jones Sr.** 6-6 300 PS#370JC. **77** Lanier Coleman (6-3 326 Sr) 5 gm '05.4 gm, 2 st LY. **55** Brad Bryant (6-5 275 So) 5 gm rFr. **73** Johnathan Decoster (6-4 300 rFr).

LT **67 JESSE NEWMAN SR.** 6-4 301 11 st RT rFr, 801 snap. 9 st LT '05 (miss 2) **2nd Tm SBC.** 12 st LY. **78** Kyle Pirtle (6-6 290 So) PS#353DL. 2 gm rFr. **61** Bobby Fails (6-4 280 Jr) PS#487.

K **48 DREW EDMISTON JR.** 6-4 205 PS#76. 7 of 9 Sr in HS, long 48. 11-14 FG here LY, long 51. **8 of 9 from 40+!** **49** Tyler Albrecht (6-0 170 rFr) PS#102. Two 50 FG in HS.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE **90 RODNEY HARDEWAY SR.** 6-3 235 PS#487. 2 st, 10 tkl true. 18 tkl, 3 sk, 1.5 tfl '05. 10 st LY, 39 tkl, 5 sk. **96** Chris Lanaux (6-2 225 So) PS#433. 4 tkl rFr. Kyle Cox PS#451.

DT **94 KOREY RAYMOND SR.** 6-4 299 PS#106JC. 6 st here LY, 35 tkl, 1 tfl. **99** Seth Adams (6-4 327 Jr) PS#372OL. 5 games LY. **91** Colin Windsor (6-4 263 rFr) PS#246.

DT **95 LaQuincy Williams So.** 6-2 275 PS#159. 9 tkl, 2.5 sk rFr, 12 gm. **62** Sharrick Moore (6-3 247 rFr) PS#439. **92** Chris Johnson (6-2 266 rFr). Lamarr Waiters (6-2 280 Sr) PS#482JC.

DE **44 Greg Hathorn Sr.** 6-3 245 PS#300JC. 2 st here LY, 16 tkl, 1 sk, 1 tfl, 12 gm. **93** Hall Davis (6-4 230 So). 1 tkl true but RS. 2 st, 2 tkl LY. Terrell Richardson (6-5 237 rFr) PS#336.

OLB **43 BRENTON BURKHALTER JR.** 6-0 221 PS#285. 3 st '05, 53 tkl, 4 sk. 11 st LY, #1 tkl'r 61, 4.5 tfl. **53** Jezreel Washington (5-10 200 So) 10 tkl rFr. Geoffrey McCullough (6-0 225 So).

ILB **41 Antwyne Zanders Jr.** 6-0 208 1 st, 43 tkl, 4 tfl. **52** Tre' Green (5-11 222 Sr). 4.57 spd. **11 st '04,** 37 tkl, 4 tfl. 2 st '05, 28 tkl, 2 tfl. 13 tkl LY (inj). **57** Fred Davis (6-2 255 rFr).

ILB **4 Mark Risher Sr** 6-1 227 PS#267. 23 tkl rFr. **11 st '05,** 59 tkl, 5 tfl. 2 st LY (inj) 3 tkl. **29** Jonathon Vance (6-1 210 Jr) 12 tkl, 2 sk 2Y. Renaldo Delcambre (5-10 237 Jr).

CB **26 KYLE WARD SR.** 6-2 192 Alcorn St track tm '03. 5 st here '05, 21 tkl, 1 int. 8 st LY, 42 tkl, 3 pbu. **23** Junior Jean (5-11 190 So) 1 st, 9 tkl LY. **35** Calvin Moore (5-10 175 So) 4 tkl LY.

CB **21 Torres Kingsby Sr.** 5-11 199 23 tkl, 1 int rFr. 6 st '05, 31 tkl. 5 st LY, 26 tkl, 1 int. **13** Scooter Rogers (6-1 200 Jr) PS#223JC. **2** Jarrett Jones (5-10 190 Sr). 49 tkl, 3 pbu, 3Y.

SS **8 LAMAR MORGAN SR.** 6-2 210 15 tkl, 2 int true. RS '04. 5 st '05 (inj) 31 tkl. 12 st LY, 53 tkl, 5 pbu. **20** Derik Keyes (5-9 175 Sr) 1 st. 16 tkl '05. 17 tkl LY (miss 6 inj). **34** Justin Lee (6-1 177 Jr) 8 tkl.

FS **33 Justin Branden Jr.** 6-1 185 PS#520JC. **9 int at JC '06.** **30** Gerren Blount (5-10 177 So) PS#143. 41 tkl, 2 int, 3 tfl LY. Inj spring. **38** Daylon McCoy (5-11 180 rFr) PS#305.

P **49 Tyler Albrecht rFr.** 6-0 170 P#102K. Avg 40+ as P in HS, Hit 12 of 16 FG, two 50+ FG. **48** Drew Edmiston PS#76. 38.8 avg as P in HS. **1st Tm SBC** as K LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

DB	Grant Fleming 6-3 210 PS#109
DB	Scooter Rogers 6-1 200 PS#223JC
OL	Jaron Odom 6-5 340 PS#213
WR	Lance Kelley 6-2 185 PS#186
OL	Kyle Plouhar 6-6 295 PS#246
RB	Jonathan Thomas 5-10 208 PS#242
DB	Josh Vigers 6-1 195 PS#271
QB	Brad McGuire 6-2 195 PS#207
DB	Orkeys Auriene 5-11 165 PS#340
LB	Nate Douglas 6-4 235 PS#317
LB	Richard Brooks 6-1 205 PS#404
DB	Justin Branden 6-1 185 PS#520JC
QB	Chris Masson 6-1 175 PS#322
RB	Julian Shankle 5-9 190 PS#506
WR	Jawanza Mitchell 6-3 175 PS#495
DL	Jermaine Rogers 6-4 265 PS#451
DL	Kyle Cox 6-4 235 PS#451
DB	Fabian Adams 6-2 192 PS#540

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2007 Schedule Difficulty-#110

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ULL	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at South Carolina	G						This will be the tms' 2nd meeting. ULL is 0-48 vs current SEC tms w/an avg loss of 35 ppg. Prior to ULL, Bustle was SC's QB coach/OC in '94 then pulled the same duties w/VT (7 yrs).
Sep. 8	Ohio	G						Louisiana-Lft is 4-6 in home openers the last 10 years, but 0-4 vs IA opponents. Ohio will be the only school TY that Louisiana-Lft will play for the 1st time in school history.
Sep. 15	McNeese St	G						Cajuns & Cowboys will meet for the 1st time S/'86, renewing 36 straight yrs of facing off. This was a huge rivalry drawing standing room only crowds. ULL is 15-19-2.
Sep. 22	Troy	G						Louisiana-Lft is 7-3 vs Troy all-time, but is 1-2 in Sun Belt Conference play. Last meeting here in '04, ULL led 28-14 in 4Q but Troy got a TD w/:22 left to force OT.
Sep. 29	at UCF	G						Ragin' Cajuns are 3-20 since 1996 vs current CUSA members. The last trip to Orlando, ULL was shutout 31-0 as they are 0-3 all-time vs UCF.
Oct. 6	North Texas	G						Louisiana-Lft is 3-8 all-time vs NT, which is the worst record vs any current SBC team. Eight of the last 9 games in the series have been decided by 9 pts or more.
Oct. 13	at Arkansas St	A						These are 2 of 9 schools that were bowl eligible last yr that did not receive an invite. The HT has won 7 straight. The L/4 gms at Ark St have been decided by an avg of 4 ppg.
Oct. 20	Fla Atlantic (HC)	G						ULL is 6-1 prior to a bye week since the SBC was formed in 01. ULL is 36-23-2 all-time on Homecoming. In last year's 6-0 gm they combined for 468 yds & 22 FD's.
Oct. 27								Bonus: The Ragin' Cajuns are 8-4 their last 12 Sun Belt Conference games.
Nov. 3	at Tennessee	G						Louisiana-Lft is 3-6 since 1999 after a bye week, but did go 2-0 last season. Ragin' Cajuns are 5-16 since 1994 in November road games.
Nov. 10	at Middle Tennessee	A						Louisiana-Lft has won 3 of 4 but 6 TO's last year cost them. Blue Raiders, besides rival ULM, are the only tm ULL has played each yr S/'99.
Nov. 17	at Florida Int'l	A						Louisiana-Lft is 4-0 all-time vs FIU (1st gm 2003) with an average win of 18 ppg. The Ragin' Cajuns are 1-11 in consecutive road games.
Nov. 24	ULM	G						Bustle was ULM's RB's coach in '84 & '85 and the OC/QB coach in 1986. Louisiana-Lft is 4-8 vs ULM since 1991 & last year's loss cost them a bowl invite.
Dec. 1								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jake Delhomme 9,216 '93-'96
2. Jerry Babb 6,241 '03-'06
3. Brian Mitchell 5,447 '86-'89

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Brian Mitchell 3,335 '86-'89
2. Darren Brister 2,432 '96-'00
3. Kenyon Cotton 2,311 '93-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Brandon Stokley 3,702 '95-'98
2. Fred Stamps 2,789 '00-'03
3. Donald Richard 2,326 '94-'96

RICKEY BUSTLE (Career 23-35)

6th Year at Louisiana-Lft — Bustle's Bowl Record: 0-0

Bustle's records AT LOUISIANA-LFT

23-35	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
15-12	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
8-23	Away	0-11	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	3-3	Off A Bye
16-18	Vs Conference	10-22	Off A Loss

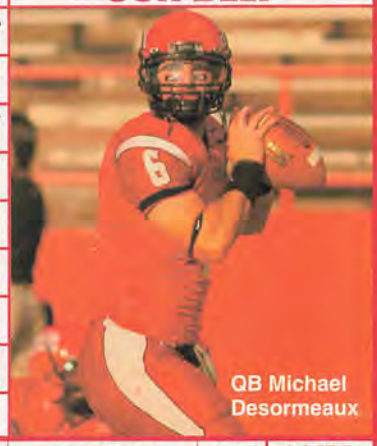
2006 RECORD: **(6-6)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (22,19,2)
Lost: 16 (6,9,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,516 (#117)

SUN BELT



QB Michael Desormeaux

STADIUM: CAJUN FIELD (31,000) (#94)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	3-9	4-8	4-7	6-5	6-6	27-53
Home	0-5	2-3	3-2	3-3	3-2	3-2	3-3	17-20
Away	1-5	1-5	0-7	1-5	1-5	3-3	3-3	10-33
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	-	2-4	2-4	4-3	2-5	5-2	3-4	18-22
ATS	5-3	2-8	5-7	5-5-1	6-3-1	5-4-1	4-7	32-37-3
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0-1	1-1-1	2-3	3-8-2
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	2-2	2-1-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	9-6-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	2-6
Away Dog	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	3-0	3-2	1-2	18-17
Favorite	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-2-1	1-2-1	3-5	5-14-2
Dog	5-2	2-7	5-5	5-4-1	5-1	4-2	1-2	27-23-1
vs Conf	2-1	2-4	2-4	3-2	3-3-1	4-2-1	2-5	18-21-2
vs Non-Conf	3-2	0-4	3-3	2-3-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	14-16-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-3	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1-1	3-3	11-12-1
Off SU Loss	5-3	2-5	3-5	2-4-1	4-1-1	2-2	1-3	19-23-2

Jerry Babb Era (2000-2003) — Rickey Bustle Era (2004-2006)

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrell Fenroy	223	1232	35	1197	10	5.4
Jerry Babb	104	474	115	359	6	3.5
Deon Wallace	47	266	14	252	2	5.4
Michael Desormeaux	24	207	27	180	1	7.5
Chester Johnson	16	86	0	86	1	5.4
Caleb Rubin	26	83	0	83	0	3.2
Josh Harrison	15	66	0	66	0	4.4
Abdule Levier	9	63	0	63	0	7.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jerry Babb	262	140	53.4	1535	9	14
Michael Desormeaux	9	2	22.2	15	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Derrick Smith	41	551	13.4	1	51
Jason Chery	16	222	13.9	2	53
Tyrell Fenroy	15	176	11.7	1	41
Corey Fredrick	10	157	15.7	2	40
Phillip Nevels	14	131	9.4	2	17
Darrius Duffy	8	70	8.8	0	13
Louis Lee	8	64	8.0	0	23
Michael Desormeaux	6	52	8.7	0	17
Chester Johnson	10	50	5.0	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brit Framel	54	2109	39.1	8	32.4	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Drew Edmiston	27-28	2-2	1-3	7-7	1-2	11-14	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brenton Burkhalter	61	1	3.5	1	0
Wes Simon	60	0.5	2.5	2	0
Johnny Felders	55	2	1.5	1	0
Lamar Morgan	53	0	0	5	1
Antwyne Zanders	43	1	3	1	0
Kyle Ward	42	0	0	3	0
Gerren Blount	41	1	2	0	2
Michael Adams	40	1	0.5	3	1
Rodney Hardeway	39	5	4	0	0
Tony Hills	37	4.5	3	1	0
Korey Raymond	35	0	1	0	0
Torres Kingsby	26	0	0	2	1
Mack Fair	19	0	0.5	1	0
Joe Bradley	17	5	2	0	0
Derik Keyes	17	0	0.5	0	0
Greg Hathorn	16	1	1	0	1
Jason Chery	16	0	0	0	0
Tre' Green	13	0	1.5	0	0
Marshall Delesdernier	11	1	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Adams	9	67	7.4	0
Phillip Nevels	8	33	4.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Deon Wallace	20	395	19.8	0
Jason Chery	14	241	17.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
44	Oil	NL	Arkansas-Monticello	24-7
70	Rice	NL	Tennessee St	25-26

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Louisiana-Lft's All-Time Bowl Record 1-1

LOUISIANA-LFT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	20.7	17	189	4.7	129	51.4	15.4	-5	2006	7	24.7	17	127	3.9	204	61.7	13.4
6*	26.0	21	254	5.3	132	57.4	14.9	-4	2005	7	27.6	21	181	4.5	190	58.0	13.4
6*	22.0	21	153	4.0	228	57.7	17.3	-3	2004	3	24.7	20	213	5.2	174	60.1	15.7
6	22.2	18	117	3.3	219	57.2	15.1	+5	2003	4	34.6	22	216	5.1	223	55.3	12.7
10*	16.9	16	61	1.9	228	54.2	17.1	-8	2002	6	29.3	18	182	4.3	198	52.1	13.0
5*	21.3	18	93	3.0	244	54.6	15.9	0	2001	10	33.2	20	183	4.3	191	50.6	11.3

2006 STATS BY GAME

ULL 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
-	at LSU	8	35-113	3.2	7-17	63	3	24	36-170	4.7	17-23	299	1	0
-	at Texas A&M	10	38-154	4.1	2-12	17	3	26	40-225	5.6	23-32	271	2	-2
-	N Carolina A&T	22	46-330	7.2	5-11	78	0	13	28-41	1.5	14-26	154	3	+1
-	E Michigan	18	41-179	4.4	17-23	202	2	14	24-75	3.1	23-35	171	2	+1
-	at Houston	23	44-269	6.1	15-29	146	1	19	22-38	1.7	24-32	367	5	0
-	at Florida Atlantic	12	37-147	4.0	11-21	84	2	10	26-86	3.3	18-34	151	2	+3
-	Middle Tenn	17	30-154	5.1	12-24	182	2	17	37-101	2.7	19-27	244	1	-5
-	at Troy	18	38-170	4.5	16-30	230	3	19	39-208	5.3	12-19	153	2	+1
-	North Texas	13	32-40	1.3	17-29	168	3	14	49-119	2.4	9-16	128	1	0
-	at Florida Int'l	19	55-270	4.9	8-20	84	3	8	19-53	2.8	17-32	137	2	-1
-	Arkansas St	18	41-265	6.5	10-18	107	1	18	38-233	6.1	13-30	132	4	-1
-	ULM	24	41-173	4.2	22-42	189	2	16	33-173	5.2	11-18	244	1	-2
TOTALS		202	478-2264	4.7	142-276	1550	25	198	391-1522	3.9	200-324	2451	26	-5
AVERAGES		16.8	40-189	4.7	12-23	129	2.1	16.5	33-127	3.9	17-27	204	2.2	-0.4

2002 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre-2002 Opponent	Line	Post-2002 Score
-	at Texas A&M - #23	+28'	7-31
-	Minnesota	+13	11-35
-	at Houston	+9	17-36
-	UAB	+7'	34-0
-	at LSU - #21	+27'	0-48
-	at New Mexico St	+12'	28-31
-	at Middle Tenn	+9'	35-48
-	North Texas	+4	0-27
-	Idaho	+1'	31-28
-	Arkansas St	-3'	13-10
-	at Arkansas	+34	17-24
-	at ULM	-4	10-34

2003 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre-2003 Opponent	Line	Post-2003 Score
-	at South Carolina	+24	7-14
-	Louisiana Tech	+4'	3-34
-	Houston	+7	14-21
-	at Minnesota	+35	14-48
-	at North Texas	+18'	23-44
-	at Oklahoma St	+35	3-56
-	ULM	-4	42-45
-	New Mexico St	+7'	26-24
-	Idaho	+3	31-20
-	at S Mississippi	+23'	3-48
-	Florida Int'l	NL	43-10
-	at Middle Tenn	+14'	57-51 4OT

2004 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre-2004 Opponent	Line	Post-2004 Score
-	Northwestern St	NL	14-7
-	at Louisiana Tech	+14	20-24
-	at Kansas St	+31	20-40
-	Middle Tenn	+2	24-17
-	at Florida Int'l	-7	43-34
-	at New Mexico St	-3	32-35
-	at Idaho	-3'	25-38
-	Arkansas St	-3	27-24
-	North Texas	+2'	17-27
-	Troy	+13	10-13
-	at ULM	+4	10-13

2005 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre-2005 Opponent	Line	Post-2005 Score
-	at Texas - #2	+40'	3-60
-	at E Michigan	+7	10-31
-	Northwestern St	NL	49-28
-	UCF	+3'	21-24
-	Florida Atlantic	-5'	10-28
-	at Arkansas St	+11'	36-39
-	at Middle Tenn	+14	13-10
-	Troy	-3	31-28 OT
-	at North Texas	-3'	31-28
-	Florida Int'l	-9	28-7
-	at ULM	+2	54-21

2006 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre-2006 Opponent	Line	Post-2006 Score
-	at LSU - #8	+30'	3-45
-	at Texas A&M	+21'	7-51
-	N Carolina A&T	NL	48-7
-	E Michigan	-8	33-14
-	at Houston	+17	31-28
-	at Florida Atlantic	-9	6-0
-	Middle Tenn	-3	20-34
-	at Troy	-1	28-42
-	North Texas	-11	7-16
-	at Florida Int'l	-3'	17-7
-	Arkansas St	-6	28-13
-	ULM	-3	20-39

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Jamie Burke was the team's first starting QB and he started 11 and threw for 1,652 (57.9%). Burke suffered a knee injury in the 2003 opener which ended his career. Josh Padrick stepped into the starting role as a rFr and threw for 2,493 (49.9%) with a 12-12 ratio. As a soph he threw for 2,269 (56.7%) with a 12-13 ratio then improved to 2,461 (60.4%) with a 13-11 ratio in 2005 earning 2nd Tm SBC honors. Last year Padrick had to deal with an inexperienced O-line and saw his numbers drop to 2,014 (54.9%) with a poor 5-14 ratio. Backup Paul McCall played in all 12 but had just 18 pass attempts (38.9%) for 101 yards. McCall was forced to play after backup Tavares Kendrick (PS#108) transferred to JUCO and Burke retired. Padrick moves on as the school's "all-time career leading passer" (9,237). McCall will battle John Paul Fraites (PS#341), Randy Van Meter (6-2 222 rFr, PS#221) and this year's true frosh. Remember coaches like their own recruits, so it wouldn't surprise me to see a true frosh win the job. Last year's stats were unimpressive (Padrick's final pass eff rating just 95.54) and going from a 4 year senior starter to an inexperienced group with 18 career passes, there will be some dropoff but not as huge as most expect.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 Ben West was suspended for four games but still led the team with 537 (5.5). A'mod Ned, who was Broward County's leading rusher with 1,635 (8.1) as a senior in HS, was #2 with 375 (4.3) in just six games. Julian Reams, who has 4.5 speed, rushed for 322 (3.7). Last year they had to replace West and were playing behind an inexperienced O-line. Ned had 169 vs BG and 88 vs Maryland but was injured vs Ark St and missed 2. Reams rushed for 96 vs N Texas but was suspended for Alabama. True frosh backup FB Chance Attaway (PS#116) led that game with only 23 yards on 13 carries. Neither Ned or Reams topped 40 yards rushing in the final 4. In six starts, Ned rushed for 445 (4.7) while Reams had 5 starts and rushed for 325 (3.1). FB John Ellis had 7 starts and rushed for 42 and Attaway finished with 22 (1.5). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Devon Freeman (5'10" 207 rFr, PS#101), Daunte Owens (5'9" 195 So), Trenard Turner (5'11" 216 rFr), James Jones (5'8" 200 rFr, PS#437) and FB Marcus Jones (6'1" 259 Sr). Last year's RB were all underclassmen and with a more stable O-line, the Panthers will have a vastly improved rush attack after avg just 57 ypg (2.3) in 2006.

RECEIVERS - In the program's first year, Connecticut transfer Cory McKinney (PS#118) led the team with 42 rec and a super 21.2 ypc earning IAA 1st Tm Indep honors. McKinney was #2 in '03 with 41 (15.3) and Chandler Williams was #3 with 29 (15.9) as a true frosh. McKinney led the team in '04 with 58 (11.6) while Williams was #2 with 46 (11.4) and TE Samuel Smith, who has outstanding size, was #3 with 42 (12.1). In 2005 all 3 returned and Williams went to the forefront with 61 (14.3) while McKinney added 44 (12.5) and Smith 35 (8.6). Last year they had to replace McKinney but had both Williams and Smith back. There were 4 true frosh that played in the rotation. Smith took a short pass against Maryland and went 89 yards for a TD, the longest reception in school history. Both Williams and Smith were among the susp players but Williams (9 starts, #7DC MIN) led the team with 67 (9.9) and Smith had 47 rec but just a 9.7 ypc despite the big play. True frosh Ashlyn Parker was #3 with 23 (10.0) and true frosh Jeremy Dickens (PS#340QB) was #4 with 21 (13.3). This year they lose their top 2 receivers as well as TE Andy Anderson (1 st, 8 rec). Last year's suspensions helped the young players gain experience but this unit still looks weaker in 2007.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 FIU had a young O-line with 3 true frosh starting and paved the way for 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 48 sacks. The next two years, with a veteran group, they improved to 3.9 (28 sk) then 4.4 in 2004 with just 9 sacks allowed. Everyone returned in '05 and they allowed just 1 sack on 76 passes in the first two games. Unfortunately they lost two starters to injury at midseason and the ypc dropped to 3.8 while the sack total went up to 16 (still a top-notch 4.2%). Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace five players who combined for 43 starts. Three players returned with starting experience but Mike Alvarez (2 st '05) suffered a season-ending injury in Nov. True frosh Andy Leavine started all 12 at LT and true frosh Joe Alajajian started 8 at OG. Naturally the unit struggled opening holes for just 57 ypg rushing (2.3) while allowing 32 sacks (7.8%). This year the only losses are LG David Bailey (6 st) and RG Ronny Silva (15 career st). Four starters last year were underclassmen so they should show improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 FIU's D-line had 3 starters back but was hit hard by injuries. Early in the year SLB Antwan Barnes moved to starting DE and thrived earning 1st Tm SBC honors with 11 sacks. The Panthers actually had their best rush D in their brief history allowing 163.8 ypg rushing (4.2) and also had their best sack total (24). Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 27 starts leaving just two returning starters including their star DE Barnes, who has 4.3 speed and can bench 225 lbs 31 times. He was 1st Tm SBC again last year with 69 tackles, 6 sacks and 16.5 tfl. Four DL's were suspended after Miami but the Panthers still trimmed the ypg allowed to 153 (3.6) while increasing the sack total to 25, both all-time best (5 years). Barnes (#4DC BAL) is a big loss but 7 of the top 8 are back and eight have starting experience. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Mike Tyson (6'1" 288 Jr) and Kori Clark (5'10" 298). Even without their NFL caliber star, this group could be improved.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Panthers had to replace four players who combined for 17 starts but did return their star Keyonvis Boule, who was the 2006 SBC Def POY. They also returned 2005's #5 and #7 tacklers, Wendy Napoleon earned a starting spot but after 4 starts he was lost with a neck stinger. Boule was having another great year resetting his own record with 119 tackles but was lost after 10 games to injury. This year they must replace Boule (1st Tm SBC, 18 tfl), SLB James Black (8 st, 47 tkl, 3 sk) and 1st Tm SBC WLB Alexander Bostic (98 tkl, 8 sk, 11 tfl). Two players are back with starting experience but with the loss of the #1, #2 and #6 tacklers including a pair of 1st Tm SBC choices, this unit is clearly weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS FIU was #118 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and had to replace two starters in 2005. They struggled again, finishing dead last at #119 as they allowed 68.2%. Last year they once again had to replace two starters but had five back with starting experience. SS Cory Fleming missed the first 5 with injury. CB Lionell Singleton got an int in each of the first four games (5 total). Three players were suspended after the Miami game in Singleton, Fleming and CB Robert Mitchell while starting SS Chris Smith and S Marshall McDuffie were both kicked off the team. Zach Davis, Malik Jones and Jeremiah Flood all got their first starts vs Alabama. FIU actually improved in my pass D rankings to #75 allowing 56.6% with an 18-11 ratio. This year they must replace SS Smith (7 st, 62 tkl, 4 pbu, FA PHI), S McDuffie (1 st, 19 tkl), CB Davis (3 st, 5 tkl) and backup Shelton Penrow (2 career tkl). Due to 2006's suspensions, six players return with starting experience and this looks like an improved secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The star of FIU's ST in '05 was K Adam Moss who hit 11 of 14 FG's and also had 22 TB on 54 KO. Still, the Golden Panthers finished just #105 in my ST rankings and last year had to replace Moss as well as their top PR/KR. P Chris Patullo (28.3 net in '05) won the starting K job with true frosh Chris Cook (PS#21) taking over the punting duties. Patullo missed 2 xp's and a FG in the first 2 which were both 1 point losses. Dustin Rivest took over and while he missed 4 crucial FG's in the 7 OT loss to NT, he was 5 of 10 with a long of 37. The bright spots were an 82 yd PR TD by Chandler Williams vs USF and a 98 yd KR TD by Lionell Singleton (#1 SBC in KR) vs BG. The team had coverage problems all year, especially during the suspensions. In those games, Cook suffered 2 punt blocks and lost his job. FIU had the worst net punting in the NCAA (27.2) and finished #118 overall in my ST rankings. Patullo and Cook combined for 2 TB on 30 KO. This year they must replace Patullo as well as Williams. Despite the losses, there is only one way for this group to go.

COACHES - Don Strock was the HC here for the first 5 years but not much went right in 2006 and he resigned with 3 games to go. The team struggled through close losses and suspensions and had the ignominy of an 0-12 season. Their DC Kevin Fouquier, left for ULL so the coaching staff is brand-new this year. Mario Cristobal (36 years old) is the first Cuban-American HC in IA history and was an All-Big East OT at Miami, Fl. He was the TE coach there from '04-05 and the OL coach in '06. At Rutgers, he was the TE and OL coach from '01-'03 and was a UM graduate asst from '98-2000. They are bringing in a new spread offense with OC James Coley who was an asst with the Miami Dolphins and a graduate asst at LSU from '03-04. The new DC is Phillip Galiano who was Rutgers' DL coach in '06.

CB
Lionell Singleton

PHIL'S FORECAST

FIU is the youngest team in IA as they just started playing football in 2002. They were one year behind Florida Atlantic and after losing their first senior class the Owls went from 9-3 in 2004 down to 2-9. Last year was FIU's first ever year for graduation losses (28 lettermen lost). They plummeted from 5-6 to 0-12 and Don Strock resigned with 3 games to go. FIU played solid defense allowing just 300.9 ypg (#28 ttl D in NCAA). They were #1 in the NCAA in tfl and could have easily opened 5-1 (see Best Case/Worst Case Scenarios in the SEC Regional Magazine). FIU then had 18 players suspended (9 starters) after the fight with Miami, Fl and stood little chance in the next couple of games with a shorthanded team. Finally with no hope for the season, they played their weakest games in the final two. FIU should be one of the most improved teams in the country this year as they were much better than last year's record indicates. They were -9 in turnovers and had an offensive ypp of 24.3 and a defensive ypp of 11.5 (pg 299). This is a good situation for new coach Cristobal to step into and I like his work ethic and discipline. The offense loses veteran QB Josh Padrick and their top 2 WR's but with 8 starters back, can only improve upon last year's paltry 9.6 ppg. The D now loses 5 of its top 6 tacklers including super LB Keyonvis Boule. The 6 returning starters they have equal 2006 but last year they had 6 of their top 7 tacklers returning. They did lose numerous players due to suspension so plenty of youngsters saw action. The Panthers should be a much improved team but with having to learn new schemes on both offense and defense, they will probably not move up much in the SBC standings.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

WR	Marquis Rolle	6-3 185 PS#125
QB	Bryan Mann	6-3 195 PS#106
LB	Ricky Booker	6-3 245 PS#159
OL	Shaquan Hicks	6-2 324 PS#281
WR	Jason Frierson	5-8 160 PS#229
QB	Darold Hughes	6-3 195 PS#178
DL	Curtis Bryant	6-3 270 PS#253
DB	Devin Parrish	6-0 185 PS#300
DL	Cody Pellicer	6-3 235 PS#343
QB	Colt Anderson	6-4 195 PS#268
LB	Jarvis Wilson	6-2 195 PS#427
OL	Ernest Goodley	6-3 260 PS#482
OL	Chris Cawthon	6-4 320 PS#515
WR	Greg Ellingson	6-3 200 PS#420
WR	Kendall Berry	6-0 185 PS#426
DL	Bryan Frye	6-4 230 PS#410
WR	James Rucker	6-1 190 PS#495
DB	Anthony Gaitor	5-10 175 PS#540
DB	Jermaine Malcolm	6-1 190 PS#540

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 12 Paul McCall So. 6-0 198 PS#201. 18 pass rFr, 101 yd. **10** John Paul Fraites (6-0 207 rFr) PS#341. **14** Wayne Younger (6-3 178 rFr) PS#283. **Bryan Mann is PS#106.**

RB 3 A'MOD NED JR. 5-9 184 PS#352. 11 st 2Y, 820 (4.5), 30 rec. **32** Julian Reams (5-10 205 Jr). 8 st 2Y, 647 (3.4), 11 rec. **28** Chance Attaway (5-10 200 So) PS#116. 2 st LY.

TE 89 Moses Hinton Jr. 6-3 276 2 st TE '05, 15 (12.5). 2 st LY, 3 rec. **FB 27 John Ellis** (5-10 233 So) 7 st FB LY, 72 all-purp yd. **48** Anthony Gull (5-11 245 Sr). CM tran, 1 st LY.

WR 11 ASHLYN PARKER SO. 5-11 206 PS#372, 12 st as true, 23 (10.0). **HM SBC. 84** Elliott Dix (6-0 201 So). **81** Torrelt Solomon (5-10 172 rFr). **82** Vergus Mock (5-11 163 So).

WR 5 JEREMY DICKENS SO. 5-10 187 PS#340QB. 5 st true, 21 (13.3). **9** Reggie Thompson (5-11 189 So) 2 rec true in '05. **18** Lloyd Moss (5-11 219 Jr). **31** Zap Hawkins (6-1 180 Sr).

WR 83 John Houston Whiddon So. 6-0 197 PS#124. 11 rec (10.1) true. **4** Sanchez Anderson (5-10 176 So) 1 st, 3 rec true in '05. **Marquis Rolle PS#125. 80** Travis Felder (6-2 187).

C 55 XAVIER SHANNON JR. 6-0 295 PS#387. 5 st rFr, 8 gm. 12 st C LY. **69** Alex Szima (6-2 320 So) 3 gm LY as rFr. **LS 90** Garrett Rockfeld (6-0 231 So) 4 gm LY as rFr.

RG 50 JOE ALAJAJIAN SO. 6-3 290 PS#500. 8 st true, 8 gm. **51** Danny Muy (6-3 280 So) 2nd string, 4 gm rFr. **70** Michael Ogunlade (5-11 281 Jr). Shaquan Hicks PS#281.

LG 68 JEFFERY EUGENE SR. 6-0 305 PS#428. JC '05. 10 st LY (5LG, 5RG), 12 gm. **74** Mike Alvarez (6-0 285 Sr) PS#217. 2 st RG '05. Inj'd LY. **65** Michael Alls (6-2 274 So).

RT 78 DUSTIN GIBSON JR. 6-4 285 PS#565DL. 2nd string as true but RS. 3 gm '05. 12 st RT LY. Added 16 lbs. **77** Javon Hill (6-3 322 rFr) PS#175. Chris Cawthon PS#515.

LT 58 ANDY LEAVINE SO. 6-5 292 PS#362. 12 starts at LT as true. Added 22 lbs. **60** Brian Kelleher (6-1 327 So) PS#119. No game action LY. Anthony Russo (6-3 305 So).

K 40 DUSTIN RIVEST SO. 5-8 169 PS#107. 5 of 10 as rFr, long 37, 8-11 on xp's. **10** John Paul Fraites (6-0 207 rFr) PS#77. 47.5 avg as P, 9-9 on FG, 38-39 xp as senior in HS.

DE 33 Matt Garris So. 6-0 212 PS#269LB. 2 st true, 14 tkl, 2 tfl. **93** Audric Adger (6-2 213 Sr) 1 st DE '05, 5 tkl, 2 tfl. **86** Joey Myers (6-3 218 rFr) PS#356. **64** Luis Pena (6-3 273 So).

NT 99 ROLAND CLARKE SR. 6-4 305 PS#359JC. USF '03 Transfer. OL in '05. 9 st DT LY, 17 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **92** Jonas Murrell (6-1 316 Jr) PS#324OL. 6 st 2Y, 33 tkl, 3 sk, 2.5 tfl.

DT 96 JARVIS PENERTON JR. 6-3 282 3 st true, 4 tkl, 2 sk. 7 st LY, 21 tkl, 2 sk. **95** Justin West (6-1 297 So) 2 st true, 14 tkl, 1 sk. **62** Daniel Chacreton (6-3 255 Sr). Curtis Bryant PS#253.

DE 98 REGINALD JONES JR. 6-2 267 PS#437RB. 7 tkl true. 10 starts LY, 23 tkl, 3 tfl. **94** Jonathan Betancourt (6-1 279 Jr) 2 st LY, 8 tkl, 1 sk, 3 tfl. **86** Joey Myers (6-3 218 rFr) PS#356.

SLB 56 Wendy Napoleon So. 6-1 235 PS#372. 4 st rFr, 35 tkl, 3 tfl til inj. **47** Mannie Wellington (5-8 211 So) PS#444DB. 1 tkl true. Ricky Booker PS#159. Ryan Martinez (6-0 216 Jr).

MLB 53 Michael Dominguez So. 5-11 225 PS#405. 2 st true, 23 tkl, 1 pbu, 8 gm. **49** Tyler Clawson (5-11 222 So) 12 tkl rFr, **97** Jake Rockman (6-1 223 Jr). Jarvis Wilson (6-2 195 Fr) PS#427.

WLB 44 Scott Bryant So. 5-10 205 PS#439. 21 tkl, 1 pbu, 9 games as true. **52** Artis Warthen Jr (6-1 232 So) PS#229. 1 tkl rFr. Added 17 lbs. **59** Ibrahim Chaudry (6-0 220 Jr).

CB 17 ROBERT MITCHELL JR. 5-11 195 PS#475WR. 5 tkl true, 10 st LY, 45 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu, 4.5 tfl. **29** Dezariah Johnson (6-0 168 So) 4 tkl, 9 gm true. Jermaine Malcolm (6-1 190 Fr).

CB 22 LIONELL SINGLETON SR. 5-10 174 PS#450. 3 st true, 22 tkl, 2 pbu. 11 st, 49 tkl, 2 int '05. **2nd Tm SBC LY**, 38 tkl, 5 int, 11 pbu. **6** Malik Jones (6-0 196 Jr) 2 st LY, 13 tkl. 1 KR.

SS 30 Cory Fleming Sr. 5-11 187 1 st '05, 5 tkl. 4 starts LY (inj 5, susp) 17 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **38** Jeremiah Flood (5-11 205 Jr) 2 st, 5 tkl LY. USF trans. **23** Brandon Ellison (5-10 184 So) 3 tkl true.

FS 13 JEREMIAH WEATHERSPOON JR. 6-1 221 PS#359WR. 4 st, 15 tkl as true. 12 st LY, 50 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu. **20** Kent Henderson (6-2 205 So) 14 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu true. Devin Parrish PS#300.

P 41 CHRIS COOK SO. 6-1 193 PS#21K. 46.9 avg as senior HS. 54 punts true, 35.4 avg & team net 27.2 (coverage problems). **40** Dustin Rivest PS#107. 3 punts, 29.0 LY.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN PANTHERS

Miami, Florida
Weather (305) 229-4550

Phil's Homefield Edge-1.5
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#76

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FIU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
							CAREER PASSING LEADERS / CAREER RUSHING LEADERS / CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
							1. Josh Padrick 9,237 '03-'06 / 1. Rashod Smith 2,195 '02-'04 / 1. Cory McKinney 2,745 '02-'05
							2. Jamie Burke 1,791 '02-'03, '05 / 2. Adam Gorman 886 '02-'05 / 2. Chandler Williams 2,519 '03-'06
							3. David Tabor 854 '02-'04 / 3. A'mou Ned 820 '05-Present / 3. Harold Leath 1,760 '02-'04
Sep. 1	at Penn St	G					Florida Int'l is 1-4 in road openers & this is the 1st meeting vs a Big 10 school. FIU is 0-10 vs IA non-conf opp's but last year only lost 3 games by a total of 10 pts.
Sep. 8	Maryland	A					FIU is 1-3 in home openers. Last year FIU outgained the Terps (310-275). The Panthers had a pass intercepted in the endzone with :10 left in last year's loss.
Sep. 15	at Miami, Fl	G					FIU HC Mario Cristobal served 2 stints on his alma mater (UM) coaching staff ('98-'00 & '04-'06). These universities are less than 10 miles apart & this will be there 2nd meeting.
Sep. 22	at Kansas	A					The Panthers are 0-7 in their 2nd consecutive road game. FIU opened the '05 season 0-2 vs Big 12 members Kansas St & Texas Tech.
Sep. 29	at Middle Tenn	A					Golden Panthers are 1-6 in SBC away games S/'05 (1st yr as full time members). Including last year's 1 pt loss to MT, 6 of FIU's 12 losses were by 10 pts or less.
Oct. 6	Troy	A					The Troy Trojans were FIU's very 1st IA opponent in school history in 2003. FIU is 0-3 vs Troy as these schools are averaging just 34 ppg.
Oct. 13							
Oct. 20	at ULM	A					Golden Panthers are 0-7 the week after a bye. FIU is 1-2 in this series. ULM was the 1st IA school FIU beat in their program history (won 31-29 here in '05).
Oct. 27	at Arkansas	G					Heading into '07, FIU is 3-26 in away gms. Only other game vs SEC was Bama LY. Arkansas is 1 of 3 schools FIU plays TY for the 1st time (Penn St & Kansas).
Nov. 3	at Arkansas St	A					Both of the losses to ASU were blowouts, avg loss by 34 ppg. FIU was -8 in TO's in those 2 games. Florida Int'l is 1-7 in Nov/Dec road games.
Nov. 10							
Nov. 17	Louisiana-Lft (HC)	A					LY vs ULL, FIU was at full strength for the 1st time as 16 players came back from suspension. On 10-2-04 Louisiana-Lft, became the 1st IA program to visit FIU Stadium.
Nov. 24	Florida Atlantic	A					Each year these instate schools play in the "Shula Bowl" with FIU just 1-4. Florida International is 2-5 in their 2nd straight game at FIU Stadium.
Dec. 1	North Texas	A					Golden Panthers have lost both gms in this series by 3 pts (L2Y as SBC members). FIU is 4-1 in their home finales, outscoring teams 178-118.

MARIO CRISTOBAL (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Florida Int'l Cristobal's Bowl Record: 0-0

Cristobal's records AT FLA INTERNATIONAL

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

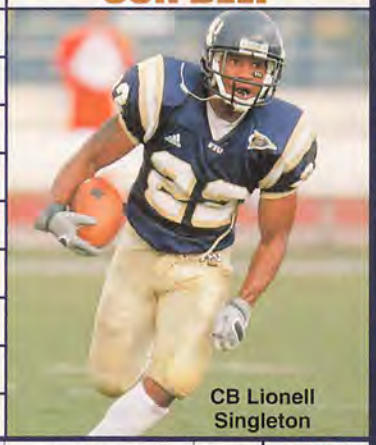
2006 RECORD: (0-12)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (21,22,3)
Lost: 17 (5,10,2)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,110 (#113)

SUN BELT



CB Lionell Singleton

STADIUM: FIU STADIUM (17,000) (#118)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	–	5-6	2-10	3-7	5-6	0-12	15-41
Home	–	–	5-2	2-3	1-4	4-1	0-5	12-15
Away	–	–	0-3	0-6	2-2	1-5	0-6	3-22
Neutral	–	–	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-4
vs Conf	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	0-7	3-11
ATS	–	–	0-0	0-0	2-2	5-4	4-8	11-14
Home Fav	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2
Home Dog			0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-3	2-4
Away Fav			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Away Dog			0-0	0-0	1-1	3-3	3-2	7-6
Favorite			0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	1-3
Dog			0-0	0-0	2-2	4-3	4-6	10-11
vs Conf			0-0	0-0	1-0	4-3	1-6	6-9
vs Non-Conf	–	–	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	3-2	5-5
Off SU Win	–	–	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-2	0-0	4-3
Off SU Loss	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-2	3-8	5-11

Don Strock: Florida Int'l did not have a football program until 2002. Their first 2 years were in IAA ball.

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Fla Int'l's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 5 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	9.6	13	57	2.3	176	53.9	24.3	-9	2006	6	26.1	17	153	3.6	148	56.6	11.5
9*	23.4	20	123	3.8	236	60.4	15.3	-8	2005	8	29.4	20	164	4.2	212	68.2	12.8
10*	26.1	20	133	4.4	246	57.0	14.5	-6	2004	8	32.5	25	203	4.4	276	66.8	14.7
10*	22.5	19	118	3.9	230	51.1	15.5	-5	2003	10	28.4	22	228	4.4	173	58.8	14.1
–	21.9	14	106	3.2	199	55.0	13.9	+2	2002	–	20.7	20	216	4.4	117	55.7	16.1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
A'mod Ned	94	482	37	445	2	4.7
Julian Reams	104	349	24	325	3	3.1
John Ellis	8	43	1	42	0	5.2
Chance Attaway	15	28	6	22	0	1.5
Daunte Owens	8	23	2	21	0	2.6
Chris Cook	2	11	0	11	0	5.5
Paul McCall	6	18	23	-5	0	-0.8
Josh Padrick	57	76	222	-146	0	-2.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Josh Padrick	388	213	54.9	2014	5	14
Paul McCall	18	7	38.9	101	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chandler Williams	67	664	9.9	1	45
Samuel Smith	47	458	9.7	2	89
Jeremy Dickens	21	279	13.3	0	68
Ashlyn Parker	23	231	10.0	0	42
A'Mod Ned	17	141	8.3	0	47
John Houston Whiddon	11	111	10.1	0	22
Elliott Dix	8	80	10.0	0	18
Andy Anderson	8	72	9.0	1	21
Julian Reams	10	41	4.1	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Cook	54	1909	35.4	2	27.2(t)	2	12
Chris Patullo	24	892	37.2	2	–	0	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dustin Rivest	8-11	3-4	2-5	0-1	0-0	5-10	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Keyonvis Bouie	119	3	15	3	0
Alexander Bostic	98	8	11	3	0
Antwan Barnes	69	6	16.5	1	1
Chris Smith	62	0	6.5	4	0
Jeremiah Weatherspoon	50	0	0	2	2
James Black	47	3	1.5	0	0
Robert Mitchell	45	0	4.5	5	2
Lionell Singleton	38	0	2	11	5
Wendy Napoleon	35	0	3	1	0
Reginald Jones	23	1	2	1	0
Michael Dominguez	23	0	0.5	1	0
Jarvis Penerton	21	2	0	1	0
Scott Bryant	21	0	0.5	1	0
Marshall McDuffie	19	0	1.5	0	0
Cory Fleming	17	1	0.5	1	0
Roland Clarke	17	1	0.5	0	0
Jonas Murrell	14	1	0.5	2	1
Matt Garris	14	0	2	1	0
Justin West	14	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lionell Singleton	14	140	10.0	0
Chandler Williams	4	86	21.5	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lionell Singleton	13	373	28.7	1
Daunte Owens	12	212	17.7	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

FIU 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Middle Tenn	15	25 - 97	3.9	22 - 39	150	2	12	35 - 92	2.6	11 - 18	83	6	0
–	at USF	15	31 - 24	0.8	20 - 33	238	3	16	34 - 123	3.6	15 - 28	174	0	+1
–	Bowling Green	14	28 - 187	6.7	14 - 23	145	3	22	45 - 161	3.6	18 - 34	242	2	-2
–	at Maryland	12	19 - 89	4.7	15 - 34	221	0	20	40 - 117	2.9	17 - 30	158	3	0
–	Arkansas St	13	19 - 9	0.5	18 - 35	177	3	21	47 - 222	4.7	10 - 22	108	1	-3
–	at North Texas	14	35 - 75	2.1	29 - 43	248	3	16	55 - 108	2.0	19 - 32	161	3	1
–	at Miami, Fl	12	31 - 28	0.9	12 - 25	86	3	16	29 - 90	3.1	17 - 26	189	2	-2
–	at Alabama	6	27 - 40	1.5	9 - 26	135	1	14	30 - 107	3.6	14 - 24	117	1	-2
–	ULM	9	21 - 10	0.5	19 - 36	200	4	16	47 - 162	3.4	15 - 18	184	2	-1
–	Louisiana-Lft	8	19 - 53	2.8	17 - 32	137	2	19	55 - 270	4.9	8 - 20	84	3	+1
–	† Florida Atlantic	13	19 - 50	2.6	15 - 31	153	2	22	45 - 142	3.2	15 - 22	219	1	-1
–	Troy	19	25 - 20	0.8	30 - 51	225	6	15	43 - 245	5.7	9 - 23	53	1	-1
TOTALS		150	299 - 682	2.3	220 - 408	2115	32	209	505 - 1839	3.6	168 - 297	1772	25	-9
AVERAGES		12.5	25 - 57	2.3	18 - 34	176	2.7	17.4	42 - 153	3.6	14 - 25	148	2.1	-0.8

2002 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	St Peter's	NL	27-3
–	at Elon	NL	22-23
–	Butler	NL	42-0
–	† Bethune-Cookman	NL	0-31
–	Georgetown	NL	27-2
–	at W Kentucky	NL	7-56
–	Maine	NL	7-33
–	Gardner-Webb	NL	14-17
–	Jacksonville	NL	39-6
–	Albany	NL	35-26
–	at Florida Atlantic	NL	21-31

2003 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Indiana St	NL	10-13
–	at Maine	NL	14-24
–	Bethune-Cookman	NL	14-24
–	Carson-Newman	NL	33-55
–	at GA Southern	NL	35-37
–	Stephen F. Austin	NL	13-35
–	at Troy	NL	10-21
–	Holy Cross	NL	34-23
–	Jacksonville	NL	55-12
–	at Louisiana-Lft	NL	10-43
–	at Gardner-Webb	NL	19-22 OT
–	† Florida Atlantic	NL	23-32

2004 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Jacksonville	CANCELLED	
–	at Youngstown St	NL	22-16 OT
–	Louisiana-Lft	+7	34-43
–	at Stephen F. Austin	NL	31-24
–	at ULM	+9'	20-28
–	McNeese St	NL	27-30
–	at New Mexico St	+10	31-56
–	GA Southern	NL	32-53
–	W Kentucky	NL	14-35
–	Florida A&M	NL	40-23
–	† Florida Atlantic	+13'	10-17

2005 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Kansas St	+33	21-35
–	at Texas Tech - #21	+34	3-56
–	at Arkansas St	+9'	24-66
–	Florida A&M	NL	23-6
–	North Texas	-1'	10-13
–	at Troy	+9'	13-18
–	at ULM	+10	31-29
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+9	7-28
–	W Kentucky	NL	38-35
–	Florida Atlantic	-1	52-6
–	Middle Tenn	+6	35-31

2006 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Middle Tenn	+9	6-7
–	at USF	+20	20-21
–	Bowling Green	+5'	28-33
–	at Maryland	+20	10-14
–	Arkansas St	-7'	6-31
–	at North Texas	-3	22-25 7OT
–	at Miami, Fl	+26	0-35
–	at Alabama	+34	3-38
–	ULM	+1'	0-35
–	Louisiana-Lft	+3'	7-17
–	† Florida Atlantic	+4'	0-31
–	Troy	+10'	13-26

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2007

QUARTERBACKS - Scott Hall capped a fine four year career by throwing for 1,818 (56.5%) with a 14-4 ratio in 2004. Andrew Smith was supposed to take over the starting QB job but tragically died in a car accident. Daniel Meager (PS#168) missed most of the spring but had 11 starts as a rFr and threw for 941 (50%) with a 4-8 ratio. Matt Phillips (PS#221) led a comeback vs Florida Atl and threw for 217 off the bench vs ULM Phillips finished with 448 (47.8%) and a 4-5 ratio. Last year those two battled newcomer Woody Wilson who was recruited by both Nebraska and Kan St as a DB and was the first JUCO signee under Dickey. Meager suffered a concussion in August and Phillips won the starting job but struggled in the opener. Wilson led the only sustained drive of the game and hit 5 of 6 for 65 yards. Phillips got the start vs SMU but struggled again and was replaced by Wilson who started the next 4. Wilson was completing 64% after 4 games but played in just 4 more throwing for 528 (60%) with a 2-8 ratio (246 rush). He did not see action in the final 4. Meager led a late drive for a TD in the 4Q vs Florida Int'l (after Wilson had 3 int's) and won the job, starting 5 of the final 6. Dickey had a "Green Team" on offense consisting of little used backups and Phillips, who had not played since Wk 2, at QB. The Green Team came in vs La Tech and generated 17 points and the game winning TD drive vs ULL. Phillips split time with Meager in the final 4 but got the start in the finale. On the year the 3 QB's combined for a 9-19 ratio and just 115 ypg passing and all 3 return this year. True frosh Giovanni Vizza changed his commitment from Nevada when new HC Todd Dodge was hired. After last year's abysmal numbers, they can only improve, especially with everyone back. Keep in mind, Dodge did produce an outstanding QB in HS in Chase Daniel (now a starter at Missouri) and a Mean Green starting QB has not thrown for 200 yards in 30 games.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 NT became the first team in NCAA history to return a pair of RB's who had led the NCAA in rushing. Patrick Cobbs, who was not big (5'9" 205) and did not have great speed, did have excellent vision and cutback ability and led the NCAA in rushing in 2003. Cobbs was injured in 2004 and HT true frosh Jamario Thomas (PS#43) took over the starting job in Wk 3. He finished with 1,801 (6.3) with 17 TD's and became the 2nd straight NT player to lead the NCAA in rushing. Both RB's returned in '05 so expectations were high but they were playing behind an inexperienced O-line. Cobbs led with 1,154 (5.0) and became the SBC's all-time leading rusher. Thomas missed 3 due to a hamstring injury and had just 361 (4.1). Surprisingly despite 4 returning starters in '06 the O-line had a down year and with the lack of a passing game, teams were able to key on the rush attack. Thomas was having a solid season under those circumstances with 577 yards in the first 7 but would have just 91 over the next 4 and DNP in the finale. He finished with 668 (3.7). Deavin Cox (5'9" 191 Sr) had zero rush attempts prior to LT when the Green Team was inserted. He rushed for 69 yards in that one, 98 vs ULL and led with 37 vs ULM. Evan Robertson rushed for 201 vs FAU and had the best ypc (4.9) of the top 5 rushers. Not listed below are David Jackson (5'11" 190 Sr, OK St trans) and Joshua Maldonado (5'5" 173 So, PS#250QB). Cox spent some time as a DB and may see action there this year. They added JUCO Cam Montgomery (PS#91) and he will push Thomas for playing time. NT's 117 ypg rushing was the lowest total since 1996 and there should be significant improvement in 2007.

RECEIVERS - When Johnny Quinn signed, he was 181 lbs and only had 4.67 speed. Quinn is a very hard worker and not only bulked up to 205 lbs, but was a member of the track team. He improved his speed running 22.4 in the 200m and led the team in receiving for four straight seasons. As a rFr, he had 34 (20.9) and improved it to 49 (16.0) in '04 and 47 (12.6) in '05. Despite the uneven QB play last year, Quinn had a career best 57 rec (11.1). He departs as NT's all-time leading receiver (UFA BUF). In 2006 Brandon Jackson was the #2 rec with 17 (11.1) and Joel Nwigwe was #3 at 12 (8.0). This year they must replace Quinn (11 st) as well as TE Beau Davidson (8 st, 1 rec), TE Robert Harmon (1 st, 8 gm), Nwigwe (3 st) and WR Zach Muzzy (11, 10.2, 19 KR) who was denied a 6th year. Casey Fitzgerald was a member of last year's Green Team and had TD rec's in his first 2 games vs LT and ULL. Dodge is going to implement a no-huddle offense and recruited six true frosh WR's, four of whom had 1,000+ yards receiving in HS last year. He says ALL of the newcomers will contend for playing time including Marcus King (6'3"), who may be the hidden gem of the class after playing in an option offense in HS. I list the 3 deep below and while there is some potential, with the loss of their top guy, this unit is weaker in 2007.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Normally when teams shift from a run based attack to the pass attack, it's a 3-4 year process. Dickey did an excellent job on the O-line, in fact the highest amount of sacks allowed in the last five years was 21 (3 times). In 2005 they had to replace 3 starters and had just 4 of the top 10 back and dropped from 4.6 ypc rushing to 3.9. Last year they had to replace an 11 gm starter and then lost LT Josh Alexander (6 st) prior to the season and two backups. Their ypc dropped again to 3.2 and the 117 ypg rush was the lowest since 1996. This year they lose 1st Tm SBC RG Dylan Lineberry (12 st, 3Y st'r), RT Jeremy Brown (12 st, 2Y st'r) and LT Joel Foster (12 st, 3Y st'r). With only two starters back and a new offense, this figures to be a rebuilding year for the O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - NT usually ran a 4-3 alignment under Dickey but in 2005 they lost all 4 starters and a backup. They allowed the most yards rushing in the Dickey era (2,430) which was also the 3rd most in school history. NT moved to a 3-4 D last year and had 2 starters returning. They allowed 72 rush ypg less and improved the ypc allowed from 4.8 to 3.9. This year they move back to a 4-man front and only lose one starter from the front 7 in NT Sky Pruitt (12 st, 38 tkl, 5.5 tfl) and backups Willie Ransom (15 tkl, 3 st, 11 gm, 2Y), Chase Pistole (11 tkl, 10 gm, 2Y) and Marquis Ellison (3 tkl, 7 gm, 2Y). This unit is more experienced in 2007.

LB Maurice Holman

LINEBACKERS - Last year NT had 5 of their top 6 return. Philip Graves was injured in Aug, however, and only started one game playing in just 7. Another returning starter, Brandon Monroe, suffered a sprained MCL and only started 2 games. RFr Tobe Nwigwe ended up starting 11 and the unit was not as experienced as expected. This year they lose Graves (1 st, 27 tkl) and Shawn Early (73 tkl '02-'04, inj'd L2Y) but have 5 of their top 6 back. Not listed below are Raifu Durodoye (6'1" 237 Sr) who had 1 st and 16 tkl last year, Scott Gilchrist (5'11" 210 rFr), Tony Taveras (5'11" 225 rFr), Sam Owusu-Hemeng (6'1" 230 rFr) and Kail Krider (6'3" 245 rFr). Provided they stay healthier, this unit is more experienced than 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NT finished as high as #36 in my pass D rankings under Dickey but slipped to #113 in 2005. They had to replace their top cover CB and another starter last year but moved up to #105 while allowing 63.7% with an 18-6 ratio. This year they should show significant improvement as the entire 2 deep returns. They also add in Baylor transfer Latif Nurudeen who was impressive during the spring and Navy transfer Greg Garden. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Robbie Gordon (5'11" 175 rFr), Zach Babb (6'0" 192 So), Brian Nelson (6'0" 200 Jr) and Chris Neal (5'9" 180 rFr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 NT had the outstanding K/P combo of Nick Bazaldua and Brad Kadlubar and finished #10 in my ST rankings. They dropped to #66 and #85 the next 2 years. Last year, Truman Spencer, who had a net of 34.1 as a rFr, improved to 37.0 and was 2nd Tm SBC. RB Evan Robertson blocked a punt for a TD vs SMU. FIU also had a bad snap on a punt which NT recovered for a safety. Denis Hopovac took over the kickoff duties and had 4 TB on 34 KO. Hopovac tied an NCAA record with 9 FG attempts vs FIU in their 7 OT game but missed 4 of them. He missed only 2 others all year hitting 15 of 21 with a long of 42 and one miss was from 51. Although Akron had 78 and 79 yd KR's, they allowed only 20.3 ypr. Quinn was the top PR (7.1) and the top KR's were Muzzy (18.9) and Robertson (20.0). NT has blocked 11 punts the last 4 years and finished #49 in my rankings last year. This year they must replace Quinn, Hopovac and Muzzy and figure to drop some in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Darrell Dickey had an amazing 9 year career at NT. At midseason in 2001 it looked like Dickey would be let go but his team went 30-16 over the next 3.5 years winning 26 straight SBC games. He won the SBC Coach of the Year 4 straight years with 4 SBC crowns. Last year Dickey suffered a heart attack at midseason missing a game. Not much went right for NT and amazingly they let him go at the end of the year. The new HC is Todd Dodge who was a QB at Texas and coached Southlake Carroll HS the last 7 years to an overall record of 98-11, winning 4 out of the last 5 Texas HS 5A Titles. He turned down Bill Parcells who had offered him a job coaching the TE's with the Cowboys prior to 2006. Ironically the last time NT hired a HS coach, Dennis Parker in 1991, Dodge was his OC in '92 and '93 and the team was just 8-14 in those 2 years of IAA ball. His coordinators come from his HS team in OC Todd Ford and DC Ron Mendoza. Mendoza is switching the team back to a 4-3 defense this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

NT has a massive enrollment of 33,550+, making it one of the largest colleges in Texas. NT was the dominant team in the SBC with 26 straight conf wins, the longest streak in the country, heading into 2005, outscoring league foes by an average of 15.6 ppg. They had the edge over the rest of their SBC brethren in the fact that they had been to 4 straight bowl games giving them extra practices each year. In 2004 NT benefitted from +13 in turnovers and only outgained SBC foes by 15.3 ypg, by far the weakest margin of their outstanding run. Dickey, who was the last of the original SBC coaches, was given a contract extension to 2009. In 2005 out of the 12 preseason magazines and websites monitored by www.football.stassen.com, I was one of only 3 NOT to forecast NT to win the SBC Title which got the attention of some fans in Denton. NT had just 8 returning starters and was outgained by 67.3 ypg in SBC play and crashed to a stunning 2-9 record. In 2005 they were winless at home for the first time since 1982 but their 5 SBC losses were by a combined 21 points and they had 16 returning starters in 2006. Last year they beat CUSA member SMU 24-6 and outgained Akron 287-278 but were throttled by MTSt, their first home shutout loss since 1981. They had never trailed in SBC play by more than 14 points prior to that. They got a 7 OT win over FIU but in the game Dickey missed, they lost to Ark St 29-10. In Dickey's return, they had 9 plays inside the 10 yard line vs Troy but came up short. They also led La Tech in the 2H by 10 after the introduction of the "Green Team" on offense. Shockingly they announced Dickey would be fired with 3 games to go and the team rallied to a 16-7 win at ULL but suffered another tough defeat to FAU giving up a 39 yard IR for a TD and then another int with just 1:12 left to lose by 1. In Lou Holtz's book, he stated how tough it is when teams know it's their coach's final game and NT struggled with a 20 point loss to ULM to finish just 3-9. Uneven QB play has hurt them the last two years as they averaged just 14.3 and 12.8 ppg. With 1,000 yard rusher Jamario Thomas and all 3 QB's back, they can only improve upon 2006's production. The D has 10 returning starters including their top 8 tacklers and should have their best ppg allowed in four years. They were -15 in turnovers and fit the criteria for net close losses and ypp (pg 299). Even with improved offense and defense play the loss of an outstanding coach makes this a rebuilding year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2007 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 7 DANIEL MEAGER JR. 6-1 196 PS#168. 1458 (51%) 8-14 2Y. **Giovanni Vizza** (6-1 195 Fr) PS#182. 3278 pass HS LY. **16** Matt Phillips (6-1 224 Jr). **8** Woody Wilson (6-1 176 Sr) PS#99.

RB 20 JAMARIO THOMAS SR. 5-11 210 **PS#43.** 8 st true, **SBC POY, 1801 (6.3).** 11 st '05 & '06, 1029 (3.8). **Cam Montgomery PS#91JC**. Evan Robertson (5-9 164 So) 1 st rFr, 381 (4.9).

WR 82 Brock Stickler Jr. 6-3 219 PS#399. 1 KR rFr. 1 rec, 4 gm LY. **87** Casey Fitzgerald (5-11 186 Jr) 1 st, 5 rec 2Y. **FB 30** Keronna Henderson (6-0 237 Jr) 4 st, 4 rec LY.

WR 10 Korey Washington So. 5-10 186 PS#526DB. 1 st as rFr CB, 13 tkl, 4.4 speed. **3** Arthur Stubblefield (5-10 179 So) PS#462DB. 1 rec rFr, 2 gm. Marcus King is PS#495.

WR 49 BRANDON JACKSON SR. 6-1 208 PS#250. 2 rec true. 22 rec (10.2) '05. 9 st LY, 17 (11.1). BJ Lewis is PS#376. Breece Johnson is PS#328. Sam Roberson is PS#406.

WR 84 Charlie Brown So. 6-4 239 PS#168TE. 3 rec true. 1 gm LY (inj). **48** Ryan Davenport (6-2 228 Jr). Air Force trans, 3 gm, 6 rec here LY. **85** Victor Gill (6-5 235 rFr) PS#205TE.

C 68 Kelvin Drake So. 6-2 300 PS#452. 4 games, 2nd string in '06 as a true. **78** Nicholas Foster (6-3 340 rFr) PS#493. Nick Najarro (6-1 270 Jr) PS#477JC.

RG 67 CHAD ROSE JR. 6-3 274 PS#365. 11 st C rFr. 12 st C LY. **77** Esteban Santiago (6-5 275 rFr). Ajani Banks (6-3 328 So) 2nd string rFr, 4 gm. JJ Johnson PS#361.

LG 74 ADAM VENEGAS SR. 6-3 293 PS#224DL. Move from DL '05, 2nd string. 12 st LG LY. **73** Bryan Glass (6-0 277 So) 400 bench. 1 gm rFr. **57** Tyler Bailey (6-2 275 So) 2nd string, rFr 6 gm.

RT 70 Brian Carlson Sr. 6-5 280 PS#445JC. TE last year, 0 rec, Moved to OL. **69** Robert Peachey (6-5 279 So) 2nd string LY, 8 gm. **76** Jack Crumes (6-4 266 So) PS#602.

LT 58 Josh Alexander Sr. 6-3 289 6 st LT '05 (6 of L/7). Miss LY inj, medical RS. **71** Matthew Menard (6-5 275 rFr) PS#530DL. **62** Chris Eidd (6-3 306 So) PS#562.

K 23 Steven Woodward rFr. 6-1 190 **PS#15K.** 2nd string LY but still RS. **25** Truman Spencer (6-3 206 Jr). Hit 52 yd FG in HS. Has handled P last 2 years. **2nd Tm SBC** '06.

DE 89 BLAKE BURRUSS SR. 6-7 275 PS#296. 6 tkl from '04-'05. 9 st in '06, 8 tkl, 2 tfl. **94** Eddrick Gilmore (6-5 250 So) PS#72TE. 1 sk '05. RS LY. Kyle Russo (6-3 245 Fr) PS#239.

DT 79 MONTEY STEVENSON SR. 6-2 290 PS#258. 1 st, 11 tkl rFr. 3 st '05, 30 tkl, 7 tfl. 3 st LY. 33 tkl, 6 tfl. **61** Jonathan Stewart (6-2 266 So). Will see a lot of time TY. Kenneth Okonkwo (6-2 230 rFr)

DT 65 Joseph Miller Jr. 6-3 275 PS#428OL. 21 tkl, 2 tfl true. 30 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **99** Isaac Thomas (5-11 289 Jr) 14 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y. Daniel Calderon (6-3 230 Fr). Andrew Payne (6-3 242 rFr).

DE 90 JEREMIAH CHAPMAN SR. 6-4 243 11 st '05, 61 tkl, 4 sk, 5 tfl. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 52 tkl, 4.5 sk. **47** Tye Rexrode (6-3 257 Jr) PS#138QB. 2 tkl 2Y. Draylen Ross (6-3 245 So) 1 st, 1 rec TE LY.

WLB 41 MAURICE HOLMAN SR. 6-1 224 9 st '05, 86 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 st LY, **HM SBC**, 74 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **51** Derek Mendoza (6-1 242 Sr) 22 st 3Y, 126 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 3 int. Craig Robertson (6-0 210 rFr) PS#537.

MLB 4 BRANDON MONROE SR. 6-2 234 11 st '04, 63 tkl, 5 tfl, 6 st '05, 67 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 2 st LY, 38 tkl. **44 Tobe Nwigwe** (6-2 237 So) 11 st LY, 35 tkl, 7 tfl. Bryant Seidle (6-3 230 So) 1 st WR, 2 rec.

SLB 53 GERMAINE DAWSON JR. 6-1 213 11 st LY, 54 tkl, 1.5 tfl, 3 pbu. **40 Colt Mahan** (6-1 201 Jr) 5 tkl rFr. 5 st LY, 53 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **50** Lawrence Brown (6-3 199 Sr) 11 tkl, 1 tfl LY.

CB 35 ANTOINE BUSH SO. 5-11 176 PS#184QB. 11 st rFr, 42 tkl, 2 tfl. **31 Latif Nurudeen** (6-1 200 Jr) 2 tkl **Baylor** LY. Size & speed. **1** Gary Oubre (5-9 150 Sr) 6 tkl 2Y.

CB 2 DOMINIQUE GREEN JR. 5-11 177 10 st LY, 33 tkl, 1 pbu. **21** Desmon Chatman (6-2 187 So) PS#258RB. 2 st rFr, 17 tkl, 1 tfl. **18** Greg Garden (5-11 190 So) PS#258. **Navy trans.**

SS 29 ROY LOREN SR. 6-2 205 PS#193JC. 7 st LY, 33 tkl. **24** Roderick Cotton (5-10 200 Sr) 6 st '05, 35 tkl, 3 pbu. 2 st LY, 23 tkl, 1 pbu. **13** Kartey Agbottah (6-2 190 So) 4 tkl rFr.

FS 38 AARON WEATHERS SR. 6-0 203 11 st '05, **2nd Tm SBC**, 113 tkl, 3 int. 11 st LY, 78 tkl, 1 int. **16** Steve Warren (6-1 215 Jr) 8 st, 60 tkl, 2Y. Cliff Higgs (6-1 218 Sr) 2 st, 43 tkl, 2 pbu 3Y.

P 25 TRUMAN SPENCER JR. 6-3 206 75 punts rFr, 37.7 avg, 34.1 net. 55 punts LY, 40.8 avg, 37.0 net LY, **2nd Tm SBC**. **7** Daniel Meager (6-1 196 Jr) PS#168QB. 1 punt in '05.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

RB	Cam Montgomery 6-1 213 PS#91JC
DL	Jordan Scoggins 6-1 274 PS#50TE
RB	Micah Mosley 6-1 205 PS#160
DB	Greg Garden 5-11 190 PS#258 '05
DL	Kyle Russo 6-3 245 PS#239
QB	Giovanni Vizza 6-1 195 PS#182
LB	AJ Penson 6-1 220 PS#289
OL	JJ Johnson 6-2 278 PS#361
OL	Matt Tomlinson 6-5 270 PS#362
LB	Justin Padron 6-0 220 PS# 319
WR	Breece Johnson 6-1 175 PS#328
WR	BJ Lewis 6-1 190 PS#376
LB	Marquese Davis 6-1 230 PS#409
WR	Sam Roberson 6-4 210 PS#406
WR	Sam Dibrell 6-2 205 PS#411
WR	Evan Walker 5-11 185 PS#411
DB	Jesse DeSoto 6-2 275 PS#470
DB	Kevin Ealey 5-9 185 PS#540
DB	Bron Hager 6-1 210 PS#540
WR	Marcus King 6-3 200 PS#495
DL	Daniel Calderon 6-3 230 PS#495

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2007 Schedule Difficulty-#108

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NT	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at Oklahoma	G						The Mean Green is 0-6 all-time vs the Sooners losing by an avg of 37 ppg. North Texas is 1-11 being outscored 37-6 on avg in their last 12 road openers.
Sep. 8	at SMU	A						The last & only time that North Texas won in Dallas (7-0) was in '33 (4-27-1 overall). A blk'd punt for a TD & a SMU fumble in their own territory resulted in 14 NT pts LY.
Sep. 15								
Sep. 22	Florida Atlantic	A						NT has dropped all 3 meetings. LY North Texas RB Robertson gained 201 yds rushing but 4 TO's did them in. North Texas is 3-6 in their last 9 Denton openers.
Sep. 29	at Arkansas	G						North Texas is 0-2 all-time in Fayetteville (0-8 vs Ark) being outscored 110-27. NT is 4-29 vs current SEC teams with their last win in 1977 (also '45, '75 & '76).
Oct. 6	at Louisiana-Lft	G						LY in the 2H, N Texas def held the Ragin' Cajuns to just 40 yds on 27 plays (1.5 ypp). North Texas is 4-1 (4 straight wins) in their 5 all-time trips to Lafayette (only loss '81).
Oct. 13	ULM	A						This will be North Texas' 24th meeting with ULM (most vs any current SBC member). The home team is 15-8 since this series started & NT has dropped the last 2.
Oct. 20	at Troy	A						NT is just 1-3 facing Troy. These schools have avg'd just 25 ppg in their 4 meetings (1st gm in '01). These 2 combined for 23 FD's LY & NT went 0-13 on 3rd down conv.
Oct. 27	Middle Tenn (HC)	A						LY vs MT, NT not only suffered its worst loss in SBC history, but also were shutout for the 1st time. North Texas is 5-1 vs Middle Tenn & the 5 wins are only by a combined 34 pts.
Nov. 3								
Nov. 10	Navy	A						This will be the 1st meeting in school history. NT is 1-3 at home vs non-conf the L3Y. North Texas is just 1-7 the last 2 years in its final 4 games of the season.
Nov. 15	at Arkansas St (Thur)	A						The Mean Green & Indians began play in 1983 as former Southland Conf members. North Texas has dropped the last 2 including allowing a season high 466 yds LY.
Nov. 24	Western Kentucky	A						The Hilltoppers finished 6-5 in their final yr as IAA Gateway Conf members in '06. North Texas is 11-3 since 1993 in home finales (0-2 the last 2 years).
Dec. 1	at Florida Int'l	A						The 7OT game LY between NT & FIU is tied for the longest game in NCAA history. NT was the final IA tm to never have played in an OT gm prior to LY (& WKU now).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Mitch Maher 8,256 '91-'94
2. Steve Ramsey 7,076 '67-'69
3. Scott Davis 6,923 '87-'90

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Patrick Cobbs 4,050 '01-'05
2. Ja'Quay Wilburn 3,120 '97-'00
3. Jamario Thomas 2,830 '04-Present

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnny Quinn 2,718 '03-'06
2. Troy Redwine 2,567 '92-'96
3. Ron Shanklin 2,465 '67-'69

TODD DODGE (Career 0-0)

1st Year at North Texas — Dodge's Bowl Record: 0-0

Dodge's records AT NORTH TEXAS

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (19,26,1)
Lost: 17 (10,6,1)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,650 (#109)

SUN BELT

FS Aaron Weathers

STADIUM: FOUTS FIELD (30,500) (#97)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	7-5	9-3	7-4	2-9	3-9	36-44
Home	2-3	3-2	4-1	5-0	4-1	0-5	2-3	20-15
Away	1-5	2-4	3-4	4-3	3-3	2-4	1-6	16-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	1-4	5-1	6-0	7-0	7-0	2-5	2-5	30-15
ATS	5-5	8-3	7-4	6-6	7-4	4-7	4-8	41-37
Home Fav	0-0	2-0	2-1	4-1	4-1	0-2	0-3	12-8
Home Dog	2-2	2-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-0	7-6
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	7-5
Away Dog	3-3	3-1	3-1	0-3	1-2	3-3	2-5	15-18
Favorite	0-0	3-1	4-2	6-3	6-2	0-2	0-3	19-13
Dog	5-5	5-2	3-2	0-3	1-2	4-5	4-5	22-24
vs Conf	2-3	5-1	4-2	4-3	7-0	4-3	3-4	29-16
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-3	0-4	0-4	1-4	12-21
Off SU Win	1-1	5-0	4-2	4-4	6-0	0-2	0-3	20-12
Off SU Loss	4-3	2-3	2-2	2-1	1-3	3-5	4-4	18-21

Darrell Dickey

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
59	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	8-28
01	New Orleans	+11	Colorado St	20-45
02	New Orleans	+7'	Cincinnati	24-19
03	New Orleans	+4	Memphis	17-27
04	New Orleans	+6	S Mississippi	10-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
North Texas' All-Time Bowl Record 1-5

NORTH TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	12.8	13	117	3.2	115	53.8	18.1	-15	2006	7	25.3	19	149	3.9	189	63.7	13.4
5	14.3	14	143	3.9	129	48.6	19.1	0	2005	3	31.5	22	221	4.8	216	62.5	13.9
6*	25.8	17	186	4.6	158	55.6	13.4	+13	2004	6	29.8	23	173	4.5	241	61.9	13.9
4*	27.5	16	178	4.1	150	54.2	11.9	+10	2003	8	21.9	17	105	2.9	213	61.4	14.5
10*	19.2	15	182	4.0	102	45.2	14.9	+4	2002	9	14.8	16	119	3.1	172	54.2	19.7
6*	22.9	16	158	3.7	146	49.8	13.3	+6	2001	6	24.4	19	137	3.9	219	62.1	14.6

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jamario Thomas	181	787	119	668	2	3.7
Evan Robertson	78	407	26	381	2	4.9
Deavin Cox	58	215	11	204	0	3.5
Woody Wilson	66	246	144	102	1	1.5
Daniel Meager	35	131	94	37	0	1.1
Matt Phillips	9	25	24	1	0	0.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Woody Wilson	90	54	60.0	528	2	8
Daniel Meager	100	53	53.0	517	4	6
Matt Phillips	60	29	48.3	337	3	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Johnny Quinn	57	633	11.1	4	54
Brandon Jackson	17	188	11.1	1	33
Zach Muzzy	11	112	10.2	0	40
Joel Nwigwe	12	96	8.0	0	26
Casey Fitzgerald	4	83	20.8	2	36
Ryan Davenport	6	78	13.0	1	26
David Collins	4	57	14.2	1	26
Keronna Henderson	4	35	8.8	0	12
Jamario Thomas	11	32	2.9	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Truman Spencer	55	2245	40.8	7	37.0(t)	1	15
Denis Hopovac	5	194	38.8	0	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Denis Hopovac	13-13	8-11	6-7	1-2	0-1	15-21	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Aaron Weathers	78	0	1	1	1
Maurice Holman	74	2	4.5	1	0
Germaine Dawson	54	1	0.5	3	0
Colt Mahan	53	1	0.5	1	0
Jeremiah Chapman	52	4.5	5.5	0	1
Antoine Bush	42	0	2	0	1
Derek Mendoza	41	0	0.5	0	0
Brandon Monroe	38	0	0.5	0	0
Sky Pruitt	38	1	4.5	0	1
Tobe Nwigwe	35	2.5	4.5	0	0
Montey Stevenson	33	1.5	4.5	0	0
Dominique Green	33	0	1	1	0
Roy Loren	33	0	0	1	0
Joseph Miller	30	0	3	0	0
Philip Graves	27	0	1.5	0	0
Roderick Cotton	23	0	0	0	0
Desmon Chatman	17	0	1	4	0
Cliff Higgs	17	0	2.5	1	0
Raifu Durodoye	16	1	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnny Quinn	13	92	7.1	0
Evan Robertson	2	35	17.5	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Zach Muzzy	19	359	18.9	0
Evan Robertson	16	320	20.0	0

2006 STATS BY GAME

NT 2006 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Texas	6	28-8	0.3	9-19	87	4	27	44-212	4.8	15-26	198	0	0
–	SMU	15	38-168	4.4	12-17	145	0	14	32-111	3.5	20-29	159	2	+2
–	at Tulsa	6	31-27	0.9	6-11	62	1	20	30-126	4.2	23-35	275	1	-1
–	at Akron	21	36-175	4.9	17-36	112	0	17	31-105	3.4	14-20	173	2	-3
–	Middle Tenn	8	24-40	1.7	7-16	63	6	24	57-212	3.7	13-18	154	1	-3
–	Florida Int'l	16	55-108	2.0	19-32	161	3	15	35-75	2.1	29-43	248	3	-1
–	at Arkansas St	13	31-160	5.2	11-16	103	2	23	51-279	5.5	11-19	187	1	-2
–	at Troy	12	35-83	2.4	11-25	147	2	11	39-142	3.6	13-22	101	2	+2
–	Louisiana Tech	18	45-188	4.2	13-26	227	0	25	29-142	4.9	23-32	306	1	-3
–	at Louisiana-Lft	14	49-119	2.4	9-16	128	1	13	32-40	1.3	17-29	168	3	0
–	Florida Atlantic	17	40-254	6.4	11-18	84	1	17	38-132	3.5	12-25	107	0	-4
–	at ULM	7	25-74	3.0	11-21	63	1	21	47-216	4.6	12-19	193	0	-2
TOTALS		153	437-1404	3.2	136-253	1382	21	227	465-1792	3.9	202-317	2269	16	-15
AVERAGES		12.8	36-117	3.2	11-21	115	1.8	18.9	39-149	3.9	17-26	189	1.3	-1.3

NT Rank	Pre- 2002 RESULTS Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #3	+35	0-27
–	Nicholls St	NL	23-0
–	at Alabama	+21	7-33
–	at TCU	+12'	10-16
–	at Arizona	+14'	9-14
–	USF	+2	17-24
–	at Arkansas St	-8'	13-10
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-4	27-0
–	ULM	-17	41-2
–	Idaho	-14	10-0
–	New Mexico St	-6	38-27
–	at Middle Tenn	-2'	30-20

NT Rank	Pre- 2003 RESULTS Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Oklahoma - #1	+31'	3-37
–	Baylor	-14'	52-14
–	at Air Force	+9'	21-34
–	at Arkansas - #14	+21	7-31
–	Louisiana-Lft	-18'	44-23
–	at Idaho	-7	24-14
–	Utah St	-14	37-27
–	at Middle Tenn	-2'	33-28
–	Troy	-10'	21-0
–	at ULM	-17'	28-26
–	Arkansas St	-20	58-14
–	at New Mexico St	-8	13-10

NT Rank	Pre- 2004 RESULTS Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #7	+26	0-65
–	Florida Atlantic	-7'	13-20
–	at Colorado	+20'	21-52
–	at Baylor	-3'	14-37
–	Middle Tenn	-3	30-21
–	at Utah St	+2	31-23
–	New Mexico St	-8	36-26
–	ULM	-8	45-30
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-2'	27-17
–	Idaho	-18'	51-29
–	at Arkansas St	-5	31-7

NT Rank	Pre- 2005 RESULTS Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Middle Tenn	+4	14-7
–	Tulsa	-3'	2-54
–	at Kansas St	+24'	7-54
–	Troy	-2	10-13
–	at Florida Int'l	+1'	13-10
–	at Louisiana Tech	+21	14-40
–	at LSU - #7	+43'	3-56
–	Louisiana-Lft	+3'	28-31
–	at Florida Atlantic	+4	23-26
–	ULM	+4	19-24
–	Arkansas St	+2'	24-31

NT Rank	Pre- 2006 RESULTS Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #3	+41	7-56
–	SMU	+5	24-6
–	at Tulsa	+19'	3-28
–	at Akron	+17	13-33
–	Middle Tenn	-3'	0-35
–	Florida Int'l	+3	25-22 7OT
–	at Arkansas St	+10	10-29
–	at Troy	+10'	6-14
–	Louisiana Tech	-2	31-34
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+11	16-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-4	16-17
–	at ULM	+7	3-23

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5th Year at W Kentucky Elson's Bowl Record: 0-0

Elson's IA records AT W KENTUCKY

0-0	Straight Up (IA)	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2006 RECORD: (6–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,19,3)
Lost: 18 (11,7,0)

2006 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 9,051

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-120

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WKU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at Florida	G					
Sep. 8	W Virginia Tech	A					
Sep. 15	Eastern Kentucky	A					
Sep. 20	at Mid Tenn (Thur)	A					
Sep. 29	at Bowling Green	A					
Oct. 6							
Oct. 13	at Ball St	A					
Oct. 20	at Indiana St	A					
Oct. 27	N Carolina Central	A					
Nov. 3	at Chattanooga	A					
Nov. 10	Troy	A					
Nov. 17	Morehead St	A					
Nov. 24	at North Texas	A					
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jeff Cesarone 8,566 '84-'87	1. Lerron Moore 4,396 '03-'06	1. Jay Davis 2,236 '68-'71
2. Justin Haddix 7,929 '03-'06	2. Willie Taggart 3,997 '95-'98	2. Keith Paskett 2,117 '83-'86
3. Johnny Vance 4,046 '66-'69	3. Antwan Floyd 3,775 '93-'96	3. Eddie Preston 2,083 '76-'79

The Hilltoppers have posted a winning record 11 years in a row including a 6-5 mark LY. WKU opened the ssn LY vs Georgia (lost 48-12) & is 0-8 vs the SEC (outscored by 29 ppg).

The Hilltoppers are 19-3 since 1985 in their home opener including 11 straight wins. WKU is 2-0 ('03 & '05) vs WVT, outscoring the NAIA Golden Bears from Montgomery, WV 130-6.

This series is called the "Battle of the Bluegrass" as the home team is 10-2 the L/12. LY EKU took advantage of two WKU 4Q TO's as 27 of the 47 pts were scored in the final quarter.

WKU will be eligible to compete for the SBC Title & bowl berth beginning in 2009. This will be the 58th meeting between the 2 teams, but 1st S/'91 (last win at MT in '79).

This will be the 1st meeting with BG, but WKU is 10-20-3 all-time vs current MAC schools. The Hilltoppers are 8-0 S/'98 prior to a bye week with the avg win by 21 ppg.

Western Kentucky is 11-3 their last 14 games after a bye week. WKU shutout Ball St 13-0 in their last & only meeting, but that was back in 1929!

These schools have played every yr S/'90 & WKU has won 11 yrs in a row (avg score 34-14). LY vs ISU, RB McCloud had a career high 166 yds (7.2) & 3 TD's in place of the inj'd starter.

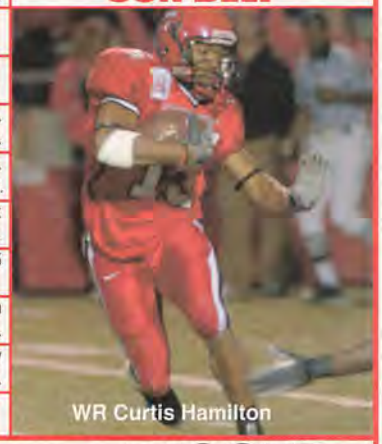
Eagles finished 11-1 & were the '06 Black CFB National Champs (undefeated CIAA Champs). NCCU QB Stradford Brown (2577 yds, 54%, 26-11) won the '06 Doug Williams Off POY award.

LY the Mocs scored w/1:39 left to cut WKU's lead to 7 then rec the onside kick just missing a TD on the last play. WKU is 20-10 S/'96 in Nov reg ssn gms, but 1-5 the L2Y.

The Hilltoppers are 0-4-1 all-time vs Troy (first gm was a 10-10 tie in 1976). The 95 pts combined in '95 (last meeting) is the 4th highest scoring gm in WKU history.

WKU has dominated the Eagles winning 8 straight & are 40-7-2 overall (1st gm in '39). The Hilltoppers are 9-2 the L11Y in regular season LT Smith Stadium finales.

This is their first meeting with North Texas leaving FAU as the only SBC team they have never faced. WKU had regular season finales in '04-'05 vs SBC foe Fla Int'l.



WR Curtis Hamilton

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WESTERN KENTUCKY

BOWLING GREEN, KY
HC: DAVID ELSON (30-17)

RET STS	OFF PTS	TTL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	TOTAL TURN		RECORD	RET STS	DEF PTS	TTL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %
8	23.5	365	160	4.2	204	61.4	-4	2006	6-5	4	23.9	323	170	4.7	153	52.7
–	30.8	406	229	5.1	177	57.0	+3	2005	6-5	–	26.5	345	113	3.1	231	66.4
–	29.2	396	226	5.0	170	59.0	+8	2004	9-3	–	18.9	343	131	3.4	212	58.1

2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lerron Moore	195	933	42	891	9	4.6
Andrew McCloud	77	454	11	443	4	5.8
Tyrell Hayden	64	326	11	315	2	4.9
Brandon Smith	7	40	5	35	0	5.0
Justin Haddix	57	151	126	25	1	0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Justin Haddix	279	171	61.3	2186	14	9
Brandon Smith	5	4	80.0	62	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Curtis Hamilton	52	841	16.2	10	59
Jessie Quinn	29	425	14.7	0	41
Jake Gaebler	36	416	11.6	2	31
Seth Tamme	11	170	15.5	0	25
Lerron Moore	15	129	8.6	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	In20
Tanner Siewart	30	1082	36.1	25.0(t)	10
Chris James	10	373	37.3	–	3

KICKING	XP	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris James	27-27	3-6	1-1	13-17	54

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marion Rumph	87	0	0.5	4	1
Andre Lewis	76	1.5	2.5	2	0
Blake Boyd	70	1	2	6	2
Jon Hedges	61	1	6	2	0
Travis Watters	50	0	3	9	3
Sam Sexton	42	2.5	1	4	0
Dusty Bear	42	3.5	2.5	2	0
LJ Harbison	35	0	1.5	2	0
Dennis Mitchell	31	0.5	0.5	6	0
Bo Smith	30	1	0	3	0
Rashad Etheridge	20	0	1	2	0
Chris Walker	19	2.5	0	0	0
Darvis McBride	19	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dennis Mitchell	9	73	8.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rashad Etheridge	19	410	21.6	0
Dennis Mitchell	10	260	26.0	0

2006 RESULTS (6–5)

Opponent	Score
at Georgia	12-48
at E Kentucky	21-26
Chattanooga	28-21
W Illinois	38-35
Illinois St	27-28
at Missouri St	17-14
at S Illinois	27-24
Indiana St	41-3
at Northern Iowa	20-31
Youngstown St	3-19
Austin Peay	24-14

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

I would like to welcome Western Kentucky to the Phil Steele National Magazine. Just a few years ago in 2002, Western Kentucky had a great year under then head coach Jack Harbaugh. They opened the year 2-3 but won their last 10 games including a 34-14 win over McNeese St and won the 1AA National Title. A streak of 5 straight playoff appearances was snapped in 2005 and they have finished 6-5 in each of the last two years. This year they will be trying for their 12th consecutive winning season. The Hilltoppers have some big shoes to fill on offense as they lose their #2 all time career leading passer in Justin Haddix AND their all time leading rusher in Lerron Moore!! Brandon Smith was the backup QB as a rFr in '06 but I project that Notre Dame transfer David Wolke (PS#44) will win the starter's job and he should have a fine season. RB Moore did have "just" 891 yards rushing in '06 with a 4.6 ypc while his backups Andrew McCloud and Tyrell Hayden combined for 758 (5.4). Two RB's that were impressive in the spring were Marell Booker and KJ Austin-Bruce. They welcome back 3rd Team AA WR Curtis Hamilton who led with 52 rec (16.2) and 10 TD's in just 9 games. Their top 4 rec's are all back. The top returning OL is Greg Ryan and the unit has 3 starters returning including 300 lb Cody Hughes who started as a rFr in '06. Despite the big losses and the tougher schedule, they could top last years 23.5 ppg. The defense is a veteran group. They lose 4 starters but not only are 7 back, they have 4 of their top 5 tacklers returning. They also add in a couple of top notch JUCO DB's. CB Rashad Etheridge was very impressive in the spring and should fill in well.

The special teams will be a strength. K Chris James hit 15 of 17 FG's with a long of 52 in '05. Last year he drilled 13 of 17 with a long of 54. P Tanner Siewart had a 37.4 avg in '05 and slipped a little in '06 to 36.1 with James even attempting 10 punts. It should be a fun, transitional year for WKU and their streak of winning seasons will likely come down to their season finale at North Texas. They do catch the Mean Green in an SBC sandwich.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2007

OL	Austin Chestnut	6-4 280 PS#219JC
DB	Jihad Morris	6-0 185 PS#237JC
RB	Bobby Rainey	5-9 200 PS#101
CB	Marcus Minor	6-1 190 PS#300JC
OL	Zach Ray	6-3 305 PS#394JC
OL	Paul Millay	6-4 270 PS#194
DL	Chris Perkins	6-3 275 PS#423JC
OL	Wes Jeffries	6-5 275 PS#229
LB	Tim Nelson	6-4 245 PS#194
LB	Alonzo Higgins	6-3 235 PS#445JC
RB	Avery Hibbitt	5-9 180 PS#238
LB	Thomas Majors	6-0 225 PS#236
LB	Ben Duvall	6-4 205 PS#247
K	Casey Tinius	6-1 165 PS#40
QB	Quinterrance Cooper	6-0 180 PS#203
DL	Terald Clark	5-11 295 PS#465JC
OL	Shelly Anthony	6-2 270 PS#443
DL	Bo Adebayo	6-3 240 PS#343
DB	Ryan Beard	6-0 175 PS#405
DL	Tristan Jones	6-3 235 PS#381
DB	Mark Santoro	6-0 190 PS#467
WR	John Garrett	6-0 190 PS#450
RB	Trent Calhoun	5-10 175 PS#506
RB	Braxton Miller	6-0 195 PS#506
RB	Chris Bullard	6-0 215 PS#506
WR	Wenquel Graves	5-9 170 PS#495
WR	Clark Jeter	6-1 170 PS#495
WR	Derrius Brooks	5-10 180 PS#495

WHAT EXACTLY IS A PS NUMBER??

One very important part of my College Football Preview Magazine is an individual players' "PS#". You will see them on almost every page and I find them very important in my analysis of a team. If you have purchased my magazine before, I am sure you are very familiar with what each player's PS# stands for. This article is for those of you picking up my magazine for the first time and are asking the question listed at the top of the page.

A simple definition for a PS# is my ranking of the players at their positions coming out of high school. I personally do not scout the high school games and rate each player. Covering college football and the NFL like I do takes 52 weeks of the year as it is. I compile my PS#'s based on the many different recruiting services across the country. I like to use all of the biggest and best, and I also get regional reports. On the bottom left of this page, I list the top recruiting services that I use.

When we receive a recruiting magazine, we translate each one's ranking into a point system from 1-100. Christy and Loree then log each and every player into the computer and give them a point total from each source. This is a very time consuming process. This year's 2007 Freshmen List has roughly 16,350 players on it!!! Many players are listed by just one or two sources. Some are mentioned by almost every one. The more they are mentioned and the higher they are rated in each publication, the more total points they accrue. After months of entering all of this information, I sort the list by each position and by total points. Naturally, the QB with the most total points then becomes PS#1QB for that year. If a player is PS#99QB, that means he ranks 99th in total points of all QB's coming out of high school that year.

Some positions simply do not have as many players as others. For example, this year's PS#100TE totaled just 141.8 points in my system, while this year's PS#100OL has 418.6 points!! The reason is simple. There are FIVE offensive linemen and just one TE on the field. Naturally, there are 5 times as many OL's to choose from as TE's, making it much more competitive. A player with 141.8 points on the offensive line is rated PS#324OL this year. The PS# is not their overall rank in the freshmen class, but their overall rank AT THAT POSITION in the freshmen class.

I also track JUCO's. A JUCO is a player who went to a Junior College after high school and played football there. They use up a year of their college eligibility for every year they play and most come in as juniors. They are older, seasoned players, and usually can make an immediate impact.

So what is the big deal about where they are ranked out of high school? I equate it to where a player ranks in the NFL draft. Obviously, there are some outstanding players in the NFL who were low-round draft picks or even signed as undrafted free agents. However, the majority of the all-stars in the NFL are higher round draft picks and 1st round picks usually make an impact in their first year.

Colleges are much the same. There are plenty of players without a high PS# who end up making it big. For example, Adam Archuleta was an unheralded walk-on at Arizona State who arrived as a slender 180 lb freshman. He left the Sun Devils' program as one of the most feared defenders in the Pac 10. He increased his weight to a chiseled 215 lbs, while bench pressing over 225 lbs 31 times with 4.36 speed, going as the 1st DB in the 1st round of 2001's NFL Draft. Some kids come into college at 17 or 18, undersized and not yet matured, but then grow into big, strong, fast players and make all conference teams. Just like the NFL, there are a good number of these types of stories. For example, 2000 MVP Kurt Warner was not drafted and played in NFL Europe and the Arena Football League. Other notable UFA's are QB Jake Delhomme (Carolina), WR Rod Smith (Denver), RB Priest Holmes (KC) and TE Antonio Gates (SD). Also, just like the NFL, there are MORE cases of those players who come in highly ranked out of high school, becoming stars and making an immediate impact.

I'll give you some examples: Last year Vince Young (PS#2QB) stepped in and led Tennessee to a 6-1 finish; LaVar Arrington was PS#1LB in 1997 and ended up the #2 overall pick in the draft; Peyton Manning was PS#2QB in 1994 and started as a true frosh; TE Tony Gonzalez was PS#1TE; Orlando Pace was PS#1OL and started as a true frosh and, like Manning, was the first overall pick in the NFL draft. In 1995, the top 2 RB's were PS#1 and PS#2 (Kevin Faulk and Ahman Green) while Randy Moss was PS#1WR. In 1996, Tim Couch was PS#1QB. Ron Dayne was PS#3RB and rushed for over 2,000 yards as a true frosh. Corey Dillon was PS#3JC and he powered the Washington Huskies' offense. In 1998, John Henderson was PS#1OL and Marquis Walker was PS#1WR while Julius Peppers was PS#6DL and Carson Palmer was PS#6QB. In 1999, Chris Simms was PS#1QB and Andre Johnson PS#2WR. These are just some examples but as you can see the stronger the PS#, the better chance the player has of making a big impact in college.

WR Ted Ginn, Jr. of Ohio State was PS#1DB in 2004 and was a #1DC of Miami (#9 overall) in 2007

Many times after players graduate, the talent behind them is unknown because they have not played a lot of college ball. You would expect a 1st or 2nd round draft pick in the NFL to be able to step into an open starting spot quickly and the higher-rated players can usually do just that. That is the value of a PS#.

Before I wrap this article up, I would like to go over a couple of commonly used abbreviations that are in this magazine. Now you know just what a PS# is. Naturally, the PS stands for Phil Steele, or my rating for the players out of high school. I also use HT often. HT is a Highly Touted athlete. In the past this has been a player who ranks in the Top 100 at his position out of high school. Naturally, with 50 states that comes out to be about 2 players per state at each position. A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is a player rated among the Top 20 out of HS. I have changed the HT and VHT guidelines in the past couple of years. At K, the ratings drop to Top 10 for VHT and Top 35 for HT. At TE it is Top 15 for VHT and Top 75 for HT. QB is Top 30 for VHT and Top 100 for HT. WR and RB have two spots on most teams, therefore the HT number is up to #150 and the VHT is up to #40. Most teams play 3 or 4 LB's so that number moves to #200 for HT classification and #60 for VHT. The DL's and DB's generally have 4 players on the field. The HT classification is now up to #250 at those positions, while a VHT is among the Top 60 out of HS at their position. The offensive line, which has 5 spots, is up to #250 as an HT and up to #100 for a VHT. Many recruiting publications do not distinguish between OL and DL for their lineman. As a general rule, we put them into the OL category so that position has by far the largest amount of players.

A quick note about the players in my write-ups. Sometimes on the offensive line I will mention that a player was a top-notch wrestler in high school. To me, a top wrestler has very good body control and athleticism which makes for a quality lineman. I also list when a player is from Canada. I do this because not all of the recruiting services cover Canada so those players are generally rated lower in the PS#'s than they should be. Many times the top player out of Canada is an NFL prospect but only has a PS# around 150 or 200. Therefore, they are often more talented than their PS# would give them credit for.

On page 294 are all of this year's top freshmen and JUCO's. This year I am doing it a little differently, listing all the players who accumulated 450 points or more in my freshmen ranking. That would explain the different numbers at each position. By the end of the year, many will have played and some will already be stars. If you like this type of information, you will love my 2002-2007 Complete Freshmen Recruiting Report. It is just $15 and lists all of the top recruits for all of the different positions over the last 6 years. www.philsteele.com to order your copy today.

RECRUITING SOURCES

I do not scout the high schools personally, but I rely on some great sources to complete my top frosh lists. I subscribe to each of these sources. The colleges themselves use these services' information. Should you want to get the latest on college recruits, I recommend the following sources:

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PHIL STEELE'S 2007 TOP 520 FRESHMEN

QUARTERBACKS

1. Ryan Mallett Michigan
2. Will Korn Clemson
3. Tyrod Taylor Virginia Tech
4. John Brantley Florida
5. Jimmy Clausen Notre Dame
6. Mike Paulus N Carolina
7. Keith Nichol Oklahoma
8. John Chiles Texas
9. Pat Bostick Pittsburgh
10. Aaron Corp USC
11. Stephen Garcia S Carolina
12. Joe Haden Florida
13. Robert Marve Miami, Fl
14. Jarrett Lee LSU
15. Chris Forcier UCLA
16. Peter Lalich Virginia
17. Josh Nesbitt Georgia Tech
18. Kodi Burns Auburn
19. Tony Logan Maryland
20. Logan Gray Georgia
21. Matt Simms Louisville
22. Cameron Newton Florida
23. Nick Fanuzzi Alabama
24. Jason Munns BYU
25. Gary Joe Kinne Texas
26. Brandon Williams Texas A&M
27. Kellen Moore Boise St
28. Steven Threet Georgia Tech
29. Brock Mansion California
30. Chris Smith Marshall
31. Phil Haig Illinois
32. Samson Szakacsy Arizona St
32. Phillip Bates Iowa St
33. Larry Smith Vanderbilt
34. Nick Foles Michigan St
35. Stefan Loucks Texas Tech
36. Charlie Russell West Virginia
37. Clay Belton Miami, Oh
38. Gilbert Moye Missouri
39. Travaris Cadet Toledo
40. Griffin Robles Utah

RUNNING BACKS

1. Marc Tyler USC
2. Noel Devine West Virginia
2. Brandon Saine Ohio St
3. John Clay Wisconsin
4. Enrique Davis Auburn
5. Jonathan Dwyer Georgia Tech
6. Lennon Creer Tennessee
7. Caleb King Georgia
8. Broderick Green USC
9. Robert Hughes Notre Dame
10. Jahvid Best California
11. Malcolm Smith USC
12. Bradley Stephens Texas A&M
13. Armando Allen Notre Dame
14. Raymond Carter UCLA
15. Chris Rainey Florida
16. Darren Evans Virginia Tech
17. Antwain Easterling S Miss
18. Foswhitt Whittaker Texas
19. Robert Elliott Miss St
20. Joseph Reese Arizona
21. Ryan Houston N Carolina
22. Dale Martin Louisville
23. Brian Maddox S Carolina
24. Doug Beaumont Louisville
25. Shane Vereen California
26. Derrick Washington Missouri
27. Malachi Lewis Oregon
28. Jeramie Griffin Alabama
29. Devon Ramsay N Carolina
30. Victor Anderson Louisville
31. Henry Hynoski Pittsburgh
32. Morgan Williams Toledo
33. Johnny Williams Florida
34. Terence Kerns West Virginia
35. Lee Chambers Miami, Fl
36. Johnny Brown Mississippi
37. Vince Helmuth Michigan
38. Andre Tate Minnesota
39. Shawnbrey McNeal Miami, Fl
40. Malcolm Harris Purdue
41. Marcus Mendoza Nebraska
42. Jamar Taylor Alabama
43. Quentin Castille Nebraska
44. Daniel Herron Ohio St
45. Dan Dierking Purdue
46. Xavier Stinson Fl Atlantic
47. Quinton Richardson Wash
48. Thomas Merriweather Miami, Oh
49. Joe Martinek Rutgers
50. Phillip Livas La Tech
51. Darius Marshall Marshall
52. Cameron Harris N/A
53. Roddy Jones Georgia Tech
54. Aaron Crawford Texas Tech
55. Rai-Shawn Wilson N/A
56. Eric Baker S Carolina
57. Mason Robinson Rutgers

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Arrelious Benn Illinois
2. Terrance Toliver LSU
3. DeAngelo Benton LSU
4. Deonte Thompson Florida
5. Desmond Bryant Oklahoma St
6. Greg Little N Carolina
7. Niles Paul Nebraska
8. Duval Kamara Notre Dame
9. Ahmad Paige Tennessee
10. Lansford Watson Maryland
11. Malcolm Williams Texas
12. Ron Brooks LSU
13. Dwight Jones N Carolina
14. Nick Toon Wisconsin
15. Jon Ditto Penn St
16. Toney Clemons Michigan
17. Junior Hemingway Michigan
18. Israel Troupe Georgia
19. Taurian Washington Ohio St
20. Markques Simas Colorado
21. Drew Davis Oregon
22. Mark Dell Michigan St
23. DJ Donley Georgia Tech
24. Martell Webb Michigan
25. William Cole Oklahoma St
26. Andrew Szczerba Penn St
27. Carroll Fleming Tennessee
28. James Kirkendoll Texas
29. Todd Campbell Tennessee
30. Leonard Hankerson Miami, Fl
31. Xavier Dye Clemson
32. Colin Sandeman Iowa
33. Kerry Taylor Arizona St
34. Brandon Gibson Alabama
35. Kyle Jefferson Wisconsin
36. Chase Minnifield Virginia
37. Rolandis Woodland Missouri
38. Marquis Maze Alabama
39. Zach Pianalto N Carolina
40. A'Jami Guyton UCF
41. Gabriel Bryant La Tech
42. Roderick Davis Mississippi
43. Anthony Morris Illinois
44. Jermaine McKenzie Miami, Fl
45. Alex Lagemann California
46. Maurice Williams Pittsburgh
47. Devin Aguilar Washington
48. Kyle Hubbard Pittsburgh
49. David Gilreath Wisconsin
50. Josh Trezvant Duke
51. Darnius Moore Tennessee
52. Jay Smith NC State
53. Brandon Carswell USC
54. Derek Moye Penn St
55. Todderick Bajoie N/A
56. Tyler Maples Tennessee
57. Anthony Anderson Tennessee

TIGHT ENDS

1. Aaron Hernandez Florida
2. Mike Ragone Notre Dame
3. Blaine Irby Texas
4. Rob Gronkowski Arizona
5. DaJohn Harris USC
6. Christian Ballard Iowa
7. Nate Chandler UCLA
8. Devonte Campbell Maryland
9. Grant Freeman Arkansas
10. Jordan Corbin LSU
11. Chris Izbicki Washington
12. Aron White Georgia
13. Wesley Saunders S Carolina
14. Mitch Joseph LSU
15. Steve Watson Michigan
16. Bailey Woods Auburn
17. Brent Slusher Auburn
18. David Williams Arkansas
19. Carl Sommer Oregon St
20. Andrew Devlin Virginia
21. Chris Drager Virginia Tech

OFFENSIVE LINE

1. Ryan Miller Colorado
2. Lee Ziemba Auburn
3. James Wilson Florida
4. Trinton Sturdivant Georgia
5. Bryan Bulaga Iowa
6. Kristofer O'Dowd USC
7. Anthony Davis Rutgers
8. Josh Oglesby Wisconsin
9. Martin Coleman USC
10. Michael Huey Texas
11. Derek Sherrod Miss St
12. Chris Little Georgia
13. Davon Allen N/A
14. Chris Jacobson Pittsburgh
15. Nick Claytor Georgia Tech
16. Matt Summers-Gavin California
17. Ryan Pugh Auburn
18. Matt Romine Notre Dame
19. John Elliott Boston College
20. Quintin Richardson S Carolina
21. Jaivorio Burkes Nebraska
22. Aundre McGaskey Texas
23. Kyle Hix Texas
24. Antwane Greenlee Florida St
25. Stefan Wisniewski Penn St
26. Darris Sawtelle Tennessee
27. Emeka Nwankwo Notre Dame
28. Lamar Milstead Virginia
29. Ernest McCoy LSU
30. Jerrod Gooch Texas Tech
31. Josh Marks Penn St
32. LaShawn Pouncey Florida
33. Chris Perry Miami, Fl
34. Matt Nader Texas
35. David Molk Michigan
36. Emeka Iweka Washington
37. Jarvis Jones LSU
38. Tanner Strickland Georgia
39. Landon Walker Clemson
40. Alex Williams Oklahoma
41. Jason Hannan Oklahoma
42. David Smith Clemson
43. Dan Matha Pittsburgh
44. James Pouncey Florida
45. Wilson Norris Clemson
46. Lonnie Edwards Texas Tech
47. T-Bob Hebert LSU
48. Darrion Weems Oregon
49. Rishaw Johnson Mississippi
50. Jayson Palmgren Missouri
51. Sam DeMartinis California
52. Seth Oxner Arkansas
53. Chaz Ramsey Auburn
54. Clyde Yandell Georgia Tech
55. William Alvarez Virginia Tech
56. Jared Cooper Auburn
57. Mitchell Schwartz California
58. Niko Mafuli Northwestern
59. Stuart Hines Kentucky
60. Mason Cloy Clemson
61. Nick Schepis Boston College
62. Jack Cornell Illinois
63. Mickey Okafor Texas Tech
64. Mark Wetterer Louisville
65. Keith Newell Rutgers
66. Marquis Franklin N/A
67. William Vlachos Alabama
68. Trey Davis Minnesota
69. Kyle Fischer Vanderbilt
70. Grant Cook Arkansas
71. Clyde Aufner Kansas St
72. Khalil Latif Virginia Tech
73. Evan Blankenship Ohio St
74. Maurice Hampton Maryland
75. Donald Stephenson Oklahoma
76. Gino Gradkowski West Virginia
77. Marcel Jones Nebraska
78. Doug Weaver Wake Forest
79. Patrick Crump Alabama
80. Blake Behrens Colorado
81. Bradley Sowell Mississippi

DEFENSIVE LINE

1. Everson Griffen USC
2. Torrey Davis Florida
3. Marvin Austin N Carolina
4. Carlos Dunlap Florida
5. Dre Jones Texas
6. Joseph Barksdale LSU
7. John Brown Florida
8. Michael Keck Missouri
9. D'Angelo McCray Illinois
10. Richetti Jones Oklahoma St
11. Allen Bailey Miami, Fl
12. Kerry Murphy Alabama
13. Brian Price UCLA
14. Sidell Corley LSU
15. Jason Peters Georgia Tech
16. Tydreke Powell N Carolina
17. Luther Davis Alabama
18. Harlan Gunn Miami, Fl
19. Kenny Rowe Oregon
20. Simi Fili Oregon
21. Rolando Melancon Tennessee
22. Cliff Matthews S Carolina
23. Jerry Howard Florida
24. Will Blackwell LSU
25. Josh Brent Illinois
26. Travian Robertson S Carolina
27. Von Miller Texas A&M
28. Cameron Heyward Ohio St
29. Myles Wade Oregon
30. Michael Reardon USC
31. Antonio Jeremiah Michigan St
32. DJ Stafford Kentucky
33. Ted Laurent Mississippi
34. Carson York Oregon
35. Po'u Palelei Arizona St
36. Solomon Thomas Ohio St
37. Rhyon Sykes Tennessee
38. Kerry Neal Notre Dame
39. Jazzmen Guy Miss St
40. Tony Tucker Pittsburgh
41. Kevin Bryant N Carolina
42. Jacoby Monroe N/A
43. Ryan Van Bergen Michigan
44. Nick Jenkins Virginia
45. Ian Williams Notre Dame
46. Alex Watkins Alabama
47. Kevion Latham Penn St
48. Drake Nevis LSU
49. Nick Gentry Alabama
50. Duke Lemmens Florida
51. Christian Tupou USC
52. Corey Eason Boston College
53. Neland Ball Georgia
54. John Jones Florida
55. Jarvis Jenkins Clemson
56. Alfred McCullough Alabama
57. Kentravis Aubrey LSU
58. Andrew Nuss Notre Dame
59. Wayne Thomas Rutgers
60. Anthony Jacobs Minnesota
61. Eric Thomas Indiana
62. Donald Langley Tennessee
63. Tonio Celotto Oregon
64. Branden Curry Marshall
65. Kaniela Tuipulotu Arizona
66. Rex McDougald Baylor
67. Ahmad Jones Oklahoma St
68. Conrad Obi Colorado
69. Apiata Tuihalamaka Arizona
70. Myles Caragein Pittsburgh
71. Dominic Glover Oregon
72. Junius Lewis West Virginia
73. Vincent Browne Northwestern
74. Cody Hundertmark Iowa

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77. Ben Bass — Texas A&M
78. Brandon Joiner — Texas A&M
79. Marquis Frazier — N/A
80. LaMarcus Williams — Miss St
81. Kourtnei Brown — Clemson
82. Logan Walls — Georgia Tech

LINEBACKERS

1. Ben Martin — Tennessee
2. Chris Strong — Mississippi
3. Chris Galippo — USC
4. Keenan Robinson — Texas
5. Chris Donald — Tennessee
6. Austin Box — Oklahoma
7. Martez Wilson — Illinois
8. Rolando McClain — Alabama
9. Tyler Nielsen — Iowa
10. Derrick Stephens — Texas A&M
11. Justin Trattou — Florida
12. Chris Colasanti — Penn St
13. Devon Still — Penn St
14. J'Courtney Williams — Virginia
15. Manny Abreu — Rutgers
16. Nathan Stupar — Penn St
17. Blake Lawrence — Nebraska
18. Russell Carter — Texas
19. Brandon Hicks — Florida
20. Akeem Ayers — UCLA
21. Kendall Smith — Florida St
22. Andrew Dailey — Penn St
23. Joshua Bynes — Auburn
24. Sam-Earl Fehoko — Texas Tech
25. Jermale Hines — Ohio St
26. Brian Rolle — Ohio St
27. Derrick Morgan — Georgia Tech
28. Rennie Curran — Georgia
29. Ahmard Howard — Texas
30. Steve Paskorz — Notre Dame
31. Broderick Binns — Iowa
32. Aaron Nagel — Notre Dame
33. Jontae Bumpus — Oklahoma
34. Brian Smith — Notre Dame
35. Kevin Rouse — Wisconsin
36. Stevan Ridley — LSU
37. Eltoro Freeman — Auburn
38. Chris Walker — Tennessee
39. Carlton Johnson — Auburn
40. Maurice Harris — Florida St
41. Bryce McNaul — Northwestern
42. Barquell Rivers — Virginia Tech
43. Billy Chavis — Texas A&M
44. Dewey Elliott — N/A
45. Pat Lazear — West Virginia
46. Charles White — Georgia
47. Jared Glover — Oklahoma St
48. Antonio White — Miss St
49. Jamar Jackson — Florida St
50. Steve Sloan — UCLA
51. Robert Mullins — California
52. Albert Craddock — N Carolina
53. Luke Lambert — Missouri
54. Earl Patin — Baylor
55. Brad Jefferson — Georgia Tech
56. Leroy Diggs — N/A
57. Brandon Lindsey — Pittsburgh
58. Dan Williams — N/A
59. Adewale Ojomo — Miami, Fl
60. Will Thompson — Boston College
61. Colin Parker — Arizona St
62. Michael Ebbitt — Texas A&M
63. Blake Sorenson — Wisconsin
64. Korey Williams — S Miss
65. Tim Dial — Arkansas

DEFENSIVE BACKS

1. Eric Berry — Tennessee
2. Gerald Jones — Tennessee
3. Joe McKnight — USC
4. Chad Jones — LSU
5. Curtis Brown — Texas
6. Eugene Clifford — Ohio St
7. Dionte Allen — Florida St
8. Donovan Warren — Michigan
9. Marshall Jones — USC
10. Jordan Bernstine — Iowa
11. Gary Gray — Notre Dame
12. Major Wright — Florida
13. Ronald Johnson — USC
14. Jerimy Finch — Florida
15. Lorenzo Edwards — Florida
16. Alphonso Bryant — UCF
17. Mark Barnes — S Carolina
18. Phelon Jones — LSU
19. Stefoin Francois — LSU
20. Michael McNeil — Auburn
21. Harrison Smith — Notre Dame
22. Nate Oliver — Ohio St
23. Nick Sukay — Penn St
24. Ben Wells — Texas
25. Christian Scott — Texas
26. Golden Tate — Notre Dame
27. Brandon Paul — Florida St
28. Donnie Evege — Ohio St
29. Marcus Gilchrist — Clemson
30. Earl Thomas — Texas
31. Cedric Everson — Iowa
32. Michael Williams — Michigan
33. Scotty Cooper — Clemson
34. Doug Wiggins — Miami, Fl
35. Lamark Brown — Kansas St
36. Damien Berry — Miami, Fl
37. Jamell Fleming — Oklahoma
38. Morgan Burnett — Georgia Tech
39. Dion LeCorn — S Carolina
40. Ryan Broyles — Oklahoma
41. Evan Rodriguez — West Virginia
42. Devon Torrence — Ohio St
43. Chris Lett — Alabama
44. John Williams — LSU
45. Brandon Collins — Texas
46. Carlton Peake — Louisville
47. Chaz Powell — Penn St
48. Travis Lewis — Oklahoma
49. Courtney Viney — UCLA
50. David Ross — Oregon St
51. James Scott — Ohio St
52. Ryan Williams — Auburn
53. Tekerrein Cuba — TCU
54. Jordan Mabin — Northwestern
55. James Thomas — Oklahoma St
56. Quincy Landingham — Wisconsin
57. Desmond Jackson — Oklahoma
58. Ahmad Black — Florida
59. DeMarcus Van Dyke — Miami, Fl
60. Antwon Dixon — Miss St
61. Dontrelle Inman — Virginia
62. Diauntae Morrow — Iowa
63. Davon Morgan — Virginia Tech
64. David Arnold — Northwestern
65. Artis Chambers — Michigan
66. Sam Proctor — Oklahoma
67. Anthony Gildon — Oregon
68. Quantavius Sturdivant — N Carolina
69. Addison Williams — S Carolina
70. Dashaun Barnes — Tennessee
71. Jamison Hughes — Mississippi
72. Curtis Thomas — Minnesota
73. Todd Doxey — Oregon
74. Shawn Sullivan — Nebraska
75. John Knox — Georgia

KICKERS/PUNTERS

1. Bryan Anger — California
2. Billy Bennett — Boston College
3. Jimmy Stevens — Oklahoma

JUCO's

1. Ellis Lankster — West Virginia
2. Luis Vasquez — Arizona St
3. Terry Mixon — Wash St
4. Patrick Gates — Colorado
5. Cade Cooper — BYU
6. David Richmond — San Jose St
7. Armando Murillo — Nebraska
8. Jarius Wynn — Georgia
9. Austin Panter — Michigan
10. Tyler Lorenzen — Connecticut
11. Jesse Bowman — Miss St
12. Co-Eric Riley — Miss St
13. Zack Lee — Nebraska
14. Michael Ricks — Alabama
15. Drew Hudgins — Colorado
16. Woodny Turenne — Louisville
17. Matt Asiata — Utah
18. Terrance Scott — Oregon
19. Vuna Tuihalamake — Arizona
20. Brian Coulter — Florida St
21. Alex Cook — California
22. Jared Ballman — Washington
23. Josh Riddell — Miss St
24. Gary Chandler — Kansas St
25. Antonio Fein — Mississippi
26. Kayne Farquharson — Miami, Fl
27. Kenny O'Neal — Tennessee
28. Mike Reed — Oklahoma
29. Phil Loadholt — Oklahoma
30. Demetrius Byrd — LSU
31. AJ Jackson — Mississippi
32. Larry Asante — Nebraska
33. Rodney Brisbon — Houston
34. Brian Ellis — Purdue
35. Vince Vance — Georgia
36. Morris Wooten — Arizona St
37. Larry Freeman — S Carolina
38. Vaughn Lesuma — Wash St

FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS LAST 5 YEARS

Here are the Top 25 classes of signees for the past 5 years (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
1. USC	1. USC	1. USC	1. USC	1. Florida St
2. Notre Dame	2. Tennessee	2. Oklahoma	2. Florida	2. Texas
3. Texas	3. Florida St	3. Miami, Fl	3. Notre Dame	3. Ohio St
4. Michigan	4. Oklahoma	4. LSU	4. Michigan	4. Tennessee
5. Florida	5. Michigan	5. Texas	5. Tennessee	5. Notre Dame
6. Penn St	6. Iowa	6. Michigan	6. Miami, Fl	6. Miami, Fl
7. Georgia	7. Texas	7. Florida	7. LSU	7. USC
8. Ohio St	8. Miami, Fl	8. Florida St	8. Ohio St	8. Oklahoma
9. Florida St	9. Ohio St	9. Ohio St	9. Texas	9. UCLA
10. Oklahoma	10. LSU	10. Penn St	10. Oklahoma	10. Michigan
11. LSU	11. Georgia	11. Georgia	11. Texas A&M	11. Virginia
12. Auburn	12. Nebraska	12. Tennessee	12. Virginia	12. Penn St
13. Clemson	13. Florida	13. Oregon	13. Georgia	13. Florida
14. Pittsburgh	14. Texas A&M	14. Texas A&M	14. Maryland	14. South Carolina
15. Miami, Fl	15. Virginia Tech	15. California	15. North Carolina	15. Michigan St
16. Alabama	16. Penn St	16. Michigan St	16. NC State	16. Georgia
17. Mississippi	17. Virginia	17. Notre Dame	17. Virginia Tech	17. Colorado
18. Texas A&M	18. Auburn	18. Maryland	18. Wisconsin	18. Washington
19. UCLA	19. California	19. Missouri	19. Florida St	19. Mississippi St
20. Arizona	20. Purdue	20. Alabama	20. Iowa	20. Boston College
21. Nebraska	21. Arizona	21. Washington	21. Stanford	21. Texas A&M
22. Oklahoma St	22. Maryland	22. Nebraska	22. Boston College	22. LSU
23. California	23. Wisconsin	23. Oklahoma St	23. UCLA	23. Stanford
24. Tennessee	24. South Carolina	24. Virginia	24. Alabama	24. Nebraska
25. Arkansas	25. Stanford	25. South Carolina	25. Nebraska	25. Auburn

2007 FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are the Top 75 classes of 2007 signees (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

1. USC
2. Florida
3. LSU
4. Texas
5. Notre Dame
6. Tennessee
7. Ohio St
8. North Carolina
9. Michigan
10. Georgia
11. Auburn
12. Penn St
13. Georgia Tech
14. Alabama
15. Iowa
16. Miami, Fl
17. Oklahoma
18. Illinois
19. South Carolina
20. Clemson
21. UCLA
22. Oregon
23. Texas A&M
24. California
25. Florida St
26. Pittsburgh
27. Wisconsin
28. Virginia Tech
29. Virginia
30. Nebraska
31. Louisville
32. Oklahoma St
33. Mississippi St
34. West Virginia
35. Mississippi
36. Rutgers
37. Arizona St
38. Missouri
39. Arizona
40. Northwestern
41. Boston College
42. Washington
43. Texas Tech
44. Maryland
45. Arkansas
46. Colorado
47. Minnesota
48. Kansas St
49. BYU
50. Michigan St
51. Baylor
52. Purdue
53. Oregon St
54. Washington St
55. Marshall
56. UCF
57. Indiana
58. Stanford
59. S Mississippi
60. Miami, Oh
61. Kentucky
62. Toledo
63. Duke
64. Syracuse
65. Louisiana Tech
66. Boise St
67. Houston
68. Iowa St
69. Vanderbilt
70. TCU
71. NC State
72. Utah
73. Wake Forest
74. USF
75. Connecticut

CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE 2007 RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are my 2007 recruiting rankings for each conference. They take into account the strength of the Top 5 signees, Top 10 signees and the average signing grade per player for the overall class. This list is not about the quantity of the freshmen signed but the overall quality of the class. Sometimes a team with a small class of just 15 players may rate higher than one with 30. Here are some interesting notes on this year's signing ratings. North Carolina's new HC Butch Davis pulled in the top class in the ACC (#8 overall). The Tarheels' previous high since '99 was #2 ACC (#19 overall) in 2000. Tulsa lost HC Kragthorpe to Louisville and finished last in CUSA after a #4 finish in '06 & #3 in '05. For the 2nd year in a row, the SEC has the most Top 25 teams by far with 7 followed by the ACC and Big 10, both with 5. Surprisingly the PAC 10 only finished with 4 in the Top 25 (only 1 in Top 20) and the Big 12 has only 3 teams in the Top 25. Obviously recruiting rankings are a good tool to predict a team's future success, but other factors also come into play. A good example of this is 2006 ACC Champ Wake Forest. WF has finished last in the ACC in 3 of the last 4 years including '07 (#73 overall). The rankings for Air Force, Army and Navy are not complete because the academies do not release official signee lists until summer. I hope your favorite team did well in the recruiting wars.

BIG 10

1. Ohio St
2. Michigan
3. Penn St
4. Iowa
5. Illinois
6. Wisconsin
7. Northwestern
8. Minnesota
9. Michigan St
10. Purdue
11. Indiana

BIG 12

1. Texas
2. Oklahoma
3. Texas A&M
4. Nebraska
5. Oklahoma St
6. Missouri
7. Texas Tech
8. Colorado
9. Kansas St
10. Baylor
11. Iowa St
12. Kansas

PAC 10

1. USC
2. UCLA
3. Oregon
4. California
5. Arizona St
6. Arizona
7. Washington
8. Oregon St
9. Washington St
10. Stanford

ACC

1. North Carolina
2. Georgia Tech
3. Miami, Fl
4. Clemson
5. Florida St
6. Virginia Tech
7. Virginia
8. Boston College
9. Maryland
10. Duke
11. NC State
12. Wake Forest

SUN BELT

1. Troy
2. Arkansas St
3. Florida Atlantic
4. ULM
5. Louisiana-Lft
6. North Texas
7. Florida Int'l
8. Middle Tenn
9. W Kentucky

SEC

1. Florida
2. LSU
3. Tennessee
4. Georgia
5. Auburn
6. Alabama
7. S Carolina
8. Mississippi St
9. Mississippi
10. Arkansas
11. Kentucky
12. Vanderbilt

INDEPENDENT

1. Notre Dame
2. Navy

WAC

1. Louisiana Tech
2. Boise St
3. San Jose St
4. Hawaii
5. Fresno St
6. Nevada
7. Idaho
8. Utah St
9. New Mexico St

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. BYU
2. TCU
3. Utah
4. San Diego St
5. Colorado St
6. Wyoming
7. New Mexico
8. UNLV

BIG EAST

1. Pittsburgh
2. Louisville
3. West Virginia
4. Rutgers
5. Syracuse
6. USF
7. Connecticut
8. Cincinnati

CUSA

1. Marshall
2. UCF
3. S Mississippi
4. Houston
5. East Carolina
6. Memphis
7. UTEP
8. UAB
9. SMU
10. Rice
11. Tulane
12. Tulsa

MAC

1. Miami, Oh
2. Toledo
3. Temple
4. Ball St
5. Akron
6. C Michigan
7. Bowling Green
8. N Illinois
9. E Michigan
10. W Michigan
11. Ohio
12. Buffalo
13. Kent St

LETTERMEN RETURNING/LOST SYSTEM

BY PHIL STEELE

For the last couple of years I have put an experience chart in the magazine which counts the number of Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors each team has and adds them up with a point system. This year I went back and looked at percentages of lettermen returning and lost. Using percentages is more reliable than the amount of returning or lost lettermen because schools give out letters in different manners. Some schools hand out a lot of letters and others far fewer. Getting a letter at Syracuse under Paul Pasqualoni was tough, as he handed out just 38 total letters in 2004 and 40 in 2003. Nebraska in 2001 handed out an amazing 82 letters or over double what Syracuse was giving out, it was also the most given out by any school in the past 6 years.

The first category I looked at was for teams with a high percentage of lettermen returning. I tossed the numbers into an Excel spreadsheet and sorted them by percentage of lettermen returning high to low. I had the chart with the teams that won more games than the previous year in green and the ones that won less in red. I quickly scanned down the chart and as expected saw a HIGH percentage of green columns at the top of the chart. Common sense would say teams that had a high percentage of lettermen returning should be much stronger the next year and have a better record. In the last 6 years a total of 62 teams have had 79% or more lettermen returning. That comes out to about 10 per year. Of those 62 teams, 50 have had the same or better record the next year or 80.6%. Of the 62 teams, 42 improved their record the next year which is 67.7% which is still a solid number.

I was looking for a higher percentage so I started to eliminate some groups. Naturally when I limited the group of teams that had 79% of their lettermen returning to those that also had at least 16 starters returning the percentage went up. Out of the now smaller group of 45 teams, 39 or 86.7% had the same or better record and 73% or 33 of 45 had an improved record. Those are once again nice numbers but I wanted an even higher percentage so I narrowed the group once again.

When I cut the group to just teams that had 79% or better lettermen returning and who had 18 or more starters returning, the numbers shot up to tremendous highs. There were 19 teams that fit this criteria over the past 6 years and of those 19 teams EIGHTEEN or 94.7% had the same or better record the next year and SIXTEEN of the 19 teams improved their record which is an 84.2% rate of success.

Three teams from last year that met this criteria had seasons that not many expected. Boise St had 86% lettermen returning from their 2005 team which went 9-4. Of those 86% 18 were returning starters. It is tough to improve much upon a 9-4 record but Boise St went 12-0 during the regular season, LANDED A BCS BOWL and BEAT Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl!!! That is a great deal of improvement and very impressive. An even bigger gain in record came from the Arkansas Razorbacks whom I called the most improved team in the country last year. They had 80.3% lettermen returning and of those 19 were returning starters. The Hogs, who were 4-7 in 2005, vaulted to 10-1 and #5 in the country before a disappointing finish left them at "only" 10-4 (#15) for the year, but they were the SEC West Champs and went from 4-7 to a New Year's Day Bowl.

Those two improvements are very impressive, but still not as impressive as last year's amazing turnaround for Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons were just 4-7 in 2005 but had 82.8% lettermen returning and 19 of those were returning starters. Wake Forest had low expectations then lost their starting QB and RB to injuries but somehow managed to improve to an amazing 11-2 during the regular season. They not only got to play in the ACC title game but WON THEIR FIRST ACC TITLE SINCE 1970 (37 years!). They had been picked last in the preseason ACC poll!

That has me thinking right now that I have to know the teams that make this year's "79% Lettermen Returning and 18 Returning Starters Club!" There are FIVE TEAMS that make the club this year and one of them I project to get to their first bowl bid since 1982! First let me give you the teams that just missed out.

Teams that have 79% returning lettermen this year and a 68% chance of improving their record (but less than 16 returning starters) are Oklahoma, Georgia Tech, Florida St and Louisville. They are 4 teams that made bowls last year and combined for a 39-15 record so one of them might just win a national title and I do project 3 of the 4 to make a BCS bowl. The 79% lettermen returning with 16 or 17 starters back have a 73% chance of improving their record this year. There are 4 teams this year that qualify: Eastern Michigan, South Carolina, Miami FL and Oregon St. Once again with three of those teams making a bowl last year an improved record could have them near the top.

Now here are the FIVE MEMBERS of the elite 79% and 18+ returning starter club and each is hoping to have the same great success as last year's members. These teams have a 84.2% chance of having a better record this year and I list them in the box below.

79% Lettermen 18+ Returning Starters

- UCLA
- Florida Atlantic
- Colorado St
- Vanderbilt
- Buffalo

Now let's look at the opposite end of the spectrum, teams that have a low percentage of lettermen returning. If you look at teams that had 60.5% or less lettermen returning, there are 57 in the last 6 years. Of those 57, as you would expect, 36 had a weaker or the same record the next year or 63%. 33 of the 57 had a weaker record or 57.9%.

Now if we are looking for inexperienced teams then teams that have over half of their starters back should not count, right? If we take away the teams that are fairly experienced with 12 or more starters returning the numbers improve. Teams that had 60.5% or lower lettermen returning and 11 or less starters have had a weaker or the same record 68.2% of the time and of the 41 teams in this category, 26 had a weaker record the next year or 63.4%. Like above, those are nice numbers but I wanted a higher percentage.

The next and final qualification got me where I wanted to be. Taking a look at teams with 60.5% or less returning lettermen, 11 or less returning starters AND no returning starter at QB, has a team having a worse record the next year 74% of the time and the same or weaker record 81.5% of the time. It has happened 21 times in the last 6 years and only 5 teams managed to improve their record the next year with two of those being the 2006 Temple team which went from 0-11 to 1-11 and the Ole Miss team of 2006 which went from 3-8 to 4-8 the next year. That means that only 3 of the 21 had less losses than the previous year or just 14.3%. The biggest three dropoffs have happened the past three years. In 2004 Kansas St had been a dynasty under Bill Snyder but could not overcome the "60.5%, 11, 0 QB Plan" and went from a very successful 11-4 season to just 4-7 the next year, a huge drop of 7 less wins! The next year Florida Atlantic had just 50.8% returning lettermen, 8 retuning starters and had to break in a new QB. They went from a super 9-3 season in 2004 to just 2-9 in 2005, another 7 game drop. Last year Miami Ohio had just 58.9% returning lettermen, 7 returning starters and an inexperienced QB. They not only had a great streak of ELEVEN STRAIGHT WINNING SEASONS snapped but dropped from 7-4 to just 2-10!

This year 13 teams fall into the category of returning 60.5% or less lettermen. Six of those teams have 12 or more returning starters so they are eliminated leaving us with 7. Of those, 7 Michigan, Navy, UAB and Iowa St have returning starters at QB so they "only" have a 63.4% chance of a weaker record in 2007.

This year only three teams fall into final category into 60.5% or less lettermen returning, 11 or less returning starters and an inexperienced QB. These teams have a 74% chance of having a weaker record this year and only a 14% chance of improving their record.

60.5% or Less Lettermen Returning 11 or less starters No returning starter at QB

- Florida
- Notre Dame
- Baylor

Next year I will add more years to my spreadsheet to confirm these findings and I will watch very closely to see if the 5 teams in the first box have stronger records and the 3 teams in the second box have weaker records.

For this year's complete list of returning and lost letterman look at the team pages or just go to www.philsteele.com

Thank You!

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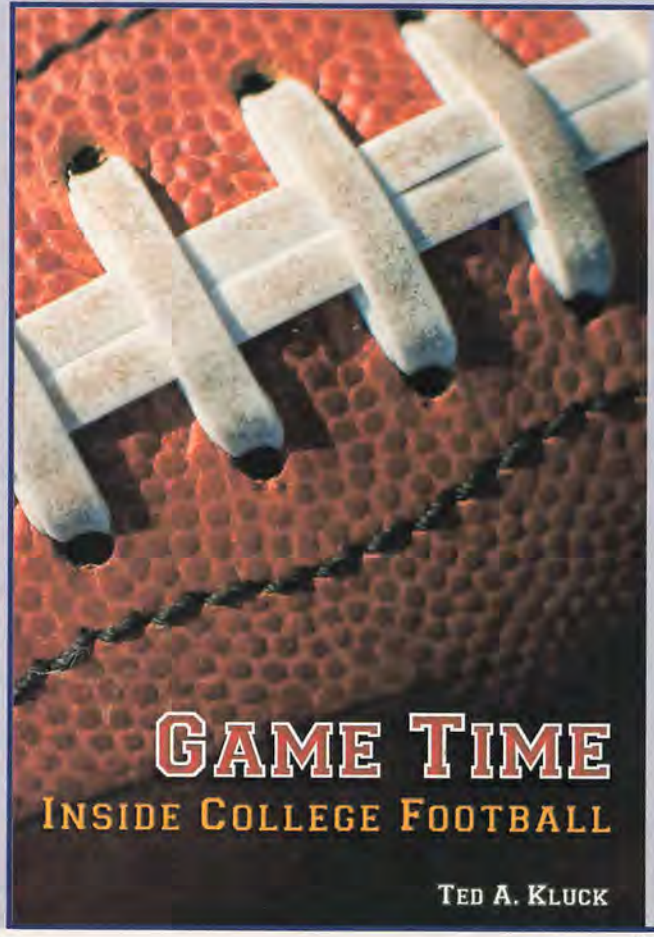

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For Better or for Worse

By Phil Steele

Close Wins, Close Losses

Give me a computer full of NCAA football statistics and an entire offseason and I'm always going to try and uncover something new. A few years ago I was thinking, *What happens if a team was fortunate and won a lot of close games? I figured that those teams would probably not be as fortunate the next year. On the flip side, I was thinking that if a team suffered a lot of close losses the previous year, they would be undervalued.* This year we did the research from the previous five years and logged in all of the teams that had close wins and close losses (games decided by a TD or less) the previous year. I then ranked the category by NET close wins and losses.

For example: In 2003 TCU benefited from 7 close wins but did have 1 close loss. Therefore, they had a NET total of 6 close wins. Also, Ohio St had 6 close wins and 1 close loss for a net of 5 close wins. Kansas, had one close win and 5 close losses for a net total of 4 close losses. I then ran the records for each of the past 5 years to see how the teams did and I'm pleased to report the trends came up just as expected.

Looking back over the past five years, there have been a total of 120 teams that had a NET of 2 close losses or more the previous year and of those 120, just 29 had a worse record the next year, giving this idea a 75.8% grade. Teams with 4 or 5 net close losses improved to 80.9%. A couple of examples from last year's chart would be Arkansas which went from 4-7 to 10-4, San Jose St (3-8 to 9-4), Kent St (1-10 to 6-6) and BYU (6-6 to 11-2). In 2005 W Michigan (3 net close losses) improved from 1-10 to 7-4. Vanderbilt had -5 net close losses in 2004 and improved from 2-9 to 5-6. Penn St had 2 net close losses also in 2004 and improved from 4-7 to 11-1. California had 2 net close losses in 2001 and went from 1-10 to 7-5. West Virginia had the same misfortune and went from 3-8 to 9-3. Navy had 3 close losses in 2002 and was 2-10 and improved to 8-4 in 2003.

Listed below is a chart analyzing data from the last five years. The chart lists the total amount of teams that had 2 or more net close losses, how many improved the next year, how many had the same record and how many whose record was weaker. As you can see, the success rate is 75.8%

	Total Last 5 Years	Stronger Next Year	Same Next Year	Weaker Next Year	% BETTER or Same Next Yr
Previous Year 4+ Net Close Losses	21	16	1	4	80.9%
Previous Year 3 Net Close Losses	40	27	3	10	75.0%
Previous Year 2 Net Close Losses	59	39	5	15	74.5%
2 or More Net Close Losses	120	82	9	29	75.8%

Here are the teams which had the bad fortune of 3 or mor e net close losses last year:

	2006 Wins By TD or ↓	2006 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE LOSSES		2006 Wins By TD or ↓	2006 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE LOSSES
Memphis	0	6	6	Air Force	2	5	3
E Michigan	1	6	5	Duke	0	3	3
Florida Int'l	0	5	5	Michigan St	1	4	3
Colorado	0	5	5	UAB	2	5	3
NC State	2	7	5	Florida St	2	5	3
ULM	0	5	5	Vanderbilt	1	4	3
Illinois	1	5	4	Miami, Oh	2	5	3
New Mexico St	0	3	3	Oklahoma St	1	4	3
				Missouri	0	3	3

These are the teams that had 2 net close losses: N Texas, Iowa, San Diego St, UNLV, Houston, Minnesota, Miss St, Wyoming, Colorado St, Alabama, UCF, Nevada

Naturally there are some teams that are used to winning close games and I did discover a little difference in the last 5 years. Teams that had 3 or more net close wins the previous year did see their record either stay the same or get weaker the next year 82.5% of the time, but teams with just 2 net close wins, the same entry level we used for the close losses, did improve their record 26 out of 68 times, meaning they were the same or weaker the next season, just 61.8%.

	Total Last 5 Years	Weaker Next Year	Same Next Year	Stronger Next Year	% WEAKER or Same Next Yr
Previous Year 6 or 7 Net Close Wins	2	2	0	0	100%
Previous Year 4 or 5 Net Close Wins	21	16	2	3	85.7%
Previous Year 3 Net Close Wins	40	25	7	8	80.0%
Previous Year 2 Net Close Wins	68	38	4	26	61.8%
3 or More Net Close Wins	63	43	9	11	82.5%
2 or More Net Close Wins	131	81	13	37	71.8%

Let me give you some examples. In 2005 UCLA benefitted from 4 net close wins and were 10-2 but dropped to 7-6 last year and nearly did not make a bowl. UCF made this chart and went from CUSA East champs to 4-8. In 2003 TCU benefitted from 6 net close wins to finish 11-1, but the next season dropped to 5-6. In 2003, Ole Miss benefitted from 3 net close wins and their record fell from 9-3 to 4-7. In 2002, Notre Dame had 5 net close wins and finished 10-2 and in '03 finished just 5-7. In 2001, Illinois won the Big 10 Title, benefitting from 4 net close wins, going 10-2 and the next year they fell to 5-7. Tennessee went from 10-3 in 2004 achieving 5 net close wins and finished 5-6 last year. Fla Atlantic, who benefitted from 4 net close wins dropped, from 9-3 to 2-9. This year there are 16 teams that benefitted from 3 or more net close wins last year and I list the chart below.

Here are the teams which had the good fortune of 3 or mor e net close wins last year:

	2006 Wins By TD or ↓	2006 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE WINS		2006 Wins By TD or ↓	2006 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE WINS
Wake Forest	6	0	6	Wisconsin	3	0	3
Florida	6	1	5	Ohio	3	0	3
Auburn	5	0	5	Purdue	3	0	3
Maryland	6	1	5	Texas Tech	4	1	3
Oregon St	5	1	4	Boise St	3	0	3
Rice	5	1	4	Troy	4	1	3
Iowa St	4	0	4	Notre Dame	3	0	3
Arkansas St	3	0	3	Kansas St	3	0	3

These are the teams that had 2 net close wins: Cincinnati, Penn St, Texas, Boston College, Louisiana-Lafayette, Texas A&M, Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio St, Rutgers, S Miss.

Much like a stock broker, my job is to find value. The same is true in the magazine business and I am very proud of our #1 Most Accurate Title over the last eight years and would attribute that Title to the fact that I work on nothing but football 365 days a year and I am always looking to uncover any system or trend that would give me an edge. Here are two more methods for uncovering those underrated teams.

YPP Factor

Four years ago I did an article on ypp and this year I've done a little more in-depth study and will provide you with some solid charts for your review. First of all, let's explain what ypp is exactly. A ypp is simply **yards per point**. An offense is more efficient when their ypp is a **lower** number. If a team had an offensive ypp of 10.0, that would mean for every 200 yards they gained, they scored 20 points. Meanwhile, if they had an offensive ypp of 20.0, then for every 200 yards they gained, they scored just 10 points. On the other side of the ball, defenses want to have a **higher** ypp. Inverting the same thought, if a team allowed 200 yards and had a 20.0 ypp, that means they would allow just 10 points for every 200 yards the opposition traveled, whereas a 10.0 ypp would be 20 points for every 200 yards allowed.

I did some research dating back to 1990 and before I list the 4 charts, let's first look at the offensive ypp's. I did an average and a median of all the teams in the NCAA in our charts since 1990 and the average ypp for a team was 15.372 and the median was 15.4. I found teams that have a high offensive ypp (move the ball but do not score) the previous year generally have a stronger record the next season. Let's look at teams that had an unusually high ypp the previous year (an inefficient offense). If you look at the chart below you will see that 24 teams have had a ypp greater than 22.3 since 1990 and all 24 have had a stronger or identical record the next year. As you can see, the chart goes to 17.5 which still has a solid success record, as teams will either have the same or a stronger record 83.6% of the time.

OFFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YR YPP GREATER THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Stronger Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Weaker Record Next Yr	BETTER Or Same S/1990
22.3	24	23	1	0	100.0%
20.3	65	49	5	11	83.1%
18.4	155	107	18	30	80.6%
17.5	244	182	22	62	83.6%

This year's teams that fall into this category are Florida Int'l 24.3, Utah St 23.5, Stanford 21.9, Arkansas St 20.6, E Michigan 19.9, Temple 19.8, Florida Atl 19.7, UCF 19.3, San Diego St 19.0, Duke 19.0, Northwestern 18.9, Louisiana Tech 18.5, Idaho 18.3, Tulane18.1, N Texas 18.1, Kent St 18.0, Colorado 17.8, Bowling Green 17.7, Illinois 17.6

Teams that had an extremely low ypp the previous year usually have a weaker record the next season, but the statistics are not as dominant as the high ypp, probably because there are some teams like USC that will benefit from turnovers on a yearly basis, keeping their ypp low. Still, according to the chart below, teams whose ypp were less than 11.56 the previous year had either a weaker or the same record 72.8% of the time the next year. There are a lot of teams that fit into the category of 11.59-13.6, so look on the individual team pages for those numbers. Looking at the history of offensive ypp, these teams should have a weaker record this season.

OFFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP LESS THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Weaker Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Stronger Record Next Yr	WEAKER Or Same Record S/1990
11.05	42	24	7	11	73.8%
11.56	81	49	10	22	72.8%
13.56	527	317	35	175	66.8%

This year's teams that fall into the top 2 categories are Boise St 10.6, Texas 10.9, Ohio St 11.1 and Virginia Tech 11.4

Now let's look at the teams under the defensive ypp that were fortunate and not so fortunate last year. As the chart below shows, if a team allows a defensive ypp of 13.29 or lower (meaning they gave up a lot of points but not a lot of yards), their record improves or is the same the next year 69.0% of the time.

Teams that allowed a lot of yards but not a lot of points sound like a bend but don't break D, but generally, as shown below, teams whose defensive ypp was 17.35 or greater the previous year have a weaker or the same record the following year.

DEFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP IS LESS THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Stronger Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Weaker Record Next Yr	BETTER Or Same Record S/1990
11.25	44	29	3	12	72.7%
12.53	236	153	18	65	72.5%
13.29	400	245	31	124	69.0%

There are a lot of teams that fit this category this year but I will list those that fit the second level here: Buffalo 10.9, Temple 10.9, Bowling Green 11.2, Utah St 11.3, Idaho 11.4, Florida Int'l 11.5, LA Tech 11.6, Illinois 11.6, Duke 11.7, Wyoming 12.0, Tulane 12.0, Toledo 12.0, N Carolina 12.1, Oregon 12.1, UNLV 12.2, Indiana 12.3, Stanford 12.3, Rice 12.5, Mississippi 12.5, Baylor 12.5

A lot of teams fit the 17.35 category, but just 5 fit the 20.35 and higher standard and they are Ohio St 22.0 BYU 21.7, Wake Forest 21.0, Auburn 21.0, Wisconsin 21.0.

Of the 52 teams listed in this article last year, an amazing 39 had their record get stronger or weaker, as was forecast by the ypp chart. Over the last 2 years 80 of the 98 teams have had their record get stronger or weaker (or stay the same) as was forecast by the ypp chart for an 82% success rate!

DEFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP IS GREAT THAN:	Happen Times S/1990	Weaker Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Stronger Record Next Yr	WEAKER Or Same Record S/1990
22.45	28	23	1	4	85.7%
20.35	77	56	6	15	80.5%
19.85	101	71	7	23	77.2%
17.35	341	197	25	119	65.1%

Here are the 14 teams whose defensive ypp was between 20.85-17.35 in '06: VT, BC, Penn St, Louisville, USC, LSU, TCU, California, Florida, Nebraska, S Carolina, USF, Rutgers, Clemson

SNAPSHOT...HOW THINGS CHANGE! BY PHIL STEELE

As you have probably guessed by reading this magazine I am a HUGE college football fan. In the movie "A Few Good Men," Tom Cruise asks Jack Nicholson if he was clear and Nicholson replies, "crystal clear." One of the many things that I love about college football is that something can appear "crystal clear" and a few hours, weeks or even months later what you thought was certain is totally the opposite. As I was doing my mountains of reading for college football this offseason, I jotted down some notes about things that appeared one way at some point in the year but were completely turned around at season's end. I call this article "Snapshot" because if you took a photo at one point that picture could completely change shortly thereafter. Each paragraph will be a different thought of how things changed for one team.

Let's start with one of my favorites and that is the situation at USC, this year's consensus #1 team. USC was a great power from 1950-1990 but then went through a mediocre 11-year stretch. They lost five games or more nine times in that stretch and were one of the most underachieving teams in the NCAA in that span. It was time for a change so they brought in a new coach in 2001. Coming off a horrible 5-7 season, USC had become second fiddle in Los Angeles to UCLA who had beaten them eight straight times from 1991-1998 and Oregon was becoming the new power in the Pac 10. USC needed a big name coach to take them back to the promised land. The Trojans' AD Mike Garrett went out and signed Pete Carroll. Now be honest Trojan-nation, I would have to say you could count on one hand the number of fans and alumni that were happy with the hiring of an NFL retread coach of the NY Jets and New England Patriots who did not have much success. Now this guy was taking over their storied program? It looked like 11 more years of disappointment and perhaps the glory years were gone. Those critics were proven right in the first seven games. After Carroll edged an overmatched San Jose St team, they lost to Kansas St, Oregon, Stanford, Washington and Notre Dame and stood at 2-5. The countdown to Carroll's ousting was gaining steam at least in the fans' minds and this ridiculous hire could be one of the shortest tenures in USC history! **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** USC went 4-0 to end the regular season and made it to a bowl in his first year and while they lost to Utah they have gone an amazing 65-12 under Carroll, set a Pac 10 record with FIVE straight conference titles, have won two National Championships and have had THREE Heisman winners since that snapshot!!

Georgia had a couple of snapshot moments last year. Mark Richt has done a great job and they were defending SEC Champs. Georgia was doing what it took to win, opening the season a perfect 5-0 and was as high as #9 in the polls. Richt had won three of the last four SEC East Titles and they had a DOMINANT defense that was allowing just 6.8 ppg. They had a big game vs Tennessee but appeared to pass that test with flying colors as they led 24-7 with 4:50 to go in the 1H! **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** The bottom fell out vs Tennessee and they would end up losing 51-33. The 44 points they gave up in the final 31 minutes of that game was more than they had given up in the first five games of the year combined. They didn't immediately recover as they were upset by Vanderbilt the next week, BARELY got past Miss St and lost to Florida. The following week they hit rock bottom with a loss to unranked Kentucky and now the Dawgs were not only 6-4 but it looked like a bowl bid was not going to happen as they had to face #5 Auburn then battle a ranked Georgia Tech team that was headed to the ACC Title game. This team surely was heading towards a losing season and no bowl bid! **TAKE ANOTHER SNAPSHOT.** Georgia not only upset Auburn they dominated them 37-15 then knocked off #16 Georgia Tech with an 18-12 FD edge and held them to just 188 total yards. They then upset #14 Virginia Tech in the Chick-fil-A (Peach) Bowl 31-24 allowing just 189 yards and this team that was heading towards a 6-6 finish ended up #23 in the final AP Poll!

Arkansas was a poor 5-6 in 2004 and 4-7 in 2005. I picked the Hogs as the most improved team in the country in 2006 and those who have read my "Most Improved Team" articles in the past bought the reasoning and said they had a shot. They opened at home vs a rebuilding USC team and truly this was the game that would signal the turnaround of the Hogs program and prove that Arkansas could, in fact, live up to my expectations. Things looked good early but an avalanche of turnovers turned the game into a 50-14 blowout. Lou Holtz, on ESPN, had even called for an Arkansas upset and said that night that he was going to stop reading preseason magazines (I was honored but dismayed as he must have been talking about mine). On my radio shows that week and on my "Questions and Answers" section at philsteele.com, I got my comeuppance. Here was a team that was 9-13 the last two years and people were asking what kind of an idiot I was to have them #13 in my preseason poll? Number 13?!? This was a team about to have its third straight losing season! I kept hearing that I must have picked a lowly team like Arkansas just for the publicity and now I was getting what I deserved. **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** The Hogs turned out to have one of the best rush attacks in the country, rolled to a 10-1 record, wrapped up a berth in the SEC Title game and rose to #5 in the polls. LSU had an obvious advantage as the Tigers were playing their last regular season game at home and the Hogs had the SEC Title on deck making the LSU game meaningless. They lost in a close game then blew a lead vs Florida in the Championship game and were #12 in the final regular season poll.

Penn St was #2 in the NCAA in 1999. Joe Paterno who has the best post season record of any coach is clearly one of the tops in the game and who cares how old he is. They led Minnesota and were headed for another Big Ten Title and the National Title game. **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** The Lions blow that lead to Minny and never recover dropping two more games. Over the next five years, if anything could go wrong it did and Penn St had FOUR LOSING seasons. Critics said Joe had clearly stayed in the game too long. Not only has the game passed him by but he won't quit. What a shame as the program needed new blood and new ideas and Joe was taking them deeper into the hole. Four Penn St administrators asked him to quit after ANOTHER poor 4-7 season in 2004. **TAKE ANOTHER SNAPSHOT.** Paterno came within :03 of an undefeated season in 2005 and not only is he 20-5 the last two years with TWO New Year's Day bowl wins, he has his team poised to be one of my surprise teams this year!

The Oregon Ducks not only have a solid head coach who has an innovative offense, they also have the backing of Nike president Phil Knight who helped them have perhaps the best facilities in the country. They were a dominant team rolling to a 22-4 record in Pac 10 play from 1999 to the middle of 2002, were #6 in the country at a perfect 6-0 and were becoming one of the top teams in the country. **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** The Ducks not only dropped five of their last six, they are "just" 21-18 in Pac 10 play since. If you read my "Surprise Team" article this year it may be time to take another snapshot after their 7-6 record last year including a 38-8 loss to BYU in the bowl.

Fans were excited when Dave Wannstedt was hired at Pitt and he was taking over the defending Big East Champs who made it to the Fiesta Bowl in 2004. After a tough first year in 2005 it appeared he had the team back at the top. Pitt opened 2006 at 6-1 which was their best start since Dan Marino's 1982 team. They looked like a Big East Title contender when they hosted Rutgers on Oct 21. **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** Rutgers beat Pitt 20-10 at Heinz Field. Pitt had another snapshot moment two games later. It was the 4Q vs Connecticut and Pitt had apparently recovered from their two straight losses and rebounded with a win over the Huskies. Pitt led 31-17 in the middle of the 4Q but gave up a TD with :03 and lost in double OT. They dropped their last five to finish just 6-6 and did not even get invited to a bowl. What appeared to be a great year felt like a losing season to Panther fans.

What a Cinderella season it was for the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in 2006. They were not ranked at the start of the year but entered the Top 25 in week five and at 8-0 they hosted #3 Louisville in their biggest home game ever. They trailed that game 25-7 at the half but rallied for a FG on the last play to win and suddenly this unheralded team was 9-0 and #7 in the polls. The fans rushed the field and the entire week the national media speculated on the Knights' chances of not just a BCS bowl but playing in the National Title game. Those were legitimate speculations as if they had won their last three, they would have been #2 in the BCS poll. **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** Three weeks later Rutgers' National Title hopes were gone but they would still go to the Orange Bowl as Big East Champs if they beat West Virginia. That game went to 3 OT's but they lost. Rutgers ended up in the Texas Bowl playing on December 28 vs an unranked Kansas St in a game that was not even on national TV, a far cry from playing in a BCS or National Title game.

I love Pat Hill's attitude of "Anybody, Anyplace, Anytime." His Fresno St Bulldogs have pulled off some huge upsets and they have always been competitive in games with the big boys. While it was surprising that Hill had not yet won a WAC Title, you knew his time would come and indeed it did in 2005. The Bulldogs had a controversial loss in game two to Oregon, 37-34, but walloped their other eight foes by OVER 4 TD's per game. That included a 27-7 whipping of Boise St in a game that was not even that close. Was this the best Fresno St team ever? That question appeared to be answered affirmatively the next week. They took on the unstoppable defending champ USC team with Leinart, Bush and White and not only stood toe-to-toe with them, they appeared headed for a win! They led 42-41 late then down by eight were intercepted in the end zone and came up just short. In the lockerroom the reps from the Liberty Bowl did not need to wait for the formality of Fresno St winning the WAC and offered them the bid, which they accepted. Many were left wondering that since they almost beat USC did they deserve a BCS bowl? **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** Nevada had the week off before playing Fresno St and this was their Super Bowl. The Bulldogs' backs had to be sore from all the patting they got that week. Not only did they lose by three at Nevada, they were stunned at home by Louisiana Tech and beaten by Tulsa in the bowl. Not only did they lose their last four of 2005, they stumbled to a 4-8 record last year so they are 4-12 since that triumphant picture was taken. Hill must hope another destiny-changing photo is in the works.

I like Bill Doba at Washington St and the things he has accomplished like taking his first squad to ten wins in 2003 including a Holiday Bowl win over #5 Texas. In 2005, everything that could go wrong did and they went just 4-7 with some tough injuries and losses. Last year they had a tough schedule but the Cougars, who had not been ranked since 2003, went on the road and beat an improving UCLA team in dominating fashion (37-15). That put the Cougars at 6-3 and back in the rankings at #25. They should have been rated higher as all three losses were to ranked teams. They lost to #4 Auburn on the road, #10 Cal at home and had a tough home loss to #3 USC by six. If the Cougars win out they go to the Holiday Bowl. None of their final three opponents were ranked with two coming to Pullman so it looked like a 9-3 year. **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** Wash St finished with three losses and at 6-6 did not even get invited to a bowl.

In Sonny Lubick's first 14 years as head man at Colorado St, the Rams had finished #1 or #2 in the conference NINE times. After a rare #4 finish in 2004 they got back to a bowl in 2005 but only finished the year at 6-6. It appeared that Lubick had gotten his team back towards the top of the Mountain West last year. They beat Fresno St on the road to move to 3-1 on the season. I was sitting at home listening to the game against Air Force on Sirius radio (because the weak MWC TV contract did not have the game available on cable or DirectTV). I listen to a lot of games on Saturday but this game was moved to Thursday so only 5% of the country could have watched it! OK, I got off on a little tangent there. Anyway the Rams played a great 1H and I was picturing them heading to the lockerroom a confident bunch as they led 21-3. Their offense could have put up more as they had a staggering 316 yards in the 1H. After this win they would be 5-1 and battling for the top spot in the MWC. **TAKE A SNAPSHOT.** Not only did they lose the game to Air Force they lost their next SIX and finished 4-8 losing their last six by 16.8 ppg and the eight losses were the most ever under Lubick.

Most of these snapshots are things that appeared "crystal clear" when the picture was taken but the before and after pictures are a stunning difference. There are some snapshots that can be forecasted due to strength of schedule and they happen every year. Let me give you a couple of examples from last year. Florida Atlantic appeared to be a horrible team. In their first four games the Owls had yielded a staggering 48 ppg in non-conference play, the WORST mark in the NCAA. This clearly looked to be a team that would not be competitive in league play. I knew they had talent on D and also knew that their first four games were all on the road vs BCS schools. When Florida Atlantic got into a more manageable schedule they allowed just 14.3 ppg in Sun Belt Conference play. That total could have been better as Middle Tennessee got 3 TD's on a 94 yard KR, 50 yard fumble return and in the final minute a run into the middle that went 56 yards for a TD. Connecticut played a soft first three games and allowed just 231 ypg in those games. In game four they took on Navy and were ripped for 605 yards and when they got into conference play they yielded 392 ypg vs Big East foes.

Remember that just when you think you have college football all figured out, things can do a 180 and make your perceptions obsolete.

2007 NFL DRAFT A Day for VHT's!!!

By Phil Steele

The NFL Draft is always a big day for the top graduating seniors, some high-quality juniors as well as a few sophomores in college football. It is the chance to move on to the NFL and make a living playing the sport they have participated in for most of their lives. For first round draft picks it means millions of dollars and sudden wealth. While lower round draft picks do not make millions, everyone has the potential to make a substantial income and that is why a big final year in college is very important.

Being a first round draft pick does not guarantee success. The NFL has lots of stories of first round "busts" over the years, players who never lived up to their potential due to injuries or just poor performance. Every franchise has had some #1 pick who never panned out or who never even started an NFL game. However, the majority of 1st round picks do make it big. One of the top QB's is Pittsburgh's 1st rounder Ben Roethlisberger who started for the Steelers as a rookie and led them to the best record in the NFL, following it up with a Super Bowl win. WR Marvin Harrison led the NFL in total yards receiving in 1999 and 2002 and was the Colts' top choice in 1996. The man orchestrating Indy's Super Bowl offense is Peyton Manning, the first overall pick in the draft in 1998. LaDainian Tomlinson went 5th overall in 2001 and is widely regarded as the best RB in the NFL and won the MVP Award for 2006. Jeremy Shockey made a huge impact at TE for the NY Giants. He was a 1st rounder and the only rookie at the 2002 Pro Bowl. In 2006, Reggie Bush went 2nd overall to New Orleans and helped lead them to their 1st ever NFC Championship game. Vince Young went 3rd to Tennessee in 2006 and led the Titans to a surprising 8-8 record with 6 straight wins and was rewarded with Offensive Rookie of the Year honors. There are great expectations for first round draft picks and many live up to them by eventually getting to the Pro Bowl.

How does a player get to be a first round draft pick? A good starting point to determining a player's grade coming out of college is how that player performs on the field. In most cases, you must be among the most productive players in the college game. However, productivity is not the only criteria. Timmy Chang is the all-time career passing leader in college football with 17,072 yards but he went undrafted. Todd Santos and Eric Zeier were both in the Top 5 when they graduated and neither was a #1 pick. Danny Wuerffel won the Heisman but his phone did not ring until the 4th round. 2001's Heisman winner, Nebraska QB Eric Crouch, waited until the 3rd round before his name was called and he was drafted as a safety. Ken Dorsey, who only lost 2 games as a starter in college, was not drafted until round 7. The top three reception leaders of all-time in IA ball are Taylor Stubblefield, Josh Davis and Taurean Henderson and none of the 3 were drafted. 2003's Heisman Trophy winner Jason White, who was 2004's runner-up for the Award, was not drafted and had trouble even signing as an UFA. 2006's Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith stumbled in the National Championship game and had a poor Combine which contributed to his drop to the 5th round this year.

NFL scouts concentrate primarily on players' size, speed and strength ratings. A player could have a great senior year, but if his performance in the 40 yard dash is disappointing, he could drop a round or two in the draft. If a player shows up at the NFL Combine out of shape, he'll probably cost himself a large chunk of money in his contract, as he will be drafted lower (Michigan DT Alan Branch). It's all about how many reps a player can do at 225 pounds in the bench press and other measurable physical characteristics.

Even after all the number crunching, there are plenty of stories about players who were not drafted or very late round DC's and went on to great success in the NFL. You only need to look at the 1999 season. Kurt Warner, a QB who had never been drafted and even played in the Arena Football League, simply became the NFL and Super Bowl MVP. Another story is Hofstra's Marques Colston who was drafted 252nd overall in 2006 and ended the year with 1,038 yards and 8 TD's. These stories are great, but the majority of the stars in the NFL are the players who graded high enough to be upper round draft picks.

The colleges do not have a draft of high school players, but every school is given an allotment of scholarships and has to recruit players from around the country to fill their needs. Most high school athletes will take the big name schools scholarship offers over the smaller ones. If you are lucky enough to have Florida St, Ohio St or USC offer you one of their precious 15 to 25 scholarships, you usually jump at it. Schools like Hawaii or Middle Tennessee do not even bother to recruit most of the top athletes coming out, as they really have little chance to land them (unless it's a local kid).

Since there is no draft, how do you rate players out of high school? I rely on some great recruiting sources and I have a computer rating system that ends up ranking over 7,500 players out of high school each year. I then assign every player a PS# which shows how highly rated each player is out of high school. I have an entire page devoted to how I determine a PS# (see page 293).

I have come up with my own terminology for the players' rating out of high school on that page. An HT (Highly Touted) is a player who is rated highly at his position. Out of the 7,500+ kids who are on my list coming out of high school, the top 1,635 fall into the HT category. A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is akin to a first round draft pick. There are only 480 of these players each year, with varying amounts at each position. That comes out to just 9.6 players per state, so we are talking about the créme de la créme of recruits.

On page 293, I mention the case of Arizona St LB Adam Archuleta, who was a scrawny 180 lbs out of high school but bulked up to a first round level athlete during his time in college. When a player moves into a college program, he benefits from vastly upgraded weight rooms and nutritional programs. Players will show much greater gains in size, speed and strength in their 3 to 5 years in college than they do once an NFL team drafts them. The recruiting ratings are not an exact science. However, much like the NFL, you will find that the most sought after kids out of high school usually turn out to be the stars of the college game. There are many cases of VHT players stepping in and starting in their true freshmen seasons.

This year, I once again, look at the end product of the college game. In late April, after the 2007 NFL Draft was complete, I went back and looked at the PS#'s of all the top picks. **Of the Top 27 players taken in this year's draft, 21 were VHT's!!! That means that 78% of the Top 27 players were VHT's yet only 17% of all college signees fall into that category.** Last year 17 of the Top 23 players were VHT's (74%). In 2005 of the Top 26 draftees, 14 were VHT's. Of the Top 25 players in the 2004 Draft, 17 were VHT's. Of the Top 23 players selected in the 2003 Draft, 13 were VHT's. There are generally 2,750 players who are signed to a scholarship by Division IA schools each year. Since there are just 480 players who meet my criteria for a VHT, that means that roughly 17% of all signees are classified as a VHT. In the last 8 years of the Top 12 picks in the draft (96 players), 61 have been VHT's!! That means 64% of the top spots were VHT's and that proves the significance of the rating. Here is a list of this year's Top 27 NFL Draft selections and how they were rated out of high school. As you can see, the 2007 NFL Draft was another VHT day.

2007's NFL DRAFT TOP SELECTIONS

1.	JaMarcus Russell	LSU	VHT	PS#4QB
2.	Calvin Johnson	Georgia Tech	VHT	PS#17WR
3.	Joe Thomas	Wisconsin	VHT	PS#12OL
4.	Gaines Adams	Clemson		PS#113TE
5.	Levi Brown	Penn St	VHT	PS#47DL
6.	LaRon Landry	LSU	VHT	PS#18DB
7.	Adrian Peterson	Oklahoma	VHT	PS#1RB
8.	Jamaal Anderson	Arkansas	HT	PS#76WR
9.	Ted Ginn Jr	Ohio St	VHT	PS#1DB
10.	Amobi Okoye	Louisville		PS#397OL
11.	Patrick Willis	Mississippi		PS#265RB
12.	Marshawn Lynch	California	VHT	PS#23RB
13.	Adam Carriker	Nebraska	HT	PS#92DL
14.	Darrelle Revis	Pittsburgh	VHT	PS#52DB
15.	Lawrence Timmons	Florida St	VHT	PS#11LB
16.	Justin Harrell	Tennessee	VHT	PS#52DL
17.	Jarvis Moss	Florida	VHT	PS#3LB
18.	Leon Hall	Michigan	VHT	PS#23DB
19.	Michael Griffin	Texas	VHT	PS#20DB
20.	Aaron Ross	Texas	VHT	PS#10DB
21.	Reggie Nelson	Florida	VHT	PS#10DB
22.	Brady Quinn	Notre Dame	VHT	PS#12QB
23.	Dwayne Bowe	LSU	HT	PS#62WR
24.	Brandon Meriweather	Miami, Fl	VHT	PS#26DB
25.	Jon Beason	Miami, Fl	VHT	PS#24DB
26.	Anthony Spencer	Purdue	VHT	PS#44DL
27.	Robert Meachem	Tennessee	VHT	PS#5WR

It will be interesting to see if VHT's will dominate the 2008 NFL Draft as well. The last 7 years I have provided my list of top players for the upcoming NFL Draft. In 2004, only 3 of my Top 11 that were eligible for the NFL Draft were NOT picked in the 1st round. Two of those 3 went in the 2nd round, including LB Karlos Dansby from Auburn, who was the 1st pick of the 2nd round. In 2005, once again, 8 of the top 10 were either 1st round picks or are returning last year and my #11 and #12 players were 2nd round picks. Obviously, draft positions will be affected by a player's 2007 performance. In 2001, of the Top 9 players I listed in this magazine, eight entered the NFL Draft and SEVEN were drafted in the Top 18. That's an 87.5% success rate!!!!! Last year of my top 24 players only ONE was not selected in either the 1st or 2nd round and that was Michael Bush who suffered a major injury in the 1st game which affected his draft status! Twenty of the 31 players listed were either FIRST round draft picks or are returning for their senior season (Samardzija decided to play MLB). Here are my top players for the 2008 Draft.

TOP ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FOR THE 2008 NFL DRAFT

1. RB Darren McFadden, Arkansas
2. QB Brian Brohm, Louisville
3. OT Jared Gaither, Maryland
4. LB Dan Connor, Penn St
5. QB John David Booty, USC
6. DT Glenn Dorsey, LSU
7. DE Calais Campbell, Miami, Fl
8. SS Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame
9. OT Jake Long, Michigan
10. DE Lawrence Jackson, USC
11. WR Limas Sweed, Texas
12. OT Sam Baker, USC
13. CB Aqib Talib, Kansas
14. DT Frank Okam, Texas
15. RB Jonathan Stewart, Oregon
16. FS Kenny Phillips, Miami, Fl
17. LB Keith Rivers, USC
18. QB Colt Brennan, Hawaii
19. LB Rey Maualuga, USC
20. CB Paul Oliver, Georgia
21. DE Derrick Harvey, Florida
22. WR Adarius Bowman, Oklahoma St
23. WR DeSean Jackson, California
24. RB Steve Slaton, West Virginia
25. DT Sedrick Ellis, USC
26. CB Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio St
27. WR Early Doucet, LSU
28. OG Will Arnold, LSU
29. LB Jasper Brinkley, South Carolina
30. WR Mario Manningham, Michigan
31. RB Ryan Torain, Arizona St
32. QB André Woodson, Kentucky

2007 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities each team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, last year, Utah St punted EIGHTY ONE times and returned only 14 punts all year. Their net punting average was weighted 5.78 times as much as their punt return average ranking due to the difference in attempts. I also have a net TD/Blk's category. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. A positive number means that they blk'd more kicks and scored more TD's than they allowed. If a team blocked a punt AND returned the same punt for a TD, I only give credit for one TD/Blk. However if a team fumbled a punt snap and the other team recovered I counted that as a blocked punt. I do not count blocked FG's in the category as a missed FG has the same result and is not a game changing play. The only time I count a blocked FG is if it was returned for a TD.

A few years ago I added a formula to grade the kickers as I looked at 6 categories. The first was overall accuracy and that % was multiplied times 5 (graded everything on a scale of 1-5). Then I took the amount of FG's made and divided it into the largest amount of FG's made (28) and that percentage was multiplied by 5. Each counted for 30% of the overall grade. Then I took the 40-49 factors (both # of kicks and %) and did the same and they counted for 30% of the grade each. The 50+ factors counted for 10% of the grade each. This factored in kickers with stronger legs. Speaking of kickers my KR Defense grade includes a formula for TB's on kickoffs. It grades a TB as a 15 yard return (avg KO goes to the 5) and a OOB KO as a 30 yard return and adds them to the actual KR defense numbers so my numbers will differ from the schools in that column as mine factors in the TB's. The NCAA moved to a 1" tee in 2006 so there were fewer TB's. This year they move the KO's back another 5 yards so teams with dangerous KR's will be a bigger factor in games.

In past years I have listed a special teams rating, a kicker rating and then last year added a combined special teams ratings. The K rating accounts for about 26% of the overall grade. This year I just list them by the combined rating but for you long time readers looking for the individual ratings, they are in the chart listed below.

Something new I started last year is NET PUNTING averages, which now deduct 20 yards for touchbacks. This means net punting averages will for the most part be lower than in years past. We found that the NCAA site did this for all teams. For years we have used the individual team stats but found that 40% were using the net WITHOUT touchbacks (which would mean higher net punting avg's) and 60% were now taking out the 20 yards for touchbacks out of the net. If you check a team's individual stats and find a discrepancy with our net punting avg's, then you should also check the NCAA site which uses the same net punting formula we are now using this year.

	Special Tms Including K	Net Punts	KR Off	PR Off	KR Def	KR w/TB	BLK/ TD	ST Ranking	ST Rating	Kick Rating	FG Total	%	50+
1. Kansas St	13.72	35.4	27.1	13.0	18.1	16.8	6	1	9.91	3.82	17-24	71%	3-4
2. California	12.25	38.3	20.5	17.3	22.4	19.8	4	3	8.99	3.25	15-20	75%	2-5
3. Auburn	12.01	38.6	25.9	5.5	18.2	16.1	1	8	8.15	3.86	20-24	83%	2-3
4. Oregon St	11.48	33.9	22.6	15.0	20.6	18.4	1	18	7.32	4.16	22-29	76%	4-6
5. Ohio	11.34	37.3	20.7	13.1	14.8	15.2	6	2	9.56	1.78	13-18	72%	0-0
6. UCLA	11.26	36.1	21.6	8.5	20.4	19.3	2	32	6.63	4.63	28-32	88%	2-2
7. Wake Forest	11.23	38.2	20.0	11.1	22.2	20.0	1	22	7.09	4.14	23-31	74%	5-7
8. West Virginia	11.22	36.8	23.8	9.0	17.1	16.9	0	13	7.84	3.37	17-22	77%	1-1
9. Oklahoma	11.18	36.7	22.8	7.9	17.4	17.0	4	11	7.98	3.20	19-20	95%	0-0
10. Arizona	11.17	36.3	23.8	12.4	19.7	17.0	1	16	7.56	3.62	15-20	75%	1-1
11. Ohio St	10.97	36.6	21.7	10.2	18.4	16.8	3	10	7.99	2.98	9-13	69%	3-5
12. Texas	10.95	37.6	23.2	12.9	19.5	18.5	4	4	8.82	2.13	9-12	75%	0-0
13. Pittsburgh	10.87	37.5	24.1	8.5	20.4	19.0	3	9	8.08	2.79	12-14	86%	0-0
14. Arizona St	10.79	37.2	26.4	8.5	22.8	17.3	2	7	8.35	2.44	14-19	74%	0-0
15. Virginia Tech	10.46	36.0	20.9	12.6	21.2	17.7	2	17	7.50	2.96	18-20	90%	0-0
16. Utah	10.43	41.4	23.0	8.3	19.8	17.9	0	5	8.40	2.03	12-16	75%	0-1
17. Penn St	10.42	36.4	21.2	10.3	18.4	17.8	3	15	7.60	2.82	22-34	65%	0-3
18. Boston College	10.36	37.5	25.9	9.2	17.1	17.1	1	6	8.36	2.00	15-22	68%	0-0
19. Oklahoma St	10.30	34.3	24.6	11.9	21.2	18.9	-1	23	7.01	3.28	11-13	85%	1-1
20. BYU	10.27	36.2	20.4	12.9	19.3	18.4	1	19	7.29	2.98	14-18	78%	2-4
21. Rutgers	10.17	36.0	19.7	9.8	22.1	19.5	3	38	6.55	3.62	22-29	76%	2-3
22. North Carolina	10.12	34.3	22.1	10.1	17.5	17.1	0	47	6.29	3.82	10-10	100%	2-2
23. Army	9.99	36.5	19.3	18.1	15.9	16.0	1	14	7.64	2.35	12-17	71%	0-0
24. Georgia	9.93	33.3	21.2	14.9	21.9	21.0	2	36	6.58	3.35	16-21	76%	2-3
25. UTEP	9.92	33.7	18.6	20.0	22.6	20.7	3	55	6.02	3.90	16-20	80%	1-1
26. Mississippi	9.87	34.2	22.7	11.2	22.4	19.4	2	30	6.72	3.15	14-17	82%	1-2
27. Texas A&M	9.73	37.0	26.1	8.0	18.2	17.3	1	12	7.93	1.80	14-20	70%	0-0
28. Ball St	9.69	38.2	19.4	5.8	21.5	19.8	-1	70	5.57	4.12	17-19	89%	2-2
29. Tennessee	9.60	37.6	16.1	11.4	18.8	17.2	-2	69	5.58	4.02	18-22	82%	1-1
30. SMU	9.49	37.0	23.0	7.8	19.5	19.0	0	27	6.80	2.70	13-18	72%	1-2
31. Clemson	9.46	39.5	26.5	7.8	24.0	22.0	0	28	6.74	2.71	15-20	75%	0-2
32. Baylor	9.33	39.0	22.8	7.6	23.1	19.6	-2	26	6.80	2.52	11-14	79%	0-2
33. E Michigan	9.31	38.1	20.5	7.7	21.3	19.9	0	40	6.52	2.79	16-22	73%	0-1
34. Alabama	9.29	34.5	18.2	9.1	19.3	19.5	6	34	6.60	2.69	21-30	70%	0-1
35. TCU	9.29	32.6	20.9	10.4	18.8	18.1	1	56	6.01	3.28	21-26	81%	0-2
36. USC	9.22	33.7	23.2	6.2	18.3	16.6	1	48	6.24	2.98	16-17	94%	0-0
37. Kentucky	9.17	34.4	24.0	20.4	18.4	19.0	-2	20	7.24	1.93	11-20	55%	0-0
38. Indiana	9.17	34.2	22.2	12.6	19.1	19.0	2	31	6.69	2.47	12-15	80%	0-0
39. Louisville	9.16	33.5	20.3	6.8	20.3	19.5	0	82	4.93	4.24	21-25	84%	1-1
40. Maryland	9.15	35.9	22.3	8.5	20.2	19.0	0	46	6.37	2.78	20-25	80%	0-0
41. NC State	9.11	34.8	21.6	8.0	23.8	21.6	4	49	6.24	2.87	12-16	75%	1-2
42. Tulsa	9.07	33.3	19.6	7.1	15.6	16.4	-1	78	5.33	3.74	11-12	92%	1-1
43. UNLV	9.01	36.3	20.7	10.1	19.0	18.4	2	25	6.88	2.12	10-20	50%	1-5
44. Wisconsin	8.99	37.5	15.0	6.6	20.7	17.6	2	63	5.77	3.22	15-20	75%	2-3
45. Syracuse	8.93	37.3	18.0	7.7	19.1	17.9	0	62	5.85	3.07	16-18	89%	0-0
46. San Jose St	8.91	36.9	17.8	10.5	17.4	17.8	1	39	6.55	2.36	9-12	75%	0-0
47. Kansas	8.87	34.5	21.6	13.5	25.4	20.3	1	41	6.50	2.37	13-18	72%	0-0
48. Oregon	8.80	33.3	23.0	11.4	21.2	19.3	-1	43	6.42	2.38	16-25	64%	0-2
49. North Texas	8.78	37.0	18.1	7.4	20.3	19.9	5	37	6.56	2.23	15-21	71%	0-1
50. South Carolina	8.76	36.0	19.2	7.7	20.3	18.5	-2	80	5.10	3.66	16-21	76%	2-3
51. Minnesota	8.68	34.1	23.0	11.0	18.2	17.1	1	24	6.96	1.72	9-15	60%	0-2
52. Miami, Fl	8.65	37.6	19.9	7.2	20.1	18.8	0	52	6.08	2.56	12-19	63%	2-4
53. Virginia	8.60	34.8	23.9	8.2	22.6	19.0	2	35	6.59	2.01	12-21	57%	0-2
54. Florida St	8.59	35.2	18.7	9.1	24.4	21.9	3	75	5.48	3.10	14-20	70%	1-1
55. Florida	8.57	37.7	17.5	10.2	19.4	18.9	3	21	7.22	1.35	6-15	40%	0-1
56. Hawaii	8.55	34.3	19.8	8.0	21.8	19.8	1	74	5.52	3.03	13-17	76%	1-2
57. East Carolina	8.54	35.3	19.7	9.0	19.0	18.5	1	58	5.97	2.57	17-28	61%	0-1
58. C Michigan	8.49	37.4	18.8	5.3	18.0	17.9	2	45	6.38	2.11	12-20	60%	0-0
59. Boise St	8.46	36.6	20.0	8.4	18.3	17.7	-3	64	5.74	2.72	13-14	93%	0-0
60. Michigan	8.34	34.9	19.3	10.8	22.0	20.8	1	68	5.59	2.75	17-20	85%	0-0
61. N Illinois	8.34	32.9	17.3	13.2	21.4	18.2	4	60	5.89	2.44	20-27	74%	0-2
62. Middle Tenn	8.31	35.1	23.1	8.4	17.7	17.6	0	33	6.62	1.69	8-13	62%	0-0
63. Iowa St	8.30	35.6	18.4	10.7	19.6	19.0	0	73	5.52	2.77	8-11	73%	1-1
64. Notre Dame	8.29	37.8	21.4	7.3	19.9	19.2	1	29	6.73	1.57	8-13	62%	0-0
65. Nebraska	8.17	37.2	17.4	8.2	18.0	17.6	1	42	6.48	1.69	5-7	71%	0-0
66. Miami, Oh	8.15	34.1	20.2	10.1	21.2	20.2	4	50	6.20	1.94	12-19	63%	0-1
67. Michigan St	8.12	37.2	18.5	7.9	21.1	19.3	0	67	5.65	2.48	10-13	77%	0-0
68. Air Force	8.10	33.4	17.8	13.2	13.4	14.4	1	44	6.39	1.71	9-14	64%	0-0
69. Memphis	8.05	35.8	21.1	10.3	22.4	21.9	1	65	5.71	2.34	15-22	68%	0-0
70. Troy	8.00	36.5	19.6	11.1	19.0	18.3	-1	51	6.16	1.83	11-19	58%	0-0
71. Nevada	7.92	32.5	23.7	13.6	19.0	18.2	-2	57	5.97	1.95	8-11	73%	0-0
72. Marshall	7.88	33.7	20.3	11.7	16.8	16.8	-1	54	6.02	1.86	5-13	38%	1-2
73. UCF	7.85	33.8	19.3	14.3	21.2	20.3	-2	83	4.89	2.96	17-24	71%	1-1
74. Colorado	7.80	36.7	18.2	5.6	21.8	17.9	-3	91	4.44	3.36	19-28	68%	2-9
75. Texas Tech	7.75	38.3	15.9	9.0	21.9	18.6	-2	79	5.13	2.62	15-21	71%	1-3
76. Iowa	7.75	36.0	17.8	10.1	23.0	20.7	0	77	5.35	2.39	15-22	68%	0-2
77. W Michigan	7.74	30.6	22.3	13.6	16.0	16.7	-3	90	4.48	3.27	18-25	72%	1-2
78. New Mexico	7.73	35.0	19.5	5.5	20.0	17.7	-1	87	4.62	3.11	18-22	82%	1-2
79. Missouri	7.73	32.2	17.1	7.5	21.1	19.4	1	96	4.29	3.44	18-21	86%	1-2
80. LSU	7.63	32.9	20.2	8.5	19.8	18.3	1	66	5.68	1.96	9-14	64%	0-1
81. Georgia Tech	7.61	40.7	19.4	7.5	27.0	25.1	-1	72	5.54	2.08	12-18	67%	0-2
82. Cincinnati	7.59	33.6	21.9	7.4	20.0	18.8	-2	86	4.67	2.92	18-23	78%	0-0
83. Toledo	7.58	36.3	20.2	4.9	17.3	17.3	0	61	5.89	1.69	7-8	88%	0-0
84. S Mississippi	7.54	33.9	19.2	9.3	24.2	20.6	1	81	4.99	2.55	16-24	67%	1-4
85. New Mexico St	7.48	38.3	19.5	15.3	20.4	19.9	-1	53	6.04	1.44	4-10	40%	0-1
86. Rice	7.33	33.8	18.9	7.2	19.9	20.4	2	84	4.80	2.53	12-18	67%	0-0
87. Wyoming	7.17	34.5	18.4	9.0	20.6	19.2	-3	97	4.19	2.97	12-20	60%	1-1
88. Arkansas	7.10	32.6	24.9	7.2	21.4	19.4	2	59	5.95	1.15	6-14	43%	0-1
89. Purdue	7.01	35.5	18.7	6.2	14.6	15.2	-2	76	5.45	1.57	9-21	43%	0-1
90. Colorado St	6.97	35.2	18.1	10.2	19.8	18.8	0	71	5.55	1.42	8-15	53%	0-1
91. Louisiana-Lft	6.86	32.4	18.7	7.4	22.0	21.3	-1	104	3.45	3.41	11-14	79%	1-2
92. Houston	6.73	30.0	21.4	7.6	17.1	16.8	-4	88	4.59	2.14	15-20	75%	0-0
93. UAB	6.69	33.4	21.8	4.6	22.4	19.7	-1	89	4.54	2.14	11-16	69%	0-0
94. Buffalo	6.59	31.3	21.4	12.8	21.5	20.8	0	93	4.37	2.23	9-13	69%	0-0
95. Washington	6.53	33.9	19.3	6.5	19.3	18.2	-2	98	4.04	2.49	10-12	83%	0-0
96. Connecticut	6.32	34.0	20.5	12.0	18.6	18.4	-4	85	4.78	1.54	7-16	44%	0-2
97. USF	6.19	30.0	17.6	13.1	20.1	18.8	0	94	4.36	1.83	7-15	47%	1-2
98. ULM	6.13	32.4	20.0	4.6	22.6	21.7	-2	110	3.06	3.07	15-17	88%	0-1
99. Vanderbilt	6.06	33.5	17.9	4.7	19.8	19.1	-2	102	3.50	2.56	9-18	50%	1-1
100. Mississippi St	5.99	31.7	20.5	13.1	22.0	20.4	-2	95	4.35	1.64	6-12	50%	0-1
101. Idaho	5.98	34.8	17.8	5.5	22.8	21.8	0	99	3.84	2.13	12-17	71%	0-0
102. Louisiana Tech	5.82	33.2	21.7	5.0	21.3	21.4	-1	92	4.39	1.43	8-12	67%	0-0
103. Arkansas St	5.50	33.7	19.2	3.8	20.8	20.5	-1	100	3.73	1.77	12-16	75%	0-0
104. Florida Atlantic	5.37	33.3	18.9	12.9	24.9	24.2	-2	107	3.36	2.01	9-14	64%	0-1
105. Fresno St	5.32	30.0	19.9	8.2	22.3	19.8	0	103	3.49	1.84	11-16	69%	0-1
106. Northwestern	5.12	30.9	18.0	7.5	20.1	19.2	0	109	3.07	2.06	8-12	67%	0-0
107. Navy	5.00	32.7	16.3	8.6	20.5	19.3	-3	105	3.40	1.61	10-14	71%	0-0
108. San Diego St	4.78	32.9	17.5	5.4	21.2	20.4	-1	111	3.06	1.72	8-14	57%	0-2
109. Duke	4.63	30.4	23.3	5.1	18.8	18.8	-3	101	3.60	1.02	4-11	36%	0-0
110. Tulane	4.62	34.4	17.4	8.7	23.2	22.3	-4	113	2.89	1.72	9-15	60%	0-0
111. Stanford	4.61	35.4	17.9	5.6	21.1	18.7	-5	108	3.32	1.29	8-14	57%	0-0
112. Washington St	4.44	34.5	17.5	5.5	23.6	21.9	-3	112	2.96	1.47	10-16	63%	0-0
113. Temple	4.28	30.8	21.6	3.2	20.9	21.1	-1	106	3.37	0.91	3-6	50%	0-0
114. Utah St	4.18	32.1	18.4	5.3	21.3	21.4	-1	114	2.84	1.34	2-5	40%	0-0
115. Akron	4.08	32.1	21.3	3.5	20.0	20.0	-5	115	2.74	1.34	6-14	43%	0-1
116. Illinois	3.97	29.4	19.5	5.0	22.1	20.3	-4	117	1.47	2.50	15-19	79%	0-0
117. Kent St	2.35	29.9	18.7	7.1	22.2	21.2	-2	116	1.94	0.41	2-10	20%	0-0
118. Florida Int'l	2.33	27.2	21.0	12.8	22.6	22.3	-3	118	1.38	0.95	5-11	45%	0-0
119. Bowling Green	0.37	27.7	17.6	7.3	23.7	23.4	-7	119	-0.52	0.88	4-9	44%	0-1

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PHIL STEELE'S DRAFT GUIDE

On Page 1 of the magazine, I thank you for purchasing Phil Steele's College Football Preview & you do have my heartfelt thanks for that!! I could have also noted the additional bonus you receive in Phil Steele's 2007-'08 DRAFT GUIDE, as it is basically included in the magazine! Let me explain.

In the front of the magazine I list my Top QB's, RB's, WR's, etc for each season with a heavy emphasis on who I think will be taken in next year's draft. On this page are some of 2006's AA Team. As you see, ALL of the top 17 DT's I listed for 2006 were either drafted or are returning to college ball this year. DE's had a quality year as 12 of the top 20 were drafted with five players returning to their schools, one went unsigned & one retired due to injuries. Eleven of the top 12 QB's were either drafted or are returning with only Chris Leak signing as a UFA.

Over the past four years on this page of "Tops" there have been 700 players listed. Of those 700 only 39 players fall into the category of not being drafted or signed as a free agent or are not returning which means 94.4% found a home!!! There were 90 players who signed as UFA's (Undrafted Free Agents) in the four years. That means 571 (81.5%) were either drafted or returned to school for another year.

Thanks for purchasing my NFL Draft Guide. See pages 7-15.

2006's TOP POSITIONS

QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Brady Quinn	Notre Dame	1/22	Cleveland
2.	Brian Brohm	Louisville		Returning
3.	Drew Stanton	Michigan St	2/43	Detroit
4.	Kyle Wright	Miami, Fl		Returning
5.	Chris Leak	Florida	UFA	Chicago
6.	JaMarcus Russell	LSU	1/1	Oakland
7.	Chad Henne	Michigan		Returning
8.	Kevin Kolb	Houston	2/36	Philadelphia
9.	Jordan Palmer	UTEP	6/205	Washington
10.	Troy Smith	Ohio St	5/174	Baltimore
11.	Sam Keller	Arizona St	Transfer	Nebraska
12.	Erik Ainge	Tennessee		Returning
13.	Tyler Palko	Pittsburgh	UFA	New Orleans
14.	Colt Brennan	Hawaii		Returning
15.	Drew Weatherford	Florida St		Returning
16.	Jeff Rowe	Nevada	5/151	Cincinnati
17.	Trent Edwards	Stanford	3/92	Buffalo

RUNNING BACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Michael Bush	Louisville	4/100	Oakland
2.	Adrian Peterson	Oklahoma	1/7	Minnesota
3.	Marshawn Lynch	California	1/12	Buffalo
4.	Darren McFadden	Arkansas		Returning
5.	Kenny Irons	Auburn	2/49	Cincinnati
6.	Mike Hart	Michigan		Returning
7.	Tyrone Moss	Miami, Fl	UFA	Unsigned
8.	Lynell Hamilton	San Diego St		Returning
9.	Albert Young	Iowa		Returning
10.	Jamaal Charles	Texas		Returning
11.	Darius Walker	Notre Dame	UFA	Houston
12.	Jamario Thomas	North Texas		Returning
13.	Kenneth Darby	Alabama	7/246	Tampa Bay
14.	Antonio Pittman	Ohio St	4/107	New Orleans
15.	Thomas Clayton	Kansas St	6/186	San Francisco
16.	Alley Broussard	LSU		Returning
17.	Tyrell Sutton	Northwestern		Returning
18.	Garrett Wolfe	N Illinois	3/93	Chicago
19.	Tony Hunt	Penn St	3/90	Philadelphia

WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Calvin Johnson	Georgia Tech	1/2	Detroit
2.	Dwayne Jarrett	USC	2/45	Carolina
3.	Jeff Samardzija	Notre Dame	Retired	MLB
4.	Ted Ginn Jr	Ohio St	1/9	Miami
5.	Jarrett Hicks	Texas Tech	UFA	San Diego
6.	Jason Hill	Washington St	3/76	San Francisco
7.	Steve Smith	USC	2/51	NY Giants
8.	Sidney Rice	S Carolina	2/44	Minnesota
9.	Marcus Monk	Arkansas		Returning
10.	Todd Blythe	Iowa St		Returning
11.	James Hardy	Indiana		Returning
12.	Dwayne Bowe	LSU	1/23	Kansas City
13.	Robert Meachem	Tennessee	1/27	New Orleans

TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Greg Olsen	Miami, Fl	1/31	Chicago
2.	Zach Miller	Arizona St	2/38	Oakland
3.	Clark Harris	Rutgers	7/243	Green Bay
4.	Joe Newton	Oregon St	UFA	Seattle
5.	Jonny Harline	BYU	UFA	Indianapolis
6.	Martin Rucker	Missouri		Returning
7.	Matt Spaeth	Minnesota	3/77	Pittsburgh
8.	Dan Murray	Connecticut	UFA	Jacksonville
9.	Tom Santi	Virginia		Returning
10.	Chase Coffman	Missouri		Returning

OFFENSIVE GUARDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Jordan Grimes	Purdue		Returning
2.	Will Arnold	LSU		Returning
3.	Mike Jones	Iowa	UFA	San Diego
4.	Brian Daniels	Colorado	UFA	Minnesota
5.	Manuel Ramirez	Texas Tech	4/117	Detroit
6.	James Marten	Boston Col	3/67	Dallas
7.	Michael Oher	Mississippi		Returning
8.	Roy Schuening	Oregon St		Returning
9.	Kirk Elder	Texas A&M		Returning
10.	Josh Beekman	Boston Col	4/130	Chicago

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Justin Blalock	Texas	2/39	Atlanta
2.	Joe Thomas	Wisconsin	1/3	Cleveland
3.	Levi Brown	Penn St	1/5	Arizona
4.	Barry Richardson	Clemson		Returning
5.	Gosder Cherilus	Boston Col		Returning
6.	Sam Baker	USC		Returning
7.	Jake Long	Michigan		Returning
8.	Arron Sears	Tennessee	2/35	Tampa Bay
9.	Daniel Inman	Georgia		Unsigned
10.	Doug Free	N Illinois	4/122	Dallas
11.	Alex Boone	Ohio St		Returning
12.	Jake Kuresa	BYU	UFA	New Orleans
13.	Corey Hilliard	Oklahoma St	6/209	New England
14.	Jeff Perrett	Tulsa	UFA	Montreal (CFL)
15.	Aaron Brant	Iowa St	7/241	Chicago

CENTERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Kyle Young	Fresno St		Unsigned
2.	Ryan Kalil	USC	2/59	Carolina
3.	John Sullivan	Notre Dame		Returning
4.	Samson Satele	Hawaii	2/60	Miami
5.	Dan Mozes	West Virginia	UFA	Minnesota
6.	Mark Fenton	Colorado	UFA	Denver
7.	Dustin Fry	Clemson	5/139	St Louis
8.	Adam Spieker	Missouri		Returning
9.	Doug Legursky	Marshall		Returning
10.	Enoka Lucas	Oregon	UFA	Houston
11.	Trevor Rees	Northwestern		Returning
12.	Tony Brinkhaus	Minnesota		Returning
13.	Cedric Gagne-Marcoux	UCF	UFA	Hamilton(CFL)
14.	Leroy Harris	NC State	4/115	Tennessee

DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Lawrence Jackson	USC		Returning
2.	Gaines Adams	Clemson	1/4	Tampa Bay
3.	Adam Carriker	Nebraska	1/13	St Louis
4.	Tim Crowder	Texas	2/56	Denver
5.	Quentin Moses	Georgia	3/65	Oakland
6.	LaMarr Woodley	Michigan	2/46	Pittsburgh
7.	Mkristo Bruce	Washington St	UFA	Miami
8.	Daniel Bazuin	C Michigan	2/62	Chicago
9.	Chris Long	Virginia		Returning
10.	Baraka Atkins	Miami, Fl	4/120	Seattle
11.	Victor Abiamiri	Notre Dame	2/57	Philadelphia
12.	Alan Branch	Michigan	2/33	Arizona
13.	Loren Howard	Arizona St		Retired
14.	Quentin Groves	Auburn		Returning
15.	Jarvis Moss	Florida	1/17	Denver
16.	Tommy Blake	TCU		Returning
17.	Larry McSwain	UAB		Unsigned
18.	Wallace Gilberry	Alabama		Returning
19.	Jay Moore	Nebraska	4/104	San Francisco
20.	Ray McDonald	Florida	3/97	San Francisco

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Frank Okam	Texas		Returning
2.	Joseph Bryant	Texas A&M		Returning
3.	Quinn Pitcock	Ohio St	3/98	Indianapolis
4.	DeMario Pressley	NC State		Returning
5.	Kareem Brown	Miami, Fl	4/127	New England
6.	Justin Harrell	Tennessee	1/16	Green Bay
7.	Brandon Mebane	California	3/85	Seattle
8.	Marcus Thomas	Florida	4/121	Denver
9.	Jay Alford	Penn St	3/81	NY Giants
10.	DeMarcus Granger	Oklahoma		Returning
11.	Nick Hayden	Wisconsin		Returning
12.	Glenn Dorsey	LSU		Returning
13.	Sedrick Ellis	USC		Returning
14.	Kevin Brown	UCLA		Returning
15.	Vince Oghobaase	Duke		Returning
16.	Brigham Harwell	UCLA		Returning
17.	Amobi Okoye	Louisville	1/10	Houston

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Paul Posluszny	Penn St	2/34	Buffalo
2.	Rufus Alexander	Oklahoma	6/176	Minnesota
3.	Keith Rivers	USC		Returning
4.	Dan Connor	Penn St		Returning
5.	Prescott Burgess	Michigan	6/207	Baltimore
6.	Brian Toal	Boston College		Returning
7.	Justin Warren	Texas A&M	UFA	New England
8.	Ali Highsmith	LSU		Returning
9.	Brian Cushing	USC		Returning
10.	Earl Everett	Florida	UFA	Cincinnati
11.	Bo Ruud	Nebraska		Returning
12.	Marcus Freeman	Ohio St		Returning
13.	Clint Sintim	Virginia		Returning
14.	Will Herring	Auburn	5/161	Seattle

CORNERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Daymeion Hughes	California	3/95	Indianapolis
2.	Antoine Cason	Arizona		Returning
3.	Tarell Brown	Texas	5/147	San Francisco
4.	Darrelle Revis	Pittsburgh	1/14	NY Jets
5.	Leon Hall	Michigan	1/18	Cincinnati
6.	John Talley	Duke	UFA	Washington
7.	Eric Weddle	Utah	2/37	San Diego
8.	Fred Bennett	South Carolina	4/123	Houston
9.	Simeon Castille	Alabama		Returning
10.	Justin King	Penn St		Returning
11.	Marcus McCauley	Fresno St	3/72	Minnesota
12.	Josh Pinkard	USC		Returning
13.	Ambrose Wooden	Notre Dame		Returning

FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	LaRon Landry	LSU	1/6	Washington
2.	Kenny Phillips	Miami, Fl		Returning
3.	Michael Griffin	Texas	1/19	Tennessee
4.	Zack Catanese	Arizona St		Unsigned
5.	Wesley Smith	Memphis		Unsigned
6.	Courtney Greene	Rutgers		Returning
7.	Ben Stratton	Colorado St		Unsigned
8.	Josh Gattis	Wake Forest	5/150	Jacksonville
9.	Japhus Brown	Texas A&M		Returning
10.	Anthony Reddick	Miami, Fl		Returning

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Patrick Willis	Mississippi	1/11	San Francisco
2.	Anthony Waters	Clemson	3/96	San Diego
3.	Corey McKeon	Nebraska		Returning
4.	Vince Hall	Virginia Tech		Returning
5.	Jon Abbate	Wake Forest	UFA	Houston
6.	Xavier Adibi	Virginia Tech		Returning
7.	Brandon Siler	Florida	7/240	San Diego
8.	HB Blades	Pittsburgh	6/179	Washington
9.	Desmond Bishop	California	6/192	Green Bay
10.	Oscar Lua	USC	7/211	New England
11.	Dedrick Harrington	Missouri	UFA	Dallas
12.	David Harris	Michigan	2/47	NY Jets
13.	Thaddaeus Washington	Colorado	UFA	Buffalo
14.	Tim Shaw	Penn St	5/164	Carolina
15.	Buster Davis	Florida St	3/69	Arizona

STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Brandon Meriweather	Miami, Fl	1/24	New England
2.	Tom Zbikowski	Notre Dame		Returning
3.	Sabby Piscitelli	Oregon St	2/64	Tampa Bay
4.	Dallas Sartz	USC	5/143	Washington
5.	Aaron Rouse	Virginia Tech	3/89	Green Bay
6.	Jessie Daniels	LSU	UFA	Carolina

2006 PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE RANKINGS

Here are my rankings for pass efficiency defense. Taken into account are total yards, TD's, int's and completion % just like the NCAA does. THE KEY DIFFERENCE between the NCAA pass D rankings and mine is that I also factor in the strength of opposing pass attacks faced. For example, Maryland (5-6) finished #8 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defensive rankings in 2004. They allowed opposing QB's just 48.3% completions with a 7-6 ratio (TD-interceptions). When I factor in the strength of their opponents' pass attacks, they ranked only #41 in my rankings. Their toughest pass offense faced was #52 Temple and not only did their other 10 opponents finish in the bottom half of the pass offense rankings, but 5 were in the bottom 32! Conversely, USC which won the national championship, finished only #34 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defense rankings, but #1 in my rankings as they took on NINE teams rated higher than Maryland's toughest pass attack faced including the #5, #7 and #12 attacks and still yielded just 53.8% with a 13-22 ratio.

That is a pretty clear example of how factoring in the strength of opponent makes these ratings more precise. Let me show you a couple of overrated and underrated secondaries on the NCAA pass D chart from 2006. **Army was 3-9 last year but rank #7 in the NCAA pass D rankings.** One of the main reasons is they only allowed 156 ypg passing. One reason for that is that teams ran the ball at will on them, as they were #115 in rush D. When teams did pass they allowed 62% completions and a 16-4 ratio. Another reason they allowed just 156 ypg was their opponents. Air Force and Navy were #118 and #119 in pass offense as both run the option. They also faced the #109 pass offense of Ark St and #110 pass offense of Connecticut. The IAA foe they faced VMI only avg 103 ypg passing, as they also are a run based attack and Kent St was #97 in pass offense. They only faced 4 teams that ranked in the top 40 in pass offense all season. Tulane hit 33 of 46 for 409 yards and Rice and Baylor combined for 285 ypg passing hitting 56 of 75 passes (75%)! **Does this sound like the #7 pass defense in the country? My pass D rankings list Army at #107!!!**

According to the NCAA pure statistical method of pass defense rankings, the #5 pass D in the NCAA last year was Florida International. The Panthers allowed just 148 ypg with a respectable 56.6% and an 18-11 ratio. **Sounds like pretty decent numbers so why do my rankings have the 0-12 Panthers pass D all the way down at #75?** While they did face some BCS schools like Alabama (#49 pass offense), Maryland (#80) and Miami, Fl (#62) those teams were run based attacks. The Sun Belt did not have a lot of quality pass attacks and **their Sun Belt foes finished with passing rankings of #114, #109, #117 and #106. Florida International faced ZERO teams that finished in the top 40 of the pass offenses in the NCAA!!!.** Only two even ranked in the top 60!

According to the NCAA's pass D chart UCLA had a poor pass D last year that was #87 or 32nd worst in the NCAA. The Bruins did allow 223 ypg but just 56% with an 18-13 ratio. My rankings have the Bruins pass D at #23. During the course of the year they had to face QB's such as Brady Quinn of Notre Dame, John David Booty of USC and not only face 7 of the top 40 pass attacks in the NCAA they took on FIVE of the top 25. Teams also had to throw the ball on them as they allowed just 91 ypg rushing, and they won 6 games by double digits so plenty of those yards came late with the game out of reach.

USC is very similar to UCLA in many of the respects I just mentioned. According to the NCAA final stats they had the #64 pass D in the country last year or one in the bottom half teams. While they yielded 205 ypg they gave up just 54.5% with a 13-11 ratio. My rankings have them at #10 as those were vs a tough Pac 10 schedule and also had Brady Quinn on the non conference slate.

Listed are the raw numbers for the 2006 season as well as the computer's final rankings taking into account the strength of the opponent faced. If you would like to get my pass D rankings updated weekly you can go to **philsteele.com** after Tuesday each week and get my current pass D rankings which take into account strength of opponent faced for **FREE**.

#	TEAM	YPG	ATT	COMP	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
1.	LSU	145.7	364	172	47.3	11	16	13.7	9.46
2.	Wisconsin	138.3	387	185	47.8	6	15	13.3	8.67
3.	Florida	182.9	458	244	53.3	10	21	12.7	9.46
4.	TCU	174.1	386	207	53.6	9	16	12.5	9.88
5.	Oklahoma	188.4	434	225	51.8	15	18	12.4	9.98
6.	Western Michigan	199.3	382	226	59.2	14	24	11.7	8.92
7.	Oregon St	223.7	430	233	54.2	17	17	11.5	10.98
8.	Georgia	150.0	342	182	53.2	11	19	11.5	8.83
9.	S Mississippi	180.3	393	206	52.4	14	17	11.5	9.57
10.	USC	204.8	436	238	54.6	13	11	11.4	10.27
11.	Arkansas	185.1	433	215	49.7	20	16	11.4	9.38
12.	Ohio St	182.2	415	242	58.3	10	21	11.3	9.33
13.	Virginia Tech	128.2	314	161	51.3	6	17	11.3	7.94
14.	Oregon	173.5	362	199	55.0	17	15	11.2	10.31
15.	Boise St	194.9	397	227	57.2	17	20	11.2	10.33
16.	Penn St	197.0	440	244	55.5	10	13	11.2	9.52
17.	Michigan	224.9	488	262	53.7	19	12	11.2	10.35
18.	Wyoming	156.3	319	166	52.0	10	11	11.1	9.00
19.	BYU	205.1	445	245	55.1	12	18	10.7	8.88
20.	Alabama	173.1	331	184	55.6	15	16	10.7	9.98
21.	USF	183.2	389	199	51.2	11	15	10.7	8.40
22.	Clemson	177.7	385	214	55.6	9	14	10.6	9.00
23.	UCLA	223.4	421	236	56.1	18	13	10.6	10.92
24.	Miami, Fl	187.7	362	193	53.3	9	12	10.6	9.15
25.	Kent St	158.9	326	171	52.5	8	16	10.4	7.98
26.	California	240.8	421	237	56.3	17	21	10.4	10.06
27.	Nevada	197.7	364	217	59.6	15	20	10.4	10.42
28.	Cincinnati	201.6	419	219	52.3	14	14	10.4	8.79
29.	Auburn	168.2	339	185	54.6	13	10	10.3	9.65
30.	Tulsa	158.7	344	187	54.4	13	8	10.3	9.44
31.	Washington St	243.1	383	214	55.9	15	16	10.2	10.21
32.	Texas A&M	190.5	368	203	55.2	14	11	10.1	9.81
33.	Georgia Tech	195.8	461	238	51.6	11	13	10.0	8.02
34.	Arizona St	210.9	389	212	54.5	28	15	9.9	10.98
35.	Arizona	206.6	358	221	61.7	14	13	9.8	11.04
36.	Ohio	172.3	415	217	52.3	14	13	9.7	8.09
37.	Tennessee	180.8	331	190	57.4	16	16	9.6	9.77
38.	Louisville	215.7	414	208	50.2	12	12	9.5	8.00
39.	Illinois	182.3	335	186	55.5	11	10	9.5	8.90
40.	Boston College	202.9	450	270	60.0	11	21	9.5	8.23
41.	Wake Forest	216.7	446	255	57.2	12	22	9.3	8.11
42.	Rutgers	151.2	312	162	51.9	8	15	9.2	7.23
43.	Florida St	198.3	414	227	54.8	17	12	9.2	8.69
44.	Nebraska	215.3	446	238	53.4	17	12	8.9	8.50
45.	Stanford	177.0	325	196	60.3	14	7	8.9	10.15
46.	Missouri	185.7	400	231	57.8	19	13	8.8	8.92
47.	NC State	166.7	269	138	51.3	12	7	8.8	8.38
48.	Texas Tech	182.4	365	213	58.4	19	11	8.7	9.58
49.	Iowa	210.2	423	241	57.0	20	14	8.7	8.94
50.	South Carolina	190.0	313	170	54.3	13	14	8.7	8.56
51.	Kansas	269.1	470	248	52.8	22	12	8.6	8.65
52.	San Jose St	206.2	390	240	61.5	18	16	8.6	9.73
53.	Florida Atlantic	170.8	305	163	53.4	16	18	8.5	7.44
54.	Kansas St	197.0	384	224	58.3	18	10	8.4	9.37
55.	Virginia	170.2	291	171	58.8	10	10	8.4	8.73
56.	Miami, Oh	158.3	275	163	59.3	14	14	8.4	8.75
57.	Washington	240.2	388	238	61.3	15	10	8.2	10.17
58.	UTEP	242.5	396	256	64.6	18	15	8.1	10.79
59.	Northwestern	204.2	341	210	61.6	14	11	8.1	9.65
60.	Hawaii	241.7	446	244	54.7	29	14	8.1	9.84
61.	Toledo	195.2	341	193	56.6	19	11	8.1	8.75
62.	Houston	208.0	404	232	57.4	21	12	8.1	9.32
63.	Texas	236.2	410	239	58.3	21	13	8.0	9.63
64.	West Virginia	243.3	425	244	57.4	17	16	8.0	8.48
65.	Akron	186.2	336	186	55.4	13	7	7.9	7.94
66.	Colorado St	181.3	312	180	57.7	11	7	7.9	8.42
67.	Middle Tennessee	204.3	372	214	57.5	18	14	7.9	8.46
68.	Arkansas St	160.9	277	158	57.0	14	19	7.9	7.35
69.	Purdue	241.2	455	279	61.3	20	11	7.9	10.43
70.	Baylor	217.1	364	210	57.7	24	16	7.8	8.96
71.	East Carolina	184.2	376	222	59.0	17	16	7.8	7.87
72.	Utah	215.7	366	221	60.4	19	17	7.8	9.21
73.	New Mexico	237.4	427	256	60.0	28	14	7.7	10.44
74.	ULM	196.1	360	214	59.4	15	19	7.6	7.38
75.	Florida International	147.7	297	168	56.6	18	11	7.6	7.48
76.	Mississippi St	205.9	309	179	57.9	18	12	7.5	9.02
77.	Idaho	229.4	356	223	62.6	26	16	7.4	10.88
78.	Maryland	197.7	366	215	58.7	14	8	7.4	8.38
79.	San Diego St	171.7	295	175	59.3	22	9	7.4	9.42
80.	Oklahoma St	217.4	372	226	60.8	20	10	7.3	9.87
81.	Central Michigan	215.1	486	302	62.1	23	16	7.3	8.48
82.	Vanderbilt	196.7	293	176	60.1	18	14	7.3	9.13
83.	Troy	214.8	421	244	58.0	17	16	7.2	7.25
84.	SMU	245.8	418	268	64.1	19	11	7.2	9.88
85.	Minnesota	268.2	434	270	62.2	24	17	7.2	10.10
86.	Mississippi	194.5	339	202	59.6	18	3	7.1	9.29
87.	Kentucky	268.9	406	235	57.9	24	14	7.1	9.73
88.	Notre Dame	203.4	339	187	55.2	24	11	7.0	8.48
89.	Connecticut	178.5	279	158	56.6	15	12	6.8	7.38
90.	Syracuse	214.3	348	226	64.9	17	17	6.7	8.60
91.	Pittsburgh	181.8	341	215	63.0	17	11	6.7	8.04
92.	Bowling Green	174.3	294	188	63.9	15	12	6.6	8.38
93.	Marshall	251.7	398	254	63.8	20	12	6.6	9.46
94.	Colorado	228.5	390	261	66.9	22	12	6.5	10.25
95.	New Mexico St	233.5	332	195	58.7	28	14	6.5	9.69
96.	Rice	226.6	358	202	56.4	32	11	6.5	9.87
97.	UCF	248.8	392	244	62.2	22	10	6.5	9.52
98.	UAB	212.5	317	200	63.1	19	12	6.4	9.29
99.	Fresno St	222.2	365	233	63.8	26	5	6.1	11.13
100.	Navy	218.5	394	243	61.7	19	12	6.1	7.71
101.	Temple	208.8	307	181	59.0	22	9	6.0	8.52
102.	Michigan St	230.9	355	206	58.0	32	8	5.9	9.67
103.	North Carolina	195.5	306	190	62.1	14	7	5.9	8.00
104.	Ball St	257.8	394	251	63.7	19	9	5.7	8.75
105.	North Texas	189.1	317	202	63.7	18	6	5.5	8.15
106.	Tulane	250.2	386	247	64.0	23	8	5.5	9.33
107.	Army	156.0	268	167	62.3	16	4	5.4	7.48
108.	Louisiana-Lft	204.3	324	200	61.7	16	6	5.4	7.50
109.	Eastern Michigan	187.0	319	203	63.6	20	7	5.2	7.63
110.	Duke	227.3	343	206	60.1	27	10	5.0	7.88
111.	Indiana	228.3	318	196	61.6	29	13	5.0	8.94
112.	Northern Illinois	242.8	411	265	64.5	22	7	5.0	8.58
113.	UNLV	225.9	315	211	67.0	21	9	4.8	10.00
114.	Air Force	213.4	303	202	66.7	20	9	4.8	9.35
115.	Louisiana Tech	257.8	365	224	61.4	31	10	4.2	9.21
116.	Buffalo	205.6	275	184	66.9	21	10	4.2	8.98
117.	Memphis	230.7	307	200	65.1	24	10	4.2	8.92
118.	Iowa St	238.5	374	271	72.5	26	6	3.2	9.69
119.	Utah St	249.2	313	201	64.2	33	6	3.2	11.10

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PHIL STEELE'S 2007 PLUS/MINUS POWER RATINGS

If you have read the other parts of the magazine, I am sure you are familiar with the fact that I have EIGHT different sets of power ratings that I create each preseason to give me 8 different ways of looking at a team. The last few years I have provided you with one of those sets here. It is the one that will most closely resemble the Top 25 polls as it is based on last year's scores and adjustments made for this year. Let me take a minute of your time to give you a little history on my fascination and dependency on power ratings when analyzing a team in the preseason and during the season. I am in my mid-40's and I started following college football with great intensity at about 10 years old. At that time (being a numbers guy) I devised my own set of power ratings which was based mostly on where the preseason magazines I was reading ranked the teams. Being 10, I even awarded points at that time for how many pictured players each team had in the magazines. I updated those ratings during the season based on the final scores of the games and that is how most were done.

One of the reasons for this particular article is that a few years later after compiling my ratings (and no longer counting pictures), I stumbled upon the Game Plan magazine. In the front of the magazine was a set of power ratings for each team!! I now had two sets of power ratings on each team and I updated them both during the year giving me two different ways of looking at the strength of a team. This year I thought for all of you who like to use a set of power ratings, that I would provide you with ONE of my 8 sets. Is this the main set of ratings that I use? No, that would be my Power Poll rankings which are a combination of the 8 sets. This is a solid set of numbers, however, what I have noticed is that it most closely resembles what the general perception of each team is heading into 2007.

First of all, let me tell you about some of my other power ratings. One of my main sets is the talent rating. For this I rank each position on every team from 4 for weakest to 10 for strongest in the country. They are ranked to the decimal. For example, I will rate a QB position at 7.87 if I feel they are a hair weaker than a 7.89 team. I add all of the positions up, add in special teams and coaching and that set is ready. The second one to look at is the Power Plays numbers. I take a look at last year's final numbers which not only take into account the score of the game but the strength of each team's offensive rush and pass also the defensive rush and pass. When doing my power ratings I always award what I call a Plus/Minus for each position. If a team had an All-American VHT QB last year and is going to an inexperienced one that is not a VHT, then they would rate a minus 6. If a team had no experience at a position, suffered through injuries last year with poor production, but now has everyone back including the injured players who are more experienced, while adding new talent to the mix they would rate a plus 6. Everything else falls in between. To make my Power Plays numbers for THIS year I looked at last year's and applied the Plus/Minus for each position to them to develop the computer projection. I mentioned that I rank each position from 4 to 10 which gives me a fresh set of numbers based just on this year and have a formula which takes the talent of each position (example: pass offense would be QB plus WR plus O-line) and converts it to a Power Plays number. I compare the two Power Plays numbers derived from two different methods then put my own thoughts into refining the figures and come up with an opening number for the next season. I could write a book (or a magazine for that matter) on how I devise each of the 8 sets but that gives you some idea of how I do two sets of my power ratings.

As for the ratings listed below, these are my Plus/Minus ratings. I first take last year's final Plus/Minus ratings which are compounded mostly by the score of each game last year and the strength of opponents played. Losing to USC by 5 would move a team up in the ratings (USC would have been expected to win big) while beating Buffalo by 20 last year would probably have moved the same team down. I then take my aforementioned Plus/Minus ratings and add them to the totals. Some teams are weaker than last year and drop in the rankings while the ones that are improved move up. As mentioned this is just ONE set of power ratings. A note here is that on page 315 I rank the teams based on the Power Poll which is all 8 ratings combined so that page does indeed differ with this one as far as rankings. The Plus/Minus ratings are a good set of ratings but I personally put more weight into the Power Poll as it combines all 8. Below I list my current 2007 Plus/Minus ratings for the upcoming season. I hope you find them useful.

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BIG 10

Michigan	141.18
Wisconsin	140.88
Ohio St	140.54
Penn St	139.22
Iowa	135.17
Purdue	130.46
Illinois	129.61
Minnesota	129.04
Northwestern	124.83
Michigan St	122.43
Indiana	121.57

BIG 12

Oklahoma	142.26
Texas	141.01
Texas A&M	139.50
Nebraska	139.20
Missouri	136.40
Oklahoma St	133.78
Texas Tech	129.78
Kansas St	128.91
Kansas	127.22
Colorado	126.13
Iowa St	115.27
Baylor	113.39

WAC

Hawaii	136.74
Boise St	136.11
Nevada	125.61
San Jose St	124.52
Fresno St	123.87
New Mexico St	120.83
Louisiana Tech	104.22
Idaho	103.61
Utah St	102.09

SEC

LSU	145.35
Florida	140.91
Georgia	140.26
South Carolina	140.25
Alabama	138.18
Auburn	137.72
Tennessee	137.48
Arkansas	137.43
Kentucky	134.57
Vanderbilt	132.30
Mississippi St	126.70
Mississippi	126.04

PAC 10

USC	148.31
UCLA	140.50
California	139.87
Oregon	138.86
Oregon St	138.22
Arizona St	137.91
Arizona	132.65
Washington St	130.91
Washington	129.26
Stanford	121.96

SUN BELT

Troy	119.57
Middle Tenn	118.22
Florida Atlantic	117.83
ULM	117.70
Arkansas St	112.83
Louisiana-Lft	104.78
North Texas	99.78
Florida Int'l	93.00

BIG EAST

West Virginia	140.90
Louisville	140.89
Rutgers	139.05
USF	138.86
Pittsburgh	130.51
Cincinnati	130.45
Connecticut	126.87
Syracuse	119.52

CONF USA

S Mississippi	131.48
Houston	127.65
Memphis	126.04
SMU	125.17
East Carolina	123.35
Marshall	123.00
Tulsa	122.09
UTEP	119.26
UCF	116.70
Rice	114.74
Tulane	109.57
UAB	104.39

MT WEST

TCU	139.76
BYU	139.00
Utah	135.70
New Mexico	126.74
Wyoming	124.43
Colorado St	122.30
Air Force	121.30
UNLV	120.26
San Diego St	119.78

ACC

Virginia Tech	140.91
Florida St	139.30
Georgia Tech	136.59
Miami, Fl	136.20
Boston College	135.74
Clemson	135.00
Maryland	134.17
Virginia	133.39
Wake Forest	132.30
NC State	126.09
North Carolina	123.26
Duke	115.43

MAC

W Michigan	125.48
C Michigan	125.31
Ball St	125.26
N Illinois	124.96
Toledo	123.87
Kent St	122.47
Miami, Oh	122.09
Bowling Green	117.04
Ohio	116.61
Akron	114.43
E Michigan	111.91
Temple	109.13
Buffalo	106.78

INDEPENDENT

Notre Dame	134.70
Navy	124.00
Army	106.48

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#1 EIGHT STRAIGHT YEARS!!

by Arne K. Lang

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Phil Steele takes pride in producing America's most informative and most accurate college football magazine. He succeeds on both counts. This is not a subjective impression; it's a fact! And as Casey Stengel would have said, you could look it up.

A cursory look at Phil's publication bespeaks the plain truth that it is unsurpassed as a font of useful information. In the authoritative Stassen survey, Phil's magazine has been rated the most complete magazine of its kind eight years running.

As for accuracy, Phil is blowing away the competition. Last year, he finished first in the prediction-accuracy component of the Stassen survey. It was Phil's third 1st place finish in the last six years.

Whether one uses a three-year time frame, a five-year time frame, or an eight-year time frame, Phil's publication is the most accurate. It's gotten to the point that his competitors can only hope to narrow the gap.

Let's backtrack while learning more about Phil and the dogged researcher whose findings document what many of Phil's loyal readers already knew.

The inaugural edition of Phil's preseason magazine hit the newsstands in 1995. Two years later, surfing the Internet, Phil stumbled on a web site that had been reviewing football annuals since 1993, using various indices to rate the "goodness" of each publication. The ratings were formulated by Chris Stassen, a man who has compiled a large storehouse of statistical data for hardcore fans of college football (check it out at www.football.stassen.com).

Phil's publication was rated 6th, a ranking influenced heavily by his below average performance in prediction accuracy. While this placement was above the norm, Phil was chagrined. He was also mystified, as he knew that his preseason Top 25 identified more bowl-bound teams than several of the rival publications that were accorded a higher ranking.

Probing deeper, Phil found the reason for the discrepancy. Stassen's assessment was based on final conference standings. Phil's preseason ratings were tailored to his assessment of how many wins a team would have in the hopper when it had completed its full schedule. There's a loose correlation between the two but it's not uncommon for the weaker of two teams to finish with a better record in conference play. In 1997, there were several instances where this was true. Phil was thus penalized for not configuring his forecasts to fit the Stassen model.

Had this reporter been Phil Steele, he would have politely requested that Mr. Stassen rethink his methodology. But Phil accepted his rating as constructive criticism because the Stassen survey had a noble purpose, identifying the best value for the consumer. Beginning in 1998, Phil tweaked his publication with an eye toward winning the Stassen competition. This meant not only adjusting his forecasts but analyzing more teams to better satisfy the yardstick of information quantity.

His first college football annual had write-ups on 88 teams. Beginning in 1998, the list was expanded to include the full gamut of Division IA schools. The smaller schools initially had only a summary paragraph but this was bumped to a full page in 1999 and subsequently to two full pages for teams in the MAC in 2000. In 2002, Phil expanded to two full pages on ALL 117 teams (now 119 teams).

The first year that Phil played by Stassen's rules, so to speak, his magazine placed fifth in forecasting accuracy. However, there was considerable bunching at the top of the scale and he finished only four points off the leader. In 1999 Steele came in 3rd in accuracy out of the 16 publications and websites that Stassen monitored. Street and Smith had the best score at 138 points (as in golf the lower the score the better) and Steele's magazine was at 143.

In case you're curious, Stassen tabulates each magazine's forecasting accuracy by comparing the predicted finish with the actual finish of each team in each conference. In cases where 2 or more teams shared a placement by finishing with identical conference records, the score for that team is derived from the most favorable of the tied positions. For example, in the SEC in '03, Tenn, Florida and UGA all tied for 1st in the SEC East in conference games. For purposes of the Stassen survey, the three 6-2 teams finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd, whatever placement was most favorable for the forecaster. In '03, everyone had those teams in the top three, so no points were assessed for their forecasts.

Phil studies each team and each confederation of teams with the same degree of thoroughness, but for whatever reasons his insights have been especially keen when dissecting the teams in America's strongest football conference. In 2003, Phil tabbed LSU his #2 surprise team and picked the Tigers to win the SEC West. His publication was the ONLY magazine that tabbed LSU to win its division. To refresh your memory, Phil's #2 surprise team not only won its division, but finished undefeated and was accorded a share of the NCAA title!!

This past season, Phil was bullish on Arkansas, anointing the Razorbacks his #5 surprise team. Coming off two straight sub-.500 seasons, the Hogs won their division and achieved their highest finish in the polls since 1989 despite playing the toughest schedule in school history. And this wasn't the first time that Phil Steele had the right notion about Arkansas. He pegged the Razorbacks to win their division in 2002. The Hogs did exactly that while making a mockery of the preseason media polls which had them finishing next-to-last in the final standings.

The following table shows how Phil fared last year in the SEC West. The table shows at a glance how Stassen's grading system works. Keep in mind that a perfect score for any set of teams is ZERO.

Team	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Prediction Missed By
WEST				
Arkansas	7-1	1	2	1
Auburn	6-2	2 (Tie)	1	1
LSU	5-3	2 (Tie)	3	0
Alabama	2-6	4 (Tie)	4	0
Mississippi	2-6	4 (Tie)	5	0
Mississippi St	1-7	6	6	0
				Total Pts: 2

Publication & Total Pts	Phil Steele	Athlon	The Sporting News	Lindy's	Street & Smith	Gold Sheet	GamePlan	Blue Ribbon	ATS Consultants	Total Points
Arkansas	2	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	2	29
Auburn	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
LSU	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	20
Alabama	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	4.5	32.5
Mississippi	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4.5	44.5
Mississippi St	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	54
TOTAL POINTS	**2**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**5**	**5**	**3**	**5**	**2**	

Living in Cleveland, it figures that Phil would have a good read on teams housed in the state of Ohio. In 2002, his #1 surprise team was the Ohio State Buckeyes, which went on to win the National Championship. Akin to the situation the following year with regard to LSU, Phil's publication was the only magazine to forecast a Conference Title for Ohio State.

This past season, Ohio State was the overwhelming choice to win the Big 10 title and Phil was in accord with the majority. However, he made some bold picks in the MAC East, a division loaded with Ohio schools, and his periscope was crystal-clear.

In the eyes of many folks, the teams to beat in the MAC East were defending champion Akron, perennial power Miami, and a Bowling Green team that piled up 43 wins over the course of the previous five seasons. Phil dismissed them as pretenders, forecasting a 1st place tie between Kent State and Ohio.

A team with an awful football pedigree, Kent State made great strides, crushing Bowling Green and Toledo while improving by five wins. When the smoke cleared, the Golden Flashes had skirted a losing season for only the third time in the last 24 years. Ohio won seven conference games for the first time in school history and had its best season since 1968. Cha-ching!

Following the example of the SEC West, here is the breakdown for the MAC East:

Team	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Prediction Missed By
EAST				
Ohio	7-1	1	1	0
Kent St	5-3	2	1	1
Akron	3-5	3 (Tie)	3	0
Bowling Green	3-5	3 (Tie)	3	0
Miami, Oh	2-6	5	5	0
Buffalo	1-7	6	6	0
				Total Pts: 1

Publication & Total Pts	Phil Steele	Athlon	The Sporting News	Lindy's	Street & Smith	Gold Sheet	GamePlan	Blue Ribbon	ATS Consultants	Total Points
Ohio	1.5	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	3.5	31
Kent St	1.5	5	5	5	6	5	6	5	6	44.5
Akron	3.5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12.5
Bowling Green	3.5	4	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	24.5
Miami, Oh	5	1	3	2	2	3	3	3	3.5	25.5
Buffalo	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	6	5	51
TOTAL POINTS	**1**	**10**	**11**	**10**	**13**	**11**	**13**	**11**	**12**	

The Most Accurate Preseason Magazine The Last 8 Years!

The Stassen site is so complete that it keeps tabulations of how the magazines have fared in each of the past seasons and also has charts based on the past 3 and 5 years. It even has an all-time chart which rates just the 5 magazines that have been around from 1993-2006. Steele's magazine did not get placed on the all-time list because it was not around until 1995. It did however come up #1 overall in the past eight years (1999-2006) in the category of Prediction Accuracy. The accompanying table shows the complete results.

	Rank	8 YR Ttl Score	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
PHIL STEELE	**1**	**1139**	**153**	**132**	**125**	**155**	**153**	**148**	**130**	**143**
ATHLON	2	1177	158	134	147	149	144	162	134	149
LINDY'S	3	1178	171	129	148	149	150	155	124	152
THE SPORTING NEWS	4	1188	170	145	133	146	131	173	135	155
STREET & SMITH	5	1206	168	139	143	147	155	180	136	138
JIM FEIST	6	1208	179*	140*	147*	141	148	162	129	162
GAME PLAN	7	1225	174	157	145	141	154	165	132	157
ATS CONSULTANTS	8	1229	162	133	159	165	147	158	147	158
FOOTBALL ACTION	9	1238	176*	140*	147*	182	142	166*	136	149
BLUE RIBBON	10	1240	172	147	151	153*	154	177	136	150*

* Record was not available on site, so used an average score of all ranked services.

The Stassen site tabulates all of the conferences and then comes up with the overall ratings for magazine accuracy. Often there's very little separation between the most accurate magazines. Indeed, on three separate occasions, only 1 point has separated the top two publications. In this regard, it's worth noting that when Phil achieved his 1st place finish in 2001, he outdistanced his nearest competitor by 7 points, the widest gap since 1994. His 5-point edge last year was likewise above the median for a typical year.

The table in the upper right hand corner shows us Phil's prediction-accuracy scores over each of the last eight seasons and the prediction-accuracy scores of other publications evaluated over this period. The combined score, as reflected in the first four-digit column, can be interpreted as a measure of dominance or as a measure of consistency. Regardless, Phil stands perched on the highest pedestal.

Forecasting accuracy is not the most salient consideration when this reporter goes shopping for football magazines. Paramount is the density of information and the trustworthiness of that information. In this regard, the Steele publication is unsurpassed.

By way of illustration, take returning starters, a crucial factor when developing a mental picture of each team before the season starts. The problem that one encounters is a lack of uniformity. Theoretically, a returning starter is a player that started more than half his team's games but some schools count players that fell a tad shy of this requirement. Complicating matters, some schools platoon extensively and are inclined to list both players as returning starters if they shared a position. One can usually sort this out by going to a team's website, but why even bother? For a mere $8.95, one can have this information right at his fingertips.

On the scale that Stassen uses to rate the best overall publication, the highest possible score is 80 points. Phil got 77 points last year, matching his total of the previous season. His personal high is 78 points, a figure he achieved in 2001 and again in 2002. No other publication has ever been rated higher!

There's less bunching of scores in the "overall" category. Phil outdistanced the runner-up by 17 points in 2001 and achieved the same margin of victory the following year. (Looking at the breakdowns, this reporter was reminded of the performance of Secretariat in the 1973 Belmont Stakes.) In each of the last two years, Phil's magazine was rated 12 points higher than the second-place finisher. Last season, the average score of all the magazines in the survey was 53.6 points. Delete Phil's tally from the sample and the figure drops to 45.9 points. It's no exaggeration to say that Phil ran away from the pack.

The Steele publication lists the number of starts for each player on the preseason two-deep – career starts as well as the previous season – plus relevant statistics, including defensive statistics that one simply doesn't find in other publications. Moreover, he identifies which players were blue-chip recruits coming out of high school, allowing us to better evaluate the impact of suspensions and injuries.

The inclusion of such an awesome amount of information demands abbreviations, artifices that function as shoehorns. The late gifted wordsmith Mort Olshan fairly invented a new form of literature, deploying acronyms and slang in such a fastidious manner that he was able to squeeze a ton of information onto a multi-paneled "sheet" that fits neatly into the breast pocket of a sports jacket. Phil Steele has elevated the circumvention to new heights.

By now, it seems that every adult male in America knows the meaning of FG (field goal). But what about KD (knockdowns by an offensive lineman) or TFL (tackles for loss behind the line of scrimmage) or VHT (very highly touted recruit)? Steele's magazine is replete with acronyms of this sort, with a handy reference table. A casual fan of college football might find these tidbits somewhat hard to digest, but the result is an astoundingly meaty publication that makes it an essential reference source for anyone who loves college football.

Perhaps only another professional writer can fully appreciate Phil Steele's work ethic. This reporter was involved with a rival publication that went belly-up after last season, although I prefer to think that it has merely gone into hibernation. I was the "write-up man," preparing a general overview of each of the 119 Division IA teams. From personal experience, I know that excavating pertinent facts and then blending them into a coherent presentation is a laborious task and that the pressure builds as one gets closer to the deadline imposed by the national newsstand distributor. When I was finished with this exhausting exercise, I had the satisfaction of helping birth a first-class publication, but yet I readily confess that what I had created read like "Cliff's Notes" when juxtaposed against Steele's remarkably thorough analysis of each team.

Phil has reached the point in his career when he could rest on his laurels and assign the work to subcontractors, but that would inevitably reduce his magazine accuracy. He'd be the first to concur that there's no substitute for doing one's own homework, but that's easier said than done. There are only 24 hours in a day.

In common with Phil, this reporter prides himself on having an informed opinion and being able to spot a flaw in prediction accuracy. Being a fellow with a sporting disposition, I'm willing to back my opinions, even in those rare instances when my opinion is different from my friend Phil Steele. But let's get one thing straight, if I were matched against Phil in a head-to-head accuracy contest, I would insist they start me out with negative points. In any competition of this kind, the perennial Stassen Champion would most likely take home another #1 Title.

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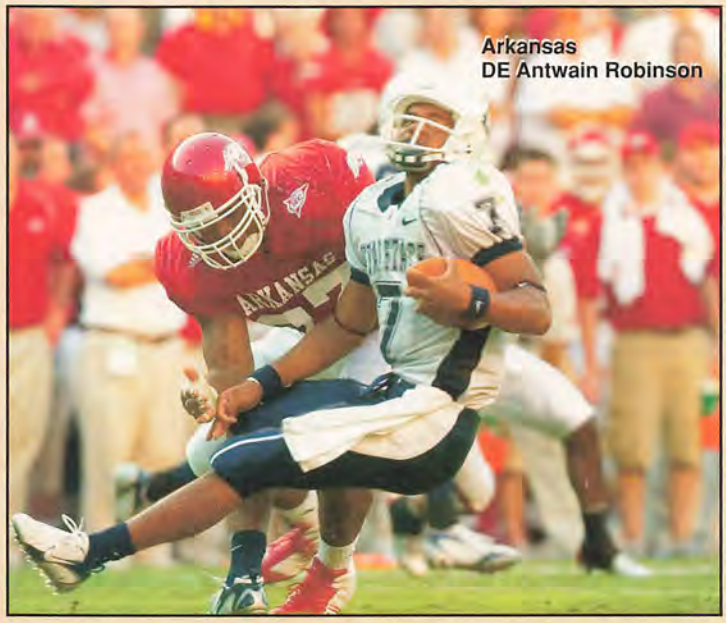

DRAFT DAY PARTY HANGOVER

By Phil Steele

Draft day is an exciting day for many college football players, as they find out which professional team they have a shot at playing for in the future. Many players who will be 1st or 2nd round draft picks have draft parties to celebrate their high selection & the upcoming riches they will receive by signing an NFL contract. College football teams also enjoy draft day, as having players selected to the NFL gives coaches a recruiting edge in the future. They can then tell incoming high school recruits how many different players they have sent on to NFL careers. The more successful programs will always land the top-notch athletes who want to seek a pro career.

While there is a lot of happiness on draft day, it can be a precursor for trouble for many college programs. My staff & I went back & researched how teams did after having a large amount of players selected in the draft. We have found that almost 4 out of every 5 teams that rank among the top in the NCAA in players drafted struggle the next year & have a weaker record. I call it the Draft Day Party Hangover Effect.

Let me explain how I came up with this theory. I have taken the last ten years' drafts & analyzed not only the amount of players selected but also the rounds in which they were selected. Let's face it, there are only 32 players in all of college football who end up being a 1st round draft pick in a season. Replacing a player with that ability is often very difficult. For the system that I created, 7 points are awarded if a player was picked in the 1st round. A 2nd round pick garnered 5 points, a 3rd round pick four, 4th round three, 5th round two & a sixth or seventh round pick just one point. In the NFL there's not much difference between a 6th or 7th round pick & a high quality undrafted free agent signee, so I did not lend a high level of merit to being picked in the last 2 rounds. Using this point system I went back & plugged in the last 10 years' draftees & found some interesting results. I limited my research to those teams that totaled 12 or more points, which makes them among the best in the NCAA. I will now review these results for you year-by-year.

I do have one elimination factor which makes sense. You have to look at the points that a team lost last year & even if they "earned" 12 or more draft points this year, if that total was LESS than the total points they earned the previous season, the team is actually in better shape. Let's face it, some programs turn out tons of draft picks every year & 12 is a low total for some teams. As an example, last year Oklahoma "earned" 25 points but did not make the list because in 2005 they earned 41 points. The 2006 squad was in much better shape than the draft-ravaged 2005 squad & would have been a National Title contender if not for the officiating in the Oregon game.

Ted Ginn, Jr
#9 Overall Pick of the NFL Draft

In the past ten years I have gone thru year-by-year & recapped how the teams that earned 12 or more points have fared. The results have been VERY consistent. In the 10 years there have been 187 teams that have earned 12 or more points (& also more points than they earned the previous year). Of those 187 teams, 131 or 70.1% have had a WEAKER record the next season. Twelve have had the same record. Only 44 or 23.5% have managed to improve their record. The best year for this system of NFL Draft hangover was 1998 when 18 of the 21 teams had a weaker record the next year. That means that basically 7 out of every 10 teams that earn 12 points in the draft will have a weaker record the next year. I will give you a couple of examples then fine-tune the system even further to reveal systems that have hit 90% & 100% over the ten years!!!

Here are some examples of the teams that earned 12 points & how they have done from one year to the next. In **1998** Wash St earned 20 points & went from a Rose Bowl berth (10-2) down to 3-8 & last place in the Pac 10. Cincinnati & Clemson each earned 14 points & Cincinnati dropped from 8-4 in '97 to 2-9, while Clemson fell from 7-5 to 3-8. In **1999** Arizona had 12 points & plummeted from 12-1 to 6-6, UCLA (15 pts) went from 10-2 to 4-7 & Notre Dame (14 pts) fell from 9-3 to 5-7. In **2000** Alabama (20 pts) went from 10-3, & thinking National Title, to a massively disappointing 3-8 season, & Marshall (17 pts) went from a perfect 13-0 to an 8-5 season. In **2001** Kansas St (18 pts) went from 11-3 to 6-6 & Washington (12 pts) from 11-1 to 8-4. In **2002** Stanford (14 pts) went from 9-3 down to 2-9 & BYU (14 pts) went from 12-2 in 2001 to a losing record of 5-7 in 2002. Oregon, a BCS team from 2001, went from 11-1 to 7-6 after earning 21 draft points. In **2003**, Notre Dame (16 pts) went from 10-3 to 5-7 & Illinois (13 pts) went from 5-7 to 1-11. In **2004** Mississippi (12 pts) went from 10-3 to 4-7, Washington (17 pts) went 6-6 to 1-10 & Maryland (14 pts) went from 10-3 to 5-6. For **2005**, Utah earned 14 pts & went from 12-0 down to 7-5. In **2006**, NCSt had 26 pts & dropped from 7-5 to 3-9 as they were hit hard with three 1st RD DC's being taken in the NFL. As you can see, losing a lot of quality players to the NFL does have an impact on teams the following year &, as mentioned, 70.1% of teams that earned 12 or more points have had weaker or the same record the next year.

In last year's magazine I went through the records of teams in the chart & noticed that of the TOP 7 that I had listed, ALL 7 had a weaker record in 2005! The 2006 results verified my theory that the more points a team earns (which means the bigger the draft losses), the higher chance they would have of a weaker record the next year. If you go back over the last ten years, there have been 47 teams that have accumulated 24 or more points. Of those 47, 41 have had a weaker record the next year, one team has had the same record the next year. That means that 42 of the 47 teams or 89.4% failed to improve their record the next year after earning 24 or more draft points. Here are some notable losers from this segment of draft casualties. In 2001 Wisconsin (29 pts) went from 9-4 to 5-7. In 2000 Michigan St (24 pts) went from 10-2 to 5-6. In 1998 North Carolina went from 11-1 to 6-5 after earning 29 points. West Virginia was 8-4 in 1998 but after earning 26 points they dropped to 4-7 in 1999. In 1997 Colorado (24 pts) went from 10-2 to 5-6. Teams that earned 24 or more points will have a weaker record roughly 90% of the time.

In 2004, Ohio St set an NFL record for amount of players drafted in a 7 round draft &, in the process, earned 51 draft points in my system. The Bucks went from 11-2 to just 8-4 & from the Fiesta Bowl to the Alamo Bowl. My next question is, how do the biggest draft losers fare the next season? In the past 10 years there have only been 14 teams that have earned 35 or more points in the draft. How do those teams fare the next year? Thirteen of fourteen have had a weaker record the next season with the 2006 Ohio St Buckeyes being the only team to have a better record. They obviously learned from the 2004-2005 teams on how to adjust to big losses in the draft. The biggest falls from this group were the 2003 Penn St Nittany Lions, which went from 9-4 to just 3-9, Florida St's 2001 squad, which went from 11-2 in 2000 to 8-4 in 2001, the 2005 Oklahoma Sooners, who went from 12-1 to just 8-4, & the 2002 Tennessee Volunteers, who went from 11-2 in '01 to just 8-5 in '02.

Over the last 10 years teams that earned....

12 or more points - Weaker or same record 139 of 182 (76.4%)
24 or more points - Weaker or same record 42 of 47 (89.4%)
35 or more points - Weaker record 13 of 14 (92.9%)

With that in mind, this year there were 20 teams that earned 12 points or more from their losses in the NFL draft, 6 that earned 24 or more but NONE had 35 or more points. 4 teams on that list had LESS points than last year in Ohio St (28), Florida St (22), USC (18) & Georgia (12).

One thing I have pointed out in past years is that the National Champ does have a good shot at appearing on these lists. In 2005, Texas was one of the teams that lost less points (15) than they had the previous year (18) so they were just listed in the text & not the box. In the past 10 years there have been 11 National Champs (LSU & USC were co-champs in 2003) with 10 of the 11 having earned 12 or more points in the draft the previous year. The only exception was LAST YEAR when Florida only had 7 points. The two teams that overcame the biggest draft losses & still managed to win a title were the 2001 Miami Hurricanes, who had 34 and the 1998 Tennessee Volunteers who had 32 draft points but still went from 11-1 to 12-0. Six of the 10 actually earned 20 or more points in the draft loss category.

According to past history, in reviewing the 16 teams in the box to the left, only 3 or 4 will manage to improve their record this year. BUT the National Champ is very likely to be one of the overall 20 teams on the Draft Day Hangover List.

TEAM	POINTS LOST IN 2007 NFL DRAFT
Texas	30
LSU	29
Tennessee	29
Florida	28
Miami, Fl	27
Michigan	26
Penn St	22
Notre Dame	21
Nebraska	19
Arkansas	18
California	16
Clemson	16
Auburn	16
Louisville	14
Hawaii	13
C Michigan	13

Coaching Changes

by Phil Steele

There is something to be said for coaching stability as it usually takes a couple of years for a new head coach to get a program going. They usually have their best success when they have a team full of their own recruits and their offensive and defensive systems have been in place for a couple of years. The first few years can be rough on a new head coach as they inherit players who now have to learn new schemes on both offense and defense and he has to learn the players strengths and weaknesses. Pete Carroll won two straight National Titles but in his first year the Trojans opened up at 2-5 and finished at just 6-6 after the bowl. Tommy Tuberville's first team at Auburn was just 5-6 but in his 6th season they were a perfect 13-0. Nick Saban's first LSU team started off 3-3 and finished 8-4 but in his 4th year they won a share of the National Title. In Bob Stoops' first year at Oklahoma, the Sooners were just 7-5 including a bowl loss to Mississippi. Since then they have won a National Title and played in four Big 12 Championship games. Dennis Franchione's first years at New Mexico and Texas A&M both resulted in losing seasons (combined 7-16) but they rebounded to winning seasons in his second year at both schools. Les Miles went 4-7 in his first year at Oklahoma St followed by 3 winning years. Al Groh's first year at Virginia produced a 5-7 record but he has had 4 out of 5 winning years since. Jim Tressel was just 7-5 his first year but won a National Title in his second. Kirk Ferentz was a combined 4-19 his first two seasons but the Hawkeyes have now been to four Jan bowls. Tom O'Brien was just 8-14 his first 2 years but took BC to 8 straight bowls and the team has won the last 7 (6 coached by O'Brien). Sonny Lubick's first Colorado St team had a losing season but he followed it up with 10 straight winning seasons. Pat Hill's first two Fresno St teams went a combined 11-12 but since then have had 7 winning years.

I could continue with examples of excellent coaches who struggled in their first year or two (like Woody Hayes who won just 4 games in his first season at Ohio St). The reason I bring up these examples is twofold: First it shows that Athletic Directors should have a little more patience before firing a head coach for a losing season. Also I wanted to point out that there are individual unit rankings in the lower right hand corner on each of the conference pages. You will notice that I have FIRST year coaching staffs graded lower than you would normally expect.

What sparked this article was Ole Miss' dumping of David Cutcliffe just one year after the Rebels shared the SEC West Title with LSU. They were the only team that had been bowl eligible 7 straight years prior to that rare losing season. Since he left, the Rebels have gone just 7-16.

SLOW STARTERS

Let me go over some programs that stuck with coaches for much longer than expected, through many losing seasons but have ultimately been rewarded. The best example comes from Virginia Tech. Frank Beamer had successive years of 2-9, 3-8, 6-4-1, 6-5, 6-5, 5-6 and 2-8-1 to start his tenure. Amazingly Virginia Tech stuck with him. Can you imagine another program that would stick with a head coach through a streak like that?? Beamer has done an amazing job building his program including having one of the best strength training programs in the country. They are now a National Title contender on a yearly basis and simply won the ACC Title in their inaugural year in the conference despite being picked 7th in the preseason ACC poll. Joe Novak started out 1-10, 0-11, 2-9 and 5-6 his first 4 years at Northern Illinois and once again, they opted to stick with him. They have simply had 7 consecutive winning seasons since. Darrell Dickey was DONE at North Texas. His first 3 teams went 3-8, 2-9 and 3-8 and in 2001 they opened the season 0-5. Their AD was under HEAVY pressure to get rid of Dickey not just at the end of the season but RIGHT THEN so they could have some hope. They rebounded to win an amazing 26 consecutive SBC games (including the final 5 in 2001)! They went to four bowls with 4 league titles. Will NT stick with New HC Dodge if he starts out like Dickey? Navy's Paul Johnson went 2-10 in his first year but the Mids have been to four straight bowls winning 8, 10, 8 and 9 games in those seasons. Rocky Long inherited a New Mexico team that went 9-4 in Franchione's last season and his first squad went just 3-9. Two more losing seasons followed but they stuck with him and the team has now had 6 consecutive years of bowl eligibility. Jeff Bower took over a team at S Miss that was 8-4 in 1990 (coached bowl). His first team went 4-7 and two years later when expectations were high for his team (returned 16 starters) they were a woeful 2-8-1. SM surprisingly stuck with him and the Golden Eagles have now had 13 straight winning years. Walt Harris' 2nd Pitt squad went just 2-9 and followed that the next year with another losing season. Clearly a lot of alumni thought the program was headed in the wrong direction but they had 5 straight winning seasons after that and were in a BCS bowl game in 2004. When Barry Alvarez took over at Wisconsin he went 1-10 in his first year and followed that up with two more losing seasons. The Badgers simply went to 11 bowl games in his tenure and he retired with an amazing three Rose Bowl wins under his belt. Dan McCarney of Iowa St had his team go 3-8, 2-9, 1-10, 3-8 and 4-7 his first FIVE years. Can you imagine an AD in today's climate sticking with this guy? The Cyclones have since gone to 5 bowl games in the last 7 years (but a new AD let McCarney go!). Bill Snyder went 1-10 at Kansas St in his first year and had 3 losing seasons his first 4 years but they stuck with him and he rewarded them with 11 straight bowl appearances, making them a National Title contender. As you can see, sometimes patience is a virtue.

BAYLORED

OK let's take a look at the Baylor situation. Constant head coaching changes are a bad thing. I mentioned earlier that when a new head coach comes in he struggles early as the players have to learn his systems and he has to learn the players strengths and weaknesses. He also inherits another coach's players and many times they not only don't fit his system but they signed with the school because of the other coaching staff. Many times personality or disciplinary conflicts arise and many players leave a program after the coaching change, setting a team short on scholarships as well. I call this section "Baylored" because that school provides the most prominent example of how constant head coaching changes hurt a program. Let's go back to 1996. Baylor had 5 out of 6 winning years despite facing their tough SWC foes on a weekly basis. They were 7-5 in 1994 and 7-4 in 1995 and the amazing part was that HC Chuck Reedy was bringing in recruiting classes on par with teams like Texas and Texas A&M, even finishing ahead of the big boys some years! In this day and age a winning record for a Big 12 team would make them a perennial bowl team. In 1996 they had a nightmare season as the team was besieged by injuries and also dropped some close games like a 28-24 loss to Oklahoma, a 28-23 loss to Texas and a triple OT loss 49-42 to Missouri (those type of losses would look pretty good currently). They still finished 4-7 and clearly, if not for the injuries, could have had a winning season. Amazingly Baylor FIRED Coach Reedy! That was 1996. They have played TEN years of football since and have topped three wins in a season just TWICE in that span (L/2Y, 5&4 wins)! First they brought in Dave Roberts in 1997 and then after two losing seasons FIRED him! They brought in Kevin Steele and gave him 4 years before the axe fell. As mentioned with constant coaching changes keeping the full complement of scholarship players has been a problem. Baylor has a record of 11-77 in the Big 12 and some years has been outgained by an avg of over 200 ypg in league play. Hopefully they will give Guy Morriss some time as he has made strides with this team that has been handicapped by constant coaching turnover.

FLIGHT DELAY

They do not run the option in the NFL so this category strictly applies to the college game. I have said many times the last few years that it take 3-4 years for an option team to successfully move to a pass offense. Why does such a switch take so long? A college team is basically built from 5 different recruiting classes with the classes from 3, 4 and 5 years ago being the most important. A college coach who runs an option offense can be very successful in the college game. To be a success he must be able to bring in big, powerful run blocking offensive linemen who are known more for power than pass blocking. His choice of WR's is generally not made on the guy that will make the most catches but the one who may be the best downfield blocker. The QB's in an option offense are valued more for their mobility than for their passing accuracy. When a coach comes in and tries to move to a pro style passing offense or a pure passing offense he finds himself ill equipped to do so. He needs fleet pass catching WR's, QB's who are known for their accurate passing and also needs a solid pass blocking line. By the time a coach recruits those type of players and the starters spots are taken by those type of recruits, it is usually at least two years down the road and possibly 3 or 4. Two big name schools that recently went through the switch and their struggles bear out what a difficult transition it can be.

Notre Dame was a run based attack under Lou Holtz with option style QB's and continued in the same vein after his departure. When Ty Willingham took over he inherited a team that avg'd 102 ypg passing the previous year hitting 50% with a 4-11 ratio. The top 2 QB's threw for just 1,071 yards but had 893 gross yards rushing. While ND did win their first 8 games under Willingham it was hardly due to offensive prowess. They had just 11 FD's and 203 TOTAL yards offense in a win over Purdue. Later they had 10 FD's and 185 TOTAL yards offense in a win vs Pitt. That offense averaged just 313 ypg with the QB's hitting 50.4%. The next season they brought in a pure passing QB, Brady Quinn. Quinn however was a freshmen and the offense was just in its second year so he was not yet surrounded by the O-line and receivers you need in a West Coast offense. He threw for 1,831 yards but only completed 47.3% with a 9-15 ratio. The third year of the offense showed solid improvement as you would expect. Quinn upped the totals to 2,586 yards passing, improved to 54.1% completions and had a 17-10 ratio. In 2005, with all 11 offensive starters back and in the 4th year of the switch, Charlie Weis stepped into a great situation and Quinn exploded with 3,919 yards passing (64.9%) with a 32-7 ratio. There were no Jeff Samardzija types on the roster in Willingham's first year but thanks to his recruiting, the team is much better equipped to run the pro offense. Last year with 3 solid receiving options, Quinn had 3,426 yards passing (61.9%) with a 37-7 ratio.

When Nebraska hired Bill Callahan he stunned the Husker faithful by announcing that he was ditching the option offense and converting to a pro style pass attack. Some said it was about time and thought he would have immediate success. The 2003 NU team was a solid 10-3. I did not make a lot of friends in Lincoln when the next year in my magazine I picked Iowa St, who had finished 2-10 the previous year to finish AHEAD of Nebraska in the Big 12 North! Joe Dailey threw for 2,025 yards the most at that school since Dave Humm way back in 1972. Unfortunately he completed 49.4% with a 17-19 ratio and the Huskers had their first losing season since 1961! Now, let's not pin the whole thing on Dailey as he was recruited as an option QB, had OL's in front of him that were recruited for run blocking and were just learning the pass blocking schemes. He also did not have a fleet of pass catching WR's like most passing schools have. Callahan looked to speed up the system so he went the JUCO route (something ND did not do). He brought in PS#18JC QB Zac Taylor (no freshman QB growing pains), JC WR's and JUCO OL's. Despite bringing in JUCO's the offense did not take off right away. In the first two games vs IA foes in the 2nd year of the offense they avg'd 104 ypg passing with just 45% completions. The unit got better as the season went on and Taylor threw for 392 yards generating 30 points vs Colorado in the season finale. For the season NU still completed just 53.8% and only increased their passing yards by 37 ypg. Last year they improved to 244 ypg passing and 59.4% completions.

SOME TOUGH SHOES TO FILL

Following a legend is never easy. Vince Lombardi had an incredible run with the Green Bay Packers but after 4 straight NFL titles, stepped down. Phil Bengtson was the unlucky guy who took over a team where anything less than an NFL title would be considered a weak season. Unfortunately he not only failed to bring home a championship but suffered 2 losing seasons in 3 years before being fired after going 6-8 in 1970. Ron Zook had the misfortune of being the guy who took over for Steve Spurrier at Florida. A few days after taking the job www.fireronzook.com got started and anything less than an undefeated season and National Title was construed as a failure. Some other coaches stepped into tough spots. Dennis Franchione left TCU after a great 10-2 season to take the job at Alabama. Gary Patterson unfortunately went 6-6 his first year but did flirt with an unbeaten season in 2003. At Ohio Jim Grobe had one of the best seasons at the school in recent memory in 2000 going 7-4 and contending for the MAC Title. He left for the ACC and Brian Knorr inherited raised expectations and was let go after 4 losing seasons. Tommy Bowden led Tulane to a 12-0 season in 1998 with 16 returning starters. He left for Clemson and Chris Scelfo inherited a rebuilding squad and had nowhere to go but down in his first year and they went just 3-8 but he did guide them to two winning seasons.

Some coaches have stepped into this type of tough situation and thrived. Urban Meyer led Bowling Green to a super 9-3 season and left for Utah and his assistant Gregg Brandon guided the Falcons to 3 winning seasons including a pair of bowl wins. Mike Price led Wash St to their first ever back-to-back 10 win seasons in the school's history before bolting for Alabama. Longtime assistant Bill Doba took over and led them to ANOTHER 10 win season and a Holiday Bowl win over #5 Texas. Dirk Koetter left Boise St after a 10-2 season, their best ever, and while Dan Hawkins' first squad "only" went 8-4 he did a remarkable job there going 45-7 in the next 4 years before moving onto Colorado. Last year Chris Petersen who has been the longtime OC at Boise St stepped in and as I forecasted in my 2006 magazine took the team to a BCS bowl berth and undefeated season after their win vs Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

There are just some coaching openings that have early success written all over them. In 2004 for example I pointed out many times in the magazine that UTEP's Mike Price was stepping into a great spot. Gary Nord took over at UTEP and guided the team to an 8-4 record and a rare bowl in his first year. He opted to build the program the right way by getting away from bringing in JUCO's and not only signed almost all freshmen but redshirted most of them, building the team's depth. He suffered through 3 losing seasons but had put all of his eggs in the basket of the 2004 season, as he knew he would

have success with a deep and veteran squad. Unfortunately they fired him so Mike Price took over a team that had -15 in turnovers the previous year (see page 312) and was just 2-11. When a new head coach comes into some early season success it gives a losing team new found confidence. They then buy into the new coach's program more quickly. UTEP went on to their 1st back-to-back winning seasons since '87-'88 and will benefit once again thanks to Nord biting the bullet and taking those redshirts. Keith Burns was doing the same thing at Tulsa and also did not catch many breaks his last few years as his team was hit hard by injuries. His final team had just 9 seniors and naturally new head coach Kragthorpe inherited a team with the most returning starters in the WAC (17). Some early season success had them more confident and the team rewarded the new guy going from 1-11 to 8-4. Urban Meyer took over a Utah team that was one of the most snakebitten teams in the NCAA in 2002. Between 2000-2002, Utah was among the MWC leaders in ypg vs conference foes and in 2000 and 2002 they finished with losing seasons overall despite outgaining and outscoring their opponents on the year. In 2002 they had FIVE losses by 8 pts or less! The talent was there and when Meyer achieved some early season success, the team started gaining confidence and won those close games that had escaped his predecessor Ron McBride. Just two years later they were undefeated. There were 12 new coaches in 2005 and there were a few success stories besides the heavily publicized hires of Charlie Weis, Florida's Urban Meyer and LSU's Les Miles. Bronco Mendenhall took over a snakebitten BYU team that had 3 close losses and outgained league foes by 54.6 ypg, 2nd best in the MWC in '04, taking them to a bowl in '05. W Michigan's Bill Cubit took a 1-10 team to a 7-4 record becoming bowl eligible.

Now let's take a look at some of this year's head coaching changes and I will put them into some of the categories listed above. Keep in mind many of this year's new guys will go through the typical 1st years that I described previously.

2007 NEW COACHES

RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME:

The last 2 years I have had 12 coaches mentioned in this section. Nine of the 12 have improved their teams records and last year Chris Petersen of Boise St took his team from 9-4 to a perfect 13-0 and a BCS bowl win and Rick Stockstill took Middle Tenn St from a losing season to a bowl game.

NICK SABAN, ALABAMA

Last year I expected very little from the Tide as they had a tough schedule facing 4 ranked teams (3 on the road). On the field they played better than I expected although their record was just 2-6 in the SEC and 6-7 overall. Despite their losing mark they outgained SEC foes by 32 ypg. They had a tough 2OT loss to Arkansas, a 3 pt loss to Tennessee and lost to Miss St, LSU and Auburn despite outFD'g each foe. This year most of the tough foes are at home and they have a veteran QB (something they lacked LY) and 14 starters back overall. The Nov 3 matchup with LSU may just decide the SEC West Title.

RANDY SHANNON, MIAMI, FL

Miami went through the suspensions after their brawl with Florida International and despite outgaining ACC foes by 19 ypg they were just 3-5. They have two veteran QB's and 16 starters back and much like Chris Petersen last year with Boise, not too many adjustments have to be made as Shannon was the DC here. Miami's D allowed just 256 ypg in '06 and will be one of the nation's best. Miami topping 7 wins should be like shooting fish in a barrel.

TOM O'BRIEN, NC STATE

Chuck Amato was an excellent recruiter and brought the talent level at NC State up to that of the "Florida St's" of the world. He was 4-2 vs Florida St and beating the big boys was a common occurrence. They also lost plenty of games to teams they should have easily beat and had discipline problems on the field (too many 15 yd penalties). Tom O'Brien inherits more talent than he had at BC and brings in a heavy dose of discipline. NC State was much better than its record last year with FIVE net close losses (see page 299). He will at least double last year's 3 win total.

DENNIS ERICKSON, ARIZONA ST

Arizona St was much better than their record last year. Despite their 4-5 record in the Pac 10 they outgained conference foes by the 3rd BEST mark in the league. QB Carpenter was banged up LY and should return to his 2005 form. Erickson inherits 14 starters including one of the best RB's in the NCAA in Ryan Torain. They also have 8 home games and teams buy into what the coach is preaching when they have early season success. I give the Sun Devils a shot at winning their first 7 setting up a home (HC) date with Cal for a possible 8-0 start.

MARK DANTONIO, MICHIGAN ST

Much like NC State, the Spartans were a head case team in need of discipline. When they blew their huge lead over Notre Dame LY they mailed it in down the stretch for a 2nd straight year. Needing discipline they bring in the perfect coach in Dantonio. It's too bad Drew Stanton did not have one more year of eligibility.

MARIO CRISTOBAL, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

Only one way to go here. Florida International could easily have won their 1st 3 games LY but lost all 3 by an avg of 2.8 ppg. Later they had the brawl and went through all those suspensions which actually gives their team more depth for this year as a lot of backups had to play. One win is an improvement over 2006 so a better record is certain.

BOB TOLEDO, TULANE

Hurricane Katrina set this program back and remember in 2005 they did not have a single home game. Tulane has won just 6 games the last two years and while they must learn new schemes they should have one of the most improved defenses in the country, Scelfo had to deal with some tough circumstances and they are another year towards normalcy in New Orleans.

STAN BROCK, ARMY

I almost put Brock under large shoes to fill but he does step into a good situation. He has been on the staff so there are no major changes and a big reason Bobby Ross lost his first 3 gms last year because they could not catch a break. How about 41 starts lost due to injury and -18 in TO's last year. Those factors point to a turnaround this year as they should have better fortune.

FLIGHT DELAYED

TROY CALHOUN, AIR FORCE

Calhoun is promising more passing and less option. We saw what success Todd Berry had at Army with a similar switch which the Cadets are still trying to recover from while Navy is sticking with the Bone and having great success with it. Calhoun played here under DeBerry when they had great success with the Bone so I am a little surprised about the switch and can't see them abandoning the option completely.

BAYLORED

In 2005 the whole reason for me to write this article was the ridiculous firing of coach Cutliffe at Mississippi where he had done a GREAT job. I think it may be decades before you see Ole Miss bowl eligible for 5 straight years and go to 5 bowls in a 6 year stretch like they did under Cutcliffe. Last year I had a coaching change here which I think will be a positive in future years and I almost put Turner Gill in the "Right Place Right Time" category but his team is still feeling the effects of being Baylored back in 2001.

DAVID BAILIFF, RICE

This is much like when Coach Scelfo took over for Bowden at Tulane after they had achieved a 12-0 mark. Rice greatly OVERachieved last year getting to a bowl. Showing how much they overachieved they were 6-2 in CUSA but outgained by 28 ypg. They had a winning record but were outscored on the season by an avg of 33.2-26.9 AND they benefitted from +8 in TO's. While Rice thought they locked up Coach Graham to a long contact extension he left the next day for Tulsa making Baliff their 3rd HC in 3 years and the 3rd different system in that span!

ROBB AKEY, IDAHO

Once again this is NOT the AD's fault but it is the Vandals 3rd HC in just 3 years. Nick Holt shockingly and unexpectedly left after two short seasons. They made a real coup getting Dennis Erickson who was still getting paid by the Niners so he came in at the Idaho salary. After he doubled the win total he thought Arizona St would be a brighter spot. Akey is actually their 4th HC in 5 years.

TOUGH SHOES TO FILL

The last 2 years I have had 4 coaches listed in this category. 3 coaches in 2005 had their teams go from a combined 25-11 69% in 2004 to 15-19 44% in 2005. Bret Bielema surprised me by improving Wisconsin's record from 10-3 to 12-1 last year.

TIM BREWSTER, MINNESOTA

The Gophers had been to 3 bowls in 21 years but Glen Mason took them to 7 over the last 8 years leaving some big shoes to fill. Minny was fortunate to get to a bowl LY as they were outgained by 92.3 ypg in Big 10 play (2nd worst) and benefitted from +18 in TO's. They are shifting schemes from Mason's run heavy attack to the pass which will take time as well.

JEFF JAGODZINSKI, BOSTON COLLEGE

Outstanding offensive lines helped Boston College to an amazing 7 straight bowl wins the longest streak in the country. Tom O'Brien led them to 8 straight bowls winning the L/6 he coached (DN cch LY's bowl). LY BC overachieved with +15 in TO's and they are switching up the blocking schemes and I wonder why mess with success as BC has sent a pipeline of OL to the NFL. The 1H of TY's ssn should be smooth sailing, but the schedule gets downright nasty in the 2H and they may not win any of their last 6 and probably wont match last year's 10 win total.

BUTCH JONES, C MICHIGAN

While Brian Kelly was only at C Michigan the last 3 years, in that span he guided them to their first winning season since 1998, their first MAC Title since 1994 (13 yrs) and their first 10 win season since 1974. Butch does inherit 14 returning starters but is bringing in new systems on both sides of the ball. They also have 7 tough road games on the schedule and will have everyone gunning for them this year.

GENE CHIZIK, IOWA ST

Normally taking over a team that had just 4 wins the previous year and had been to 5 bowls the previous 7 years is a very favorable situation. Unfortunately Iowa St actually overachieved a bit last year with 4 net close wins. Just like last year they draw Oklahoma AND Texas out of the Big 12 South and those are two of their HOME games so most of their winnable games are on the road. They also have just 11 starters back (fewest in Big 12) and may not match LY's record. McCarney did a great job here and leaves some large shoes to fill.

NO DESIGNATION

This is a new category for this year. Some new coaches have conflicting things working for them and it is tough to toss them into any one category above.

BUTCH DAVIS, NORTH CAROLINA

The ACC is a much improved league this year and UNC not only has a killer schedule but returns the fewest starters in the league (9) and that may have Davis going to his own recruits and playing a lot of frosh making for a learning year. It will still be tough not to top last year's 3 win total.

JIM HARBAUGH, STANFORD

Taking over a 1 win team should put them in the favorable category right off the bat but this is the 3rd HC in a 4 year span and they take on one of the toughest schedules in the country with Notre Dame, TCU and San Jose added to the nine Pac 10 teams they must face.

TODD DODGE, NORTH TEXAS

Dodge could be in two different categories here. He is clearly stepping into the large shoes of Darell Dickey who won 4 straight Sun Belt Titles guiding them to 4 bowls and at one point won 26 straight Sun Belt games. Not a lot went right for North Texas LY however and they were -15 in TO's and fit my criteria for Net Close Losses and YPP (see page 299).

STEVE KRAGTHORPE, LOUISVILLE

This is a plum job to take over and Kragthorpe did a lot with less talent at Tulsa. This could be a great spot as 4 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for the Cards to have an unbeaten season and led by QB Brohm they are one of the best teams in the country. On the negative side how do you top a 12-1 season and Orange Bowl win while having to face West Virginia and USF on the road? They are also learning new schemes. I can see them go either direction.

TODD GRAHAM, TULSA

The bad news is that Tulsa had a lot of success under Kragthorpe who guided them to 3 bowls in 4 years after the program had not been to a bowl for 12 years! Those are some big shoes to fill. The good news is he is very familiar with the system. He was the DC here the first 3 years and he got his Rice team last year to achieve much more than I expected.

DEREK DOOLEY, LOUISIANA TECH

The good news for Dooley is that he takes over a team that dropped from 7-4 to 3-10 and was -8 in TO's and fit the criteria for improvement based on my YPP and Injury systems. He is also this AD's hire so he will not have his job hanging over his head like Bicknell did the last 4 years. After having just 2 starters back on D in '06 they have 10 back this season. The question I have is that they must learn new schemes and face the same killer schedule that Bicknell had to endure with a lot of money games.

BRIAN KELLY, CINCINNATI

Cincy is coming off an 8-5 season with a win over #7 Rutgers, a bowl win over W Michigan and must learn new schemes. They also benefitted from 2 net close wins (see page 299). Brian Kelly got a huge jump however by coaching the team to the bowl win and they do not have to face #1 Ohio St, #11 Virginia Tech, #7 Louisville and #10 West Virginia all on the road like they did last year.

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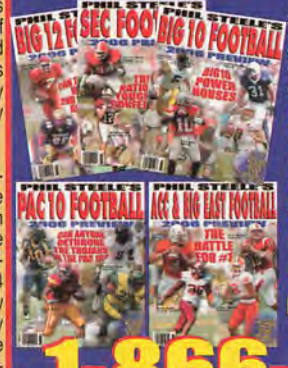

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NCAA TEAM EXPERIENCE RATINGS

Experience can be a big thing in college football. A player gains valuable experience for every year he plays and becomes a better player because of it. Players also mature physically while they are in college and there is a big difference between a raw 17 or 18 year old true Freshman and a mature and physically stronger 22 year old Senior. Some teams that send their players away on missions like BYU, routinely have Seniors up to 25 years old. There is also a coaching adage that for every Freshman starter you have, you lose one game. With that in mind, we compiled the following chart. It lists the total amount of Senior starters on the team as well as Seniors in the two deep. It also shows all of the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen starters and the total amount in the two deep. I then devised a point system to break down the most experienced teams. I awarded 3 points for every Senior starter, 2.5 for every additional Senior in the two deep, 2 points for every additional Jr starter, 1.5 for every Jr in the two deep, 1 point for an additional Sophomore starter, 0.5 for a Soph in the 2 deep. I then subtracted 1 point for every Frosh starter and .5 for every Frosh in the two deep. The total points column uses that formula to figure out the total points awarded to a team. This page ranks the conference in total points order and the number before the team is where they came up in my overall ranking of all the teams in the NCAA. This list was compiled in April and there have been some changes to the 2 deep in May which might not be accounted for, but it will give you an idea of the most experienced and least experienced teams in the NCAA this year.

NCAA RANK	ACC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
18	MIAMI (FL)	9	5	10	6	19	11	3	10	0	1	76
18	BOSTON COLLEGE	14	4	4	7	18	11	3	9	1	2	76
37	FLORIDA ST	9	4	7	7	16	11	6	9	0	2	71
37	NC STATE	12	4	7	5	19	9	3	7	0	6	71
50	MARYLAND	8	5	12	6	20	11	2	3	0	8	69
57	VIRGINIA TECH	10	6	6	3	16	9	5	8	1	5	67
73	GEORGIA TECH	11	4	8	5	19	9	1	5	2	8	64
73	CLEMSON	5	4	11	6	16	10	6	8	0	4	64
88	WAKE FOREST	9	1	9	5	18	6	4	10	0	6	61
92	DUKE	8	2	10	6	18	8	3	7	1	7	60
101	VIRGINIA	8	1	10	5	18	6	3	8	1	8	56
118	N CAROLINA	4	4	7	3	11	7	8	4	3	11	42

NCAA RANK	BIG 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
11	PURDUE	8	6	9	8	17	14	5	8	0	0	78
37	MICHIGAN ST	11	4	8	5	19	9	3	8	0	5	71
37	NORTHWESTERN	7	7	10	4	17	11	5	7	0	4	71
88	WISCONSIN	7	4	10	4	17	8	5	6	0	8	61
92	PENN STATE	4	3	12	7	16	10	6	6	0	6	60
92	IOWA	8	2	7	7	15	9	7	6	0	7	60
97	MINNESOTA	10	2	5	6	15	8	5	9	2	5	59
100	ILLINOIS	8	4	5	6	13	10	7	5	2	7	57
101	INDIANA	7	3	7	2	14	5	8	11	0	6	56
101	OHIO STATE	2	2	12	8	14	10	8	7	0	5	56
112	MICHIGAN	7	1	9	4	16	5	5	9	1	8	52

NCAA RANK	BIG 12	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
14	NEBRASKA	13	4	7	8	20	12	2	5	0	5	77
28	TEXAS A&M	8	6	10	6	18	12	4	6	0	4	73
28	KANSAS STATE	7	8	9	6	16	14	6	3	0	5	73
43	IOWA STATE	8	4	10	7	18	11	4	7	0	4	70
43	BAYLOR	8	4	5	10	13	14	9	6	0	2	70
50	MISSOURI	9	4	9	7	18	11	3	7	1	4	69
57	TEXAS	9	5	7	5	16	10	5	8	1	4	67
67	OKLAHOMA ST	8	4	6	7	14	11	7	8	1	3	65
82	COLORADO	8	3	9	9	17	12	3	2	1	8	62
97	OKLAHOMA	5	5	13	2	18	7	2	10	2	5	59
97	TEXAS TECH	7	2	8	7	15	9	6	8	1	5	59
112	KANSAS	5	1	12	4	17	5	5	8	0	9	52

NCAA RANK	BIG EAST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
5	CINCINNATI	8	10	13	4	21	14	1	5	0	3	83
9	LOUISVILLE	10	6	8	9	18	15	4	4	0	3	79
24	USF	9	6	9	8	18	14	2	6	2	2	74
53	SYRACUSE	10	5	9	5	19	10	3	3	0	9	68
82	RUTGERS	7	3	8	7	15	10	5	10	2	2	62
92	WEST VIRGINIA	8	2	8	7	16	9	5	7	1	6	60
108	PITTSBURGH	8	2	9	3	17	5	3	11	2	6	55
110	CONNECTICUT	6	3	6	6	12	9	9	5	1	8	53

NCAA RANK	CONF USA	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
14	MEMPHIS	7	5	13	8	20	13	2	8	0	1	77
20	S MISSISSIPPI	11	7	8	5	19	12	2	5	1	5	75
33	SMU	10	6	6	6	16	12	6	5	0	5	72
43	HOUSTON	8	4	12	6	20	10	1	9	1	3	70
53	MARSHALL	8	3	10	8	18	11	4	6	0	5	68
57	TULSA	10	4	7	6	17	10	3	9	2	3	67
61	TULANE	8	4	8	5	16	9	6	9	0	4	66
61	UAB	10	7	5	4	15	11	6	3	1	8	66
67	RICE	6	4	12	4	18	8	4	10	0	4	65
73	UCF	7	5	10	4	17	9	4	8	1	5	64
73	E CAROLINA	8	2	6	11	14	13	6	7	2	2	64
82	UTEP	9	4	6	3	15	7	7	9	0	6	62

NCAA RANK	INDEPENDENTS	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
2	NAVY	13	7	7	9	20	16	2	6	0	0	89
4	ARMY	15	5	4	11	19	16	3	6	0	0	88
115	NOTRE DAME	6	2	6	5	12	7	7	11	3	4	50

NCAA RANK	MAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
28	BUFFALO	7	6	9	7	16	13	6	7	0	2	73
33	OHIO	11	4	8	5	19	9	3	9	0	4	72
53	KENT ST	8	5	9	6	17	11	4	7	1	4	68
57	AKRON	10	4	7	6	17	10	4	7	1	5	67
67	TOLEDO	11	3	4	5	15	8	6	11	1	3	65
67	E MICHIGAN	10	1	5	10	15	11	7	6	0	5	65
73	W MICHIGAN	5	3	15	5	20	8	2	9	0	5	64
80	C MICHIGAN	7	3	6	9	13	12	8	7	1	3	63
88	BALL STATE	4	5	12	6	16	11	5	5	1	6	61
92	N ILLINOIS	4	3	11	7	15	10	7	7	0	5	60
101	BOWLING GREEN	4	4	9	3	13	7	9	10	0	5	56
115	TEMPLE	1	1	13	5	14	6	7	13	1	3	50
117	MIAMI (OH)	6	0	8	8	14	8	6	6	2	8	49

NCAA RANK	MT WEST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
1	AIR FORCE	16	9	4	10	20	19	2	3	0	0	97
9	UTAH	11	6	6	9	17	15	5	4	0	3	79
20	COLORADO ST	12	4	7	7	19	11	3	7	0	4	75
37	TCU	8	5	9	8	17	13	4	6	1	3	71
43	BYU	8	6	6	6	14	12	8	7	0	3	70
53	NEW MEXICO	13	1	7	8	20	9	2	5	0	8	68
67	SAN DIEGO ST	12	2	4	7	16	9	5	8	1	5	65
82	WYOMING	7	5	7	6	14	11	6	7	2	4	62
88	UNLV	7	3	8	7	15	10	7	5	0	7	61

NCAA RANK	PAC 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
2	UCLA	16	4	2	14	18	18	4	4	0	0	89
6	OREGON ST	14	5	6	10	20	15	1	4	1	3	82
8	WASHINGTON ST	9	7	9	10	18	17	4	2	0	3	81
14	OREGON	11	6	7	8	18	14	4	3	0	5	77
20	ARIZONA ST	12	2	7	9	19	11	3	9	0	2	75
24	USC	10	5	9	6	19	11	3	7	0	4	74
43	WASHINGTON	11	8	3	7	14	15	6	0	2	7	70
82	ARIZONA	10	3	7	5	17	8	4	7	1	7	62
108	STANFORD	8	2	5	5	13	7	9	7	0	8	55
110	CALIFORNIA	8	2	10	2	18	4	3	8	1	10	53

NCAA RANK	SEC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
20	S CAROLINA	9	7	7	8	16	15	5	4	1	3	75
37	ARKANSAS	10	4	8	8	18	12	4	4	0	6	71
43	ALABAMA	11	4	6	7	17	11	3	9	2	2	70
61	KENTUCKY	7	4	11	5	18	9	4	8	0	5	66
61	MISSISSIPPI ST	8	1	8	13	16	14	6	2	0	6	66
67	MISSISSIPPI	6	6	9	4	15	10	6	9	1	3	65
73	LSU	11	3	5	3	16	6	6	11	0	5	64
73	TENNESSEE	8	5	7	5	15	10	5	9	2	3	64
82	VANDERBILT	10	1	6	3	16	4	6	16	0	2	62
101	AUBURN	9	3	5	6	14	9	6	5	2	8	56
114	GEORGIA	9	2	6	5	15	7	4	6	3	9	51
119	FLORIDA	7	1	5	3	12	4	8	6	2	12	41

NCAA RANK	SUN BELT	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
11	LOUISIANA-LFT	12	6	6	5	18	11	4	9	0	2	78
24	MIDDLE TENN	10	5	9	7	19	12	3	5	0	5	74
28	NORTH TEXAS	12	3	6	9	18	12	3	7	1	3	73
28	TROY	7	6	10	8	17	14	5	4	0	4	73
50	FLA ATLANTIC	7	1	13	11	20	12	1	8	1	2	69
61	ARKANSAS ST	13	1	6	5	19	6	3	10	0	6	66
61	ULM	8	3	7	9	15	12	7	5	0	5	66
101	FLA INT'L	4	2	8	6	12	8	10	11	0	3	56

NCAA RANK	WAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
6	HAWAII	9	7	9	11	18	18	4	1	0	3	82
11	NEW MEXICO ST	12	5	10	5	22	10	0	8	0	4	78
14	SAN JOSE ST	8	8	8	8	16	16	5	4	1	2	77
24	UTAH ST	11	4	9	7	20	11	1	8	1	3	74
33	IDAHO	10	4	9	7	19	11	3	6	0	5	72
33	BOISE ST	9	6	10	8	19	14	2	1	1	7	72
43	NEVADA	10	6	8	5	18	11	3	5	1	6	70
80	LOUISIANA TECH	10	2	7	7	17	9	4	7	1	6	63
101	FRESNO ST	8	1	8	5	16	6	6	8	0	8	56

TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

BY PHIL STEELE

Turnovers can have a huge impact on games and on a team's season. They can also lead to many misleading final scores. ALL of the previous week's misleading final scores will be listed this year on Phil Steele.com each week by Tuesday. By reading about them each week you can uncover some underrated and overrated teams for the rest of the season. Let's take a look at several examples.

In 2006 Arkansas RB Darren McFadden got hurt in August and it looked like he would miss the start of the year. Coach Nutt needed to keep his remaining RB's healthy for the opener so he did not allow a lot of contact during August for the RB's. The result was a lot of fumbles vs USC in the opener, and a -5 in turnovers leading to a 50-14 loss to USC. I had picked Arkansas, which had finished 4-7 the previous year, #13 in my magazine (see pg 300, Snapshot) and took some flak for that performance. Arkansas recovered from that misleading final and WON the SEC West and finished #12 in the final regular season poll. Had they not turned the ball over so often in the 1H vs USC the 2H would have been a much different game.

Vanderbilt whipped Mississippi everywhere but on the scoreboard. Vandy had a 23-7 FD edge and 400-179 yard edge. They held the Rebels to 31 yards passing. Thanks to -3 in TO's they somehow lost to Ole Miss by a 17-10 margin for a very misleading final. The next week an underrated Vandy traveled to #16 Georgia and pulled off a huge 24-22 upset.

Drew Tate had a rough game vs Ohio St and the Hawkeyes were -4 in turnovers vs the #1 team in the country and lost by 21. The next week they took on a 4-1 Purdue team. Iowa waxed the Boilermakers 47-17. In the regular season finale they were -4 in TO's and lost to Minnesota 34-24. Their 6-6 team had to face a powerful Texas team in the bowl and no one gave them a chance but they very nearly upset the Horns blowing a big lead and losing by just 2.

Kansas lost to a MAC team on the road in Toledo but easily could have won that game as they were -5 in TO's. The next week they took on a USF team that would win the PapaJohns.com Bowl finishing 9-4 including a win over West Virginia in Morgantown. USF was beaten by an underrated Kansas team that was better than its record.

Virginia Tech lost to Boston College 22-3 and their season appeared shot. Coming off that "blowout" loss they had a tough upcoming schedule. In reality they only allowed 264 yds to BC but were done in by -4 in TO's. Not only did they destroy Southern Miss the next week 36-6, they were an underdog at home vs #10 Clemson and beat them 24-7 the following week. They won their last 6 games of the year including a road win at Miami and whipped the ACC champ Wake Forest 27-6 (Wake had just beaten FSU 30-0 the previous week thanks in part to +4 TO's).

In a two week span Arizona had benefitted from +9 in TO's and upset both California and Oregon. In the final game of the season, they needed a win over a struggling Ariz St to lock up a bowl. This time they did not get the TO's to go their way and lost 28-14 with the Sun Devils having a 429-168 yard edge.

In 2004, Indiana was off an extremely misleading final in their upset win over Oregon. Oregon had a 21-12 FD edge and an amazing 495-198 yardage edge but somehow (-5 TO's) LOST, 30-24. Indy not only had a late game on the West Coast and a late trip back to Bloomington, but had to travel the next week to face a Kentucky team that was well rested and coming off a bye. UK got the easy win (one of only two wins all year for the Cats) in a 51-32 throttling of Indy.

In 2003, UAB struggled late without QB Hackney who was injured. The Blazers were outgained by USF 336-277 but a +5 in TO's masked the tough time their offense had as they pulled out the road win. The next week Houston rolled to a super easy 56-28 win vs overmatched UAB.

Arizona St dominated N Carolina with a 34-19 FD edge in their 2002 game, but due to THREE turnovers, ASU actually lost outright 38-35. The next week NC hosted NCSt and were whipped 34-17 (+6'). The same week that ASU lost to N Carolina, Oregon St was outgained by UCLA 625-353. OSU lost at home only 43-35, thanks in part to a blocked punt for a TD then a 19 yard fumble return for a TD with 2:09 left. With both teams off misleading finals, Arizona St was an underdog at home to Oregon St and bounced back to win outright.

I could list many more examples, but as you can see, turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. Turnovers can not only make a difference in a game but can make the difference between a winning and losing season.

Three bowl teams from 2000 that benefitted from double-digit turnovers all finished with losing records in 2001, without the benefit of the turnovers. Northwestern went from 8-4 to 4-7, Notre Dame from 9-3 to 5-6 and Oregon St went from 11-1 to just 5-6.

The majority of 1999's big turnaround seasons were by Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA, which all finished with positive double digit turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 for the '98 season!!! In 1999, those 4 were just 19-26!! Wow, turnovers can indeed equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened in 1999 when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Warriors made this article that year as they were -10 in 1998 in turnovers but finished +1 in 1999. Next are some more examples.

In 1991, California was 10-2 with a win in the Citrus Bowl. They benefitted that year from a remarkable +17 turnovers. The very next year, with 13 returning starters, the Bears fell to 4-7! Were the turnovers a factor? Indeed they were, as Cal went from +17 in '91 to -13 in '92!

In 1995, Louisville benefitted from +21 in turnovers and had a successful 7-4 year. In 1996, with a more talented squad, they were -17 and had a losing record.

One of the best examples is S Mississippi. In 1991 they were 4-7 and had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a tough year turned out surprisingly well as S Mississippi went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters and a bowl seemed in the works. Their 1993 record was only a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers.

In 2005 12 teams made this article after benefitting from double-digit turnovers in 2004. Of those 12, only ONE ended 2005 with more wins than the year before and 9 had less wins (2 had the same amount of wins). Teams going from a winning record and a bowl to a losing record, after benefitting from TO's in 2004 were Okla St, Pittsburgh and Troy.

Last year there were 13 teams that made this article in the Going Down box. Of those 13 only 3 managed to improve their record (all very slightly). FOUR of the teams in the box had MAJOR dropoffs going from a winning season to a poor year. Those 4 teams were Iowa St, Louisiana Tech, Miami (OH) and UCF (CUSA champs) who went from a combined record of 29-18 (62%) in 2005 to just 13-36 (27%) in 2006!

Teams that benefitted from double-digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 14 years, 208 teams have had plus double-digit turnovers. Of those 208, 136 have had weaker records the following year (65%). Only 48 teams (23%) have improved their record and the other 24 had the same record. **Teams with a positive double-digit TO ratio had weaker or the same records 77% of the time since 1996.** Listed below are last year's fortunate teams:

GOING DOWN?

Minnesota	+18	W Michigan	+12
Boston College	+15	Nevada	+12
Kentucky	+15	Boise St	+11
Michigan	+14	Rutgers	+11
BYU	+14	Syracuse	+11
Wake Forest	+13		

Let's take a look at some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year then drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

In 1996, Wash St was -10 in turnovers and they made this column. They went from 5-6 all the way to 10-2, losing in a close Rose Bowl game. Two teams (Missouri and Pittsburgh) went from -10 or more turnovers and poor seasons in 1996, then turned into bowl teams in 1997. In 1998, 8 of the 11 teams in this category had better records and most of them showed significant improvement. BYU, Illinois, Texas, Rutgers and Louisville all improved by anywhere from 3 to 6 games in the win column! In 1999, 10 teams went from double-digit negative turnovers to stronger seasons, including Hawaii (previously mentioned). Clemson and Illinois also went from losing teams to bowl squads.

Iowa St was a poor 4-7 in 1999 but was actually only outscored by an average of 2 points per game, despite being MINUS 10 in turnovers. Naturally ISU made this article and not only achieved a winning record but went 9-3 with a bowl win. The Cyclones finished +5 in turnovers in 2000. In 2001, 15 teams made this article after having double-digit negative turnovers in 2000. Only 2 of the 15 teams had a weaker record in 2001!!! Teams like Utah, USC, North Carolina and Louisiana Tech all made it to bowl games, after sitting home for the holidays in 2000.

In 2002, California went from -18 and a 1-10 season to a winning record at 7-5 (+18)!! Penn St went from -11 to +12 in turnovers and their record went from 5-6 to 9-4. In 2002 Purdue led the Big 10 in both offense and defense but finished just 7-6, due to -10 in turnovers and 9 missed FG's. They lost a lot of close games. In 2003, the team benefitted from +12 in turnovers and this time most of the close games went their way. Purdue finished 9-3 during the regular season and was a Big 10 contender. Navy was 2-10 in 2002, but -14 in TO's for the year. In 2003 they held onto the ball much better and improved to an 8-win season and a bowl berth. Memphis also went from from double-digit TO'sand a losing year to a bowl in 2003. North Carolina, UTEP and Texas A&M all had that distinction in 2004.

Overall 14 teams made this list in 2005 and TWELVE (2 had the same amount of wins) had better records in 2005 (86%)!! Of the 14 teams, ZERO had a weaker record in 2005!!!! That means that of the 26 teams (Going Up AND Going Down), only ONE went against the trend, 4 finished with identical records as 2004 and 21 (81%) had their record change as forecasted by this article!!!!

Last year 10 teams made the GOING UP box and EIGHT of the ten improved their records with FIVE of them going from a losing season to bowl eligibility. Those 5 teams were Oregon St, Oklahoma St, Rice, Kent St and Wyoming.

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they will usually be headed for better fortune the following year. In the past 14 years, there have been 167 teams that have finished the season minus double-digits in turnovers. Of those 167 teams, 115 (69%) have had better records the next year! **Teams with a negative double-digit TO ratio had stronger or the same records 79% of the time since 1996.** Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

GOING UP?

Army	-18	N Carolina	-11
Illinois	-15	UNLV	-11
North Texas	-15	Tulane	-11
Iowa	-11	Oregon	-10
Stanford	-11	N Mexico St	-10
NC State	-11		

If you like this type of information, you will love the News and Notes weekly section on PhilSteele.com. I review such information as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2007!

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During March, April and May it is time to get all the latest info on the teams and analyze the freshmen and JUCO signees. I also read through all of the information from the spring practices. At this time I double check what I wrote to make sure it all still applies after any spring changes. I then write the other 4 positions and go through my individual power ratings on each unit. I once again give myself 3 to 4 hours per team and try to do 3 per day. The next step is to go through what I wrote in the magazine and start chopping out some words because I usually have too much information to fit on the page. While I chop the text down I also go conference-by-conference, to review my power ratings and pick the All-Conference teams. This is another 3 week process. I finalize the 8 sets of power ratings and feed them into my computer which has all the schedules and let the computer play out the season.

I finally wrap-up the magazine in the middle of May. My next month is spent going over each individual game for the upcoming year. I look at all the history between the teams, read the last 2 years of past histories for the matchups and look at my computer to see if there are any mismatches (big, strong O-line vs small, weak DL, etc). In June and July, I go through the NFL for the upcoming year and do my hundreds of radio shows. Before you know it, it's August and time to start watching the games and trying to find line value. I pride myself in being the Most Accurate Preseason Magazine over the last 8 years and there is a lot of information on these pages.

To help you out a little bit, I will give you a couple of guidelines on the best ways to use this magazine. I will go over some of the abbreviations and things that you normally do not see in other magazines.

First of all, let's take a look at the player rankings in the front of the magazine. As mentioned on page 303 I feel that you are also getting an NFL draft guide with my individual position ratings. These ratings do not always match the conference rankings of the players. This year I will go over a couple of things that stand out. First of all if you look at my All-American team it shows Pat White of West Virginia on the 4th team yet White is listed as just the #16 QB in my top QB list. As stated on page 303 this is a list of how I feel the players rate for the upcoming draft as well as how productive they are in the NCAA. I feel White will have an All-American type of season and he is a terrific college QB but he is not rated as highly by NFL scouts. Last year Troy Smith of Ohio St took home the Heisman trophy and 1st Tm AA honors but was not selected in the draft until the 5th round and the was 9th QB taken overall. During the season I got a lot of flak from Ohio St fans about how I had him rated the 10th best QB. I actually may have had him a little overrated at #10 as 3 of the QB's I had listed before him are coming back this year! Another player that is lower in the NFL ranking but listed as an All-American is Jarrett Dillard of Rice who won the Biletnikoff Award in 2006. He is not currently a 1st day draft selection but he is an All-American that should have great stats once again. Also note that freshmen and sophomores are rated lower than seniors and juniors as they are not eligible for the draft. Sometimes however I feel a frosh is one of the top pro prospects in the country. For example, DeMarco Murray of Oklahoma is rated in the middle of the Top 60 due to the fact he is a rFr but yet he should be one of the top RB's in the NCAA. I expect Demaryius Thomas to become the feature WR at Georgia Tech replacing Calvin Johnson. He had an excellent spring and I project him 2nd Tm ACC but I do not have him in the Top 60 WR's as he is just a rFr with 0 career rec and is no threat to be in next year's draft. If you compare my top position lists with my 1st, 2nd and 3rd Team All-Conference lists you will also find some exceptions. For the most part my 1st Team All-Conference QB is rated higher than the 2nd in the overall rankings. There are a couple of exceptions in the Big 12 however. Bobby Reid has the size and arm strength that pro scouts covet. I have him rated as the #12 QB for the upcoming draft. Texas A&M QB Stephen McGee is my #21 rated QB. McGee rushed for 831 yards in '06 and had a 12-2 ratio and is an excellent college QB. I have McGee rated 4th Team Big 12 over Reid because I think he will have a more productive year this season but the rankings on page 4 are heavily weighed on NFL potential where Reid has a higher upside (draws comparisons to JaMarcus Russell). I also have McGee ahead of Nebraska QB Sam Keller on the All-Big 12 Tm but Keller is rated higher on page 4. Keller has more NFL potential at this point but is in his first year running the show in Callahan's Nebraska offense. It may take him time to get acclimated while McGee is now in his 3rd year playing in the Aggies' system. Deep teams like USC actually have 5 or 6 NFL prospects on my list at a position like RB but do not rate highly on the All-Pac 10 Tm. The reason is that they split the carries with sooo much talent in the backfield so they are not likely to produce a 1,000 yard back unless someone steps to the forefront this fall and takes over as feature back. A player like Zackary Bowman of Nebraska will be one of the top CB's picked in the upcoming draft if he is healthy. He is listed as my #3 NFL prospect but is not on my All-American team. Bowman injured a knee in the spring and is questionable for the season which was enough to keep him off of my AA team.

Sometimes my overall rankings do not coincide with my conference predictions. This is not sloppiness on my part but rather being meticulous. This year in CUSA I have S Mississippi #1 in the CUSA East and Memphis #2. SMiss hosts Memphis at The Rock which is a tough place to play. Due to that factor SM will likely get the CUSA Title game. Memphis however could have more overall wins on the season and be ranked higher as I give them a great shot at winning all 4 non-conf games while SMiss has to play Tennessee and Boise St on the road, two very tough environments vs two of my Top 40 teams. My conference predictions are based on what each team's record will be in conference play and where they will finish in the final standings. As I mention in the Top 40 my Power Poll rating is the overall strength of each team. Sometimes teams will be ranked a lot higher or lower in my Top 40 than the Power Poll ranking. This is due to scheduling as I point out on page 27 where I compare Hawaii and Texas A&M.

On each conference page I list unit rankings and I feel they are the best set of unit rankings you will find. Each conference was done by the same person (myself) so they will be more consistent than the other magazines. One area that may raise some questions is the coaches rankings. I take into account years at the program. If you read my coaches article on page 309, I go in depth on how it is usually a two to three year process for new head coaches to get up to 100% speed at their new school. As an example let's look at the Big East. I think Steve Kragthorpe did a TREMENDOUS job at Tulsa and he is one of the best coaches out there as he took a woebegone Tulsa team to 2 bowls in 3 years. I have him rated as the 6th best coach in the Big East however it is his first year at Louisville. He must learn the players and the players must learn new schemes on both offense and defense.

On the right hand pages for each team I have listed several interesting notes about each series. I have very little space on the two lines provided so if a specific stat is given that was produced by a player or a team and the year is NOT mentioned then it is about last year's game.

As you can tell by going through the magazine there is very little advertising and as I wrap this article up I found out I needed one more page in the magazine. One of the pages I wanted to add was an article on starters lost during the year. Remember when Oklahoma won the National Title in 2000 not a single starter lost a single start due to injury? My research has show that teams that benefited from very few injuries, in this case 6 or fewer, usually have a weaker season the next year. I go into great detail with a lot of numbers backing up my research on www.philsteele.com to go over past numbers with you.

The bottom line is that teams that have suffered a lot of injuries the previous year will generally have a better year the next season. A lot of backups were forced to play in the injury riddled year hence gaining valuable experience and the team figures to not be so injury-prone this year. In a study over the last 4 years, my research shows that if a team had 32 or more starts lost to injury the prior year they improved or had the same record the next year on 31 out of 42 occasions for a 74% success rate. How about teams that are really banged up? Well over the last 4 years 12 teams have gone through seasons of having 40 combined starts lost or more and ALL 12 had the same or better the next season. Elevan of the 12 had a stronger record. For space purposes I will just list those with the highest amount of starts lost in 2006 due to injuries or suspension.

1. Stanford (71)
2. Utah St (65)
3. Idaho (59)
4. Wake Forest (58)
5. Florida International (52)
6. Colorado St (51)
7. Florida St (49)
8. Kansas St (48)
9. New Mexico St (46)
10. Miami, Fl (45)
11. Connecticut (44)
12. San Jose St (44)

Now let's look at the teams that had the great fortune of very few injuries. With teams playing a 12 game schedule, I went for the magic number of 6 lost figuring that is less than one half of one starter lost to injury during the year. Over the past 4 years only NINE of the 36 teams (25%) that had this good fortune managed to improve their record the next year! Not as many teams had this good fortune last year but here are the teams whose records will likely drop this year.

1. Syracuse (2)
2. Akron (2)
3. Illinois (3)
4. Notre Dame (3)
5. Wisconsin (4)
6. Georgia Tech (5)

As mentioned, philsteele.com will have a page dedicated to starts lost this year as well as track each team's starts lost for the current 2007 season so you can see the teams who are really banged up and those that have remained very healthy. We may even include start charts for each of the teams and update them weekly!

Finally I told you about most of my Football Only months but my most relaxing months are the summer and those are the months I get to talk to all my readers. We have a list of all the radio shows I will be doing over the summer on philsteele.com and if you can't talk to me on the radio then you can email me your football questions at the website. I really do appreciate each and every person who buys my magazine and I hope to talk to or chat via email with you in the next couple of months!

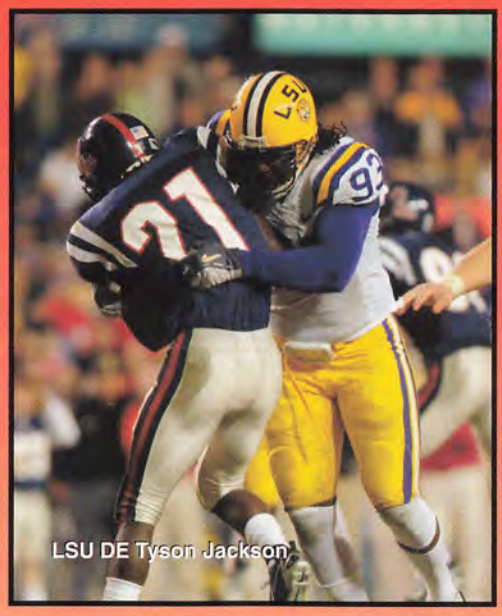
THE POWER POLL TOP 119

Once again, I would like to thank EVERYONE who has sent in their questionnaires over the last few years and for taking the time to let me know your feelings about my magazine. Again, I am overwhelmed by the kind comments from those of you who appreciate all the hard work that goes into this magazine each year.

As I clearly point out in the front of the magazine, MY College Top 40 is based solely on where I think each team will finish and NOT how I rate the teams talent-wise. I stress each year that my surprise teams are often teams that have decent talent but a GREAT schedule. One of the prime examples this year is Texas A&M which ranks #12 in the Power Poll but just #20 in the rankings. Texas A&M has a brutal road schedule of Miami (FI), Texas Tech, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri and also has to face Texas at home!

To come up with the order for this article I could have continued on from teams I list in my Top 40 article and extended the list to #119 using that method. However, the weakest teams listed in my Top 40 may be those that faced the toughest schedules, so I did not feel that would be a fair representation. Therefore, I decided to give you my Power Poll Top 119. Let me explain why I call it the Power Poll and how it was derived.

A few years back, before computers became part of the BCS rankings system, there was without a doubt some flaws in the polls. Teams rated #2 or #3 in the country really were not that talented and were maybe the 5th or 6th best team. One Internet site decided to produce a poll of some of the top analysts and experts each week and invited me to join. I myself work 365 days a year, especially during magazine time (March, April, May) and throughout the football season (August through January) when there are many 15-18 hour days put in and all of them are spent solely working on FOOTBALL. When they invited me to join the poll, I wanted to give them the best set of power ratings in the country to help make the poll as accurate as possible. The dilemma I had was which set? As I mention throughout the magazine, I have EIGHT different sets of power ratings that are based on different factors. One is based on the individual talent level and performance of each position on each team and those are added up for the rating. Another is based on my Power Plays numbers which include rushing and passing offenses, defenses and special teams. Another is a continually updated power rating based on the score of the games and the strength of opponent (see page 318).


LSU DE Tyson Jackson

What I decided to do was combine all eight into one rating which gives me a very solid overall ranking for each team. The rating takes into account EVERY factor, using it as my main set of power ratings. These numbers will differ from my "Plus or Minus" ratings on page 305 as THAT set is just one of the EIGHT used to compile this main number. As mentioned earlier, these numbers will differ from my Top 40 because the Power Poll is concerned ONLY with the strength of the team and does not factor in who they will play for the upcoming season or how many games they should win in 2007. Keep in mind, this is basically MY COMPUTER'S Top 119. Without further adieu and at YOUR REQUEST, here is my 2007 Preseason Power Poll.

1. USC
2. LSU
3. Oklahoma
4. Louisville
5. West Virginia
6. Michigan
7. Florida St
8. Texas
9. Georgia
10. Florida
11. South Carolina
12. Texas A&M
13. Virginia Tech
14. Penn St
15. Ohio St
16. Oregon
17. Nebraska
18. Wisconsin
19. Alabama
20. UCLA
21. Missouri
22. California
23. Hawaii
24. Miami (FI)
25. TCU
26. Tennessee
27. Arizona St
28. Oregon St
29. Oklahoma St
30. USF
31. Utah
32. Iowa
33. Arkansas
34. Notre Dame
35. Purdue
36. BYU
37. Virginia
38. Georgia Tech
39. Rutgers
40. Auburn
41. Boston College
42. Arizona
43. Illinois
44. Boise St
45. Clemson
46. NC State
47. Kentucky
48. Maryland
49. Texas Tech
50. Kansas St
51. Wake Forest
52. Vanderbilt
53. Southern Mississippi
54. Western Michigan
55. Washington St
56. Pittsburgh
57. Washington
58. Cincinnati
59. Kansas
60. Toledo
61. New Mexico
62. Colorado
63. Mississippi St
64. San Jose St
65. Mississippi
66. Northern Illinois
67. Northwestern
68. New Mexico St
69. Houston
70. Michigan St
71. Connecticut
72. Memphis
73. Fresno St
74. Minnesota
75. Navy
76. Nevada
77. Colorado St
78. Kent St
79. Indiana
80. Central Michigan
81. UNLV
82. Wyoming
83. UTEP
84. UCF
85. North Carolina
86. East Carolina
87. Tulsa
88. SMU
89. Air Force
90. Stanford
91. Troy
92. Marshall
93. Miami (Oh)
94. San Diego St
95. Bowling Green
96. Ball St
97. Syracuse
98. ULM
99. Florida Atlantic
100. Ohio
101. Duke
102. Middle Tennessee
103. Akron
104. Baylor
105. Iowa St
106. Rice
107. Tulane
108. Eastern Michigan
109. Arkansas St
110. Idaho
111. Louisiana Tech
112. Louisiana-Lft
113. Utah St
114. Army
115. Buffalo
116. Temple
117. UAB
118. North Texas
119. Florida International

CLEVELAND and the HEISMAN CONNECTION

by Phil Steele

The Heisman Trophy and the City of Cleveland have some surprising ties. I say surprising because while Cleveland is known for its professional sports teams, the Browns, Indians and Cavaliers, **Cleveland does not have a Division IA team or even a IAA team within its city borders!**

While that last statement is true, Cleveland does have a very rich football tradition as does the state of Ohio in general. Ohio is a hotbed for football as it is one of the top 4 (depending on the source) states in producing college players. There are eight division IA teams located throughout Ohio which is the second most of any state and not only are many of those teams near the city, but Cleveland is also home to the MAC headquarters.

This past year I was very pleased to see a native Clevelander, Troy Smith, take home the Heisman Trophy in a record setting landslide. Smith attended Glenville High School on the East Side and was coached by Ted Ginn Sr. His win was not the first time that Cleveland and the Heisman have crossed paths. The closest major college powerhouse to Cleveland is The Ohio State University in Columbus (about a 2 hour drive). That school has now produced an NCAA high 7 Heisman winners (tied with USC and Notre Dame).

Here is a fact I bet you didn't know: John William Heisman was actually born in Cleveland, on Bridge Avenue on the near West Side in 1869! That is a nice place to start in finding a Cleveland Heisman connection.

Troy Smith was not the first player from Northeast Ohio to win the award. The first one from Cleveland proper was Les Horvarth in 1944. Horvarth went to Cleveland's Rhodes High School before going on to play for Ohio St. In 1942 he guided the team to its first National Title and then in 1944 won the trophy guiding the Buckeyes to an undefeated season and a #2 finish in the polls.

At one time Cleveland had a population of close to a million (1950's) and while it is just 479,000 now, the Greater Cleveland area has almost 3 million residents which is the 16th largest metropolitan area in the country. I mention this because the next Heisman Trophy winner from the area came from the Greater Cleveland area and that was Vic Janowicz. Janowicz was born in nearby Elyria (about 30 minutes from Cleveland) and went on to win the Heisman Trophy at Ohio State in 1950.

It took awhile but 41 years later another native Clevelander won the award but won it for Ohio State's main rival, Michigan. Desmond Howard went to St Joseph's High School in Cleveland and had a great senior year for the Wolverines with 19 TD receptions with many thrown by his fellow St Joe's teammate Elvis Grbac. He clinched the Award with a memorable 93 yard punt return vs the Buckeyes.

As mentioned before, Troy Smith became the fourth player from Cleveland to win the award and he did it convincingly. With the way that Coach Ted Ginn Sr is producing star players at Glenville and with football factories like St. Edwards and St. Ignatius, it may not be long until another player claims the award named after a native Clevelander.

Since this article is written by a Clevelander, let me tell you a little bit about our fine city. Now I know since the Indians' series with Seattle was snowed out at the start of the year, people think we live in some kind of winter wonderland. Actually snow like that in April is very rare. I also know from doing my radio shows that not a lot of people realize that we are right on the Northcoast of America with Lake Erie directly to our North. Forty-nine percent of all recreational power boats in the country are registered to the Great Lakes region and of all the Great Lakes, Lake Erie gets the warmest in the summertime which makes it the most pleasurable.

Pro Football Hall of Fame

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Did you know that Cleveland has the second largest theatre district outside of New York City? While I know we have a fine theatre district, even I did not know it was second largest in the country. More than 400,000 people attended an event at Playhouse Square Center last year.

I am sure you know that in 1995 Cleveland became home to the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame located on the shores of Lake Erie and that the city is basically known as birth place of Rock 'n' Roll (just like the Heisman). This year the I.M. Pei designed Rock Hall is getting $3 million dollar face-lift.

Nearby Sandusky (45 minutes) is home to the nation's finest amusement park, Cedar Point, which has an amazing 17 roller coasters as well as many family friendly activities for kids of all ages.

While it is tough being a Cleveland sports fan (last major championship in ANY pro sport was the 1964 Browns!), things may be turning around. Jacobs Field is a great place to catch a baseball game and so far in 2007 the Indians are looking like a contender. LeBron James has brought life back to the Cavs and they are still alive in the playoffs as I write this. This year the Browns somehow managed to land both Brady Quinn and Joe Thomas in the first round of the draft!

Just an hour away from Cleveland is the Pro Football Hall of Fame located in Canton. Naturally I have made that trip many times. For those of you who love football, make sure to get there early so you plenty of time to see all of the exhibits.

I am very proud to be from Cleveland, Ohio and that our hometown boy, Troy Smith, brought home the Heisman Trophy this past year.

WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss record from the previous season. This is a good method but it does have its obvious flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' records from last year. Let's look at a clear-cut example from 2001. Nebraska opened with a pair of games vs Troy and TCU. Troy was in their first year of IA ball. TCU was a Top 20 team in 2000 but was in a rebuilding year with a new coach in 2001. San Jose St opened with a pair of teams that were in MY Top 20 in terms of talent in 2001 (Colorado and USC). Both made it to bowls in 2001 with Colorado just missing out on playing in the National Title game. Clearly San Jose St faced the much tougher pair of opening games. However, based on 2000's records, **the NCAA's method would say that Nebraska, whose foes were a combined 19-4 (83%) in 2000, faced a VASTLY tougher schedule than San Jose St, whose foes were a paltry 8-15 (35%)!!! That is a MAJOR flaw, as USC and Colorado would both have been prohibitive favorites over TCU and Troy in 2001.**

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall records. If a team plays a FCS (IAA) school that was 11-1 in 2006, that would count as a MUCH tougher game in the NCAA ratings than facing a team like Florida St, Miami Fl, Iowa, Oregon and Alabama. All of those BCS powers had weak records last year but should be bowl teams this season. To give you an example from 2002, my ratings foresaw that teams playing Kansas St were facing a Top 10 team based on my preseason ratings. The NCAA strength of schedule ranking rated a game against a power like Kansas St as just a game vs a 6-6 opponent (2001 record). Kansas St finished #7 in the AP poll for 2002 and walloped their opponents by an average score of 45-12, not exactly numbers from a typical middle of the road opp. In 2005, judging a team based on their previous season's record, teams that drew Notre Dame (6-6) and Alabama (6-6) appeared to be drawing an average team but my ratings had those two as bowl caliber teams and I rated the Tide a darkhorse National Title contender. ND was #5 in the final regular season poll and, at one point, Alabama was 9-0 and #3 but by going by 2004's record, both were supposed to be mediocre foes.

Let me delve a little further in 2003's ratings. Coming into the season, I rated Notre Dame as the team that would face the NCAA's toughest schedule. When the season was over, they did indeed face THE TOUGHEST schedule. The NCAA rankings at the start of the year only had ND's schedule ranked the 49th toughest, a fairly average slate. Let's take a look at some of their opponents. The Irish faced 10 bowl eligible teams. Their opponents in 2003 finished a combined 97-55. **Once again, my strength of schedule is based on THIS YEAR'S strength of opponents NOT on opponent records from the previous year.** Basing it on their opponents' final records of 2002, it looked like a mediocre slate. They ended up facing teams that were ranked #1, #6, #9, #11 and #18 in the final AP poll, plus bowl squads from Pitt, Navy, Mich St and BC. Hardly a mediocre schedule as they faced 9 teams with winning records, the 2nd highest total in the NCAA that year!

Let's take a look at a couple of other examples from 2003. Alabama took on the 3rd toughest schedule in 2003 and coupled with some other problems, dropped from 10-3 to just 4-9. Iowa St took on the 8th toughest schedule and went from 7-6 to 2-10. NINE teams that took on my Top 14 schedules ended the season with a losing record!! Who benefitted from the easiest schedules in 2003 to get to a bowl? Memphis took on the #111 slate, Boise St #109, Navy #108, North Texas #105 and Tulsa #98. Two of those teams went from losing records to a RARE bowl appearance. At the start of 2002, Ohio St did not rank in my Top 10 (in terms of talent) in any of my 7 sets of preseason Power Ratings (now 8 sets) but three of them called for an undefeated season for the 7-5 Buckeyes. My preseason strength of schedule said they only faced the 38th toughest schedule and OSU's schedule finished at #40. The schedule was a factor in the Buckeyes taking home the National Title. In 2003 these pages showed LSU with the #47 schedule. Much like Ohio St, I said many of my sets of Power Ratings had LSU going undefeated and they were my #2 Surprise Team. Here is my list of who ended up playing the toughest schedules in 2006. The 2006 bowl eligible teams are in **boldface**.

2006's TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1. Stanford	**41. Texas Tech**	81. UCF
2. USC	**42. Cincinnati**	82. Idaho
3. Washington	**43. Georgia**	**83. TCU**
4. Arizona	44. Temple	84. Marshall
5. UCLA	45. Vanderbilt	**85. S Mississippi**
6. Oregon	**46. Oklahoma St**	86. Buffalo
7. Tennessee	**47. Auburn**	**87. Wisconsin**
8. Arizona St	**48. Nebraska**	**88. Wake Forest**
9. California	**49. Kansas St**	89. E Michigan
10. Wash St	**50. LSU**	90. UTEP
11. Syracuse	51. Connecticut	**91. Tulsa**
12. Oregon St	**52. Texas**	**92. Nevada**
13. Michigan	53. San Diego St	93. Army
14. Iowa St	**54. Louisville**	94. Ball St
15. Northwestern	**55. Boston College**	**95. Boise St**
16. Baylor	56. Tulane	96. Memphis
17. Minnesota	**57. Maryland**	97. Akron
18. Notre Dame	**58. Pittsburgh**	98. Miami, Oh
19. Kentucky	**59. West Virginia**	**99. Navy**
20. Oklahoma	**60. Purdue**	100. Florida Atl
21. Indiana	**61. Missouri**	**101. C Michigan**
22. Colorado	62. Fresno St	**102. W Michigan**
23. N Carolina	**63. Rutgers**	**103. Hawaii**
24. Florida	64. UNLV	**104. Middle Tenn**
25. Ohio St	**65. Wyoming**	105. Florida Int'l
26. Michigan St	**66. Texas A&M**	106. Bowling Green
27. Utah St	**67. Virginia Tech**	**107. San Jose St**
28. Mississippi St	**68. Arkansas**	**108. Ohio**
29. NC State	**69. USF**	109. Toledo
30. Duke	70. Colorado St	**110. Houston**
31. Mississippi	**71. New Mexico**	**111. SMU**
32. South Carolina	**72. Georgia Tech**	**112. N Illinois**
33. Virginia	**73. Clemson**	**113. Arkansas St**
34. Florida St	**74. Rice**	114. Louisiana-Lft
35. Alabama	**75. Utah**	115. North Texas
36. Air Force	76. UAB	116. ULM
37. Illinois	77. La Tech	**117. Kent St**
38. Penn St	**78. East Carolina**	**118. Troy**
39. Miami, Fl	**79. Kansas**	119. New Mexico St
40. Iowa	**80. BYU**	

Now let's turn our attention to 2007. This year I again decided to see what the NCAA method would come up with for toughest opponents faced and compare them to my chart, which I always list in the magazine. Let us first look at the NCAA rankings. In the right hand column is a chart of all 119 teams and the combined 2006 opponents' records from last year. It is ranked in order of highest % of opponent wins (or toughest schedule) to lowest % of opponent wins (or easiest schedule).

On the next page are my rankings for the nation's toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my 8 sets of personal Power Ratings. This ensures that a IAA team is rated much lower than Florida St, which was 7-6 last year but will be ranked at the end of 2007.

The second factor is the amount of home and away games played. As an example, this year some teams will have as many as 9 home games, while others play as many as 8 on the road.

Listed on page 318 are this year's toughest schedules rated from the most difficult to the easiest. The toughest schedule according to my rankings this year belongs to Washington while the easiest belongs to Memphis.

Let's pick out some teams to show you the flaws of just using last year's overall opponent records. According to the NCAA North Texas takes on the NCAA's 51st toughest schedule. The Eagles play in the Sun Belt Conference (3 teams in IAA 6 years ago) and, while they draw Oklahoma and Arkansas, they also face SMU, Navy and Western Kentucky in non-conf games. There are 95 schools that play in the Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, Pac 10, ACC, SEC, WAC, Mt West and CUSA and any coach of those teams would love to trade their schedule for NT's, which my ratings rank as the 108th toughest schedule.

According to the NCAA's method which is based on winning percentage for opponents, Army plays the #26th toughest schedule and Wash St faces the 44th toughest. Army has to battle such "powers" as Akron, Rhode Island, Temple and Tulane. The Knights face a grand total of FOUR teams from BCS conferences (8 opp non-BCS!). Wash St's "softer" schedule has TEN teams from BCS Conferences, 0 from FCS (1AA) and not only do they play all of the Pac 10 schools, they also draw nationally ranked Wisconsin from the Big Ten! They will

2007's OPPONENT WINNING %

		Foe Wins	Foe Loss	Foe Win%
1.	Stanford	94	51	64.8%
2.	Washington	100	58	63.3%
3.	Kentucky	91	54	62.8%
4.	Boston Coll	91	58	61.1%
5.	Michigan St	88	57	60.7%
5.	Oklahoma St	88	57	60.7%
7.	Purdue	88	58	60.3%
8.	UCLA	87	58	60.0%
8.	S Carolina	87	58	60.0%
10.	Miss St	86	58	59.7%
11.	Illinois	85	58	59.4%
12.	NC State	85	59	59.0%
13.	Michigan	87	61	58.8%
14.	Nebraska	85	60	58.6%
15.	Tennessee	86	61	58.5%
16.	La Tech	84	60	58.3%
17.	Oregon	85	61	58.2%
17.	Duke	85	61	58.2%
19.	Florida	83	60	58.0%
20.	Arizona	83	61	57.6%
21.	Texas	84	62	57.5%
22.	Iowa St	83	62	57.2%
22.	Georgia	83	62	57.2%
22.	Vanderbilt	83	62	57.2%
25.	Clemson	84	63	57.1%
26.	N Carolina	83	63	56.8%
26.	Army	83	63	56.8%
28.	LSU	83	64	56.5%
29.	Baylor	81	63	56.3%
29.	W Virginia	81	63	56.3%
31.	Texas A&M	82	65	55.8%
32.	Minnesota	80	64	55.6%
33.	USF	79	64	55.2%
34.	Maryland	80	65	55.2%
34.	Auburn	80	65	55.2%
34.	Alabama	80	65	55.2%
34.	UNLV	80	65	55.2%
34.	Idaho	80	65	55.2%
39.	Ohio St	81	66	55.1%
39.	Marshall	81	66	55.1%
41.	Notre Dame	80	66	54.8%
41.	USC	80	66	54.8%
41.	Mississippi	80	66	54.8%
44.	Wash St	79	66	54.5%
45.	Air Force	77	66	53.8%
46.	Utah St	79	68	53.7%
47.	Florida St	78	68	53.4%
48.	Pittsburgh	76	67	53.1%
48.	Rutgers	76	67	53.1%
48.	San Diego St	76	67	53.1%
51.	Fresno St	77	68	53.1%
51.	E Michigan	77	68	53.1%
51.	North Texas	77	68	53.1%
54.	Missouri	78	69	53.1%
55.	Cincinnati	76	68	52.8%
56.	Georgia Tech	75	68	52.4%
57.	Florida Int'l	76	69	52.4%
58.	Texas Tech	75	69	52.1%
58.	S Mississippi	75	69	52.1%
60.	Wisconsin	74	69	51.7%
60.	Oregon St	74	69	51.7%
60.	Louisville	74	69	51.7%
63.	Virginia Tech	75	70	51.7%
64.	N Mexico St	81	76	51.6%
65.	Colorado	75	71	51.4%
66.	Connecticut	73	70	51.0%
67.	UTEP	74	71	51.0%
68.	Syracuse	73	71	50.7%
69.	California	74	72	50.7%
69.	SMU	74	72	50.7%
69.	N Illinois	74	72	50.7%
72.	Arizona St	73	72	50.3%
72.	Wyoming	73	72	50.3%
72.	Utah	73	72	50.3%
72.	Troy	73	72	50.3%
76.	Kansas St	72	72	50.0%
76.	Virginia	73	73	50.0%
76.	Colorado St	72	72	50.0%
76.	C Michigan	72	72	50.0%
80.	Penn St	72	73	49.7%
80.	Rice	72	73	49.7%
80.	Florida Atl	72	73	49.7%
83.	Tulsa	72	74	49.3%
84.	Iowa	71	74	49.0%
85.	W Michigan	70	74	48.6%
86.	Kent St	70	75	48.3%
86.	UCF	70	75	48.3%
88.	Arkansas	69	74	48.3%
89.	Miami, Fl	70	76	47.9%
90.	ULM	68	75	47.6%
91.	Toledo	69	77	47.3%
92.	Indiana	68	76	47.2%
92.	Northwestern	68	76	47.2%
94.	Louisiana-Lft	68	77	46.9%
95.	Oklahoma	67	77	46.5%
95.	Memphis	67	77	46.5%
97.	Temple	67	78	46.2%
97.	Wake Forest	67	78	46.2%
97.	San Jose St	67	78	46.2%
97.	UAB	67	78	46.2%
101.	BYU	66	77	46.2%
102.	E Carolina	67	79	45.9%
103.	Tulane	66	78	45.8%
104.	Arkansas St	66	79	45.5%
105.	Hawaii	60	72	45.5%
105.	New Mexico	65	78	45.5%
105.	Houston	65	78	45.5%
105.	Middle Tenn	65	78	45.5%
109.	Navy	65	79	45.1%
110.	Kansas	65	80	44.8%
110.	Ball St	65	80	44.8%
112.	Akron	65	81	44.5%
112.	Nevada	65	81	44.5%
112.	Boise St	65	81	44.5%
115.	Buffalo	63	82	43.4%
116.	TCU	62	82	43.1%
117.	Bowling Grn	56	88	38.9%
118.	Miami, Oh	55	90	37.9%
119.	Ohio	54	89	37.8%

likely be an underdog in 9 of their games which includes the #1 team in the country USC. If they played Army's schedule which is ranked tougher by opponent win % they would be favored 9 of the 12 games. **Bill Doba would jump at the chance to trade his #44 rated schedule (which I rate 3rd toughest) for Army's "tougher" #26 schedule (which I rate #104)!!!**

Let me get a little more in depth. According to opponents win %, Miami Fl has a very soft slate with their opponents winning % at just 47.9% (70-76) in 2006. The NCAA rates it as the #89 or the 30th easiest slate. Miami's "cupcake" schedule features road trips to Oklahoma, Boston College, Virginia Tech and Florida St! They also draw Texas A&M and must face Georgia Tech, Virginia and NCSt (all teams that will be in a bowl this year) at home! I rate their schedule 19th toughest. According to last year's record USC's opp's are only #41. I rate their schedule 2nd toughest and how many teams have to face Nebraska, ND, Oregon, California and Ariz St all on the road?

In 2004 on these pages, I looked at Iowa St's schedule and forecast a turnaround season. Of their 11 foes, only 1 ranked in my Top 25 at the start of the year. While teams like N Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska all had great seasons in 2003, I said they were far from powers in 2004. Based on 2003's records, Iowa St faced the 8th toughest schedule in the country!!!!! My ratings had their schedule at #60 and I felt only 1 of their foes would be in the Top 25 and just 5 or 6 in bowls (which is a low number for a BCS school) at the end of the year. When the dust cleared, Iowa St faced only 5 bowl teams and came within a missed FG of winning the then-weak Big 12 North, hardly the 8th toughest schedule in the land.

As a comparison, I also said that based on 2003's record, Kentucky had the 105th toughest schedule or 15th easiest in 2004, with their opponents just 63-76 (45%). I looked at their schedule and saw 5 Top 25 contenders, as well as projected 2004 bowl teams like S Carolina and Louisville. I said that Kentucky clearly played a much tougher schedule than Iowa St, yet based strictly on 2004's records, Iowa St played the 8th toughest and Kentucky the 15th easiest. UK's foes finished the year at 72-56 (#20), hardly an easy schedule.

Here are the teams with the biggest discrepancy in the two methods of determining toughest schedule and you can check out each team's schedules to see which method you think is better. I list the difference in ranking between the two in ( )'s. Most UNDERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face a tougher slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. Miami Fl (70), 2. California (61), 3. Arizona St (57), 4. Oregon St (53), 5. TCU (47), 6. Utah (47), 7. Iowa (41), 7. Wash St (41), 9. USC (39), 10. Wake Forest (37).

Here are the most OVERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face an easier slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. Army (78), 2. North Texas (57), 3. Louisiana Tech (45), 4. UTEP (45), 5. S Miss (43), 6. Marshall (42), 7. USF (37), 8. Rutgers (37), 9. Purdue (37), 10. New Mexico St (35).

As usual, last year the teams playing the toughest schedules did not have a great deal of success. In 2004's magazine, I rated the toughest schedules prior to the year. Among the Top 17 toughest slates, four teams went from being in a bowl in 2003 to failing to become bowl eligible in 2004.

How did the teams that faced the toughest 20 schedules in my ratings fare the previous years? In 2002 of the teams with the toughest schedules, only two made it into the Top 10 at the end of the year. In 2001, of the teams that faced my Top 20 schedules, only 1 team made it into the Top 10 at the end of the year (Tennessee), while none of the teams that faced the Top 20 toughest schedules in 2000 made it in!! Of the team's that played the top 31 toughest schedules in my 2006 magazine only 3 made it to the top 10.

Conversely in 1996, Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similar soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! In 1999, I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" I answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!! TCU had a shot at an undefeated season in 2000 and went 10-1 in the regular season. In 2003, I noted the strongest teams playing the easiest schedules. I said TCU, facing the #96 schedule, was one of my surprise teams and they flirted with an undefeated season. **In 2004, I listed both Utah and Boise St as non-BCS teams with talent, an easy schedule and a shot to run the table and both finished the regular season unbeaten!!!** In 2005 Arkansas St played the #119 schedule and made it to a bowl after going 3-8 the previous year! Last year Boise St faced the 11th easiest schedule and went undefeated winning a BCS bowl. **This year Hawaii faces the 4th easiest schedule in the country and I call for them to get to a BCS bowl. Also Memphis faces the weakest schedule in the NCAA and <u>I will call for them to have the biggest turnaround record in the NCAA.</u>**

PHIL STEELE'S 2007 TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1.	Washington	31.	Boston College	61.	Louisiana Tech	91.	C Michigan
2.	USC	32.	Vanderbilt	62.	Fresno St	92.	Middle Tenn
3.	Washington St	33.	Illinois	63.	Cincinnati	93.	Arkansas St
4.	Arizona	34.	Colorado	64.	Idaho	94.	W Michigan
5.	UCLA	35.	Ohio St	65.	Arkansas	95.	Buffalo
6.	Stanford	36.	Syracuse	66.	Connecticut	96.	Rice
7.	Oregon St	37.	Michigan	67.	East Carolina	97.	Troy
8.	California	38.	Texas	68.	Penn St	98.	Akron
9.	Duke	39.	Wisconsin	69.	TCU	99.	New Mexico St
10.	Texas A&M	40.	Kansas St	70.	USF	100.	SMU
11.	Oregon	41.	Missouri	71.	Colorado St	101.	S Mississippi
12.	Notre Dame	42.	Texas Tech	72.	Indiana	102.	Houston
13.	Oklahoma St	43.	Iowa	73.	Northwestern	103.	Boise St
14.	Florida St	44.	Purdue	74.	Oklahoma	104.	Army
15.	Arizona St	45.	West Virginia	75.	BYU	105.	Temple
16.	North Carolina	46.	Minnesota	76.	Florida Int'l	106.	ULM
17.	Nebraska	47.	Maryland	77.	San Jose St	107.	Tulsa
18.	Tennessee	48.	Mississippi	78.	Wyoming	108.	North Texas
19.	Miami, Fl	49.	Clemson	79.	New Mexico	109.	Kent St
20.	Michigan St	50.	Utah St	80.	Air Force	110.	Louisiana-Lft
21.	Florida	51.	Alabama	81.	Marshall	111.	Navy
22.	Auburn	52.	LSU	82.	E Michigan	112.	UTEP
23.	Georgia	53.	Louisville	83.	UCF	113.	Miami, Oh
24.	Iowa St	54.	Georgia Tech	84.	Nevada	114.	Bowling Green
25.	Utah	55.	Virginia	85.	Rutgers	115.	Toledo
26.	NC State	56.	UNLV	86.	Florida Atlantic	116.	Hawaii
27.	Kentucky	57.	San Diego St	87.	Ball St	117.	Tulane
28.	Baylor	58.	Virginia Tech	88.	Kansas	118.	Ohio
29.	Mississippi St	59.	Pittsburgh	89.	UAB	119.	Memphis
30.	South Carolina	60.	Wake Forest	90.	N Illinois		

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In 2004 I added a new feature to this article and took a look at the teams who have much easier, or much tougher schedules than the previous year. **I listed the 10 teams who took on the most improved (softer) schedules in 2004 than 2003. Out of the 10 teams, NINE had better records in 2004 than 2003 or 90%!!!!! Overall the 10 teams had a combined record in 2003 of 51-75 40% and improved to 69-50 58% in 2004, including Auburn, which went from 8-5 to a perfect 13-0 and Iowa St which went from 2-10 to a bowl!! In 2005, of the 10 teams in the "Going Up" box, EIGHT had better records in 2005 than in 2004. Four teams went from a losing season to a bowl, in BYU, Kansas, Houston and Ark St. Last year of the 10 teams in this box, 8 ended up with better records including Wake Forest and Arkansas who both went from losing seasons to January Bowls!!! Also Hawaii, Purdue and Texas A&M went from losing years to playing in a bowl.**

Here are the 12 teams with easier schedules that should have better success in 2007 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (easier) from last year's schedule:

GOING UP????

1. Temple (61)
2. Tulane (61)
3. Northwestern (58)
4. Oklahoma (54)
5. Indiana (51)
6. Penn St (30)
7. Syracuse (25)
8. Michigan (24)
9. Memphis (23)
10. Utah St (23)
11. Virginia (22)
12. UTEP (22)

In 2004, we took a look at the 10 teams that faced a tougher schedule and I said their records may drop because of it. Those ten teams combined for a 72-55 57% mark in 2003 but the same 10 were just 44-67 39.6% in 2004!!!! Once again, 90% of the teams saw their record go down and the only team that did not was Vanderbilt, which went from 2-10 to 2-9 because they played one less game!! The most notable dropees that made the list were powerhouses Kansas St and Maryland who were coming off 11 and 10 win seasons respectively and both had losing seasons!! In 2005 only ONE of 10 teams in the "Going Down" box managed to have a better record. Last year 8 of the 10 teams in the "Going Down?" box had weaker records including Iowa St and Virginia who went from being in a bowl to a losing record. Here are the teams with harder schedules that may see some dropoff in 2007 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (harder) from last year's schedule:

GOING DOWN???

1. Texas A&M (56)
2. Utah (50)
3. Wisconsin (48)
4. San Jose St (30)
5. Wake Forest (28)
6. Auburn (25)
7. Clemson (24)
8. Boston Coll (24)

The computer shows me that there are some other teams with one or more of the sets of Power Ratings calling them to have undefeated seasons. Naturally, if a team is projected at the top of my Power Ratings, it has a greater chance of going unbeaten. In 2002, three sets of my ratings called for Ohio St to go unbeaten and the Buckeyes were the surprise team of the country. In 2003, 11 teams were rated in two or more sets of my Power Ratings with a perfect record. That included the Top 6 in the final AP poll who all were among the 11 teams I listed on this page. In 2005 USC and Texas made this list. Here are this year's teams in which one or more sets of my Power Ratings forecast a perfect season as a possibility. The only unbeaten BCS team prior to the bowls in 2006 was Ohio St who made the list last year. This year the teams are USC, LSU, Hawaii, Oklahoma, W Virginia, Louisville, Virginia Tech, Florida St, Texas, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio St, Penn St and USF. Keep in mind that good health, a positive turnover ratio and a little luck are needed to go unbeaten. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.

SPRING GAME NOTES . . .

AKRON - The star of the Zips spring game was LB Doug Williams who had 5 tackles and a blocked FG. In the battle for QB Carlton Jackson hit 4-8 for 9 yards. Chris Jacquemain hit 2-8 for 12 yards and Sean Hakes hit 4 of 8 for 46 yards. If the QB was touched, it was ruled a sack so they were somewhat limited and all 3 have good mobility. **ALABAMA**- 92,138 were on hand for the largest spring game crowd. That was an NCAA spring game record. The White defeated the Crimson team 20-13. John Parker Wilson hit 18 of 36 for 244 yards and 2 TD's. DJ Hall had 5 rec for 87 yards and was the game's MVP. Terry Grant was the leading RB with 47 yards (5.9). SAF Rashad Johnson had 7 tackles and 2 pbu's. **ARIZONA** - About 9,500 were on hand at Arizona Stadium to see the unveiling of the new Air Raid Offense. The White team offense gained 551 yards rolling up a 56-28 win. Willie Tuitama hit 24 of 39 for 292 yards and 2 TD's. **ARIZONA ST** - The Sun Devils 1st Tm Off scored TD's on their first 2 poss but then struggled the rest of the game. The White squad held on for a 20-7 victory in front of about 5,250 at Sun Devil Stadium. Rudy Carpenter hit 14 of 26 for 190 yards and no TD's with Ryan Torain having 6 and 35 yard TD runs finishing with 68 yards(7.6). The Maroon team was led by Danny Sullivan. Rudy Burgess had 7 rec for 73 yards for the Maroon and Brandon Smith had 6 for 72 for the White. A major injury occurred when LB Jamarr Robinson suffered a possible ACL injury. **ARKANSAS ST** - Last year Corey Leonard was battling Travis Hewitt for the starting job. This year Leonard is the clear-cut starter and hit 11 of 17 for 156 yards with 3 TD's guiding the offense to a 56-46 win over the defense. The offense was rewarded for big plays establishing drives and scores. Preston Brown worked with both the 1st and 2nd string and had 64 yards (4.6) while Cedric Wilkerson had 44 yards (3.7). Jerime Henderson led in rushing with 64 (6.4) as Reggie Arnold sat out the scrimmage. Backup QB Travis Hewitt was bothered by an injured finger and did not connect on any of his 7 passes. TC Jennings hit 3 of 8 for 63 yards. **ARMY** - Army's spring game was billed Black vs Gold but was actually the offense vs the defense and the D (which I think will be an underrated group this year) dominated in a 59-18 win. Army's QB's combined for 22 of 44 for 173 yards and 3 int's. David Pevoto hit 9 of 14 for 90 yards and Carson Williams hit 9 of 17 for 63 yards. It was not a great day for the RB's as Ian Smith led the team with 15 yards on 3 carries. The #2 rusher was Nicholas Sabellico who had 14 yards and Tony Dace added 6. Kevin Dunn hit just 2 of 8 passes for 10 yards, Kyle Stancombe hit 1 of 3 for 5 and Chase Prasnicki hit 1 of 2 for (-1) yards. As you would expect, the top receiver was Jeremy Trimble who had 6 (10.5) and Adam Renkiewcz had 2 catches for 20 yards. Army's top 2 RB's Wesley McMahand and Tony Moore were sidelined with injuries for most of the spring. Much was expected out of Iowa transfer Ted Bentler and he won the spring's top honor, the coveted Sledgehammer Award and Most Improved Offensive Player went to Tony Dace and the Most Improved Defensive Award to Frank Scappaticci. **AUBURN** - It was a surprising spring game for the Tigers as the offense repeatedly got big plays and had 10 scoring drives avg under 3 plays per poss. RB rFr Mario Fannin (PS#16QB) rushed for 206 yards (15.8) playing vs a 2nd Tm D that was mostly 3rd stringers due to injuries. QB Cox threw for 302 yards with Rodgeriqus Smith having 3 catches for 118. The 1st Tm blue squad won the A-Day game 27-7 in front of 31,757. The D was missing six starters and did not blitz. The last two A-Day games were 7-0 and 9-0. In the battle for the backup QB spot Steven Ensminger (PS#50) hit 9 of 11 for 77 yards. Blake Field hit 3 of 10 for 45 and Neil Caudle hit 3 of 8 for 32. Field battled tendinitis in his throwing shoulder much of the spring. Backup FS Zac Etheridge led the D with 10 tackles and converted TE Michael Goggans was named the Def MVP. **BOISE ST** - 6,831 were on hand and the offense beat the defense 27-26 in the Boise St spring game. Boise QB's combined to hit just 47.5% and the offense averaged just 2.2 ypc. Dallas Dobbs was the top tackler for the D with 6. S Ellis Powers had 4 tackles, 2 pbu and an int. The top RB was Jeremy Avery who had 72 yards

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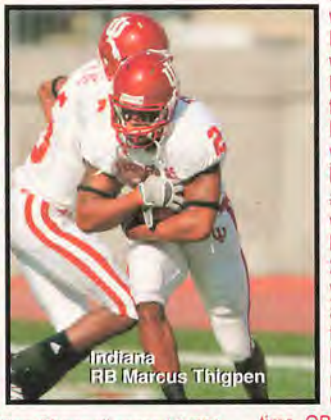
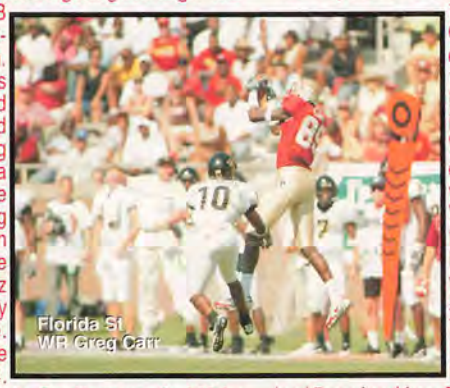
(6.0) and 1 rec for 35 yards. Kyle Brotzman nailed a 49 yard FG. The top QB was Bush Hamdan who hit just 4 of 11 for 68 yards while Taylor Tharp hit 8 of 16 for 57. Michael Coughlin hit 2 of 6 for 21 and Nick Lomax hit 5 of 7 for 30 yards. The top WR was Tanyon Bissell who had 42 yards on 2 rec. **BOSTON COLLEGE** - 4,200 were on hand for the Jay McGillis Memorial spring game. Matt Ryan hit 19 of 33 for 233 yards with 1 int and a TD. Chris Crane hit 8 of 12 for 108 yards and led the Maroon (off) to a 44-38 win over the White (def). Jamie Silva was the leading tackler (9) and Mark Herzlich had 2 tfl with DE Allen Smith having 2 sacks. RB Jeff Smith had just 29 yards on 17 carries. **BOWLING GREEN**- Sinisa Vrvilo hit a 41 yard FG as time expired giving the Orange team a 16-14 win over the White. That clutch FG was in stark contrast from last year when special teams cost BG quite a few games. He also connected on 31 and 42 yard FG's and Nick Lovinelli avg 46.0 on punts. The game was played in front of about 1,000 fans at Bowling Green HS. Tyler Sheehan led the game winning drive and hit 20 of 33 for 179 yards and did have 2 int and a fumble. Anthony Turner hit 9 of 14 for 30 yards with an int. Anthony Glaud hit 5 of 6 for 52 yards and had a 3 yard TD run. Coach Brandon said after the game there was no clear-cut starter at QB. Corey Partridge had 2 rec's (9.6) and TE turned DL Sean O'Drobinak had 5 tackles, a tfl and a pbu. **BYU** - Cade Cooper and Max Hall split all of the #1 snaps in practice but Cooper was lost for the year so Brenden Gaskins filled in for the spring game as the #2 man and hit 19 of 22, leading the team to 10 points (only 10 points of the game as Blue won 10-0). Hall was named the starter after the spring game hitting 15 of 19 for 139 yards. A crowd of 16,752 were on hand for the Blue/White game. With the top 3 RB's on the sidelines Ryan Folsom rushed for 40 yards on 6 carries. In an earlier spring scrimmage, the D allowed the offense just 2 FG's and no TD's. **CINCINNATI** - Brian Kelly renamed the spring game The Bearcat Bowl and there was a generous estimate of 5,200 fans on hand. Dustin Grutza threw 12 passes in the first 14 plays. The Red beat the Black 20-0. Grutza hit 16 of 22 for 109 yards. Craig Carey hit 15 of 32 for 160 yards with 2 int's and also absorbed 5 sacks, DE Trevor Anderson had two of those and the D had 9 sacks in the 1H. Converted WR Mike Daniels had 6 catches for 94 yards. **CLEMSON** - Cullen Harper is the #1 QB at Clemson after the spring game as he hit 15 of 24 for 147 yards. True frosh Willie Korn hit 13 of 25 for 135 with 1 TD and 2 int. **COLORADO** - With just 6 healthy OL's the Buffaloes spring game turned into a 7 on 7 contest and was played in front of roughly 5,000 people in a 51,000 seat Folsom Field. Cody Hawkins hit 12 of 20 for 119 yards and JUCO Nick Nelson hit 3 of 10 for 30 yards when they used full scrimmage action. RB Hugh Charles had just 20 yards on 11 carries and slash QB Bernard Jackson had a 37 yard TD run. Jackson finished with 82 yards on 9 carries and also had 3 KR's (32.0). K Kevin Eberhart hit just 2 of 4 FG's missing from 52 and 55 yards. S Lionel Harris was the top tackler with 6. **CONNECTICUT** - In the Blue/White scrimmage which was played in front of 9,200, the White (D) rolled to an 80-46 win. RFr LB Scott Lutrus had 3 int's (returning 2 for TD's) including a 91 yarder and also had 9 tackles. He accounted for 27 of the defense's points. The offense was missing JUCO Tyler Lorenzen who was injured and despite their 46 point total, only had 2 TD's. Dennis Brown hit 17 of 35 for 241 yards and a TD. Terence Jeffers led the WR's with 118 yards on 7 rec and Robert McClain was the top RB with 109 yards (6.1). Starting RB Donald Brown had just 14 yards on 11 carries. **DUKE** - The defense beat the offense 47-46. QB Thaddeus Lewis was the only QB in for the spring and took all of the snaps during the spring and all of the snaps in the spring game. It was actually a 36 play controlled scrimmage and 200 fans were on hand. Brian Wood had 3 rec for 70 yards. Lewis hit 13 of 21 for 169 yards and had 1 int and 1 fumble. **E CAROLINA** - The Purple/Gold game was a battle between EC and The Pirates. Starting QB Rob Kass was EC's starter who threw for 231 yards (48%) including TD passes of 55 and 77. Jamar Bryant had 4 rec (30.5). Alex Taylor had 5 rec (8.0) and Chris Johnson rushed for 93 yards (4.7). DL CJ Wilson had 7 tackles and 2 sacks while Jarrett Wiggins led both teams with 12 tackles. Wendel Chavis had 10 tackles. Patrick Pinkney threw for 67 yards and Brent Clay for 96. In an early spring scrimmage in March, Norman Whitley rushed for 230 yards and 3 TD's. **E MICHIGAN** - Five days before the spring game, EM was basking in 70° temps but the spring game was played in the low to mid 20's with a whiteout in the 2Q of the game. One star of the spring was K Sean Dutcher who nailed a couple of long FG's and hit 22 of 23 FG's overall in the entire spring. **FLORIDA** - Tim Tebow hit 17 of 27 for 216 yards and 3 TD's leading the Blue to a 27-20 win over the Orange in front of 47,500. Tebow was playing with a sore shoulder. WR Louis Murphy had 8 rec for 129 yards. True frosh Cameron Newton hit 7 of 13 for 78 yards. Chevon Walker had 74 yards (5.3) and 1 TD and Meyer said that Kestahn Moore was the best back in the spring, hands down but he missed the spring game due to injury. FG K's Joey Ijjas and Jonathan Phillips attempted 13 consecutive FG's at one point in practice Phillips was 7 of 11 for the Blue with a long of 55 and Ijjas ended 5 of 10 with kicks from 47, 55 and 60. Brandon James rushed for 20 yards (2.1). The crowd would have been larger but there was an accident that tied up I75 and had traffic was backed up for hours. **FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL** - The offense defeated the defense 28-17. Paul McCall hit 15 of 25 for 137 yards and Wayne Younger hit 13 of 23 for 145 yards with 2 TD's. Younger also led the team with 85 yards rushing. **FLORIDA ST** - 25,000 were on hand for the Garnet/Gold game. Drew Weatherford hit 13 of 23 for 219 yards and a TD and Xavier Lee hit 13 of 26 for 163 yards and 2 TD's and each QB tossed 2 int. The offense defeated the defense 29-25. RB's Marcus Sims (45 yd) and Antone Smith (42 yd) each got 11 rush attempts. WR De'Cody Fagg had 5 rec for 48 yards. An old problem cropped up as they hit just 1 of 4 FG's. **FRESNO ST** - Tom Brandstater hit 10 of 15 passes for 126 yards with 1 TD and 1 int. Ryan Colburn hit 11 of 15 for 116 yards with 1 TD and 2 int's. Interceptions were a good sign for the FSU D which finished at the bottom of the pass D rankings last year. **GEORGIA** - One of the most anticipated rFr is Knowshon Moreno and he had 68 yards (6.2) with 2 TD's in the G-Day game. TE Tripp Chandler had 3 catches for 74 yards. The game was played in front of 21,407 and the first string D gave up 5 scoring drives, 4 led by Matthew Stafford and one by Joe Cox in a 34-21 Red win over the Black. Stafford, who cut down greatly on his int during the spring, hit 6 of 12 for 155 yards with 2 TD's. The Red team had 273 yards offense. It was chilly with gusty winds and only 43° at kickoff. WR Kris Durham had 6 catches for 137 yards and Tony Wilson who was voted the MIP WR of the spring had 3 catches for 53 yards. **GEORGIA TECH** - GT's #1 offense took on the #2 D and had 10 poss scoring on all 10. QB Bennett who was firmly in control of the #1 offense hitting 10 of 15 for 197 yards and Earls had 70 yard TD rec in the spring game. Bennett was very high on rFr Demaryius Thomas all spring and he

Notre Dame
SS #9 Tom Zbikowski
DT #98 Trevor Laws

figures to be the go-to receiver this year replacing CJ. He had 6 catches for 87 yards in the game. Bennett says he is 6'3" 220 and nothing but muscle. True frosh Steven Threetis hit 7 of 11 for 50 yards and a TD working 1 series with the #1 offense. **HOUSTON** - The Cougars spring game was played on a rainy day with cold temps. The big question is who will replace Kolb at QB? Blake Joseph hit 16 of 23 for 148 yards while Case Keenum hit 4 of 9 for 143 but had a pair of int's. They will be joined by 2 true frosh in the fall. Speedback Anthony Alridge had 56 yards on 8 carries and the question of who would be the bigger back appears answered as Randall Antoine (190 lbs) had 98 yards on 18 carries. Harrison had 35 yards on 7 carries. The defense was led by CJ Cavness who had 7 tackles and 2 sacks in the spring game. LB Matt Nicholson had 5 tackles and an IR return for a TD. WR Chris Gilbert had 3 rec (20.0) and LJ Castile had 3 rec (14.0).**ILLINOIS** - Arrellious Benn (PS#1WR) was in for the spring and put on a show for the Illini spring game. He had 5 rec for 145 yards and 5 rushes for 42 yards. Juice Williams hit 14 of 23 for 301 yards and had 42 yards rushing on 5 carries. The crowd of 10,029 was on hand for the spring game despite the fact the stadium was under construction. The O-line did yield 6 sacks. **INDIANA** - The game was played in rain and 42 degrees. With Coach Hoeppner taking a leave of absence during the spring, interim HC Bill Lynch oversaw the squad. In the Cream/Crimson game the Cream team was made up of the #1 offense and #2 defense and Kellen Lewis threw for 242 yards in the 1H. Crimson QB Ben Chappell scored 2 TD's in the final 4:05 for the win. A 2 pt conversion made the final 27-26. Nick Polk hauled in the game winning 34 yard TD pass. Polk was moved to FS at the end of spring and could play on either side of the ball. James Hardy had 5 rec for 107 yards and Ray Fisher had 4 for 92, all before the half. The 2H was played with a running clock and Kellen Lewis hit just 2 of 7 passes in the half. Chappell threw for 180 of his 253 yards after the half. Terrance Turner had 7 rec for 157 yards. The two teams combined for 70 yds rushing. **IOWA** - Jake Christensen hit 11 of 20 for 148 yards, 1 TD with 0 turnovers. Trey Stross had 4 catches for 61 yards and TE Tyler Gerstandt hauled in 4 for 37. Christensen worked with Iowa's first team and Frosh Arvell Nelson and Rich Stanzi split time. Tremaine Johnson had 2 sacks with the 2nd unit. Nelson hit 8 of 9 for 77 yards and Stanzi hit 7 of 9 for 94. **IOWA ST** - About 7,000 fans were on hand. Bret Meyer hit 11 of 16 for 196 yards and a TD leading the offense to a 31-22 win using a spring scoring system. Todd Blythe sat out the game so RJ Sumrall had 6 catches for 134 yards to lead the WR's. Jason Harris, who moved from DB to RB, had an 81 yard TD run. **KANSAS ST** - Backup QB Carson Coffman hit 12 of 29 passes for 69 yards but his White team defeated the Purple team 19-0. Starting QB Josh Freeman hit just 9 of 22 for 44 yards with 2 int for the Purple team. The Purple had just 13 yards on 17 plays in the 1H. For the game the Purple had zero yards on 32 plays with just 2 FD's. The White team accumulated 152 yards with their top rusher being Terry Petrie who had 54 on 11 carries. The White was made up mostly of defensive starters so it was 1's vs 1's and 2's vs 2's. After drawing 32,000 to the spring game in Ron Prince's first year, just 16,732 were on hand this year. **KANSAS**- The Blue team defeated the White 48-0 with WR Marcus Henry hauling in 6 catches for 150 yards and 3 TD's. The game was played in front of approximately 8,200 fans. The top tackler was OLB Joe Mortensen (10). Kerry Meier hit 13 of 27 for 204 yards but had an IR 37 yards for a TD by Darrell Stuckey. Todd Reesing hit 10 of 20 for 171 yards. In this mismatch between the starters and the backups, the backups had just 88 yards offense. FB Brandon McAnderson was impressive with 80 yards rushing (5.3) and 2 TD's. CB Aqib Talib had 2 rec's when playing on the offense and will likely see dual action this year. **LSU** - Instead of a controlled scrimmage for the spring game, Les Miles opted for what he called the "Super Tiger Bowl". It was a split squad scrimmage with the winning team eating steak and the losers getting hot dogs. The Purple team was led by QB Matt Flynn and Ryan Perrilloux QB'd the White team. On the Purple team was RB's Keiland Williams, Richard Murphy, Jacob Hester and WR Early Doucet. Replacing both safeties on the D is a concern this year but the SAF's did well in the spring game. SS Harry Coleman had 6.5 sacks for the Purple team while SS Craig Steltz had 4.5 and FS Danny McCray 4 for the White. 14,375 were on hand and the Purple prevailed 20-14. Flynn hit 11 of 22 for 135 yards. Perrilloux was 8 of 23 for 155 and 1 int. There was no live tackling of the QB's. The top WR all spring and in the game was Doucet with 9 rec for 115 yards and also had a 64 yard PR. RB Richard Murphy rushed for 85 yards (7.7) while Keiland Williams had 46 (5.8) and Alley Broussard 32 (4.0). MLB Darry Beckwith had 7 tackles for the White. **LOUISIANA-LFT** - Rickey Bustle changed the Red/White game format this year. Normally he has a draft for the two teams but this year the red team was comprised of the #1 offense and defense vs the White unit who were the backups. White was given a 10 point head start. ULL QB's combined for 15 of 22 for 260 yards and UL's top RB's avg'd more than 9 ypc. OC Blake Anderson ran a fast tempo offense and his goal is to get the team ready to go before the clock gets to :24. The ULL #1 D had not allowed a TD in any of the Cajuns' spring scrimmages prior, but were overwhelmed. The game was cut short as heavy rain came in after halftime. QB Michael Desormeaux had a 60 yd option run on the 3rd play and hit 7 of 11 for 92 yards. John Hundley hit 5 of 6 for 82 yards. Third string Connor Morel, working with the backups, had great success hitting 3 of 4 for 86 yards including 2 TD passes to Marlin Miller. The only non-scoring drive for the Red came on a missed FG but the White got the apparent game tying TD at the end but their xp was blocked for a 24-23 Red win. WR Jason Chery had 2 TD's including a 61 yarder. **LOUISIANA TECH** - Ross Jenkins led the White team 60 yds in 10 plays and with a TD in the final minutes pulled out a 28-27 win over the Blue team in the T-Day spring game. Jenkins hit 6 of 9 passes on the drive. For the game Jenkins was 12 of 24 for 136 yards. Zac Champion led the Blue 31 yards in 4 plays and :28 but Brad Oestriecher's 59 yard FG was a little short. Champion hit 10 of 22 for 135 yards leading a pair of scoring drives. Michael Mosley hit just 3 of 13 for 53 yards. TE Dennis Morris had 2 catches for 126 yards and QB Joe Danna hit 4 of 6 for 139. The Blue led 24-7 late 3Q. Josh Wheeler led the White receivers with 5 rec (17.3) and Daniel Porter was their top rusher with 48 yards (5.3). Brian Jackson had 4 rec's (14.7) and Shane Womack had 4 (12.7). **LOUISVILLE** - In the Red/White exhibition the defense delivered a 51-45 win in front of an estimated crowd of 28,000. Brian Brohm hit 23 of 38 for 313 yards and 3 TD's. WR Harry Douglas had 8 rec for 137 yards and Scott Long had 4 for 120. WR Mario Urrutia had 5 for 68 with 2 TD's. Hunter Cantwell hit 17 of 35 for 210. Surprisingly the leading rusher, Anthony Allen, only had 36 yards (4.0) but did have 2 TD's. LB Axson led with 10 tkls and 4 sks. DL Earl Heyman broke a bone in his foot. **MARSHALL** - In an earlier spring scrimmage, Darius Passmore who wears Randy Moss' #88 had 6 catches for 153 yards and the offense beat the D 65-39. Chubb Small had 67 yards on 14 carries and QB's Morris, Anderson and Beardain combined to hit 30 of 47 for 356 with Morris hitting 16 of 22 for 268. Snyder's past spring games were a split squad with a draft for the Green and White teams. He switched that to a 1st string vs the backups. Things started well for the backup squad (White) as Chuck Roberts got a 47 yard IR TD on the first series but the Green would role to a 43-6 win in front of 7,922. Bernard Morris hit 11 of 19 passes for 199 yards and 2 TD. Brian Anderson also played for the Green squad and hit 12 of 16 for 115 while hitting 1 of 2 passes for the White. Wesley Beardain hit 5 of 11 for 30 yards while on the Green squad but just 2 of 9. The games top rusher was QB Morris who had 22 yards on 2 carries and the #2 was Beardain with 19 yards on 3 carries. The top RB, Chubb Small, had just 14 yards on 4 carries. Cody Slate led the team with 157 yards on 6 rec and Courtney Edmonson had 6 rec for 115 yards. **MARYLAND** - In the Terps Red/White spring game the starters were on the Red team and the White team was comprised mostly of backups. White ended up winning 27-10 in front of about 9,500. Jordan Steffy hit 7 of 12 passes for 80 yards and was sacked 3 times. Josh Portis hit 5 of 12 for 104 yards with an int. Chris Turner, who entered the 3-man race hit 11 of 15 for 115 yards but also had an int. The 3 QB's combined to lead 5 scoring drives. True frosh Jamarr Robinson did have a TD pass in the 1H. Alex Wujciak had 10 tackles and Dave Philistin had 11 for the red while Erin Henderson had 9 stops for the white team. Morgan Green, who had an impressive spring and had 92 yards on 19 carries, but suffered a fractured clavicle in the game. **MEMPHIS** - In the Blue/Gray game in Liberty Bowl Stadium, WR Carlos Singleton who had a rough spring, led with 8 rec for 83 yards and 2 TD's earning MVP honors. QB Martin Hankins hit 14 of 19 for 219 yards and 2 TD's. JUCO Steven Black had 5 rec (12.0) and TJ Pitts had 31 yards rushing. The #2 rusher was walk-on Henry Harris (37 yd). DE Greg Terrell had 8 tackles, 2 sacks and a pbu. **MICHIGAN STATE** - The Spartans had de-emphasized the spring game under the previous 2 coaching staffs, holding mostly glorified scrimmages. Dantonio brought the Spartans back to their first true spring game since 1999 under Nick Saban. 25,000 were on hand. Connor Dixon QB'd the Green team to a 21-8 upset over the Brian Hoyer-led White team. Dixon hit 10 of 12 for 105 yards and also had 14 yards rushing. Javon Ringer rushed for 60 yards on 10 carries playing just the 1H. Hoyer struggled hitting 12 of 31 for 168 yards and did have some dropped passes early. Old habits die hard as there were several personal foul penalties in the game. **MIDDLE TENNESSEE** - The White team won MTSt's spring game by a 17-0 margin. FS Damon Nickson had 2 int in the first 4 plays and DE's Erik Walden, Tavares Jones and Sean Mosley combined for 10 sacks. Joe Craddock, who cemented the #1 QB spot for the Blue Raiders threw an early int but then finished 8 of 11 for 113 yards in 5 poss. WR Bobby Williams had 85 yards on 4 rec and Phillip Tanner who moved back to RB from DB had 104 yards on 20 carries. The White had a 257-49 yard edge. Playing for the Blue squad, LB's Danny Carmichael and Cam Robinson both had 9 tackles. Gene Delle Donne was 3 of 7 for 35 yards as a backup for the White team. Patrick Jackson, who leaves spring as the #2 QB hit 3 of 10 for 34 yards with 2 int for the Blue and Salin Simpson





hit 4 of 10 for 25 yards. **MINNESOTA** - 15,000 were on hand for Minnesota's spring game. Adam Weber hit 8 of 15 for 75 yards and Tony Mortensen hit 9 of 13 for 103 yards. WR Eric Decker led the WR's with 80 yards receiving. **MISSISSIPPI ST** - Early in spring practice it took JUCO QB Josh Riddell time to adjust to the offense. He operated in a predominantly shotgun-oriented offense at JC and now has to take snaps under C here. About 5,000 were on hand for the Maroon/White game played on a sunny day. The Maroon team rolled to a 21-0 win. Michael Henig hit 7 of 14 for 113 yards and 2 TD's. DE Avery Hannibal had 2 sacks while Charles Burns and Gabe O'Neal were the top tacklers with 5 each. **MISSOURI** - The Black team (offense) beat the Gold team (defense) 72-27. Chase Daniel hit 8 of 11 passes for 95 yards with 2 of his incompletions behind deep throws. In 5 spring scrimmages, Daniel hit 47 of 59 for 698 yards with 8 TD's and 1 int which would have been a QB rating of 220.4. Chase Patton hit 65% in those scrimmages and solidified the #2 spot. WR Danario Alexander had 17 rec for 227 yards in 5 different spring scrimmages including 3 grabs in the spring game. The 1st string D did not give up any points but was taking on the 2nd and 3rd string offenses in its 3 series. WR Greg Bracey won the Tom Botts Invitational for the MO track team with a 10.52 time in the 100M. **NEBRASKA** - 54,288 were on hand. DT Ndamukong Suh had 2 sacks and 4 tackles for the Red team (starters) and the White team managed just 9 total yards vs the #1 defense. Ben Eisenhart led the White team with 8 tackles. Sam Keller and Joe Ganz split snaps with the #1 offense and combined to hit 21 of 31 for 350 yards against the backup defenders. Each QB had 3 series and combined for 38 points. Keller was 10-13 for 193 yards while Ganz was 11 of 18 for 157. Marlon Lucky had 94 yards rushing (5.9) and Cody Glenn rushed for 52 (4.7). **NEVADA** - The Silver & Blue scrimmage was played in front of about 500 at Mackay Stadium (cap 29,993). Nick Graziano hit 10 of 13 for 150 yards with no TD's and no int's. Each offensive series started at their own 35 yard line. RFr QB Colin Kaepernick and Tyler Lantrip combined for 8-14 118 yds. JUCO Brian Fludd had 3 rec for 51 yards. The running game had just 37 yards on 21 carries. **NEW MEXICO ST** - In the Crimson Bowl, Mumme opted to use the 2nd string offense vs the 1st string D and the D won handily 70-17. QB Matt Parsons hit 36 of 79 passes for 311 yards and 2 TD's. Baer Phillipbar hit on just 4 of 12 passes for 28 yards with an int and a fumble. Mumme conceded that true frosh JJ McDermott will likely be the backup. The Aggies defense had 10 sacks and numerous QB pressures. Chris Buckner did have 112 yards rec on 8 grabs and Gerald Gurrier, who moved from DB, had 7 catches for 82 yards. Drew Thatcher had 11 catches for 70 yards. The game was played in windy conditions and K Kyle Hughes hit on just 1 of 5. **NORTH CAROLINA** - The Tar Heels' spring game was more of a controlled scrimmage. QB TJ Yates hit 10 of 15 passes for 163 yards and 3 TD's. Hakeem Nicks had 3 rec for 82 yards and Justin Warren had 38 yards on 8 carries. Yates worked with the 1st Tm Offense with Cameron Sexton and BJ Phillips getting limited action with the 1st string. Sexton hit 5 of 5 for 53 yards BJ Phillips hit 7 passes for 57 yards. Butch Davis said a lot of true frosh could play this upcoming year and that could include QB Mike Paulus (PS#6). DT Kentwan Balmer had 2 sacks and LB Martel Thatch had 6 tackles. No score was kept during the scrimmage. **NORTH CAROLINA ST** - The Red team defeated

Kentucky
TE Jacob Tamme

Southern Mississippi
TE Shawn Nelson

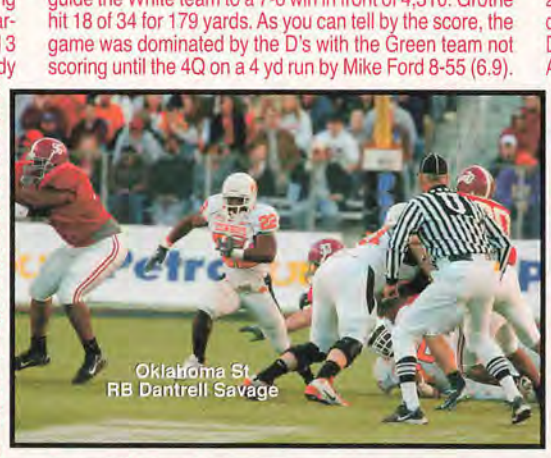
the White 35-31. Jamelle Eugene rushed for 168 yards (11.2) for the Red team and Toney Baker had 163 (7.1) and 2 TD's for the White. Andre Brown split time between the two and had 112 yards (10.1). Daniel Evans played with the 3rd string and hit 20 of 34 for 275 yards and 3 TD's. Justin Burke hit 13 of 24 for 121 but had 3 int's. Harrison Beck hit just 7 of 26 for 116 yards. Evans, who had a couple of game winning TD passes in 2006, hit an 8-yard TD pass in the final seconds for the win. 14,800 were on hand. Jimmaul Simmons had a 100-yd IR TD. **NORTHWESTERN** - NW was banged up for its spring game but CJ Bacher hit 22 of 39 for 219 yards with 2 int and 2 TD's. Mike Kafka hit 9 of 17 for 88 yards. Converted QB Andrew Brewer played for both teams and had some nice catches. The Purple team won 17-14 in front of about 3,500 fans. The top WR was Eric Peterman who had 10 rec (10.4). Brandon Roberson rushed for 35 yards on 11 carries. **NOTRE DAME** - 51,852 were on hand for the Blue/Gold game. Evan Sharpley hit 5 of 7 for 31 yards. Zach Frazer was 0 for 4 with an int. Demetrius Jones was 3 of 6 for 23 yards with 1 TD and an int and Jimmy Clausen was 3 of 7 for 23 yards. Junior Jabbie, who had a tremendous spring, led the team in rushing with 87 yards on 13 carries earning Off MVP honors. The Def MVP was David Bruton who had a 35 yard IR TD. Defenses dominated and the Gold team prevailed with a 10-6 win. Anthony Vernaglia had 8 tackles and a sack and Toryan Smith added 9 tackles. **OHIO ST** - While the Buckeyes had the 2nd largest crowd of the spring games, (75,301 were on hand on a sunny day) they charged $5 for admission while the school with the largest crowd (Alabama) had 93,138 and let everyone in for free. Todd Boeckman guided the team to 4 FD's and a FG and was 6 of 14 for 103 yards. With the Scarlet team in range for the game winning FG, he had the ball knocked out of his hands and returned for a TD. Rob Schoenhoft was in on 5 possessions and led the team to 8 FD's and 10 points but had 1 costly fumble. He hit 7 of 15 for 83 yards. Antonio Henton generated 6 drives for 7 FD's and zero points and 3 int's including one that was returned for a TD but he also had very little time to throw for the Gray team. He was 8 of 16 fro 45 yards. Marcus Freeman had a 49 yard IR TD and Larry Grant had the game clinching 80 yard fumble return for a TD. The top 2 WR's were Devon Lyons and Albert Dukes who each had 3 rec's. **OKLAHOMA** - The star of the spring was DeMarco Murray and he had a big spring game rushing for 103 yards on just 4 carries including a 68 yard TD run. The game was played in front of 21,020 and Sam Bradford was the #1 QB out of spring. Bradford hit 9 of 14 for 110 yards and a TD and Joey Halzle hit 7 of 18 for 162 yards and a TD and had an int and a couple of dropped int. True frosh Keith Nichol hit just 3 of 7 for 25 yards. The offense won the game 53-30 in an elaborate scoring system. In three OU scrimmages Murray rushed for 327 yards (11.3!). Chris Brown rushed for 67 yards (6.1) and Allen Patrick had just 20 yards on 8 carries but did have a couple of long runs called back on penalty. FS Dominique Franks had a big play as he tracked down Murray from behind at the end of a long run. Stoops was very high on TE Brody Eldridge who he called a major part of the offense this year. Everyone was concerned when Eldridge was injured late in the spring practices but it appears he will be fine as it was just a mild MCL and high ankle sprain. **OKLAHOMA ST** - In the Orange/White game

Louisville
WR Harry Douglas

Bobby Reid (Orange) struggled hitting 9 of 18 for 71 yards with an int. They had some poor C exchanges in the shotgun. Zac Robinson (led White) hit 13 of 20 for 149 yards and also had a 40 yard run. The White beat the orange 35-27 led by WR Artrell Woods (no relation to Roshawn and DuJuan) with 4 catches of 111 yards and 2 TD's. Converted WR Ricky Price had 3 int in the scrimmage the week prior to the Orange/White game. Gundy wanted 30,000 fans for the game but only about 15,000 were on hand. The two teams combined for over 600 yards of offense. The White trailed 27-20 with 1:14 left and Robinson led a TD drive and 2 pt conversion. They then added a 25 yard TD pass with :35 left. LB Justin Gent had a 14 yard IR TD off of Robinson. Dantrell Savage had 72 yard (9.0) and Keith Toston had 76 rushing. Toston added 10 lbs of muscle in the offseason and had a strong spring. **OREGON** - The Green defeated the White 20-6 before 11,723 at Autzen Stadium. All spring the offense struggled under the terminology of their new OC. The defense had 7 sacks as QB's were ruled down by a 2-hand touch policy. Dennis Dixon, the clear #1 out of the spring was 9 of 18 for 116 yards. Garren Strong had 5 rec for 71 yards. Brady Leaf and Nathan Costa QB'd the Green team. Costa hit 5 of 6 and Leaf hit 7 of 11. Ryan Keeling who was 2nd string TE in the spring and dropped to 3rd string, may have regained his spot with 5 rec (13.0). The top tackler was MLB Josh Thomas-Dotson (10) while Patrick Chung and Marvin Johnson each had 8. In a previous scrimmage Kempt hit 6 of 6 helping the QB's combine for 18 of 28 for 184 yards. None of last year's 5 starters on the O-line (2 graduated, 3 inj'd) participated in the spring scrimmages. **PENN ST** - A school-record 71,000 were on hand for PSU's Blue/White game. WR Chris Bell (PS#5) made a spectacular 1 handed grab and raced 74 yards for a TD rec to help the White team upset the Blue, 30-6. Most of the regulars played for the blue squad. Bell had 4 rec for 116 yards and another TD. Paul Cianciolo hit 8 of 9 for 126 and 2 TD's for the White squad and Daryll Clark connected on 4 of 6 for 96 yds. Pat Devlin hit 5 of 18 passes. Anthony Morelli hit 11 of 18 for 104 but did not play in the 2H. Austin Scott had 53 yards on 13 carries. The 1st Tm O-line did play for the White squad. Evan Royster had 45 yards on 9 carries. Jordan Norwood had 5 rec for 54 yards and also rushed for 51 yards on 3 carries for the Blue team. **PITTSBURGH**- The defense was wearing Blue and the offense was in Gold and the Blue defeated the Gold 62-48 with one of the more complex spring scoring systems. CB Fields had a 53 yard IR TD for the Blue. Scott McKillop led with 10 tackles and CB Aaron Berry had an impressive spring filling the large shoes of Darrelle Revis. Converted WR Dorin Dickerson had an int and is a prime contender for one LB slot. **PURDUE**- Purdue's spring scrimmage had a modified scoring system and the offense "outscored" the defense 86-45 in front of about 10,000 fans at Ross-Ade Stadium. The first team offense took on the 1st Tm defense and the 2nd Tm's battle one another. Kory Sheets rushed for 105 yards on just 6 carries while Dario Camacho added 42 (3.5). Curtis Painter hit 11 of 18 passes for 108 yards and Joey Elliott hit 9 of 12 for 103. Jeff Panfil hit 9 of 20 for 114. The top WR was Desmond Tardy 6 (13.7) and Dorien Bryant had 4 rec (9.0). **RUTGERS** - 11,079 were on hand and 3rd string Jabu Lovelace rushed for 88 yards (8.0) and threw for 102. Backup QB Domenic Natale underwent elbow surgery and will miss the upcoming year. **SAN DIESO ST** - In the Red/Black game Kevin O'Connell took charge of the starting QB job for the Aztecs hitting 13 of 17 for 153 yards and 3 TD's. In 3 spring scrimmages, he was 27-44 for 291 yards with a 4-1 ratio. Kevin Craft, in 3 spring scrimmages, hit 19 of 31 for 206 yards with a 0-1 ratio. **SOUTH CAROLINA** - The D was dominant up front all spring and was once again in the spring game. The two QB's combined to hit 23 of 61 passes. For the 2nd straight spring game, Blake Mitchell struggled hitting just 13 of 39 for 150 yards with 2 int's and his Garnet squad lost to the Black, 14-7 (35,153 on hand). Mitchell was outplayed the previous spring game by Cory Thompson who transferred. He hit just 11 of 27 for 133 yards two years ago but still had a solid 2006 season. Chris Smelley was 10 of 22 for 83 yards and 1 int for the Black squad. Spurrier said about the O-line, "We're in dire straights on the O-line right now. We're not very good and it's as simple as that." He said they ran a lot of draw plays because "You don't have to block anybody, you just act like you're blocking." Cory Boyd had 58 yards (7.3) and 2 TD's and Bobby Wallace rushed for 61 (6.1). WR Kenny McKinley, QB Mitchell and DT Nathan Pepper were named the Most Outstanding of the spring. In the scrimmage the week prior to the spring game

Arizona
CB Antoine Cason

Blake Mitchell hit 13 of 26 for 135 and 3 TD's. Tommy Beecher hit 8 of 12 for 90 with 1 int and Chris Smelley hit 12 of 21 for 171. Also, in that scrimmage, TE Nick Prochak (PS#94QB) had 5 rec for 42 yards and moved up the depth chart. **STANFORD** - Stanford's spring game was actually a scrimmage between the offense and defense and after the offense had done well in the previous 2 scrimmages, the defense dominated this game. TC Ostrander led SU's offense to 1 TD in 12 poss vs the #1 defense. After hitting 14 of 15 passes in a previous scrimmage, Ostrander hit just 19 of 36 for 164 with 1 int. The top rusher was Tyrone McGraw who had 147 on just 6 carries thanks to an 85 yard TD run for the #2 offense. Alex Loukas hit 4 of 12 passes for 20 yards and Tavita Pritchard hit 4 of 11 for 114. Harbaugh said the best thing to come out of spring was the lack of major injuries. **SYRACUSE** - Andrew Robinson hit 12 of 19 passes for 146 yards and had 2 TD drives and a FG drive against the 1st Tm defense. The D still won 25-24. With the offense leading 24-19, Robinson had K Shadle try a 54 yard FG with no time left and shouted into the microphone that if he misses, the D would get 6 points and the win. The kick was 5 yards short. **TEMPLE** - Temple expects to have 66,000 on hand for its home opener vs Navy. Only a couple hundred were present at the Ambler Sports Complex for the Cherry/White game. The Cherry trailed 10-7 when they got a TD with 2:58 left but the white blocked a FG and then got the game winning TD with :29 left. Vaughn Charlton hit 19 of 30 for 212 yards for the White and Adam DiMichele hit just 7 of 12 for 91 yards for the Cherry team. Omar McDonnaugh-Hales blocked a 36 yard FG with 1:27 left. Domerio Hamilton led in rec with 5 grabs for 82 yards for the Cherry and Travis Shelton had 5-67 (13.4) for the White. One of the Cherry's TD's came on the first play of the game on a WR reverse pass. **TENNESSEE** - The Orange and White game was played in front of 17,409. QB Erik Ainge missed most of spring after suffering an knee injury. In the final scrimmage before the spring game, the offense struggled with QB Jonathan Crompton hitting 15 of 30 passes for 141 yards and Nick Stephens hitting 14 of 27 for 114 (3 int). The QB's and receivers were made to run the stadium steps after that scrimmage. In the spring game, Crompton hit Cooper Taylor for a TD on the final play of the game giving the white a 16-13 win. One of the TD's was a 73 yd IR TD by Tyler Wolf (6'0" 200 rFr). Crompton hit 13 of 26 passes for 113 yards with 1 TD and 1 int. Stephens hit 14 of 29 for 127 with 2 int's. A rebuilt receiving corps was a concern during the spring and there was plenty of dropped passes most of the spring. RB Foster had 8 attempts for 63 yards and Montario Hardesty had 29 yards on 7 carries. LaMarcus Coker had 35 yards on 14 attempt and 4th string RB Roy Olasimbo (5'10" 195 Sr) had 114 yards on 7 carries. SS Jarod Parrish had an int in the spring game and 3 in an earlier scrimmage. **TEXAS A&M** - It was very windy for the Maroon and White game at Kyle Field. The game was played in front of 24,212. RB Cornell Tarrant had a 66 yard run with :36 left to lead the white to a 27-15 win with winds gusting up to 30 mph. The defense played base fronts and did not blitz. The leading tackler was Mark Dodge who had 11 for the White. Nick LaMantia had 5 tackles. Stephen McGee was 8 of 14 for 72 yards and statistically the backup QB's Ryan Tannehill, Jerrod Johnson and TJ Sanders combined to hit 14 of 16 passes. Michael Corey had 4 catches for 23 yards and 2 TD's. Keondra Smith paced the Maroon rush attack with 69 yards (6.3). **TROY** - The T-Day game for Troy was a tale of 2H's. In the 1H the D led 28-7 but Omar Haugabook got things rolling in the 2H and the offense rallied for a 48-37 win. Haugabook hit 30 of 40 passes for 309 yards and 2 TD's. RB Kenny Cattouse had 57 yards on 14 attempts, all vs the 1st Tm D. LB Bear Woods had 11 tackles including 8 solos for the D. **TULANE** - It was a 56 play scrimmage as opposed to the spring game format. Scott Elliott hit 8 of 12 passes for 80 yards. RB Matt Forte who did not participate in contact during the spring, sat out so the top RB was Ade Tuyo who had 66 yards on 7 carries. **TULSA** - Tulsa ran its new hurry-up offense and rolled up 635 yards and the offense defeated the defense 88-35 in front of approximately 3,500 fans. QB Paul Smith threw for 273 yards (50%) and 3 TD's. David Johnson hit 8 of 9 for 134 yards. Tarrion Adams rushed for 72 yards and 2 TD's. Graham did note after the spring game that with KO's landing mostly at the 15-20 yard line, he would award a scholarship to a K capable of TB's. **UAB** - The 1st Tm offense defeated the 2nd Tm defense and the 2nd Tm offense beat the 1st Tm defense 22-16 in a sloppily played scrimmage. Brandon Carlisle had 2 int's including a TD but also jumped a route and WR Thackston turned a short pass into a 54 yard TD. Sam Hunt had 3 int and Joseph Webb had 2. Webb hit 11 of 26 for 199 with 2 TD's and Hunt 7 of 14 for 56 yards. Anthony Speight was 6 of 10 for 82 yards and there was 9 dropped passes. The top rusher was Rashard Slaughter who had 97 yards (7.3) and his brother TJ had 49 (4.0). Reggie Jones had 37 (3.1). In the team's earlier spring scrimmage, Webb hit 14 of 22 for 187, Speight hit 5 of 8 for 55 and Rodney Bivens hit 2 of 11 for 45 yards. Carlisle also had 2 int's in that scrimmage. **UCLA** - UCLA named Ben Olson the starting QB prior to the spring game but he hit just 7 of 16 for 84 yards vs the #2 and #3 defenses. Pat Cowan only hit 4 of 13 for 27 yards with 2 int. The defense definitely had the edge as the offense was learning new schemes. In the previous 2 scrimmages in the spring, Olson hit a combined 10 of 20 for 128 yards with a 2-1 ratio while Cowan hit just 4 of 16 for 47 yards. The spring game was played at night on Spaulding Field which is just 80 yards from end to end and was basically a scrimmage. **ULM** - ULM managed to stay healthy during the spring which was the best news for a veteran squad. The Maroon team defeated the Gold team 38-35. There were 750 fans on hand and the game was interrupted by thunderstorms. The White team made up of the reserves was spotted 1 TD per quarter so the final score in reality was 38-7.The White team had just 1 FD in the 1H. RB Frank Goodin had 77 yards rushing (7.7) but Tay Ogletree ripped off an 82 yard run and finished with 90 yards on 5 carries. The Maroon squad scored on 6 of their 10 poss with 5 TD's and a FG. Kinsmon Lancaster hit 12 of 20 for 191 yards and 2 TD's and also rushed 6 times for 15 yards. TE Kenneth Zacharie had 63 yards on 3 rec and WR LaGregory Sapp had 39 on 3. It was walk-on QB Al Lewis that led the TD drive hitting another walk-on, Guy Smith, with a 20 yard TD pass in the 4Q. Lewis also had 67 yards rushing including a 52 yard run and hit 7 of 9 passes for 68 yards. **UNLV** - Backup QB Travis Dixon led a 75 yard TD drive for a TD in the final minutes as the Scarlet beat the Gray 17-14. Dixon had a 27 yard run on 4th & 9 down to the 24 it was a key play in the game. He hit 11 of 21 for 124 and had 23 yards rushing. Rocky Hinds missed the spring after surgery on his right knee. Dack Ishii hit 4 of 11 for 88 yards. JUCO Frank Summers rushed for 28 yards on 9 carries and WR Ryan Wolfe had 80 yards on 5 rec. True frosh CB Quinton Pointer had an 18 yard IR TD. **USC** - The Trojans spring game was played in front of about 15,000. Mark Sanchez hit 11 of 23 for 198 yards with 2 TD's and 2 int. Michael McDonald had 2 TD passes. **USF** - QB Matt Grothe had a 3 yard TD run with 1:02 left to guide the White team to a 7-6 win in front of 4,310. Grothe hit 18 of 34 for 179 yards. As you can tell by the score, the game was dominated by the D's with the Green team not scoring until the 4Q on a 4 yd run by Mike Ford 8-55 (6.9).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Backup QB Grant Gregory hit 14 of 26 for 154 yards with 2 int. Aston Samuels had 14 carries for 58 yards for the White and WR Courtney Denson had 5 catches for 59 yards. WR Carlton Mitchell led the Green with 5 rec for 51 yards. **UTAH** - Brian Johnson hit 7 of 8 for 145 yards leading the red to a 59-7 win over the white in the Utes Red/White spring game held at Rice Eccles Stadium in front of 8,000 fans. Last year the starters lost 22-21 after spotting the backups 17 points. Brent Casteel had 4 rec for 91 yards and a TD and Bradon Godfrey had 6 for 106 yards. Brian Hernandez had 4 rec (16.2). Backup QB Tommy Grady hit 11 of 12 for 151 yards and 2 TD's and Chad Manis hit 4 of 6 for 53 yards and 1 TD. RB Darrell Mack had 108 yds (12.0) 2 TD's. David Carvens led the White team with 4 rec. **UTEP** - After having an ineffective rush attach in 2006, UTEP avg'd 7.8 ypc rush during the spring game. WR Fred Rouse (PS#2) had 4 rec for the Blue team and WR Jeff Moturi led with 5 rec. QB Trevor Vittatoe is a solid #1 coming out of the spring.

Maryland
WR Darrius Heyward-Bey

VANDERBILT - Chris Nickson hit 4 of 6 for 51 yards and also rushed for 11. Richard Kovalcheck hit 7 of 9 for 106 yards and 3 TD's while MacKenzi Adams hit 5 of 9 for 59 yards. Jared Funk hit just 3 of 12 for 40 yards with 3 int. LB DJ Moore had a 78 yd IR TD. Gaston Miller rushed for 45 yards (4.5) and Kennard Reeves 44 (4.0). Cassen Jackson-Garrison had 42 (4.7) while Jeff Jennings had just 9 (2.2). DE Quavian Lewis who recently moved from LB had 4 sacks in the game. **VIRGINIA** - The Blue prevailed 7-0 thanks to a 1-handed int by Vic Hall which set up a 4 play drive for a TD led by backup QB Scott Deke. Jameel Sewell, who underwent wrist surgery in the offseason did not participate in contact work in the spring. Marc Verica hit 9 of 21 for 94 yards for the White while Deke hit 12 of 22 for 129 for the Blue. **WASHINGTON** - There was an estimated crowd of 10,000. The Purple team was made up of the starters and defeated the Gold team (backups) 44-7. Jake Locker hit just 4 of 8 passes for 38 yards with a 1-1 ratio while Carl Bonnell reentered the QB race hitting 8 of 15 for 127 and 3 TD's with no int's. Ronnie Fouch hit 8 of 16 for 81 yards for the Gold and Chandler Clemons hit 3 of 10 for 15 yards. WR Marcel Reece who showed up overweight last year and had just 9 rec had an impressive spring and hauled in 3 TD's. Louis Rankin rushed for 99 yards on 16 carries. JR Hasty had 35 yards on 10 carries but was working behind the #2 O-line vs the #1 DL. LB EJ Savannah had a 59 yard IR TD. The top tackler for the Purple team was Donald Butler (8) and for the Gold Jay Angotti. P Jared Ballman had 6 punts but for just a 26.5 avg and missed 2 FG's. **WASHINGTON ST** - About 1,000 fans were on hand for a 53:00 scrimmage. The offense was depleted by injuries. WR Brandon Gibson had an 89 yard KR TD and 39 yard TD rec. Kevin Lopina who missed a good portion of the spring with a hamstring inj, had a 28 yard TD pass and would hit 3 of 4 passes for 37 yards. Alex Brink hit 7 of 12 for 67 and Gary Rogers struggled hitting just 1 of 9 for 7 yards. Cole Morgan hit 4 of 5 for 21. The top rusher was Ian Bell who had 22 yards on 3 carries and Kevin McCall had 18 yards on 4 carries. Marcus Richmond added 13 yards (4.3) and Dwight Tardy had 10 (2.5). In a scrimmage at the start of April, Gary Rogers hit 6 of 9 passes for 52 yards and the top rusher was Kevin McCall. Doba commented during the spring that QB Alex Brink was throwing the deep ball better and looked bigger and stronger. **WESTERN MICHIGAN** - The Brown defeated the Gold 21-0. Tim Hiller hit 5 of 8 passes for 77 yards. Thomas Peregrin hit 8 of 16 for 94 yards and Drew Burdi hit 3 of 7 for 66 yards. Anthony Gebhart had 2 int. WR Herb Martin had 118 yards on 5 rec. Jamarko Simmons had 5 rec's (11.1), Kelly Martin had 3 (22.0). Mark Bonds had 68 yards rushing on just 5 carries. Austin Pritchard (Ismail's replacement at SLB) had 2 sacks and 4.5 tfl. **WISCONSIN** - The Cardinal (starters) defeated the White (reserves) 35-6. Allen Evridge hit 8 of 14 passes for 120 yard and 2 TD's directing the #1 offense on scoring drives of 68, 27 and 70 yards. Donovan hit 7 of 11 for 95 yards with 1 TD and 1 int. **WYOMING** - With starter Karsten Sween recovering from minor knee surgery and backup Jacob Doss out with a shoulder, Ian Hetrick was the main QB for the spring game. He did well hitting 20 of 31 for 269 yards with 3 TD's and no int in front of a few hundred fans at Jonah Field. The final scoreboard showed the offense winning 52-25. WR Hoost Marsh had 23 rec for 131 yards.

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For those of you who wanted more information in this year's magazine, on this page we will feature some information that just wouldn't fit!!!!!!! **You've come to the right spot!**

AIR FORCE - Mike Thiessen led the MWC in pass efficiency in 2000 and in Keith Boyea's first year as a full-time starter, he became the 13th player in NCAA history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in the same season. Chance Harridge took over in 2002 and rushed for 1,229 net yards (4.9) and broke the NCAA record for rushing TD's by a QB (22). In 2003 he just missed becoming the 4th QB to top 1,000 both rushing and passing in consecutive seasons with 995 pass (49.7%) and 914 rush (5.1). **ARIZONA** - In 2006 AZ had their 2nd highest attendance in school history avg 55,798 (1994 was 56,562). **ARIZONA ST** - While ASU will pass the ball more this year, keep in mind that in 2 of Erickson's 4 seasons at Oregon St, he had the Pac 10's top rusher in Ken Simonton (2000) and Steven Jackson (2002). **ARKANSAS** - Razorback fans suffered a tough loss when Paul Eells, who was the play-by-play announcer for Arkansas for the last 28 years, died in a car accident in January. **BALL ST** - Joey Lynch, who does not have the strongest arm, was not a VHT and will not be found in an NFL camp, signed at Ball St because his father was the HC. Joey's determination showed as he opted to stay even when they fired Bill Lynch. He spent almost every day in the film room and in 2004 had to battle rocket-armed Cole Stinson for the starting job. Lynch began the season as starter but was benched but he did not quit and ended up earning back the starting job and throwing for 1,126 (63.9%) with a 9-2 ratio....In 2002 Marcus Merriweather became just the 9th player in MAC history to top 4,000 yards rushing in a career at Ball St. In 2003 FB Scott Blair led with 604 (4.4). WR Larry Bostic was moved to RB in '04 and he led in rushing in the first two games but suffered a knee injury. Adell Givens became the first true frosh to start at TB here since Bernie Parmalee in 1987. He rattled off five straight 100 yard games and finished with 963 (4.8) and was named MAC Frosh of the Year. Unfortunately Givens was dismissed, so the position was inexperienced again in '05. After splitting the duties on ST in each of the last 4 years, Hoke named Dennis Moynihan the ST coach. He had been the LB coach the last 4 years but Hoke wanted an emphasis on this unit. **BOWLING GREEN** - In 2002 Joe Alls averaged 6.6 ypc (801 yds). PJ Pope had two starts and 577 (5.7) as a true frosh. In 2003 Pope became just the 10th BG back to top 1,000 in a season (thanks in part to 14 games) as he rushed for 1,005 (5.3) along with 48 rec and was 1st Tm MAC. His backup, BJ Lane had 498 (6.4). Both returned in '04 and Pope rushed for 1,098 (6.2) and led all MAC RB's with 50 rec (9.8) while Lane contributed 375 (4.4). Dan Macon was injured and played in just 6 (63 yds). In '05 both Pope and Lane were plagued by injuries with Lane rushing for 677 (4.9) and Pope 436 (3.5). Both departed last year. **CALIFORNIA** - Last year Tedford brought in OC Mike Dunbar from Northwestern but Dunbar wanted to have a 100% conversion to the spread and Tedford wanted more of a mix so Dunbar has moved back to the Big 10. **CINCINNATI** - After playing W Virginia and being hurt by Pat White's mobility, Dantonio moved S David Wess to QB because he thought he could be a lot like White. Wess was a little behind since it was his first year in the offense and he did not have any pass attempts and moved to WR this spring. **CLEMSON** - Facing a tough schedule in 2004, the Tigers finished 6-5 but did not go to a bowl due to a postgame brawl vs S Carolina. The team had to win 5 of its last six to finish with a winning record as Bowden was once again under heavy pressure. In 2005 it was status quo as Clemson, after a loss to WF, dropped to 2-3. Bowden became just the second CU coach since 1950 to lose two times in three years to WF and the other, Ken Hatfield, was fired after that season. **COLORADO** - Mason Crosby unfortunately did not get the opportunity to break the NCAA's record for longest FG. He was the first player in school history to top 300 points in a career. While he hit just 19 of 28 FG's, 7 of his misses were from 50+ including 3 from 60+, the 65 yarder against Iowa St went under the crossbar by just 2 feet. He also had a 61 yard FG that was good vs Colo St but the Rams called time-out a second before the kick and his rekick missed. He had 28 TB on 46 KO....CU does have a 222 game scoring streak which was only kept alive vs Oklahoma by a FG with 6:13 left. **HOUSTON** - In 2005 they suffered some tough losses including a 2 OT loss at UTEP, vs Memphis (trailing 21-20) they fumbled twice into the EZ for TB's and vs UCF they were stopped on a 2 pt conv which would have tied it. They also had a 392-241 yd edge vs SMU but lost 29-24. **IDAHO** - Moscow, ID is the dry pea and lentil capital of the world and is an out-of-the-way location which gives them a solid home edge. Idaho plays its home games in the Kibbie Dome (104-51-1 SU there since 1975) which has very rough turf. In fact the carpet is laid out 2 hours before kickoff resulting in a lot of injuries. It's a small stadium but very loud and the elevation of 2,583 feet with the temp set at 72˚ inside the Dome makes it tough for opponents in the 2H. **IOWA** - 2004 was a nightmare at RB as injuries caused them to go down to their 6th string walk-on Sam Brownlee at times and he led the team in rushing 227 (2.4), the lowest total for a #1 rusher here since 1937 when stadium namesake Nile Kinnick led with 214 in just 8 games. **MARSHALL** - In 2005 they trailed SMU 10-0 in the 4Q and rallied to win in OT, were outgained by UAB 432-251 and trailed Tulane 26-14 in the 4Q but managed wins in all 3...The old weight room was 3,900 square feet and the new one 13,000. **MARYLAND** - Josh Allen, in 8 starts, rushed for 922 (5.0) including the 3rd best rushing game in MD history with 257 yards vs Virginia in '03. Allen started the last 9 in '04 but only rushed for 533 (3.7) and tore his ACL in the season finale so he RS'd in '05. Keon Lattimore led the team with 76 vs WF in '05 but only had 181 (3.1) for the year, missing the final four. The Fridge liked the depth of this unit so much that he did not offer Steve Slaton (WV) a scholarship in '05. **MICHIGAN STATE** - An unofficial count shows 5 drops vs Pitt, 4 vs Michigan, 6 vs Ohio St, 5 vs Northwestern and numerous others. **MISSISSIPPI** - Last year the kicking job was up for grabs all August between rFr Justin Sparks (PS#7) and true frosh Joshua Shene (PS#31). Orgeron showed little confidence in the kickers early and opted to go for it on 4th down 3 times vs Memphis but Shene earned his confidence as the season went on....Rippon's teams are known for blocking punts and had 3 last year although the stats show one. One was called back vs UGA for a questionable def holding call and vs Vandy they tackled the P for a 15 yard loss on what would have been a block. **NAVY** - Johnson always produces a solid O-line and in 2003 and 2004 had to replace three starters each year. With the option offense the team still averaged 5.5 and 5.0 ypc rushing. On paper, Navy's O-line looked like one of the weakest in the country heading into 2005. It was the smallest and one of the least experienced O-lines in the NCAA as they had to replace four starters and two key backups. Amazingly they paved the way for 5.7 ypc rushing but did allow 18 sacks (12.2%). Navy was #30 in the final poll in '05 and became the first Navy team since 1906-'08 to have 3 straight 8+ win seasons. They set a record by selling 19,817 season tickets this past fall, a 70% increase since '01, and had a record crowd at Navy Stadium of 36,918 vs Rutgers. Navy was #1 in the NCAA with a 98% graduation rate. The winning has greatly helped the athletic program which was at a $2.8 million deficit when AD Chet Gladchuk took over and four years later had a $6.2 million profit. **NEBRASKA** - Nebraska ran the option offense for over 20 years. From 1971-'76, however, the Huskers did lead the Big 8 in passing three times (2nd 3 times). When you switch from a pure option offense to a pass offense, teams generally struggle. When Callahan took over the program in 2004, the switch was also complicated by the fact that JUCO Jordan Adams (pure passing QB) had his spleen removed and RS'd. Joe Dailey (PS#43) ran the option in HS and won the starting job. He completed just 49.4% with 17 TD's and 19 int and transferred to N Carolina. Zac Taylor, who originally signed at Wake Forest, won the starting job in '05. His backup was Joe Ganz (PS#117). Taylor struggled vs three weak non-conf foes completing just 43.8% and was not much of a threat to run. He improved and hit 36 of 55 for a school record 431 yards vs Iowa St. Taylor, however, was injured in the 4Q vs K-St and true frosh Harrison Beck was forced to burn his redshirt (PS#10) but hit just 1 of 10 pass attempts. **NC STATE** - Two starters return this year and four players have starting experience and while the DB's are not as experienced as 2006, with a stronger front 7 they should move up in the pass D rankings. **OHIO ST** - With just one loss this year, it would normally mean 3 starters are back at the LB position, Kerr had more tackles than both Grant and Terry. I list three LB starters returning as they open in a nickleback in most games and Grant and Terry combined for 3 starts and 35 tackles. **OKLAHOMA** - The Sooners had a combined 95 weeks ranked #1 in the AP poll, which tied them with Notre Dame for the most of any school. **OKLAHOMA ST** - Oklahoma St lost 4 times late in the game. Against Houston, a UH fumble was overturned by replay although Gundy believes it was still a fumble and UH also got a 27 yard tipped Hail Mary pass with :03 left in the half. They led K-St 27-17 with 3:30 left, gave up a TD to A&M with :03 left in regulation to force OT and lost on a blocked xp. They had the ball deep in TTech territory but were int'd trailing by 6 and fumbled the ball into the EZ for a TB vs Oklahoma, losing by 6. **OREGON ST** - They suffered some tough losses in 2005 as they outFD'd Arizona 31-14 but were done in by 7 turnovers. Against Stanford they missed 3 FG's and QB Moore was injured in the 2Q and an expected win turned into a loss at home. **PURDUE** - Penn St ended PU's scoring streak at 127 games (3rd longest in NCAA) since '96. **RICE**- Jarett Dillard is a very confident WR and after the team's 0-4 start, predicted they would win their last 8 and get to a bowl and against UAB, even though he was constantly double covered, said "Throw me the ball, I will catch it and score the TD" and did so. **SMU** - Last year I said that bowl eligibility was a possibility and SMU achieved just that. SMU had two losses by less than a TD. Two other games could have fit the criteria as vs UAB they trailed 9-7 in the 4Q. During the game UAB settled for 4 FG's, missing one or the Blazers could have been up by much more and SMU ended up with a 13 point win. Against Houston, SMU led 27-24 mid-4Q but lost by 10...Justin Willis set an NCAA record in completion % for a frosh hitting 67.4% (2,047 yards) with an outstanding 26-6 ratio. He also finished as the #2 frosh in the NCAA in TD passes and #2 in CUSA in pass efficiency despite struggling vs Rice hitting 8 of 19 for 137 yards with 2 int and 5 fumbles (1 lost). **SOUTH CAROLINA** - In 2005 Steve Spurrier inherited a ST unit that finished a poor #108. Spurrier alternated K's in August of that year and went with Josh Brown on short FG's and Ryan Succop on long. Brown hit 10 of 12 with a long of 49 and had a net of 37.6 on punts. Succop had 29 TB on 59 KO. The top KR was Carlos Thomas (23.9) and PR Kenny McKinley (4.6). **TENNESSEE** - In the LSU game, on a play on the last drive QB Russell was ruled down but the SEC confirmed that he had fumbled and UT recovered so the Vols would have won. Against Fla, UT had a 22 yard IR TD called back on a questionable personal foul penalty or they would have led 24-7. A key play vs Penn St was a 14 pt swing with an 18 yard fumble return TD in the 4Q. **TOLEDO** - Odom had the NCAA's longest current rec streak (37) heading into last year and finished with 49 straight. **UAB** - True frosh Dan Burks (PS#149) led the team with 554 (4.5) in '02. Burks took a MedRS in '03 and true frosh Corey White (PS#122) had 138 and 123 in his first two games. Everyone returned in '04 and Burks led with 880 (5.4) while White added 589 (5.6). Speedster Marculus Elliott had 121 (4.5). They suffered through an injury plagued 2005 as White led with just 632 (4.9) and Burks had 321 (4.8). Elliott added 295 (6.0). Trey Chaney had 479 (3.5) in '03 and 156 (4.1) in '05. **UCF** - A couple of games decided by double digits were closer than the final would indicate like E Carolina where they were driving for the go-ahead score but were int'd and returned 51 yards for a TD in the final minute and even their 20 point loss to Houston was actually 31-31 in the 4Q until a couple of turnovers turned into TD's for the Cougars. **UCLA** - 2005's miracle season was aided by five 4Q comebacks as they trailed Washington 17-7 in the 4Q, trailed Cal by 12 in the 4Q and were down 28-7 to WSU. Against Stanford, they trailed by 21 with 7:04 left but won in OT. They trailed Northwestern in the bowl game 22-0 but came back for yet another win...The Bruins also hope that the rivalry vs USC continues to result in streaks. UCLA had 8 straight wins over their crosstown rival end in 1999 and USC then won 7 in a row until UCLA pulled the upset last year. **ULM** - In the TD/Blk category in the ST Rankings (pg 302) I've listed 2 blocks vs ULM which came on bad snaps that lost 50 and 35 yards (just like a blk'd punt) and had 1 for them even though the team had none as true frosh James blocked a FG vs Kentucky and returned it 78 yards for a TD. **USC** - Prior to the Title game, ESPN had run a series of how USC would stack up against the greatest teams of all-time and that loss in the Rose Bowl stopped a streak of 34 straight wins. **UTEP** - Gary Nord had a tremendous first year at UTEP going 8-4 and landing a bowl bid. He built the program the right way bringing in frosh as opposed to JUCO's and redshirting almost all of them. He was clearly building for the '04 season and had just six seniors in '03 but 25 juniors, 23 of whom had redshirted. This year the only question mark on the OL year is the fact that three starters (Raschke, Ribitzki and Riley) missed the spring with injuries. **VIRGINIA TECH** - In 2002 VT knocked off 3 ranked teams to open the year at 8-0 and rose to #3, unfortunately they were 1-4 in their final 5. They appeared to be a National Title contender in 2003 and opened 6-0 and #3 in the BCS poll but after losing their bowl to California finished just 8-5. **W MICHIGAN** - In 2005 the DL had to replace six players who combined for 27 starts and only one of their four backups had seen action in a college game. One of their two returning starters broke his foot and had just 6 tackles and the other returning starter sprained his ankle and only started 7...Irving Fryar went to NU on defense and switched to offense. Meanwhile his son Londen came here as PS#167WR and played at WR in '05. He moved to CB last year and was good enough to earn 1st Tm MAC honors snagging 5 int. **WASHINGTON** - In 2004 UW started 3 QB's in the same season for the first time since 1972. (Sonny Sixkiller, Greg Collins, Denny Fitzpatrick). Casey Paus (PS#14) started 8 but completed just 42.3% with a 5-17 ratio. Isaiah Stanback (PS#11) had one start 389 (33.8%) and Carl Bonnell (PS#99) had 228 (37%) with an 0-4 ratio...Stanback's best play of the 2004 season came on a 69 yard Hail Mary pass before the half which turned around the Arizona game with the ball travelling over 70 yards in the air. **WASHINGTON ST** - In 2005 they led OSU 30-16 and had a 638-410 yd edge but lost. They stunningly blew a 38-21 lead vs UCLA losing in OT. They led Cal 38-28 and had the ball with 6:05 left in Cal territory but lost. Trailing Ariz St by 3, they missed 2 FG's, were SOD at the 5 and gave up a FG on the last play to lose to Oregon...In '04, Jerome Harrison (PS#21JC) started just 5 but led with 900 rush yards (5.2). Harrison had a phenomenal senior season rushing for the Pac 10's 5th all-time best 1,900 yards (6.2) and 16 TD's while adding 24 rec (8.6). He had 14 straight 100 yard games to end his career setting a Pac 10 record (old record JJ Arrington, Cal). His 207 in the Apple Cup was the most ever for a Cougar RB and he broke Rueben Mays single season school record of 1,637 yards (1984). Diminutive true frosh DeMaundray Woolridge (5'8" 223), who is elusive yet powerful, became just the 3rd true frosh in WSU history to top 100 in a game and did so against both Nevada and Grambling. In P10 play however, Woolridge had just 57 yards finishing with 312 (6.0). **WYOMING** - A Cowboy led the NCAA in receiving yards 4 times from '91-'96 under Joe Tiller's guidance and a Cowboy receiver ranked in the top 3 in all six years. Ryan McGuffey and Malcom Floyd both broke the frosh receiving record here in 2000 which is impressive because former WY WR's Marcus Harris and Ryan Yarborough both broke the NCAA records for career rec yards. In '02 Jovon Bouknight surprisingly led with 63 catches despite both McGuffey and Floyd returning. Floyd and McGuffey were #1 and #2 in receiving in '03 and both departed as #3 (McGuffey) and #4 (Floyd) in career rec. Bouknight was 2nd Tm MWC in '04 and led with 63 (17.1).He also led in '05 with 77 (14.5).

POWER PLAYS PROJECTED STATS FOR THE 2007 SEASON

My Power Plays Projections take into account the strength of opponent faced. Each week during the season it projects a box score for each upcoming game with yards rushing, passing and points, etc. I thought it would be fun to plug in the Power Plays numbers vs their opponents' ratings and project the entire season. The chart to the left is the 2007 season projected statistics.

SEC	OFF RUSH	OFF PASS	OFF PTS	DEF RUSH	DEF PASS	DEF PTS	YPG DIFF	PPG DIFF
LSU	196	244	33.7	69	170	11.8	201	21.9
Alabama	159	281	29.0	133	175	17.1	133	11.9
Georgia	175	270	33.0	148	191	21.7	106	11.3
Arkansas	260	186	31.0	127	212	20.4	106	10.6
Tennessee	154	286	31.0	127	212	20.4	101	10.6
South Carolina	159	265	31.0	122	201	17.6	101	13.4
Florida	212	260	31.0	133	244	25.0	95	6.0
Vanderbilt	191	233	26.4	175	233	27.0	16	-0.7
Mississippi St	154	249	24.4	154	244	27.7	5	-3.3
Auburn	154	212	23.7	164	228	22.4	-27	1.3
Kentucky	106	323	29.0	191	270	28.4	-32	0.7
Mississippi	180	196	23.7	180	260	28.4	-64	-4.6
BIG 10								
Penn St	159	281	30.3	111	175	14.4	154	15.9
Wisconsin	212	228	30.3	117	196	19.1	127	11.3
Illinois	217	233	28.4	122	207	23.7	122	4.6
Michigan	207	233	32.3	106	217	20.4	117	11.9
Ohio St	196	201	29.0	101	180	15.1	117	13.9
Purdue	167	318	30.3	170	212	21.7	103	8.6
Iowa	175	244	25.0	106	223	17.1	90	8.0
Northwestern	159	223	23.1	170	212	23.7	0	-0.7
Michigan St	170	212	24.4	159	244	27.0	-21	-2.7
Indiana	170	233	27.7	170	270	29.7	-37	-2.0
Minnesota	138	201	20.4	164	244	24.4	-69	-4.0
BIG 12								
Texas	207	292	37.0	69	249	19.1	180	17.9
Texas A&M	265	244	33.7	127	233	21.1	148	12.6
Oklahoma	207	228	35.0	95	201	14.4	138	20.5
Nebraska	191	265	32.3	138	217	20.4	101	11.9
Missouri	180	323	35.6	180	228	23.7	95	11.9
Oklahoma St	212	249	35.0	154	223	25.7	85	9.3
Texas Tech	85	398	33.0	191	223	29.0	69	4.0
Kansas St	159	244	25.7	148	223	23.1	32	2.7
Kansas	170	212	26.4	117	244	23.1	21	3.3
Colorado	148	217	20.4	127	260	23.7	-21	-3.3
Baylor	58	244	22.4	196	265	33.0	-159	-10.6
Iowa St	90	196	14.4	180	270	32.3	-164	-17.9
ACC								
Florida St	148	297	31.7	111	196	17.1	138	14.6
Virginia Tech	164	217	27.7	95	154	12.5	133	15.2
Miami, Fl	148	254	25.0	106	170	16.4	127	8.6
Boston College	127	286	25.0	101	196	17.1	117	8.0
Virginia	164	212	22.4	111	164	15.8	101	6.6
Georgia Tech	201	159	24.4	90	196	17.1	74	7.3
Clemson	201	191	25.7	133	191	19.1	69	6.6
NC State	170	217	22.4	159	201	24.4	27	-2.0
Maryland	170	223	26.4	180	201	24.4	11	2.0
Wake Forest	196	175	26.4	175	249	26.4	-53	0.0
North Carolina	111	217	21.7	186	223	30.3	-80	-8.6
Duke	133	217	19.7	223	260	38.3	-133	-18.6
PAC 10								
USC	207	292	35.6	64	201	12.5	233	23.2
Arizona St	191	292	29.0	138	228	23.7	117	5.3
Oregon	207	292	31.0	170	212	27.0	117	4.0
UCLA	154	249	27.0	127	233	20.4	42	6.6
Oregon St	138	254	29.0	117	239	21.7	37	7.3
California	159	297	34.3	159	265	25.0	32	9.3
Arizona	90	249	21.1	111	223	19.7	5	1.3
Washington St	127	286	25.0	159	281	28.4	-27	-3.3
Washington	159	212	21.1	154	276	29.7	-58	-8.6
Stanford	95	212	15.8	196	239	31.0	-127	-15.2

2007 PROJECTED RUSH OFFENSES

1. Navy
2. West Virginia
3. Texas A&M
4. Arkansas
5. Boise St
6. Air Force
7. Illinois
8. Rutgers
9. Wisconsin
10. Oklahoma St
11. Florida
12. Louisville
13. Michigan
14. Oklahoma
15. USC

115. Arizona
116. Florida Int'l
117. Texas Tech
118. North Texas
119. Baylor

2007 PROJECTED PASS OFFENSES

1. Hawaii
2. New Mexico St
3. Texas Tech
4. Louisville
5. Missouri
6. Kentucky
7. Purdue
8. Memphis
9. California
10. Florida St
11. BYU
12. USC
13. Texas
14. Oregon
15. Arizona St

115. Middle Tenn
116. Louisiana-Lft
117. Army
118. Ohio
119. Navy

2007 PROJECTED SCORING OFFENSES

1. Hawaii
2. Louisville
3. West Virginia
4. Texas
5. New Mexico St
6. Missouri
7. USC
8. Oklahoma St
9. Oklahoma
10. California
11. Texas A&M
12. LSU
13. Texas Tech
14. Georgia
15. Boise St

115. Utah St
116. Iowa St
117. Florida Int'l
118. North Texas
119. UAB

2007 PROJECTED TOTAL OFFENSES

1. Hawaii
2. Louisville
3. New Mexico St
4. Texas A&M
5. Missouri
6. USC
7. Texas
8. Oregon
9. West Virginia
10. Purdue
11. Arizona St
12. Texas Tech
13. Florida
14. Oklahoma St
15. Nebraska

115. Iowa St
116. North Texas
117. Temple
118. Army
119. Florida Int'l

2007 PROJECTED RUSH DEFENSES

1. USC
2. TCU
3. Texas
4. LSU
5. Georgia Tech
6. Oklahoma
7. Virginia Tech
8. New Mexico
9. Ohio St
10. Boston College
11. Michigan
12. Miami, Fl
13. Iowa
14. Florida St
15. Penn St

115. Syracuse
116. Army
117. Rice
118. Temple
119. Duke

2007 PROJECTED PASS DEFENSES

1. Virginia Tech
2. Virginia
3. LSU
4. Miami, Fl
5. Penn St
6. Alabama
7. S Mississippi
8. Army
9. Rutgers
10. Ohio St
11. USF
12. North Texas
13. Kent St
14. N Illinois
15. Bowling Green

115. Indiana
116. Iowa St
117. Washington
118. Washington St
119. Louisiana Tech

2007 PROJECTED TOTAL DEFENSES

1. LSU
2. Virginia Tech
3. USC
4. TCU
5. Miami, Fl
6. Virginia
7. Ohio St
8. Penn St
9. Georgia Tech
10. S Mississippi
11. Oklahoma
12. Boston College
13. USF
14. Kent St
15. Florida St

115. Louisiana Tech
116. Kentucky
117. Baylor
118. Rice
119. Duke

2007 PROJECTED POINTS DEFENSES

1. LSU
2. USC
3. Virginia Tech
4. Penn St
5. Oklahoma
6. TCU
7. Ohio St
8. Virginia
9. Miami, Fl
10. Alabama
11. Florida St
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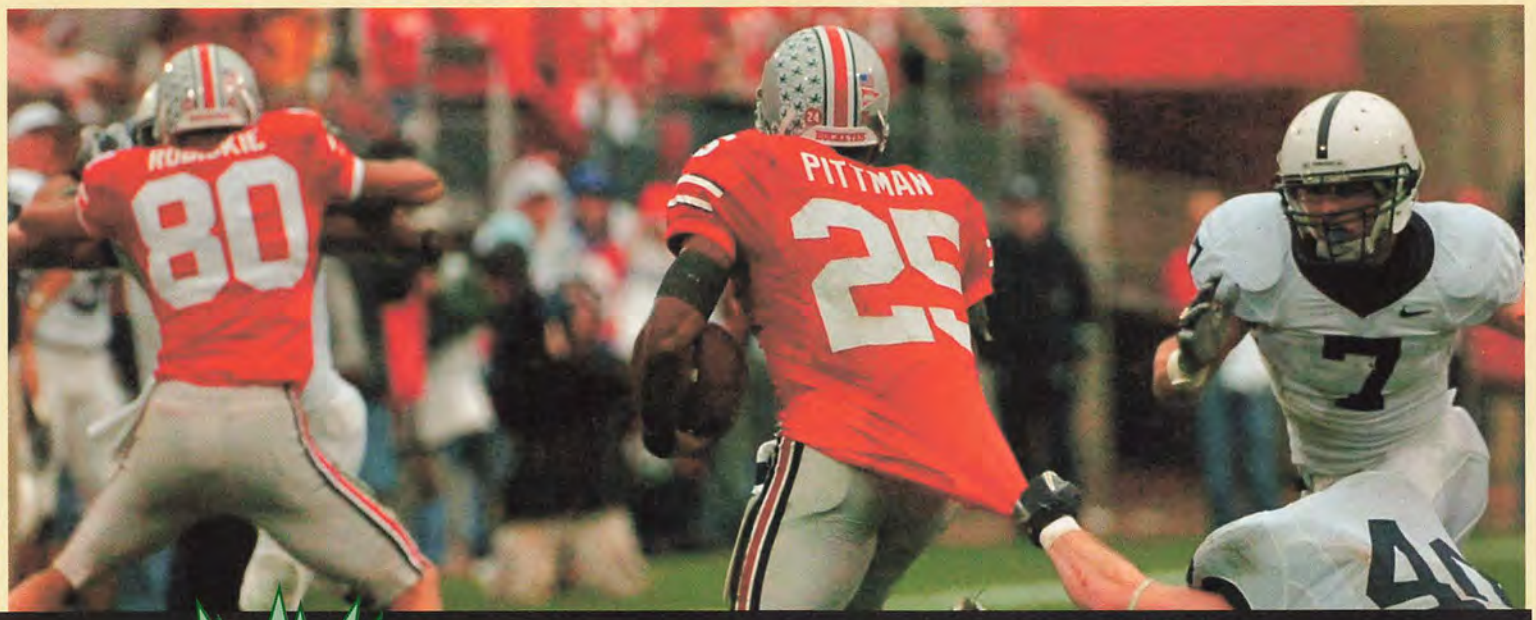

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POWER PLAYS PROJECTED STATS FOR THE 2007 SEASON

BIG EAST	OFF RUSH	OFF PASS	OFF PTS	DEF RUSH	DEF PASS	DEF PTS	YPG DIFF	PPG DIFF
Louisville	212	371	44.3	127	212	19.7	244	24.5
USF	186	249	27.0	122	180	17.7	133	9.3
West Virginia	318	175	38.3	122	249	23.7	122	14.6
Rutgers	217	186	31.7	148	180	19.7	74	11.9
Cincinnati	148	244	23.7	127	223	20.4	42	3.3
Pittsburgh	180	239	29.0	191	212	25.0	16	4.0
Connecticut	180	180	22.4	164	212	25.7	-16	-3.3
Syracuse	117	191	19.7	207	244	25.0	-143	-5.3
MOUNTAIN WEST								
TCU	201	180	27.0	64	201	14.4	117	12.6
BYU	143	297	29.0	122	217	17.8	101	11.3
Utah	175	276	30.3	122	254	23.7	74	6.6
New Mexico	148	233	23.7	95	239	22.4	48	1.3
Air Force	228	161	22.4	154	223	24.4	13	-2.0
Wyoming	117	223	21.7	164	186	23.1	-11	-1.3
Colorado St	117	260	22.4	170	228	24.4	-21	-2.0
UNLV	95	286	24.4	148	254	29.7	-21	-5.3
San Diego St	133	228	21.7	186	254	29.7	-80	-8.0
CUSA								
Memphis	143	302	31.7	143	212	24.4	90	7.3
S Mississippi	180	196	27.7	117	175	17.8	85	9.9
Houston	191	228	28.4	117	233	21.7	69	6.6
UCF	159	233	24.4	154	223	23.1	16	1.3
UTEP	159	265	29.0	164	244	29.0	16	0.0
Tulane	127	239	22.4	127	244	27.0	-5	-4.6
East Carolina	138	207	21.7	127	223	21.1	-5	0.7
Tulsa	148	212	23.7	159	212	24.4	-11	-0.7
SMU	143	212	25.7	127	249	25.0	-21	0.7
Marshall	143	228	23.7	164	249	28.4	-42	-4.6
Rice	117	270	27.7	212	260	35.0	-85	-7.3
UAB	106	191	11.1	196	244	31.0	-143	-19.9
WAC								
Hawaii	106	495	46.9	133	217	21.7	251	25.2
New Mexico St	101	424	35.6	154	244	30.3	127	5.3
Boise St	244	186	33.0	143	217	23.1	69	9.9
San Jose St	196	207	26.4	138	244	23.1	21	3.3
Fresno St	180	217	25.0	159	239	27.7	0	-2.7
Nevada	180	180	25.0	154	212	23.7	-5	1.3
Idaho	143	180	16.4	164	244	30.3	-85	-13.9
Louisiana Tech	138	217	21.1	180	281	34.3	-106	-13.3
Utah St	111	180	15.1	170	265	32.3	-143	-17.2
INDEPENDENTS								
Navy	355	80	31.0	164	239	23.7	32	7.3
Notre Dame	122	244	23.1	159	233	26.4	-26	-3.3
Army	133	143	17.1	207	175	26.4	-106	-9.3
MAC								
W Michigan	175	270	29.0	138	191	23.7	117	5.3
Toledo	196	223	27.0	133	201	23.7	85	3.3
Bowling Green	191	212	25.7	159	186	25.7	58	0.0
Kent St	180	180	20.4	122	185	21.1	53	-0.7
N Illinois	148	239	26.4	154	186	21.7	48	4.6
C Michigan	138	260	25.0	127	223	26.4	48	-1.3
Miami, Oh	143	244	23.7	170	191	24.4	27	-0.7
Ohio	196	138	23.1	154	201	22.4	-21	0.7
Akron	117	201	20.4	159	186	24.4	-27	-4.0
Ball St	101	276	26.4	207	249	27.7	-79	-1.3
E Michigan	122	186	17.1	175	212	26.4	-80	-9.3
Buffalo	127	186	19.1	196	212	33.1	-95	-14.0
Temple	101	180	16.4	217	201	33.7	-138	-17.2
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ULM	191	212	27.7	148	244	24.4	11	3.3
Troy	127	233	23.7	159	212	23.7	-11	0.0
Florida Atlantic	117	212	17.8	159	212	25.0	-42	-7.3
Arkansas St	159	175	17.8	170	207	27.7	-42	-9.9
Louisiana-Lft	186	148	21.1	154	228	28.4	-48	-7.3
Middle Tenn	127	159	17.1	133	233	25.0	-80	-8.0
North Texas	80	201	11.8	186	180	29.0	-85	-17.2
Florida Int'l	90	180	12.5	196	207	31.7	-133	-19.2

MIP OFFENSIVE RUSH

1. UTEP
2. USC
3. Virginia
4. Mississippi St
5. Texas A&M
6. Pittsburgh
7. Miami, Oh
8. Indiana
9. Mississippi
10. Florida
11. Florida St
12. Virginia Tech
13. Wisconsin
14. NC State
15. Georgia

115. Minnesota
116. UAB
117. Marshall
118. Colorado
119. North Texas

MIP OFFENSIVE PASS

1. Colorado
2. Arizona St
3. North Texas
4. Georgia
5. W Michigan
6. Louisville
7. Penn St
8. Arizona
9. San Diego St
10. Memphis
11. Illinois
12. Alabama
13. Florida St
14. Texas
15. Mississippi

115. BYU
116. Baylor
117. TCU
118. UTEP
119. Houston

MIP OFFENSIVE POINTS

1. Georgia
2. W Michigan
3. Virginia
4. Mississippi St
5. Arizona St
6. Florida St
7. Mississippi
8. Texas A&M
9. Memphis
10. Louisville
11. Texas
12. USC
13. Illinois
14. Alabama
15. Toledo

115. BYU
116. Houston
117. Tulsa
118. Iowa St
119. Minnesota

MIP TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Illinois
2. Memphis
3. Mississippi
4. Penn St
5. Georgia
6. San Diego St
7. Virginia
8. Northwestern
9. Louisville
10. Bowling Green
11. Alabama
12. W Michigan
13. Mississippi St
14. ULM
15. Texas A&M

115. Clemson
116. UAB
117. BYU
118. Notre Dame
119. Minnesota

MIP TOTAL DEFENSE

1. Memphis
2. Purdue
3. Temple
4. USC
5. Tulane
6. Hawaii
7. N Illinois
8. Louisiana Tech
9. UCF
10. New Mexico
11. Minnesota
12. Kansas
13. S Mississippi
14. Iowa
15. Georgia Tech

115. San Diego St
116. Auburn
117. Florida
118. Florida Int'l
119. Wake Forest

MIP DEFENSE POINTS

1. Temple
2. Louisiana Tech
3. Tulane
4. Utah St
5. Memphis
6. UCF
7. Purdue
8. Idaho
9. Toledo
10. Iowa
11. Indiana
12. Illinois
13. Oklahoma
14. Buffalo
15. Florida St

115. UAB
116. Wisconsin
117. Auburn
118. Florida
119. Wake Forest

FUN FACTS ABOUT 2007 PROJECTED STATS - Last year only one BCS team was in both the Top 10 for MIP Offensive PPG AND Defensive PPG. That was Arkansas and Power Plays had them outscoring their foes by a 31.8-16.1 avg. They came very close as during the regular season they outscored foes 30.2-16.8!!! They went from 4-7 to at one point were 10-1 and as high as #5 in the country! This year there are three teams that make my Top 15 Most Improved list in both Offensive points and defensive points. My Power Plays projection shows Florida St outscoring foes by a 31.7-17.1 this year. FSU was just 7-6 last year and could be a surprise Title Contender. The 2nd team is Illinois. Power Plays projects them to outscore their opponents by a 28.4-23.7 margin and last year they were outscored by a 19.6-26.8 avg. The last is my pick for the most improved team of '07 Memphis who were outscored 23.4-30.4, but this year are projected to have a 31.7-24.4 edge.

Last year these pages forecasted Hawaii to be the most potent offense in the country and Louisville #2 in total offense. That is EXACTLY where they finished. The projected stats had Virginia Tech having the #1 total defense at year's end calling for them to allow just 235 ypg and perhaps due to the clock rolling they only allowed 220 ypg which just happened to be the #1 defense! My projections last year had Navy #1 in rush offense and Baylor #119. That is exactly where those two finished! The forecast was for Navy to rush for 325 ypg and they rushed for 327! In the passing projections Power Plays called Hawaii to finish #1 with 425 ypg passing and they were #1 even topping that number at 441.3! The forecast had Navy #119 in pass offense and that is where they finished! The forecast last year had TCU finishing #1 in rush defense for the season but they "only" finished #2. I had projected them to allow 60 ypg rush and they allowed 60.8! The forecast had Buffalo at #119 in rush defense but they actually were up at #109 at seasons end. The team I had forecasted at #117 was Temple and they "earned" the #119 spot in the rush defense rankings. My projections at the start of last year had Virginia Tech as the #1 pass defense in the country in ypg allowed and that is where they finished allowing just 128 ypg passing. You can go ahead and look at last year's magazine forecasts to verify this but that is pretty amazing that the majority of teams picked to finish #1 in a particular category did so.

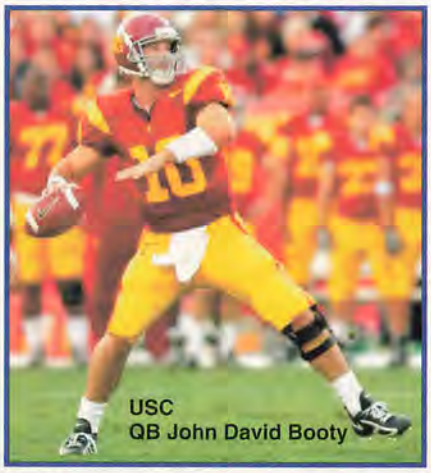
With that great track record let's take a look at who should be the Nations leaders in the different categories. The top projected rush offenses are Navy and West Virginia. The top pass offenses will be Hawaii and New Mexico St. If you look at the stat projections to the left you see that Power Plays is calling for Hawaii to top 600 ypg offense which would make them just the 2nd team in NCAA history to do so!

One last note. In past years I have included forecasts of BCS teams vs non BCS schedules and vice versa. On my website PhilSteele.com, I will give you examples of how Hawaii and Boise St would fare statistically if they played in the SEC and how a team like Vanderbilt would do vs a WAC or MAC schedule.

WHO WILL WIN THE HEISMAN?

The best college football player of the season receives the Heisman Trophy, the most talked about award in college football. Every week, sports shows list which prospective candidates are rising & falling on the list to win the Trophy.

Predicting who will win the Heisman is a tough task, even with a couple of weeks left in the regular season and there is always plenty of debate. With just a few weeks left in 2002's race, Carson Palmer was not even in the Top 5 but he still ended up winning. Naturally, it is even tougher predicting the winner four months prior to the season.



USC
QB John David Booty

In 1998, I listed Ricky Williams of Texas as my Heisman Trophy favorite. Things did not look good for Ricky when the Longhorns were humiliated by UCLA and Kansas St in back-to-back weeks and he had just average games in both. It was said at the time that his Heisman chances were GONE. When the smoke cleared Ricky broke the NCAA career rushing record and was the recipient of the coveted trophy.

In 1999, I listed Ron Dayne of Wisconsin as my Heisman favorite. Much like Ricky, Ron's chances of winning the Heisman appeared to go out the window after Michigan shut him down and then he fumbled late in the Badgers' upset loss to Cincinnati. When the season was over, Wisconsin was in the Rose Bowl and Dayne had broken Williams' career rushing mark and won the Heisman.

In 2000, I had the only preseason publication in the country that called for Chris Weinke to win the Heisman and he was not even on many folks' lists at the start of the year. This long shot simply delivered my THIRD straight winner, despite the big odds. Michael Vick was by far the preseason favorite in 2000 but came up short.

In 2001, I missed with Chris Simms but did have Heisman winner Eric Crouch listed as #3 coming into the year. It would have been tough to pick who was going to win the Heisman that years, even on the morning of the presentation, as the voting was one of the closest ever.

In 2002, NO ONE pegged Carson Palmer to win the Heisman prior to the year and he was about a 100-1 longshot over the summer but I did have him #7 that year on my list of Preseason Heisman Favorites.

In 2003, Jason White was listed at 30-1 odds to win the Heisman with 20 players listed ahead of him so another darkhorse won the award. I missed for the 3rd time in 5 years with Maurice Clarett of Ohio St (but we all know that story). In 2004, White finished 3rd in the voting but one of the favorites, Matt Leinart, took home the trophy.

In 2005, Leinart was my pick but didn't become the 2nd two-time winner with his teammate Reggie Bush beating him out. Had the vote taken place AFTER the bowls, Vince Young would have won it. Last year the QB of the #1 team in the country led from start to finish in the Heisman race as Troy Smith took home the award in a landslide. Still, choosing six months before the Heisman is awarded and hitting 3 of the last 9 winners is still a decent record. Here are this year's favorites:

MY FAVORITES

1. John David Booty, USC
Take the QB of the #1 team in the country and you have the Heisman favorite (just like last year). Booty had a good 1st year as a starter throwing for 3347 (62%) with a 29-9 ratio. Even with a young receiving corps I look for solid improvement as a senior and will call for him to be the 3rd USC QB and 4th Trojan overall to win the Trophy in the last 6 years!

2. Colt Brennan, Hawaii
One of the biggest mistakes I ever made in the magazine was calling for Timmy Chang to win the Heisman in 2004 (ouch). In the middle of the summer sitting by the pool, I will think about that and smack myself in the forehead. Colt Brennan actually has a solid shot at the Trophy as he should lead the NCAA in passing and his team should be undefeated. Unlike Chang he is a potential first round NFL draft pick and could surprise everyone even though few Heisman voters will stay up to watch his games.

3. Darren McFadden, Arkansas
Darren was probably the top player in the NCAA last year but was #2 in the voting. Despite being banged up at times, he still rushed for 1647 (5.8) and also hit 7 of 9 passes out of the Wildcat package at QB. Size, power and 4.3 speed make him a threat to score every time he touches the ball.

4. Brian Brohm, Louisville
If the draft were held today Brian would be the first QB taken. He is a veteran senior starter and the Cards have the chance for an unbeaten year. If he stays healthy and if he adapts to the new offense he will be in NY in December.

5. Chad Henne, Michigan
A veteran senior who could be the QB for an undefeated team if things fall their way. That would put him right at the top. He is a quality QB that figures to go in the first round of the draft in '08.

6. Steve Slaton, West Virginia
I love watching this guy run as he has blazing speed and any run into the line can turn into a game breaking TD. I would have him higher but unfortunately he shares the backfield with my #7 pick for the Heisman so they figure to split some votes.

7. Pat White, West Virginia
Keep in mind Pat was far from 100% at the end of last year and was not even 100% in the bowl. If he stays healthy he can hurt you passing and running and will make a lot of highlight films but will split votes with his backfield mate.

8. Jonathan Stewart, Oregon
Here is a surprise contender. Stewart has it all with size, speed and strength and Oregon could be a surprise team this year. I look for him to have a huge year and if he has a big game and the Ducks upset USC in Autzen, he could come from nowhere to snag the trophy.

CONTENDERS

This list is heavy on experienced QB's that could put up big stats for National Title contenders which has been the formula for five of the last six Heisman Trophy winners.

DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma
He is a rFr that should become the feature back and the Sooners have an excellent shot at an undefeated season.

Colt McCoy, Texas
He put up better stats than anyone expected last year as a frosh and now is seasoned with a solid supporting cast.

DeSean Jackson, California
Not only is he one of the top WR's in the country but he is one of the most dangerous returnmen. He will make a lot of highlight films.

Tim Tebow, Florida
He was exciting and productive as a true frosh and should produce big time as a starter leading the defending National Champs.

Ray Rice, Rutgers
One of the top rushers in the NCAA last year and he won't have to share carries with Brian Leonard this year.

Anthony Morelli, Penn St
Penn St's only losses LY were to 4 ranked teams (3 on the road) and this year they only have one of those matchups. Morelli now is experienced and has a great set of WR's to throw to.

Mike Hart, Michigan
Has to share the backfield and the spotlight with QB Chad Henne. He is one of the top RB's and if he stays healthy should have his best year yet.

Graham Harrell, Texas Tech
Tech's QB's always put up big numbers and he is their first VHT under Leach and also the first returning starter here at QB in 5 years.

Limas Sweed, Texas
Perhaps the top WR in the country this year and with his size he makes some great leaping highlight catches on a weekly basis.

Chase Daniel, Missouri
Chase had a great first year as a starter and is a solid passer and mobile. He should direct a potent offense this year.

POSSIBILITIES

Here are some quality players that will put up big stats but aren't likely to be playing for a National Title contender or may play for a title contender but have to split the votes with other prime players.

Matt Flynn, LSU
Erik Ainge, Tennessee
Jamaal Charles, Texas
Blake Mitchell, South Carolina
Percy Harvin, Florida
CJ Gable, USC
Matthew Stafford, Georgia
Branden Ore, Virginia Tech
Willie Tuitama, Arizona
CJ Spiller, Clemson
James Davis, Clemson
Drew Weatherford, Florida St
Kregg Lumpkin, Georgia
Ryan Torain, Arizona St.
Curtis Painter, Purdue
Chris Wells, Ohio St.
Ian Johnson, Boise St
Early Doucet, LSU
Felix Jones, Arkansas

DARKHORSES

Chase Holbrook, New Mexico St
André Woodson, Kentucky
Adarius Bowman, Oklahoma St
Mario Urrutia, Louisville
Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St.
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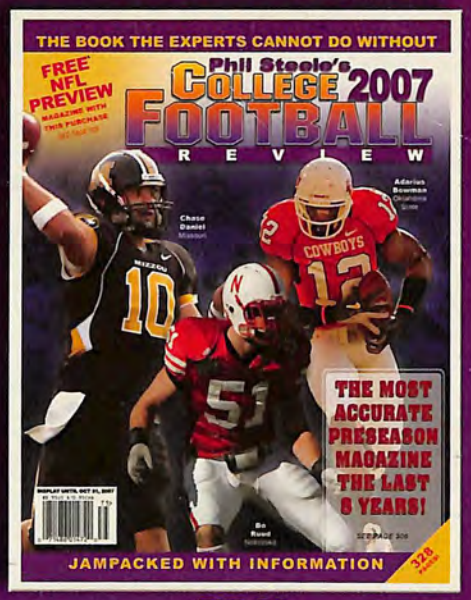
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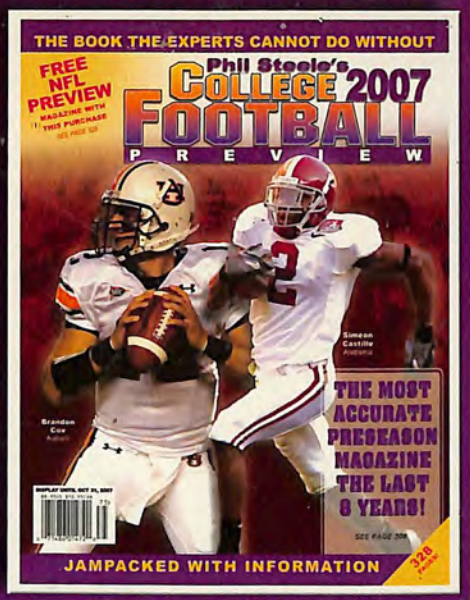
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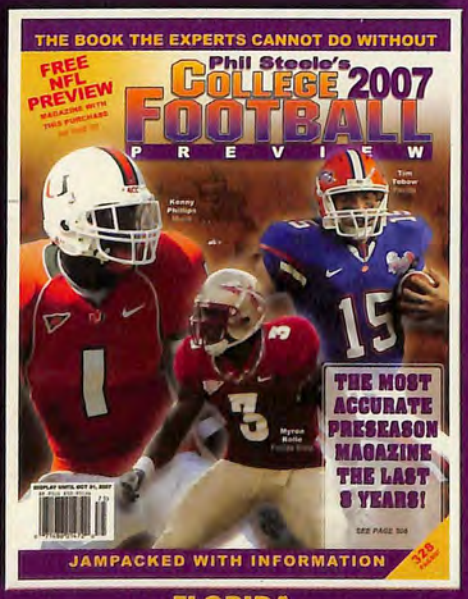
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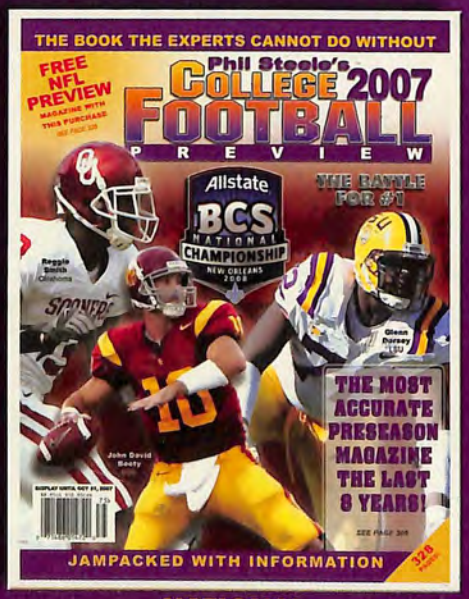
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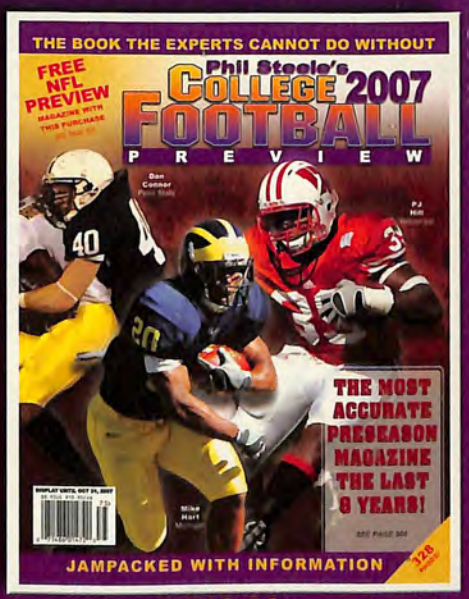
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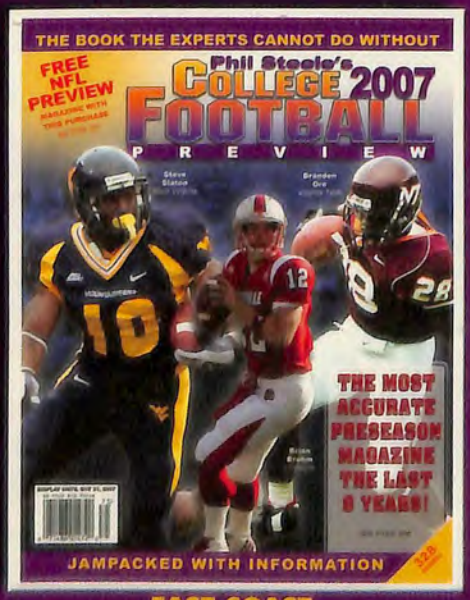
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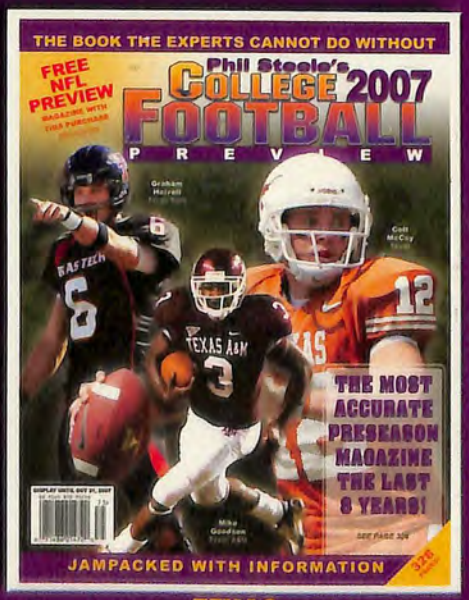
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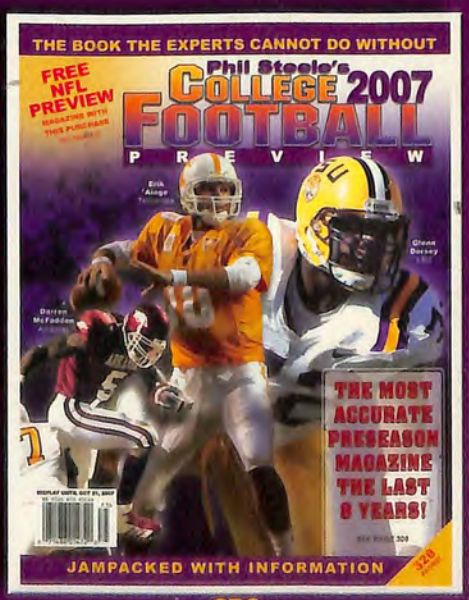
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